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For the first time in nearly a decade, the Varsity Bulldog football team is 5-0 after crushing Bayshore 41-3.

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## City fires Slaughter for cause

By **STEVE BAUER**

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

Going against the recommendations of City Attorney T.J. Wohl, the Arcadia City Council voted unanimously to fire former City Administrator Tom Slaughter for alleged fraudulent charges on a city debit card.

The move may leave the city open to lawsuits by Slaughter to recover accrued sick and vacation time and other pay earned during his tenure as city

administrator, while potentially still owing him nearly \$3,000 in paid time off accumulated while he was city planner and interim administrator.

Wohl said that because Slaughter was still in his probation period when he resigned, he's not entitled to any severance pay, but would receive accrued vacation and sick pay from his time prior to being hired as administrator. Since Slaughter did not provide the required 30-day notice with his resignation, the council could

choose to decline it and terminate him. Wohl continued that he spoke to Slaughter by phone Tuesday morning, and Slaughter was willing to accept \$2,961.75 in PTO earned prior to becoming administrator, and in exchange would sign a separation agreement waiving any additional claims against the city for other amounts he would be entitled to receive.

In a puzzling twist, earlier in the meeting Mayor Alice Frierson noted in a copy of the city's personnel manual, referenced by

council, specific language regarding firing an employee for cause had been blacked out.

"One particular area of personnel manual reads, 'Discharge results in loss of eligibility of reemployment, loss of pay, accumulated leave time and other benefits.' Loss of pay, accumulated leave time and other benefits had been marked through," she said. "I don't know how this got through us, but it did."

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## Downtown Arcadia filled with festive fall air

Arcadia Main Street out a call for businesses, organizations, government offices, candidates and individuals to bring a festive atmosphere to the downtown district by building scarecrows. And the community responded.

Saturday morning, groups gathered to assemble their hay-filled creations, thanks to Durwood Smith for donating the hay bales and Tonya Meredith Lara for the fill bags. Using old clothes, stakes, twine and interesting ornaments, figures made of straw were completed and affixed to lightposts for display.

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Entries were submitted by DeSoto Memorial Hospital and DeSoto County Health Department, several schools featuring bulldogs, cowboys and mustangs, First State Bank of Arcadia with a pinstriped banker, and J & M Herbs.

Candidates for political offices had their entries, Arcadia Police Department had a policeman with hat, gun and badge, and the DeSoto County Sheriff's office had a handcuffed prisoner.

DeSoto County Historical Society presented Acrefoot Johnson and Arcadia Albritton, while the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council had a Mexican Day of the Dead scarecrow.

The scarecrows are mounted along U.S. Highway 17 south, West Oak Street and West Magnolia Street. They bring a festive, comical and colorful atmosphere to the downtown area, and visitors and residents alike should have a good time trying to find them all.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

The crew from First State Bank of Arcadia with their scarecrow, "Rich Moneybags."



It doesn't take much — a frame, some old clothes and a bunch of hay — to create a clever scarecrow to remind us of the beauty of fall.



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# DeSoto taxpayers billed for jail inmates' health care

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

DeSoto County taxpayers are paying more than half a million dollars every year toward medical care for prisoners and detainees in the county jail.

Sheriff Will Wise said, "If not for DeSoto Memorial Hospital, our office would have to pay even more for prisoners' medical care."

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office is legally responsible for necessary medical care for people in its custody. Cpt. Brian Harris said DCSO contracts with the DeSoto County Health Department,

through which nurses, nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses and health technicians come to the jail to provide basic medical care.

"They might take care of simple cuts and stitch small wounds, give medications," Harris said. The jail also contracts with a psychologist for mental health issues.

DCSO may have to cover the costs of dialysis, special breathing equipment, chemotherapy or hospice.

"But we have no infirmary," Wise said. So those needing more serious medical care have to be transported to the hospital. "For instance, you might have someone come in going through drug withdrawal, or having a seizure, or they have to go the

hospital for an IV. We can't do that here." So far this year, DCSO had to take prisoners for 26 hospital visits that could have been addressed in-house if DCSO had an infirmary.

"We are lucky to have DeSoto Memorial Hospital nearby," Wise said. Most of the emergency cases from the jail are taken to DMH. "They give us Medicaid rates," Wise said. "That can be up to an 80 percent discount over rates we would be charged by other hospitals." As an example, one bill they received would have cost over \$9,000, but DMH billed DCSO only \$1,800.

DCSO sometimes negotiates lower medical fees with an out-of-county hospital by agreeing to pay at once. For one

inmate who had to be taken to Sarasota for treatment, the bill exceeded \$90,000. Wise was able to negotiate a 50 percent discount.

The Sheriff's Office also has access to a consultant who represents sheriff's offices across the state and will negotiate lower fees on their behalf.

Kay Hill, who handles DCSO's accounting, said over the last fiscal year the Sheriff's Office incurred more than half a million dollars in payments for inmates' medical treatment. That includes \$275,000 for nursing costs (which will be \$291,000 for the new fiscal year), more than \$209,000 for

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## FIRES

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Frierson said other provisions in the manual Interim City Administrator Beth Carsten discovered had also been marked through.

"There are several other pages in the manual where the wording that mirrors that language has been altered," Carsten said. "They all speak of resignations without the proper notice given, and I think we need to revisit those." The council agreed to have the manual reviewed by a labor attorney.

Wohl said that based on the changes indicated in the manual, Slaughter could be entitled to some of his PTO. "This amount is what he earned prior to his time as city administrator, and he is entitled to that whether you accept his resignation or terminate him, so there is really no need to terminate him for cause," Wohl said. "I told him that if he wanted to try and get any money he accrued during his time as city administrator, I would just recommend

the council to decline the resignation and terminate him with cause, and then he could fight about it. But he said he'd agree to sign a separation agreement and accept the \$2,900 amount."

Deputy Mayor Joe Fink moved to fire Slaughter with cause, which led to several council members questioning whether that was in the city's best interests.

"My question is what do we gain by firing him with cause?" Frierson asked.

"Nothing," Wohl responded. "If he's agreeing to take the amount already mentioned, then the end result is the same. What you're buying here (with the separation agreement) is peace of mind that there won't be a lawsuit down the road."

Councilman Keith Keene told Fink he couldn't second the motion because of the potential legal implications. "I just can't support this because of what our attorney has shared with us now. If we dismiss him with cause he still will have the opportunity to come back at us. I just want this to go away," he said.

Fink's motion died for lack of a second, and as the council continued to debate the pros and cons of accepting Slaughter's

resignation, several members of the public voiced their anger at the council's indecision. In particular, they questioned why the council would accept Slaughter's resignation and not terminate him knowing he improperly used a debit card, especially in light of former marshal Charles Lee's conviction for stealing nearly \$150,000 from the city.

After several impassioned pleas from residents to terminate Slaughter, Keene reversed course and asked Fink to restate his motion. "Mayor, I'd like to ask the deputy mayor to reconsider his motion, because I've had a change of heart," he said.

Fink then moved (again) to fire Slaughter for cause, and the council voted unanimously in favor.

### Mobile home park rent increases

The council voted 4-1 to approve two rental increases for residents of the city's mobile home park effective Feb. 1, 2015. Rent will increase from \$165 to \$175 for lots north of Main Street, and from \$171 to \$181 south of Main. Wohl said residents will be provided with 90-day notices for the increases.

Several park residents were worried rates would increase \$10 each year, but Wohl assured them that was not the case. "This is a one-time increase," he said. "The entire issue would have to come back before the council for consideration for rates to increase in the future."

Other issues from residents included a concern over the increase placing added financial stress on individuals living on social security, and several requests to guarantee that the increased rental rates would result in improvements to the park, beyond regular maintenance. Carsten said there are plans for small improvements in the future that are on file with the city, and that one of the reasons for the increase is to offset approximately \$80,000 the city pays in water fees for park residents.

"It certainly is never the intent of the city to hurt anyone," she said. "We will work to ensure the concerns of park residents are properly addressed." Councilman Bob Allen cast the dissenting vote, saying he felt the issue needed to be researched further to ensure the added financial burden wouldn't be too much for residents to bear.

### City OKs funding

The council unanimously approved a request from County Administrator Mandy Hines to contribute \$30,000 toward a Local Agency Program project to improve three intersections in downtown Arcadia.

The county received \$195,000 in funding from the state for the project, but received only one bid at \$338,000. Hines said the county's Economic Development Advisory Committee will recommend to the DeSoto Board of County Commission to authorize approximately \$150,000 from the county's Economic Redevelopment Fund to go toward the LAP project, and requested the city contribute \$30,000 to make up the difference. Hines said if the LAP money isn't utilized soon it would go back to the state. "This is a great project for the community," she said. "If we choose not to do this, we're basically throwing away \$195,000."

Keene said, "I think finding \$30,000 to make a \$300,000 project happen is well worth it. I don't see how we can pass this up."

In other business, the council unanimously approved the Minimum Standards and Guidelines for Commercial Services at the Arcadia Airport. It also unanimously approved a lease between the Smith-Brown Community Foundation and the city for improvements to the Smith Brown gym building.

Marshal Matt Anderson announced the Arcadia Police Department and Slim's Barbecue were teaming up to raise money for the APD's Shop With a Cop program. APD officers will act as "servers" Oct. 16-17 at Slim's during lunch and dinner hours, refilling drinks, bussing tables and greeting customers. Hours for the fundraiser for both days are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Officers will tell customers at the door about the fundraiser, and will provide envelopes for donations. Any tips will go to Slim's regular staff.

This is the second year of the APD's program, which allows low-income children in grades second through fifth to purchase presents at Walmart for themselves and their families. Anderson said the APD is also teaming up with Winn-Dixie to help provide food baskets for needy families as well. For more information or to donate, call 863-993-4660.

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# Suncoast Credit Union gives to education

By MARTHA JO MARKEY

Within the last few months Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has given generously to the DeSoto County Education Foundation to be used for programs within the schools.

"We are thrilled to be able to present these funds to the DeSoto County Education Foundation and to help teachers, students and the schools," said Lee Smith, Arcadia Service Center manager.

AR (Accelerated Reader) Books for the Kindergarten classes, and adaptive physical education equipment for pre-K children and the

migrant education program are some of the areas that will benefit from this generous gift. In addition, Suncoast was a Platinum Sponsor for the Employee and Volunteer of the Year Recognition event held last February.

Suncoast Credit Union founded the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to benefit sick children and their families and to support educational initiatives. The foundation is a vehicle for Suncoast to support the communities they serve and help the people who live here.

Since its inception in 1992,

the Foundation has raised and donated over \$7 million dollars to help provide a better future for the children of our community.

"The work that the DeSoto County Education Foundation performs would not be possible without the substantial support of sponsors like Suncoast" said Martha Jo Markey, executive director of the foundation. "We are deeply indebted for their generosity."

For more information about the DeSoto Education Foundation and their work in the schools, visit [www.DeSotoEducationFoundation.com](http://www.DeSotoEducationFoundation.com).



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Lee Smith, Arcadia Service Center manager for Suncoast Credit Union, watched as children play on new tricycles.

## Gulf Coast health center elects new officers

SUBMITTED By ANSLEY MORA  
GULF COAST AHEC

Gulfcoast South Area Health Education Center's Board of Directors held its Annual Meeting Sept. 30. Returning and newly elected board members, along with GSAHEC staff, celebrated another year of service in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties. Highlights included the election of new board officers, a review of accomplishments from FY 2013-2014, a glimpse of the programming for

FY 2014-2015 and a grateful farewell to long-serving board member Melissa Peacock.

Elected as officers for GSAHEC's Board of Directors were Kimberly Bland, Dental Assisting Program director at Manatee Technical Institute, who will serve as Chair; Karol Sweeterman, teacher, Charlotte County School Board will serve as Vice-Chair; and Linda De Mello will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Jeanette Robinson, Tobacco Prevention Program

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## Four photographers open DeSoto art season

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Four noted local photographers will open the art season at the Martin Art Gallery tonight. Starting at 5:30 p.m., the photos of Rhett Butler, John Black, Jerry Waters and Susan E. Hoffman will be on display at the Martin Art Gallery, in the offices of Martin Realty Co., 207 East Magnolia Street. The public is welcome to meet the artists, view their work and



PHOTO BY JERRY WATERS

"Great Blue Heron in Flight" is an example of Jerry Waters' excellent wildlife photography.

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## OUR VIEW

### Time to seek professional help

**Our view:** Arcadia's record with hiring city administrators suggests outside guidance is needed.

First of all, on behalf of the City of Arcadia, let us say "thank you" to Beth Carsten for doing the right thing. As the city's Finance Manager, she felt some of the statements from Tom Slaughter's debit card did not look right to her, and she had the sense (and courage) to question him about it.

Any one of these charges by itself might not have triggered much scrutiny: it wasn't as though they were charges to a gentleman's club, a cruise ship or a Vegas casino. Lunches at area eateries could have been legit; cash withdrawals might have had a reasonable business purpose. But after reviewing several questionable charges, and putting two and two together, Carsten realized something was amiss.

It's not easy to challenge your boss, but she did. Keep in mind, this was the guy who hired her. And he had a reputation of being gruff, sarcastic, demeaning and argumentative.

She was told receipts would be provided, but they weren't, and things continued to look peculiar, so she again questioned the statements. She finally went to her superiors, which ultimately resulted in City Administrator Tom Slaughter submitting his resignation, along with his cashier's check covering the questioned amount of the charges and cash withdrawals.

So now Arcadia finds itself in much the same position it was in before Slaughter was hired.

We're going to sound like a broken record, but we again urge the city to seek professional guidance when it chooses its next City Administrator. Start by asking – begging, if necessary – the Range Riders to lend a hand. The city has not done very well on its own. Professional assistance is essential.

If help can be provided for no charge, wonderful. If the city has to pay for professional guidance, we think it would be money well spent.

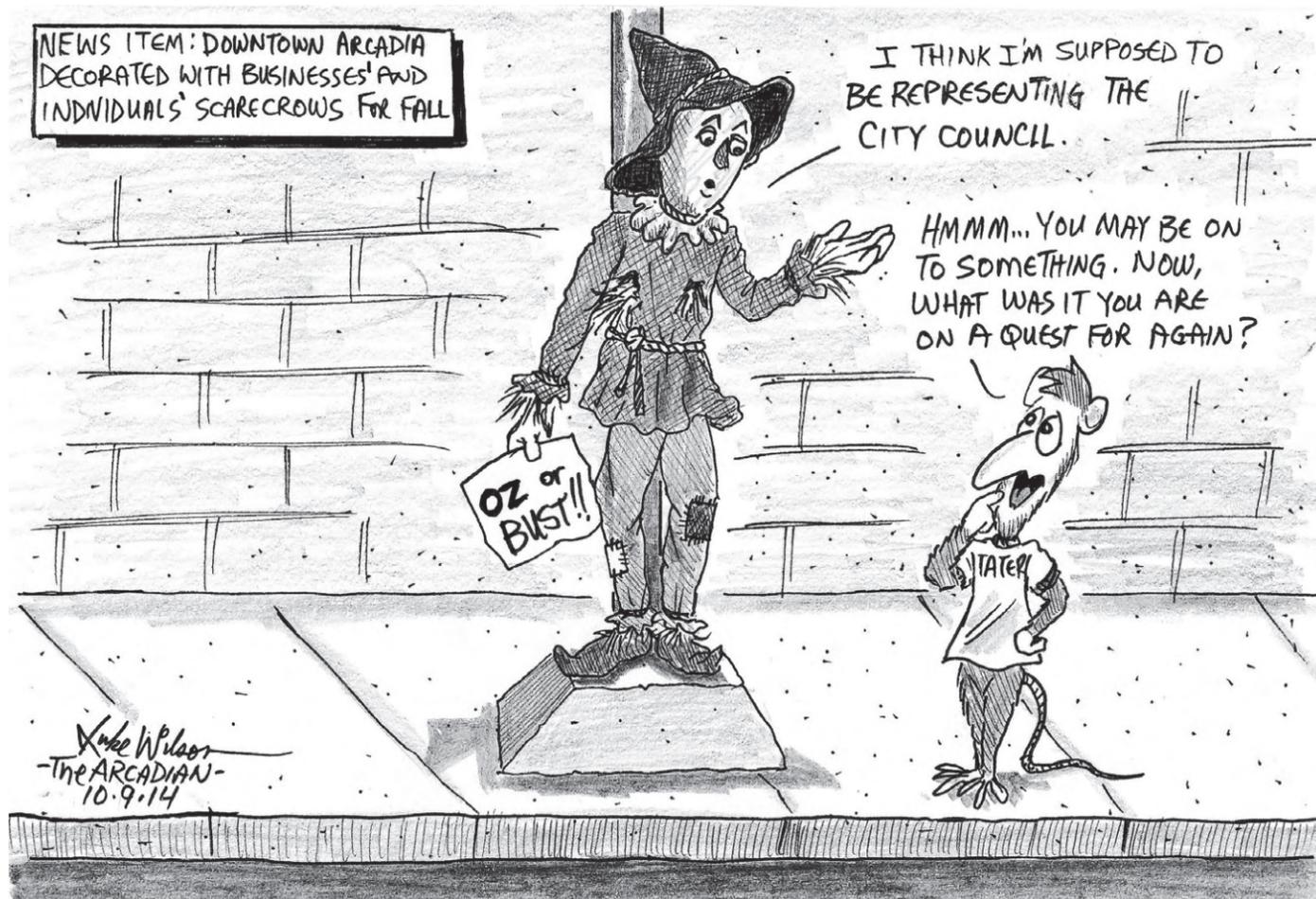
Just look at the trail of ex-administrators over the last few years ... Markae Rupp, March 2009-Jan. 2010 ... Lawrence Miller, July 2010-June 2012 ... Judy Jankosky, July 2012-Oct. 2013 ... Tom Slaughter May 2014-Sept. 2014 ... Clearly we're not getting something right here.

A famous adage says, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting to get a different result." So maybe it's time to try something different.

The citizens panel convened for the last administrator search was a good idea, but in practice it didn't seem to work. Some members of that panel didn't seem to take their role seriously, and others had nothing to contribute. And when all was said and done, the process was short-circuited in that one candidate was reportedly given a higher rank than the committee's scores would have supported.

We think now this is a job for professionals. Let someone with experience guide council on how to solicit and

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Questions surround Slaughter resignation

Editor:

As with most reporting in the *Arcadian* of late, the comment concerning me was incorrect.

Reporter [Assistant Editor] Steve Bauer through city email, not personal contact, asked me, "What was your reaction when T.J. (City Attorney Wohl) first told you about the issue [concerning former City Administrator Tom Slaughter], and what are your thoughts regarding the misuse of the card? T.J. told me that criminal prosecution is an option that is still on the table. Do you support that route if it is brought before the council?" The intent was to make my response a "public record" under the Florida Government in the

Sunshine Law.

This was the first contact I've had by either Bauer or Editor Susan Hoffman since Slaughter was hired by the city (six months ago). They have both passed me numerous times without speaking; how very adult.

When the *Arcadian* management/ownership was told of these actions by their staff they declined to comment.

To the first question: The abuse/theft of public funds can never be tolerated and should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. However Mayor Alice Frierson unilaterally accepted Slaughter's resignation without consulting council, and for "personal reasons," not theft of city funds. If it had been brought before the council I would have moved to immediately terminate Slaughter.

To the second: If Mr. Wohl (T.J.) indeed made that comment, then we have other problems in my opinion. A call to the states attorney's office drew the answer that any criminal prosecution comes first from law enforcement, then is left to the total discretion of the states attorney. The city can take any non-binding action it like, it is however moot.

Joseph E. Fink, Deputy Mayor  
City of Arcadia

### Hospital's skills saved baby's life

Editor:

Recently our hospital has been struggling financially and there are even struggles to determine the

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## GRITS & PIECES

### Make your peace while you still can

With Halloween knocking on the door (and Christmas hot on its trail) I figured why not write about graveyards? After all, we're all familiar with them, though not as in depth as we'll be when we're lowered down into our individual forever real estate spots. In fact, the more I think about this subject, the more I'm "digging" it.

First, let's get all the old cemetery jokes out of the way. Why are there fences around graveyards? (Because people are dying to get in.) How many dead people are buried in the local cemetery? (All of them)

Let me say that I've lived within spitting distance of a cemetery ever



### Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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since I got married, and I am here to tell you that those dead folks make great neighbors. Not once in nearly 40 years have we heard a peep out of them, nor have we had to call the cops about too much noise. And we better not ever have to, ya know?

Way back in the day, graveyards

were great places to take your girlfriend at night. First, the creepiness made them want to sidle up real close to you, and they didn't mind swappin' slobber (kissing) just to take their mind off their surroundings. One time my buddy Bruce drove my sister and a couple of other gals through the cemetery late at night, and just about the time the eeriness was starting to settle in, he pretended that his car was acting up and trying to quit on him. About that time, he passed some large headstones where a couple of buddies and I were perched like gargoyles, silhouetted by the moon. We stepped

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# Parents, students learn about Title I programs

By DEVIN LACAVA

DeSoto Co. School District

Everyone has a wish list of things you'd just love to acquire someday. But where would the money for it all come from?

Parents and students from the School District of DeSoto County came to find out at the Annual Title I Parent Involvement Meetings.

The district made it easy for parents to attend, as transportation, childcare

and even translation services were provided. Families enjoyed a meal together while they watched an informative presentation and received free educational materials and interactive games to take home.

The state Department of Education says "Title I's primary purpose is to ensure all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency

on challenging state and academic achievement standards and state academic assessments."

Dr. Rae Konjoian, DeSoto County's associate director of Federal Programs, and her team designed these meetings to outline what the Title I program is and how the funds it provides impact resources and programs presented throughout the school district. The first meeting was held on Sept. 11 for DeSoto Middle School and DeSoto County High School parents. There were 29 parents and 36 children there. The second meeting was on Sept. 15 at Nocatee Elementary School, where 25 parents and 31 children attended. West Elementary School was visited on Sept. 16 by 35 parents and 37 children, with Memorial Elementary School finishing off the week's meeting schedule on Sept. 18, as 36 parents and 42 children attended.

With such a large turnout



Davida Goldman greets parents as they arrive for the meetings about the Title I program.

Lourdes Robles, left, Giovanni Patlan and Adriana Patlan listen to the program about Title I.



PHOTOS BY DEVIN LACAVA

of supportive parents, who learned valuable ways to stay active in their child's education, the meetings were deemed a great success. Parents and their children enjoyed the evening so much they left curious about the next event the Title I program will be hosting. The District's Federal

Projects Department thanks all the schools for their help with these events as well as to A Nails, Arcadia Do-It-Best Hardware, Arcadia Sweet Boutique, Cliptomania, DeSoto Shirt and Hat, Goldman Auto Body Works, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, and Sears for their generous contributions.

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review applications, and how to choose good candidates to interview.

As to Slaughter, we're still waiting

for the facts to unfold, but based on evidence and his own explanation, it appears he either misused the city-issued debit card for his own personal use, or he negligently made it possible for someone else to access it. In either case, should those facts prove true, it's not enough simply to pay back what

was misappropriated and expect to walk away unscathed.

We're not talking about a little kid taking a candy bar from the dime store. We're talking about a violation of public trust, a misuse of taxpayers' hard-earned dollars, a gross dereliction of the duty one owes the public.

A complete investigation should be undertaken to determine whether any criminal acts took place. Paying back what appears to be misappropriated money would not negate the fact that the law was violated in the first place. "Oops, you caught me - I'm sorry - here's your money back" doesn't cut it.

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

**TODAY**

- Photographer exhibit reception: Rhett Butler, Jerry Waters, John Black and Susan Hoffman. 5:30 p.m., Oct 9 - Mac Martin Art Gallery, 207 E. Magnolia St. Sponsored by DeSoto Arts & Humanities Council. Open to the public.
- The DeSoto Co. Historical Society meets at noon Oct. 9 at the Family Service Center Annex. Lunch available at 11:30 a.m. for \$6. Speaker is Ret. Gen. Jay Garner speaking

- on "What Life in Arcadia Leads To."
- The DeSoto County School District will hold an expulsion hearing, closed to the public, at 5:15 p.m. on Oct. 9 in School Board Chambers, 530 La Solona Ave.
  - First day of Sukkot will be observed at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 9 at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port.
  - 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 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- Hearing Impaired Persons will be at the Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St., on the 2nd Thursday of each even numbered month (Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug) from 9 a.m. to noon, to distribute special telephones for those with a hearing impairment. Phone Kim at 941-743-8347 for more information & to make an appointment to meet with them in Arcadia.
  - 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 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.
  - 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**

- Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Assoc. will hold its annual Estimate Lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 10 at The Elks Lodge in Arcadia.
- 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 Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14 and 28 and Dec. 12.
- The Photography Group of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council meets the second Friday of each month 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the DeSoto Public Library. Free and open to the public.

**SATURDAY**

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

**MONDAY**

- On Oct. 13, Modern Woodmen of America Camp 16497 will meet at the El Pirata at 5 p.m. Speaker will be Sue Grossman, SHINE Rep., speaking about Medicare/Social Security and the upcoming Open Enrollment. If you plan to attend, call 494-1679 to RSVP. Also items for the Center for the Needy are appreciated.
- DeSoto Memorial Hospital will hold the last of its Community Conversations at 6 p.m. Oct. 13 at Fort ogden Baptist Church. For details, call Andrea at 494-8402.
- DeSoto County Veterans Honor Guard practices at 6 p.m. second Mondays monthly at the American Legion Post.

**TUESDAY**

- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Nocatee Elementary School, 4846 S.W. Shores Ave., Nocatee, from 4:30-6 p.m. (not open to the public before 4:15 p.m.) on Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 11 and 25, and Dec. 9.
- Sierra Club outing 8:30-11 a.m. Oct. 14 at Deep Creek Preserve, with Florida Master Naturalists Jim Knoy and Jamie Reynolds. Reserve: 941-637-8284.
- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 9 a.m. at the County Administration building, Room 103, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board meeting room of the DeSoto County School District, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.

**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, household goods, supplies etc. Any donations are gratefully accepted, including cash, to help those in real need in our community. For more information, call 444-0499.
- Volunteers are needed for new Senior Friendship Center opening Monday at 219 W. Oak St., open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 494-5965.

- S.H.I.N.E. (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elderly) has office hours on the second Tuesday of the month at the Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St., from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 239-470-5350 to make an appointment.
- 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**

- 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 County Traffic Safety Team meets at 1:30 p.m. third Wednesdays monthly at the DeSoto County Commissioners room, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- "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.
- Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256

**THURSDAY**

- The Arcadia is hosting an Election Barbecue from 5:30-7 p.m. at its office, 108 S. Polk Ave. All local candidates (Arcadia and DeSoto Co.) have been invited, along with DeSoto Memorial Hospital and some local organizations.
- Coastal Conservation Assoc. will hold its annual banquet and auction starting at 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Turner Center. Tickets are \$65/person or \$120/couple.
- Peace River Audubon Society meets at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at Universalist Fellowship Church, 1432 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. For more information, call Jim Knoy at 303-868-8337.
- 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 Arcadia 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. Recipients must fill out a form each time.
- 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.

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# Family Album

# Delta Kappa Gamma holds fall workshop

## FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

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

### Happy birthday



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I want to wish my one and only daughter, Miss Inda, a very special 18th birthday! From baby to womanhood, you have always been our shining star. We love you so much, keep making us proud.

Love always,

Darlene, Sheldon, Grandma Dolly, Shirley, Lil and the Gang

By SHEILA KNOCHE  
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

The Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, consisting of members from DeSoto and Hardee counties, held their Fall Workshop meeting on Sept. 25 at the Church of the Nazarene in Arcadia. President Emily Morris opened the meeting; 26 members attended.

Each year the Alpha Gamma Chapter gives four baskets of supplies to new teachers. Hardee County's Early Educator Project includes a basket of teacher supplies for new teachers, Lee Souther and Beth Brock. DeSoto

County's Early Educator Project includes a basket of teacher supplies for new teachers Heather Buck (Nocatee Elementary School) and Kathleen Mulvaney (West Elementary School).

Five Alpha Gamma members attended the state Delta Kappa Gamma Fall Workshop Sept. 19-20 at the Lake Mary Marriott Hotel: Emily Morris, Lucretia Gilmore, Dana Holloman, Dawn Randolph and Cindie Fischer. There are 89 chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma in Florida.

Two junior/senior college education scholarships are given each year by



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Lesley Lolley, scholarship winner Devin Lipe, and Emily Morris.

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## Chamber's new leadership class meets

STAFF REPORT

The DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce recently announced the new members of Leadership DeSoto Class VI. The nominees selected are Sylvia Altman, Craig Aument, Constance Bateman, Christina Britton, Melanie Brown, Weldon Campbell, Keri Fitzpatrick, Melanie Garner, Steven Hickox, LeAnna Himrod, Tami Jewell, Brad Lawrence, Dexter Lewis, Carl McQuay, Mark Mizell, Laura Nelson, Denise Pilarski, Cynthia Siegel, Jaccarie Simons, Emily Suter, Luis Velasco, Michael Waller, Debra Wertz, and Terri Womack.

Leadership DeSoto seeks to educate, challenge and develop a select group of leaders who live or work in DeSoto County. Participants are selected on the basis of ability, demonstrated interest in the community, and potential for effective leadership.

The program kicked off with an icebreaker on Sept. 4. Class members will meet monthly for sessions on various topics and organizations in and around DeSoto County. The program ends in May with a graduation ceremony. For more information on Leadership DeSoto, call the Chamber at 863-494-4033 or email [chamber@desotochamberfl.com](mailto:chamber@desotochamberfl.com).



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The new class of the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce Leadership DeSoto Class met at an ice-breaker Sept. 4, and will spend the next year learning about DeSoto County and the community.

## 23rd Annual Hunsader Farms

# PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

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**\*Free With Admission**

### Musical Entertainment:

- Buffalo Country Band - All Days
- Southern Express Bluegrass - Oct 12, 26
- Watching Wendy Band - Oct 11, 25
- Porchdogs Band - Oct 18, 19
- Sweeney Family Band - All Days
- Mountain Brew - Oct 11, 12
- Old Time Music w/ Ed & Geraldine - Oct 18, 19, 25, 26
- The Anderson Brothers - Oct 11, 12
- Bob & Tom the Band - Oct 18, 19, 25

### Entertainment:

- Gunslinger Monster Truck Show - All Days
- Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show - All Days
- Walker Brothers Circus - All Days
- Farm-ly Feud Game Show - All Days
- Texas Jack Fulbright Trick Roper - All Days
- Fearless Flores Motorcycle Stunts - All Days
- Smage Brothers Stunt Show - Oct 11, 12
- American Wall Of Death Motodrome - Oct 18, 19, 25, 26
- World War II Reenactors - Oct 18, 19
- BMX Bike Stunt Show - Oct 18, 19
- Motocross Stunt Show - Oct 25, 26
- Collector Car Show - Oct 12, 26

**Just For Kids: October 26, Children's Costume Contest: Infants To 2 Yrs. - 1:00; 3 To 4 Yrs. - 1:30; 5 To 7 Yrs. - 2:00; 8 To 10 Yrs. - 2:30. October 26, 3-5 P.M. Trick-or-Treat For All Children In Costume. Special Event: Buddy Walk - Oct. 18 [www.ManasotaBUDS.org](http://www.ManasotaBUDS.org)**

Located in East Manatee County on C.R. 675, halfway between S.R. 64 and S.R. 70, 10 miles East of I-75. Heading north on I-75 take exit 217A or heading south on I-75 take exit 220

For More Info, Call 322-2168 or [www.hunsaderfarms.com](http://www.hunsaderfarms.com)

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## 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:

- Sidney George Cadien, 42, 700 block of W. Pine St., Arcadia. Charges: sale of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of prohibited location, possession or use of drug equipment and resisting or obstructing an officer without violence. Bond: none.
- Randell Scott Chickering, 42, 1100 block of S.E. 8th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,000.
- Thomas French Childers, 53, Punta Gorda. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Amber Michelle Feutral, 46, Barley Ave., Nocatee. Charge: trespass at structure or conveyance. Bond: \$250.
- Alfredo Lopez, 25, Esmeralda St., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.
- Clarence Luther, 50, 1900 block of S. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Henry Samuel Mansfield, 62, 1100 block of S.W. Hibiscus Drive, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of sale of synthetic narcotics. Bond: none.
- Montel Jamal McCall, 22, 700 block of N. 17th St., Arcadia. Charge: unarmed burglary of an occupied dwelling. Bond: \$10,000.
- Richard Morales, 44, 3100 block of S.W. Fender Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of domestic protective injunction. Bond: none.
- Douglass Eugene Puckett Sr., 52, 900 block of S. Hickory St., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,500.
- Daniel Lee Vega, 27, 1000 block of S.E. Adel St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Alexander Jesus Aguilar, 22, Orlando. Charge: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$120.
- Laura Michelle Aldret, 40, 700 block of N. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Charges: two counts each of contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a minor and possession or use of drug equipment, and one count each of sale of drugs within 1,000 feet of prohibited location and sale of a Schedule III or IV drug. Bond: \$17,240.
- Randy Lee Colton, 53, Sarasota. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$400.
- Michael Eugene Cross, 49, 600 block of E. Oak St., Arcadia. Charge: perjury. Bond: \$1,000.
- Tarshekia Lasha Francois, 25, 700 block of N. 7th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$1,000.
- Marquis Antonio James, 24, 400 block of N. 17th St., Arcadia.

Charge: battery. Bond: \$750.

- Keldrice Deshon Legree Sr., 32, Lake Placid. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: none.
- Jose C. Lopez, 56, 1300 block of N.E. Sugar Babe Road, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support child or spouse. Bond: \$300.
- Constantino Padron, 28, 1800 block of S.E. West Ave., Arcadia. Charges: trafficking in cocaine between 28-150 kg., possession of a weapon (firearm) in violation of domestic injunction, possession or use of drug equipment, contempt of court and driving while license is expired more than 4 months. Bond: \$20,720.
- Janequia Niatae Peterson, 25, 1600 block of N.E. Hickory St., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly conduct (brawling in public). Bond: \$220.
- Joseph Donald Ranger, 46, 11200 block of S.W. Welch Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Purge: \$240.
- Jonathan Henry Robinson, 19, 700 block of W. Pine St., Arcadia. Charge: resisting or obstructing an officer without violence. Bond: \$750.
- Patty June Ruiz, 58, 200 block of S. Mills Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$500.
- Domingo Moreno Salazar, 30, 1100 block of S.E. 5th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Octavia Cymone Thompson, 26, 300 block of N. 17th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly conduct (brawling in public). Bond: \$220.
- Anthony Daniel Troisi, 22, 6600 block of N.E. 4th Ave., Arcadia. Charges: criminal mischief with property damage under \$200 and public disorderly intoxication. Bond: \$240.
- Blas Josue Esqueda, 18, 4800 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Susan Rissler, 50, 6400 block of S.W. Miami St., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$120.
- Emerald Rachele Washington, 24, 1600 block of Harlem Circle, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Released on recognizance.

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

- Brandon Tyler Thomas, 22, 5900 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charge: DUI with alcohol or drugs. Bond: \$2,000.
- Robert Allen Clifton Jr., 26, 200 block of Potter St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation or community control. Bond: none.
- Bravo Tolentino Santiago, 35, 1100 block of S.E. 7th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$1,000.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

## ROADWATCH

Provided by FDOT

East Oak Street from Brevard Avenue (U.S. 17) to Volusia Avenue and Volusia Avenue from East Oak Street to East Magnolia Street (State Route 70 eastbound) — Crews have closed Volusia Avenue at Magnolia Street (State Route 70) while they install a new drainage system beneath the roadway. Follow the posted detour. Local access remains open to the real estate office and Chamber of Commerce from East Oak Street. On-street parking on the south side of East Oak Street and the north end of Volusia Avenue is striped and open. 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. Highway 17 from south of S.W. Collins Street in Fort Ogden 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.

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 from N. 11th Street to Turner Road — Crews are working along the roadway. Motorists should expect an east-bound lane shift through Friday. Use caution while in the area.

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 west-bound 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.

# LOSE 2 WIN!



Would you please pledge toward our weight loss?

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

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

She has encouraged and inspired us to participate in a healthier life-style.

She has recorded our weight and will monitor each week through November 27, 2014. **ONLY 8 WEEKS LEFT! MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TO OUR LOSS TODAY!**

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

We seek your support in pledging funding toward the pounds we lose. Your pledge multiplied with our weight loss achieved will be a positive gain for our community/county as **EVERY DOLLAR EARNED BY PLEDGES WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TOWARD DESOTO COUNTY VETERANS APPRECIATION DAYS.**

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

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

**YOUR PLEDGE IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE!** Please be a part of this Win-Win scenario.

	CURRENT WEIGHT	POUND LOSS
Steve's official starting weight - 322lbs	256	66 lbs.
Joe's official starting weight - 348lbs	330	18 lbs.

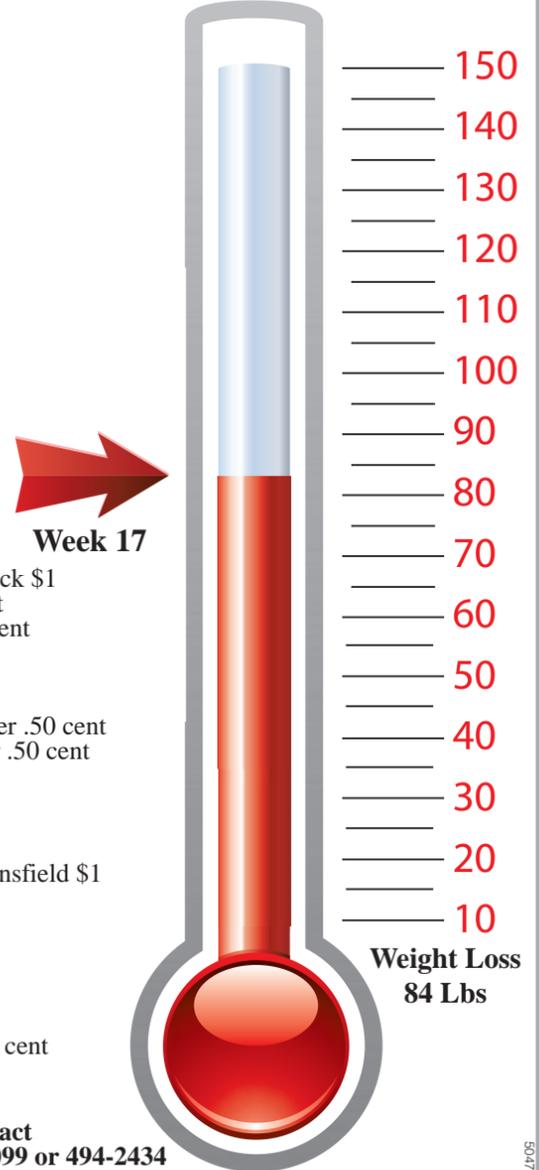
Collectively, We're determined to **"Lose 2 Win!"**

### Businesses or individuals pledging per pound:

- Danny Collins \$1
- Alton Shattuck \$5
- David Dunn-Rankin \$2
- Sue Hoffman \$1
- Bob White .25 cent
- Steve Sachkar .25 cent
- Geri Kotz .25 cent
- Carol Moore .25 cent
- Debbie Dunn-Rankin .25 cent
- Purple House of Charlotte County \$1
- Gallimore Family \$2
- Derek Dunn-Rankin \$1
- Mayor-Alice Frierson \$1
- Geo Care LLC \$1
- Chuck & Martha Craven \$2
- Kristen Spahr .25 cent
- Lotela Gold Band \$1
- Frank and Rose Bauer .25 cent
- Lew Ambler .50 cent
- Dick Fazzone \$1
- Ed & Mary Lyne .50 cent
- The Veterans Council \$1
- Wendy Hunter \$1
- Don T. Bench .25 cent
- Dr. Lorenzo Dixon \$1
- George Dickenson .75 cent
- Darrell Suggs .50 cent
- First State Bank \$1
- K&J Produce \$1
- Judy Kirkpatrick \$1
- California Toe Jam Band \$1
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- Ed Stone .30 cent
- Don & Mary Finkle .50 cent
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- Paul Bennett Seusy, "Esq." \$1
- Jane Fricke Martin \$1
- Dr. Ronald Sevigny \$1
- John & Trudi Super \$1
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- Ronnie Jones \$1
- Jan Schmitz \$1
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## GOAL!

# 150 lbs.



If you wish to make a pledge contact Joe Gallimore by phone at 990-8099 or 494-2434 or email [ggallimore@sun-herald.com](mailto:ggallimore@sun-herald.com)

## Masonic Lodge donates to Wall



The Peace River Masonic Lodge No. 66 of Arcadia donated \$1,000 toward the Traveling Vietnam Wall coming to the Turner Agri-Civic Center in December. Shown are, from left, Thomas Mooney, Peace River Lodge Master; DeSoto County Veterans Service officer Lee Gallagher; and past Master Treasurer for the Peace River Masonic Lodge, Marty Dow.

## OBITUARIES

### Minnie Louise Addison

Minnie "Louise" Addison, 77, of Pell City, Ala., went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday Sept. 22, 2014.

She was born May 14, 1937, in Cropwell, Ala., to Leslie Burton Hannah and Gertrude (nee Dancefield) Hannah.

Louise was a beloved member of the Pell City Community where she was an active member of Cropwell Baptist Church and spent most of her free time volunteering at the Christian Love Pantry, and serving as a Pink Lady for St. Clair Hospital. She also enjoyed being a member of the Pell City Line Dancers, meeting with her Young at Heart Social group, and participating in Knifty Knitters.

She is survived by her sister, Helen Streety of Pell City; daughter, Kay (Jamie) Hawkins of Texas; sons, Wendell (Theresa) Addison, of Chesapeake Beach, Md., and Bobby (Amy) Addison of Newnan, Ga.; five grandchildren, Matt and Sam Hawkins of Allen, Texas, Leah Koval of Ansbach, Germany, Katlin Foy of Tallahassee, Fla., and Alec Foy of Chesapeake; and one great-grandchild, Kory Koval of Ansbach. Louise is preceded in death by her husband, Everett Augustus Addison; and her brothers, Austin Earl Hannah, Marvin Otis Hannah, and James Edward Hannah.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, at Cropwell Baptist Church. A graveside service followed Monday Oct. 6, 2014, at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia, Fla. Online condolences can be made at [www.pongerkaysgrady.com](http://www.pongerkaysgrady.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

### Jerry Curtis Vuncannon

Dr. Jerry Curtis Vuncannon, 72, of Sanford, N.C., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, at his home.

He was born in Stanly County, N.C., to Durward C. Vuncannon and Grace Kirk Vuncannon.

Jerry graduated from Pfeifer College in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, then went on to Union Seminary in Richmond, Va., where he earned his Bachelor of Divinity in 1966. In 1998, he graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill., with his Doctorate of Ministry. He was a Presbyterian Minister for 44 years and, after retiring, he continued working with the Christian United Outreach Center and Family Promise. He had a passion for trains, and some of his hobbies include gardening, taking care of his birds, and flying planes.

Dr. Vuncannon is survived by his daughters, Amanda (Jeremy) Ousley of Greensboro, N.C., and Danielle (John) Pfeil of Arcadia, Fla.; grandchildren; William, Gregory and Matthew Pfeil, and Shiloh Ousley; and special family, Lawrence Simpson, Eric and Becky

Cogan, and Warren and Renee Paschal.

A Memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, at Pocket Presbyterian Church in Sanford. The will greeted friends after the service in the church's fellowship hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Christian United Outreach Center (CUOC), P.O. Box 2217, Sanford, NC 27331; Family Promise, P.O. Box 2862, Sanford, NC 27331; or the Memorial Fund at Pocket Presbyterian Church, 669 Pocket Church Road, Sanford, NC 27330.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rogerspickard.com](http://www.rogerspickard.com).

### Edward L. Zipper

Edward L. Zipper, 85, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Monday, Sept. 29, 2014. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia.

### Marguerite R. Rogers

Marguerite R. Rogers, 86, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Monday, Sept. 29, 2014, in Woodstock, Ga.

She was born Feb. 17, 1928, in Jacksonville, Fla., to Lucille Bell and Joseph Thomas Erwin Sr.

Marguerite lived a long, happy life. She was a member of Pine Level United Methodist Church of Arcadia, where she worked for several years. She was always caring for others, and had a loving soul.

She is survived by her daughter, Roberta (Ron) Hite; grandchildren, Teresa Walker Press, Robert DeLeon Walker, Donald Steven Hite, Christina Robin Bridges, Rob Levine, and Daniel and Dennis Yarbough; and great-grandchildren, Ashley Gauntt, Elizabeth and Timothy Press, Joseph and Jonathan Walker, Faith Noele Hite, Katherine Joy Hite and Brooke Elizabeth Hite. Marguerite was preceded in death by her husband, C.W. Rogers; and sons, Joseph DeLeon Walker and Jackson S. Cobb Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, at Pine Level United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in memory of Marguerite to Autumn Leaves Memory Care, 1962 Eagle Drive, Woodstock, GA 30189. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.woodstockfuneralhome.com](http://www.woodstockfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are by Woodstock Funeral Home, Woodstock.

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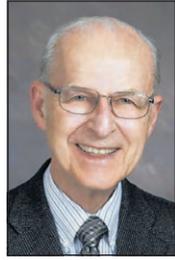
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*May the Lord fill your heart with love.*

# Tune out the downers

Reaching for the car radio dial to catch a weather report seemed so natural. We were heading for Arizona that winter and wondering what kind of weather we'd face on this long journey. Who knew we'd discover a weather reporter who specialized in storms?

Anticipating this trip, we had envisioned the pleasure of driving to ever warmer weather and the beauty that accompanies that transition: green grass, flowers, birds on the wing as they joined us on their annual flight to warmer climes; but none of these pleasant scenes were described by our gloomy weather reporter. This negative



Roger Campbell

forecaster focused on nothing but bad weather so we tuned him out. We wanted to enjoy the beauty of the moment, remember the glories of fall and look forward to what was ahead.

The enduring classic devotional guide, "Streams in the Desert," calls for

giving thanks for the planned kaleidoscope we call the year, that the earth in its journey makes the one cycle a perpetual delight, emphasizing then how this is especially true in the season of splendor that arrives every October, asking, "Who with the least bit of love of nature in his disposition has not gone out of his way to see hills covered and vales filled with the glory and splendor of falling leaves."

Solomon said God has made everything beautiful in its time (Ecclesiastes 3:11). And the splendor of fall may make it the most beautiful time of all.

Who can doubt the existence of God in October? Bushes are ablaze, reminding us of Moses turning aside to view the burning bush from which God would call him to become the deliverer of his people.

This is the season when still waters become mirror pools begging for bobbers.

Multicolored leaves decorating trees during this season of splendor ought to remind us that we're both indebted and accountable to Him. Responding to His love with appreciation and dedication makes life truly beautiful.

Thomas Carlyle, the Scottish essayist

and historian, wrote, "I believe you will find in all histories that no nation that did not contemplate this wonderful universe with an awe-stricken and reverential belief that there was a great unknown, omnipotent and all-wise and all-just Being superintending all men in it and all interest in it ever came to much, nor did any man who forgot that."

Who wouldn't enjoy the season of the Divine artist's crowning glory?

A few.

"I can't enjoy the beauty of fall," said one, "because I keep thinking about what's soon to come: winter."

No wonder Jesus warned against facing tomorrow's difficulties today (Matthew 6:34).

Are you troubled by some forecaster of gloom who's robbing you of the blessings of today? Do you doubt that great blessings are ahead for your church, your family, your future?

Consider the source of this negativity and reject these doom and gloom forecasters.

The beauty of fall should convince us all that God is alive and cares.

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

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## October library news

By KAREN SMOKE

DESOTO COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Fall is sure to be in the air soon, and with cooler weather we'd like to

invite you to come out to the library and meet friends for a healthful stroll around the neighborhood as we walk and talk. The first three weeks of the month we'll walk on Friday mornings at 9 a.m., and then switch to 4 p.m. for the rest of the month.

The Florida Master Naturalist Nature Walk & Talk program begins this month. Join us today for the first talk at 10 a.m. Meet on Monday, Oct. 20 at 8:30 a.m. for our first walk at Morgan Park.

On Wed., Oct. 15 there will be a free photography class at 10 a.m. On Thurs., Oct 16 we'll celebrate Dictionary Day — come in and test your knowledge at word games. Thurs., Oct 23, we will have a program "Fall into Autumn" at 10 a.m.

Be an informed voter. To prepare you for Election Day, we will have two programs. Learn all about the half penny sales tax referendum with a presentation by DeSoto Memorial Hospital on Friday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. On Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. we will have a Constitutional Amendments discussion.

Be sure to stop by the library between October 1 and 17 to see the Pine Level art and quilt exhibit. On display will be a sampling of what artists and quilters have created for the Pine Level Public Art and Archaeology Day which takes place on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Pine Level United Methodist Church. The event is free to the public and will feature activities to acquaint you with our area's early history — brought to you by DeSoto County Historical Society and DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council.

Donate your gently used books for the DeSoto County Library Association book sale which will be held on Nov. 8 at the fairgrounds. Drop off your donations at the Arcadia branch of Mid-Florida Credit Union, 128 S. Brevard Avenue.

Like us on Facebook to keep up with the latest events and happenings at <https://www.facebook.com/myhlc.org>. To receive our monthly newsletter, send an email to [Des\\_Cnty\\_Lib\\_Assoc@hotmail.com](mailto:Des_Cnty_Lib_Assoc@hotmail.com) with "sign-up" in the subject line.

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Arcadia has suffered in the past few years from poor decisions.

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# Pine Level townsite gets Historic designation

By CAROL MAHLER

DeSoto Co. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pine Level townsite was listed on the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Register of Historic Places on Sept. 17. A ceremony to celebrate this honor — and unveil a commemorative marker — will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 18 at the Pine Level United Methodist Church, 9596 N.W. Pine Level Street.

The ceremony will be the conclusion of the Pine Level Public Art and Archaeology Day, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., co-sponsored by the DeSoto County Historical Society, DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council, and Florida Public Archaeology Network



PHOTOS PROVIDED

A fragment of a glass bottle found in the Pine Level area when an archaeological field search was conducted.

West Central Region. The events are free and open to the public.

The Historical Society will offer guided walking tours of the townsite

and an exhibit of artifacts. The Arts Council will display landscapes and streetscapes of Pine Level between 1866 and 1900, as imagined by children and adult artists, as well as "fat quarter" quilts made from fabrics reproduced from the same era. FPAN will provide hands-on archaeological activities. Crowley Museum will feature the "Pine Level Trail" which bisects their property in Myakka. Food and beverages will be available.

Pine Level was founded in 1866 as the new county seat of old Manatee County. Established in 1855, the county extended nearly 5,000 square miles, including the modern counties



An assortment of artifacts uncovered when an archaeological field trip was conducted to look for items of interest. The historic Pine Level area was added last month to the National Register of Historic Places.

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# A view of modern-day Iraq at Historical Society meeting

By CAROL MAHLER

DeSoto Co. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lieutenant General Jay Garner (retired) will speak to the DeSoto County Historical Society at their meeting. Free and open to the public, the event is at noon today at the Family Service Center Annex (old West Elementary School cafeteria) at the corner of N. Orange Ave. and W. Effie St.

At 11:30 a.m., a luncheon with dessert and beverage is available for \$6. At noon, President Bebe Bradbury will conduct a

short business meeting before she introduces Garner. His presentation is entitled, "Where Life In Arcadia Leads To."

Born in Arcadia to Consuelo Pooser Garner and Harley Garner, Jay graduated from DeSoto County High School in 1956. He was a member of the basketball and football teams, Key Club, and student council. He married his classmate Connie Kreigh in 1958.

After earning a B.A. degree in history from Florida State University, he taught science at DeSoto County High School for

two years. He also holds a M.A. in Public Administration from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania.

His military career began with the Florida National Guard, and then the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1962, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served in the Vietnam and Gulf wars. Following the latter, he helped lead the effort to provide food and shelter to the Kurds.

Retiring from the Army in 1996, Garner has worked in private industry. In 2003, Garner

led the Office for Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance in Iraq, and he will share his assessment of the current situation there based on a recent trip.

The Society's books, "Recollections" I, II, III, and IV and "Pioneer Day" T-shirts will be on sale at the meeting. All proceeds will benefit the Society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of DeSoto County.

For information, call Bebe Bradbury at 494-6607 or email [bebebradbury@gmail.com](mailto:bebebradbury@gmail.com).



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A.E. Ned Pooser and Jay Garner. Garner will speak to the Historical Society today about his experiences in Iraq and elsewhere.

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# Scarecrows decorate downtown shopping district



Arcadia Printing and DeSoto Shirt and Hat show off their work with a DeSoto Middle School Bulldog.

ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN



The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council followed the Dia de Los Muertos theme for their scarecrow.



Will and Kay Wise stuff a DeSoto County Jail prisoner with hay for the Sheriff Office's entry.



Penny Kurtz, left, and Mary Kay Burns with the DeSoto County Health Department's scarecrow.



Teams of scarecrow builders made a variety of fanciful creations with just a little bit of straw and a lot of imagination.

## WORKSHOP

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Delta Kappa Gamma. This year an \$800 scholarship has been given to Devin Lipe from DeSoto County. Chelsea Wallace is the recipient of the Hardee County scholarship.

Community projects for the 2014-2015 year will include Adopt-a-Highway and complimentary sun-screen distribution to children at the early childhood level. Members were reminded to begin collecting items for the March 7 yard sale in Arcadia. Money from the yard sale is used to give scholarships to potential future teachers majoring in education at college.

DeSoto County new member

orientation will be at 4 p.m. Oct. 20 at the home of President Emily Morris. Hardee County new member orientation will be determined later.

The following members were present at the Sept. 25 meeting: Francesca Anderson, Susan Barnes, Janet Beckley, Roxie Bentley, Carol Brush, Jane Cassels, Sandy Céspedes, Debbie Clanton, Cindie Fischer, Lucretia Gilmore, Susan Head, Lois Heine, Dana Holloman, Nancy Humphrey, Lindsay Knoche, Sheila Knoche, Leslie Lolley, Mary Pete Martin, Emily Morris, Frances Pooser, Karen Porter, Dawn Randolph, Martha Shiver, Sue Ellen Smith, Betsy Sorrells, and Kerry Terrell. Delta Kappa Gamma is an international organization of Key Women Educators with approximately 100,000 members worldwide.

## Retired Divas begin fellowship



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Savvy Sensational Retired Divas is the brainchild of three sensational women — Karen Bledsoe, Brenda Johnson and Dr. Sharon Goodman. These women saw a need for Christian fellowship and friendship among retired women in DeSoto County. The first meeting was held Sept. 16 at Mary Margaret's Tea & Biscuit and was attended by Bledsoe, Johnson, Goodman, Vernessa Watson, Carolyn Thomas, Darlene Young, Maxine Lattimore, Debra McKenzie and Sandra Lewis. This is just the beginning — great things to follow!

# Blessing of the animals at St. Edmund's

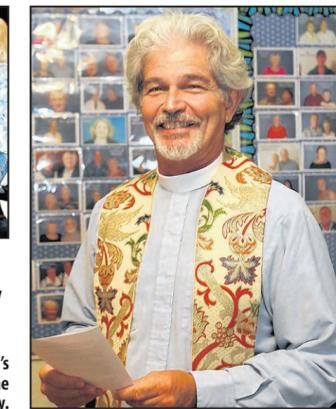
Father Jim Williamson celebrates the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of the animals. Marion and Paul Glandon brought their dog Tina, who was very well mannered during the ceremony.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY JOHN BLACK



Father Jim Williamson celebrates St. Francis of Assisi's feast day with a blessing of the animals, getting a kiss from Robert and Nancy Jo Vaughn's Australian Shepherd.



Father Jim Williamson of St. Edmund's Episcopal Church prepares for the blessing of the animals on Saturday.

# JROTC Bulldog Battalion news

By SYDNEY WHITMAN DCHS

On Sept. 20, Desoto County High School Army JROTC's Raider teams competed against 24 other teams from six area schools at Camp Shannon in Myakka City. The event was hosted by Sarasota Military Academy and supported by local Army recruiters. At the event, they participated in a Raider Fitness Challenge (Sand Bag Relay), Single-rope Rope Bridge, Cross Country Rescue, Tire Flip, and a 5K Team Run. These events challenge each cadet in Leadership Potential, Effective Communication and Logical Thinking. Competition was fierce and our cadets did a fantastic job. Unfortunately, we did not qualify for trophies this time.

Our next competition will be held Nov. 15 again at Camp Shannon.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY SYDNEY WHITMAN

DeSoto JROTC cadets were challenged in Leadership Potential, Effective Communication and Logical Thinking.



RIGHT: DeSoto County's JROTC competed against 24 teams at Camp Shannon in Myakka City.

## Take Stock in Children achieves Gold Level status

Provided by SUMMER MILLER SFSC

South Florida State College's Take Stock in Children program for Desoto, Hardee and Highlands counties recently received an award for achieving Gold Level Status on the Take Stock in Children Balanced Scorecard for the 2013-14 school year at the statewide College and Career Readiness Summit on Sept. 10.

Take Stock in Children is a statewide program that provides at-risk children with a mentor and a college scholarship. In return, TSIC scholar's sign contracts promising to remain drug-free, to avoid behavior that would get them into trouble with law enforcement, to attend school regularly, and to earn satisfactory grades. The students' parents also sign the contracts and agree to provide home environments conducive to education.

The award recognizes local programs that have successfully provided at-risk youths with caring volunteer mentors, college readiness curriculum, and college scholarships. Only 21 programs were selected for the Gold Level Status out of 45 programs.

"This award is a source of great pride to Desoto, Hardee and Highlands Take Stock in Children and highlights our dedication to changing the lives of our students through this program," said Irene Castanon, coordinator of



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From left, Anna Taylor, TSIC state office; Deena Wright, college success coach for Highlands County; Marilyn Fashano, TSIC state office; Debbie Hackney, college success coach for DeSoto County; Ele Bautista-Bernard, TSIC state office; and two Take Stock in Children graduates.

### INFORMATION

For information about Take Stock In Children, call Irene Castanon, at 863-453-3133 or visit [www.southflorida.edu/foundation/takestock](http://www.southflorida.edu/foundation/takestock).

Take Stock in Children at SFSC. "Our students are counting on us to make a difference in their lives and to ensure they succeed academically and professionally. We definitely could not have done this without our caring mentors, the partnership of our three school districts, and all the Take Stock in Children staff."

To qualify for the award, programs must meet or exceed 100 percent of the Key Performance Indicators on the Balance Scorecards such as mentor match rates, students recruited with

a grade point average over 2.0, students matched with a mentor within 90 days of their contract signing date, and the number of mentor and student contracts generated. Castanon says that SFSC's TSIC program also had a strong two-year action plan, a number of new approved college and career readiness strategies, and various face-to-face events between alumni and students.

The TSIC program is a joint effort of the Highlands County School Board, the South Florida State College Foundation, and the many citizens who help fund the program and volunteer to serve as student mentors. The SFSC Foundation Inc. serves as the lead agency for TSIC in its service area of DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands counties.

## GRITS & PIECES

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off onto the ground and started skulking and moaning toward the car like zombies, much to their horror. Of course, the gals were producing screams that would curl your hair and Bruce was having a good laugh. That is, until they all grabbed him around the neck in terror and nearly choked him to death. How ironic that would've been, now that I think of it.

I like to spend time in cemeteries, especially where my relatives are buried. I've been known to take my guitar there and walk around, taking time to sing something for folks I knew and loved, and making many stops among the headstones. I know they can't hear me, but it does me good and makes them feel near to me again. I guess I do that because I'd hope someone would stop by my spot when I'm gone, just to say hello. Or maybe they could let me know how kids and grandkids are doing, or how my Indianapolis Colts are faring each season.

I recently had a large double headstone put on the graves of my parents — something I've wanted to do for a very long time. That got me to thinking about my own, so now I'm considering having it made up ahead of time, just so I'll know what it looks like. I'm thinking in addition to the name and dates, maybe a saying for folks to read if they come by. Might be a Bible scripture, a famous quote from somebody, or even something cryptic to get their attention. But so far I'm leaning toward "See other side," and then when they walk around to the back of my stone they'll find "Made ya look!" or "LOL." I told that to my friend Fred Azure, who created my parents' stone, and he got a chuckle out of this idea.

I remember an old-time preacher from this area named Herman Collins, and he always referred to cemeteries as "silent cities of the dead." I went to his funeral, and often think of him and that image when I look at the neatly-laid rows of stones, standing like buildings of all shapes and sizes.

I've attended countless funeral, sang and spoke at some, been a pall bearer at many. I have even dug three graves myself, to inter the ashes of an uncle, a sister, and a son-in-law, and I can tell you that's a somber, heartfelt experience. I guess I've said all that to say this — there's a final resting place for all of us someday, but don't rest there until you've made peace with those in your life that you truly care about. Do that while you can, because long overdue apologies and sentiments like "I love you" can't and won't be heard by even the most beautiful engraved stonework.

The DeSoto Middle School softball squad bounced back from a tough loss to notch their first win of the season with an 8-3 victory over Avon Park.



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# Bulldogs keep barking, blast Bruins 41-3

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

The DeSoto County football team went to Bayshore for the Bruins' homecoming game last Friday and embarrassed their



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

**Bulldog sophomore Nirion Washington became the only player for DeSoto County this season to score a touchdown on a run and a pass reception in the same game. It happened in the 41-3 win over Bayshore Oct. 3.**

hosts with a 41-3 spanking. The win kept the Bulldogs on top of their district with a 2-0 record and 5-0 overall for the season.

DeSoto County struck first on the third play of the game. Big Deionte Turner got a hand on a pass and tipped it to teammate Stefan Williams for an interception. "I could have caught it but I wanted to tip it to a teammate," said Turner with a grin at halftime. Alfredrick Tyson had another pick for the second week in a row.

Reggie Jones then threw a 62-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Lee to get the scoring started. Jones then scored from the four-yard-line to give the Bulldogs a 13-3 lead at the end of one quarter. The Bruins' field goal came as the result of an onside kick that went bad, but the Bulldog defense stood strong and limited the Bruins to just three points.

Jones ran for two more scores in the second quarter from 20 and 28 yards out respectively, and then hit Nirion Washington on a 10-yard strike to give the Bulldogs a 34-3 advantage at the half. Jones led the team in rushing with 112 yards on 13 carries. He also was seven-for-12 for 62 yards in the air. He has rushed for 10 touchdowns to lead the area.

Washington became the first DeSoto

County player this season to score on a run and pass reception in the same game when he toted the pigskin seven yards with 4:30 left in the game.

### Penalties hurt Bruins

The game was a mismatch in both talent on the field and the character

of the players. The Bruins were flagged 15 times for 175 yards, which was 33 more yards than they generated all game on offense.

The Bruins picked up three major penalties after Washington's touchdown catch. They had a personal foul

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### BY THE NUMBERS

- The last time the Bulldogs were 5-0 was 2007, when players like Marcus Shaw along with Shay and Darion Shine were wearing the DeSoto blue and white. (The current Bulldog players were all in elementary school in 2007. Lineman Kendhal Stewart was in the second grade!) The 2007 squad lost their final game of the season to Palmetto to finish 9-1. They beat Port Charlotte and Charlotte and shut out Hardee 17-0.
- The 2007 team scored a total of 315 points that season while allowing 126. At the current rate the 2014 Bulldogs will score 376 while allowing just 62, which is less than half of what the 2007 team allowed!
- The Bulldogs are now ranked 113 in the state through a complicated computer formula by Maxx Preps. That is three notches ahead of Charlotte and nine places ahead of Port Charlotte.
- Last year quarterback Kari Williams was on his way to setting all of the passing records in the Bulldog record

- book, including double digits in interceptions. This season the Bulldogs have not thrown an interception, and turnovers are a major key to winning the game.
- Last year after five games the Bulldogs were 2-3. They had scored 146 points and given up 144. This season the Dawgs are 5-0 and have scored 188 but given up an outstanding total of just 31 through five games. That is less than a touchdown per game.
- Last season the Bulldogs finished with a seven-game losing streak which saw them score just 72 points over the final five games. They gave up 189 points in those games for a total of 333 for the season. That's an average of 33 points given up per game. Through the first five games this season they have only given up a total of 31 points.
- The massive turnaround could be the result of finally getting a complete team of coaches to work with the players. Will the Bulldogs run the table and finish 9-0 and be the team that everybody else gets compared to? Will they be able to continue their strong defensive efforts for the rest of the season?

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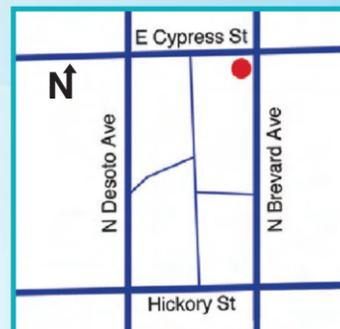


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# Lady Bulldogs swept by Lemon Bay

By DAVE BREMER  
SPORTS WRITER

After dropping a match to Sebring the previous week to be in a first place tie with a 3-1 record with the Blue Streaks, the Lady Bulldogs headed to Lemon Bay looking for a rebound victory. But the Dawgs soon found out they had bigger problems when their outside hitter/setter, Bethany Bonville, went down early with a foot injury. The result was a 3-0 rout for the Manta Rays.

"When your impact player who touches the ball over 40 percent of the time goes down early in the match, you know it could be a long night," Coach Laura White said. "After going across the front row the first time, she told me her foot hurt but she could still play the back row. I told her we didn't want to take a chance of injuring it further."

Bonville added, "The top of my left foot had been bothering me for over a week and I was hoping it would go away, but tonight it just got worse when I would land on it."

White was also quick to point out the much improved play of Lemon Bay. "I watched them on film from the first time we played them and they had problems passing," she said. "Tonight we only had 14 kills due to their great defense and they really hurt us out of the middle."

In the first two sets, Lemon Bay turned a 3-3 tie into a 10-point lead. White tried various substitutions, timeouts and



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Coach Laura White had to make some quick changes to her lineup when Bethany Bonville went down early with a foot injury in a district match against Lemon Bay. Nothing seemed to work for the Bulldogs as they lost the match 3-0.



Kacey Steyer goes up to hit a high set as her teammates cover in a match against Lemon Bay. The Bulldogs lost 3-0.

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Coach Cail gives the determined look to her team in a match against Lemon Bay. Although the team played well they dropped the match 2-1.

## JV girls play well in loss

By DAVE BREMER  
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes on the junior varsity level a coach will make changes to better develop a team for future varsity level of play. That's exactly what Coach Cail did going into the match at Lemon Bay.

"We've been running a one setter offense with Shea Lipe," Cail said, "but we had a tournament over the weekend that Lipe could not attend, so we had to move Malysa Jeter from middle hitter to setter position and Lorena Lara to the middle. We knew Malysa would do a good job setting as she had done this before, but Lorena, who came to just about every summer open gym, really opened some eyes the way she approached and attacked the ball out of the middle."

It took the Bulldogs a little while to adjust to the new two setter



"Whose ball was that?" Malysa Jeter (13) and Heather Murphy (7) ask each other as Shea Lipe looks on in a junior varsity volleyball match against Lemon Bay. The Bulldogs dropped the match 2-1.

alignment in the first set, with Lemon Bay taking advantage and jumping to a 16-8 lead. DeSoto settled down, however, and scored the next seven points with Lara serving to get back into the game and eventually pulled to a tie at 25. The

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# DMS softball notches first win

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

After a tough extra innings loss to open the season and a 10-0 loss to Hardee that was marred with errors and mistakes, the DeSoto Middle School softball team picked up their first victory of the season in an 8-3 win over Avon Park.

The Bulldogs rode the strong arm of Sophia Ruiz, who gave up just one hit and fanned six. The team also made the most of the nine walks they received to get the Sept. 29 win.

The Bulldogs only had two hits, but both of those drove in runs; a double by Desarae Omar in the first and a single by Kayla Tanner in a three-run fifth inning.

The other runs scored on a combination of free passes mixed in with a couple of errors and stolen bases.

The Bulldogs played a much better game compared to their season opener against Lake Placid. They handled game situations better and were more aware of what was happening on the diamond.

Assistant coach Keith Wallace told the team, "You played much better tonight. We're doing a lot of things very well. Our defense was much better, and a lot of things are looking better. That was a big catch by Brianna (Mansfield) in center field. Keep your attitudes up and keep improving and keep learning the game, good effort tonight."

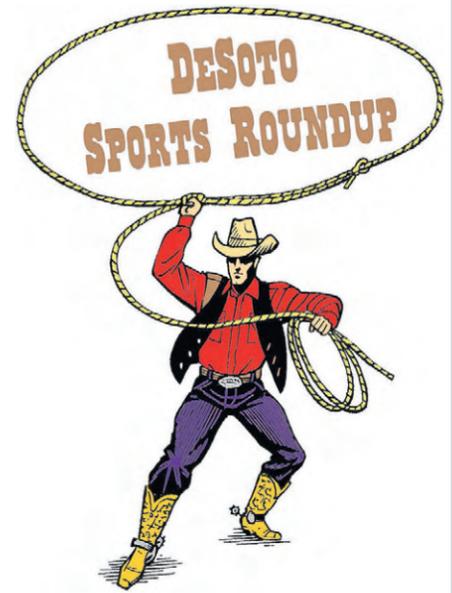
Tanner added that she sees the team's



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**Sophia Ruiz is tagged out after getting caught in a rundown in the 8-3 win over Avon Park.**

practices paying off during games. "We've been practicing our hitting more and things are coming around for us," she said.



By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

# Cross country team battles muddy conditions

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

North Port High School hosted an invitational cross country meet Sept. 20 that had over 60 schools participating in it. The race was run in divisions between large schools and smaller schools in order to get all of the runners on the course.

The cross country trail weaved around buildings, parking lots and bleachers. The cones that marked the trail also took the runners through mud puddles and mud bogs.

The Bulldog runners departed DeSoto County High School at 6:30 a.m.,



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The DeSoto County cross country team relaxes as they wait for the beginning of their race at North Port High School Sept. 20.

• The varsity football team whipped Bayshore 41-3 to remain unbeaten.

• The junior varsity football team fell to Mulberry at home 20-8.

• The JV and varsity volleyball team lost all four matches during the week. The JV team lost to Lemon Bay and Lake Placid by identical 2-1 scores. The varsity was swept by Lemon Bay 3-0 and lost 3-2 to Lake Placid.

• At the middle school, the football team lost 36-13 to Lake Placid. The softball team had a perfect week with a pair of wins over Avon Park and Hill Gustat.

### Upcoming games

• The varsity football team travels to Frostproof tomorrow night

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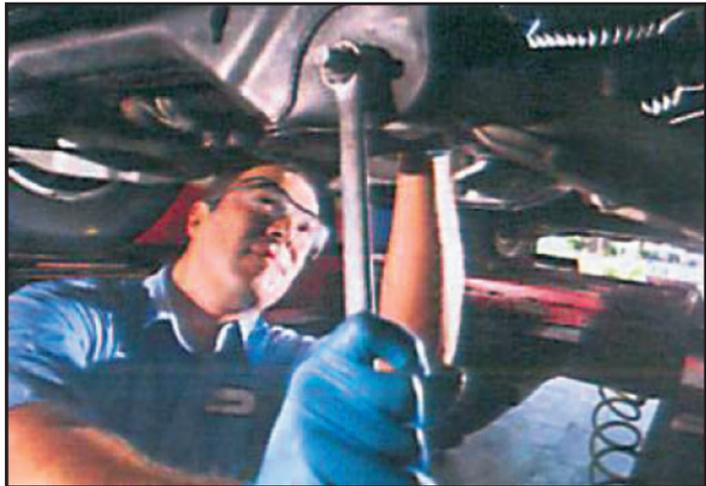
  
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Bulldogs finally put the set away on a Lipe service ace for a 30-28 victory. The second set looked like the Bulldogs might repeat a comeback performance when a Keirsten Barrera service point brought the Dogs to within two at 23-21, but this time it was Lemon Bay's turn to beat out some long rallies and take a 25-22 victory. The third set saw Lemon Bay take a commanding 9-1 lead. The Dogs put a slight scare in the Manta Rays, outscoring them 8-4 to pull within four, but Lemon Bay scored the final two points for a

15-9 set and match victory. "Even though we lost, I liked the way we looked," Cail said. "We had more bump, set and attack looks in the game which is what you want to prepare them for varsity."

Lipe, who had three service aces and three kills in the game also liked the new look. "I got to set in the back row and hit in the front row," she said.

Jeter echoed Lipe's statement. "Being a setter you get to touch the ball more," she added.

After a foot injury recently sidelined varsity starter Bethany Bonville, however, Jeter was moved up to varsity as a setter, and the JV team is back to a one setter look, but still getting more attacks in the offense.

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encouraging words, but it was complete domination by the Manta Rays, who won the first two sets by scores of 25-9 and 25-15. The third set was slightly better for the Bulldogs, at one point pulling to within 17-13 before the Manta Rays put on the burners and ended with a 25-17 victory.

After defeating Lemon Bay at home earlier in the season, White had a good outlook after the defeat. "We had more attack errors than kills, we had our worst passing-on-target score and we had a tough time adjusting to Bethany going down," she said. "The best thing we can do is forget this game and go back home working on the things we've been working on."

More positive news came later in the week for the Bulldogs. "After seeing an



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**Bethany Bonville can only look on and hope for better things as she attends to her injured foot. The Bulldogs lost to a determined Manta Ray team 3-0.**

orthopedic specialist, it looks like with any bit of luck, we'll have Bethany back for the district playoffs," White added.

Going for their third straight district title, Bulldogs fans hope luck is indeed in their favor.

# BULLDOGS

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and two unsportsmanlike conduct flags on the same play. They had to be enforced since they were dead ball fouls so the kickoff was moved up 45 yards to the Bayshore 15-yard-line!

The Bruins have only scored two touchdowns this season, and had two called back because of penalties against the Bulldogs. One was a block in the back away from the play on a Bulldog player who had no chance to make a play on the ball carrier. Twice in the game Bayshore's Jamar Johnson had touchdowns called back. It was Johnson's fifth score of the season that was taken off the board because of a penalty.

Several times in the game there was pushing and shoving by the Bruins. One Bruin in particular picked up several personal fouls for excessive trash talking. Much of the player's aggression was aimed at Washington, who kept his cool throughout the game. When asked how he kept from retaliating, he said, "I pointed at the (penalty) flag and said, 'I think that belongs to you.'"

## Injuries to key players

Chace Higgins was knocked out of the game with a left knee injury. Two plays later quarterback Reggie Jones left the game with an injured right knee, which allegedly drew cheers from several Bruins.

Higgins, who starts on both the offensive and defensive line, said, "I got an MRI and it says I have a partially torn muscle. I'm going to a specialist this week to get a definite answer. I'm on crutches and have a brace now."



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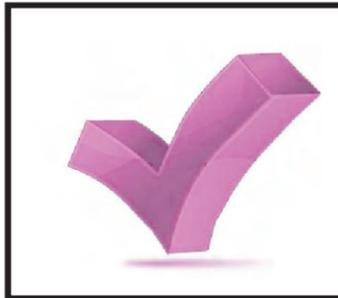
**DeSoto County's Chace Higgins talks to coach Darryl Nicklow after he injured his left knee in the 41-3 win over Bayshore.**

If Jones can't return, there are experienced players behind him. Taj Jackson has taken many snaps this season and Washington has also played the position. The multi-talented Lee quarterbacked the spring game and can fill the position along with his duties as a running back/receiver/holder.

The second half of the season starts tomorrow night at Frostproof. If you are unable to attend the game listen to it on WFLN 1480 AM radio or go to www.tunein.com on your computer and follow the steps to listen to the game.



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The 15th annual Florida Black Bear & Wildlife Conservation Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 in the town of Umatilla, in northern Lake County. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is one of the festival's many partners. Nearby is the Ocala National Forest, home to the largest subpopulation of Florida black bears.

"Get outside, enjoy the beautiful fall weather and learn about Florida's unique and diverse wildlife at the Florida Black



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Visitors to the Black Bear Festival on Oct. 11 can learn several methods to keep bears out of their garbage.

Bear & Wildlife Conservation Festival," said Cathy Connolly of the FWC's black bear management program.

"Central Florida boasts the highest density of bears in the state and can truly be called bear country. But that distinction comes with the responsibility of learning about safely coexisting with bears," Connolly said. "Our challenge is getting people to securely store their

garbage, so bears don't develop the habit of coming into neighborhoods for an easy meal and instead stay in the forest where they belong."

The free, family-oriented festival at Caldwell Park begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m. Activities include:

- Free two-hour field trips taking festival goers deep into the Ocala National Forest, where FWC bear biologists Walter McCown and Brian Scheick will lead participants through natural bear habitat and explain black bear natural history.

- Presentations such as Living Safely in Bear Country by FWC bear biologist Mike Orlando; Living with Coyotes by William Giuliano of the University of Florida; "Living with Panthers by Laurie Macdonald of Defenders of Wildlife; and Florida Snakes and Reptiles by FWC Investigator Steven McDaniel.

- Come Be a Bear, an interactive journey in which children put on furry vests to learn how bears find food and survive in the wild.

- Animals from Central Florida Zoo for everyone to see, from noon to 2 p.m.

- The FWC's popular exhibit trailer featuring native Florida wildlife.

- Opportunities for children and adults to try out archery or learn how to fish.

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Black Bears are thriving in some parts of Florida. Learn more about this interesting animal at the Bear Festival on Oct. 11.

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The festival is presented by the FWC, Defenders of Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, city of Umatilla, Lake County, Black Bear Scenic Byway and Umatilla Chamber of Commerce.

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looking to improve on their 5-0 record.

- The JV football team finishes their season with two road games. Tonight they travel to Frostproof and they close their season next week at Port Charlotte.

- The varsity volleyball team will be at the

tournament at Charlotte High School this Saturday. Both the varsity and the JV teams will then host the Tarpons next Tuesday, and then host North Port for Senior Night Thursday, Oct. 16.

- The cross country team competes at Lake Placid tonight.

- The middle school football team travels to Hill-Gustat next Tuesday, Oct. 10.

- The softball team hosts Sebring at 5 p.m. tonight.



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**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**TO: Defendants SHIRLEY A. GRIFFIN, ROBERT REMUS GRIFFIN, JR., CHARLIE GRIFFIN, DEBORAH KAY HARRISON, MARK GRIFFIN, CLAUDIA VOLK, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mark E. Griffin, NORMA JEAN GRIFFIN, JOHN HOWZE, the STATE OF FLORIDA, JANE DOE and JOHN DOE, (the latter two names being fictitious to account for unknown defendants), and each of the foregoing defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any of the foregoing defendants, and all unknown persons who may otherwise have an interest in the property hereinafter described, and their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, or under those unknown persons, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors-in-interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, under, or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property hereinafter described, except for parties claiming by, through or under this Plaintiff, and ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action to quiet title on real property in DeSoto County, Florida, has been filed against you. The property is described as: LOTS 1 and 2, BLOCK "D," OAK CREST SUBDIVISION, as per map or plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Clerk for the Circuit Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida, in Plat Book 6, Page 17. Together with the North half of that certain street formerly known as Sunrise lying directly to the South of Lot 1, Block "D," OAK CREST SUBDIVISION, by virtue of that certain resolution of street vacation as recorded in Official Records Book 196, Page 1062, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida. You are required to file your written defenses, if any, with the Clerk of Court for DeSoto County, Florida, 34266, and to serve a copy thereof upon PAUL BENNETT SEUSY, P.A., the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 203 West Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida, 34266, on or before November 3, 2014, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Dated September 29, 2014. MITZI MCGAVIC Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
Deputy Clerk  
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**NOTICE OF ACTION  
3116**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 14-CA-266  
CIVIL DIVISION  
ANITA M. JOHNSON, as Trustee under THE ANITA MAE JOHNSON REVOCABLE TRUST dated May 3, 2013, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ADRIAN M. HALL and CARRY A. ALDERMAN, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**TO: Defendants ADRIAN M. HALL and CARRY A. ALDERMAN and all other parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described:**  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose on the following real property in DeSoto County, Florida: The NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 39 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida, LESS and except right-of-way and drainage easement. Parcel No.: 27-39-25-0000-0069-0000 has been filed against you. You are required to file your written defenses, if any, with the Clerk of Court for DeSoto County, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida, 34266, and to serve a copy thereof upon PAUL BENNETT SEUSY, P.A., the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 203 West Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida, 34266, on or before November 3, 2014, otherwise a default will be entered against

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**NOTICE OF ACTION  
3116**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2014 DR 474  
Elisa Valdez and  
Joe Ramon Valdez,  
Respondent

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR  
DISSOLUTION OF  
MARRIAGE**

TO: Joe Ramon Valdez  
Last Known Address:  
1114 Sparrow Road  
Wauchula, FL 33873  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Petitioner, Elisa Valdez whose address is, 128 s. Osceola Ave, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before August 30, 2014 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 115 E. Oak St. Arcadia, FL 34266 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in this petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office. Dated: September 15, 2014  
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: /S/ M. Harris  
Deputy Clerk  
Published 9/18/14, 9/25/14, 10/2/14, 10/9/14 131159 3087865

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 14-2009-CA-001298  
DIVISION: Z  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
BETTY L. PHILLIPS A/K/A BETTY PHILLIPS, et al, Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 10, 2014 and entered in Case NO. 14-2009-CA-001298 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, is the Plaintiff and BETTY L. PHILLIPS A/K/A BETTY PHILLIPS; JAMES D PHILLIPS; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00AM, on the 21st day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
**LOT 2, BLOCK "N", FOREST PINE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9 AT PAGE 20 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 2004 DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
3122**

**HOME; VIN NO. H181430 G L&R A/K/A 1336 SE Pear Dr, Arcadia, FL 34266**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 12, 2014.  
Mitzie McGavic  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
Deputy Clerk  
**\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.** Published 10/2/14, 10/9/14 234766 3093971

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff  
Case No. 2012CA000771AXMA  
Vs.  
JENNIFER S STEVENS; WILLIAM H STEVENS A/K/A WILLIAM HILT STEVENS; ET AL Defendants

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 9th, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2012CA000771AXMA, of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff and JENNIFER S STEVENS; WILLIAM H STEVENS A/K/A WILLIAM HILT STEVENS; ET AL, are defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Desoto County Courthouse, Room 104, Arcadia, FL 34266, SALE BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM on this October 16th, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 2, BLOCK C, FIRST ADDITION TO WELCH'S 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 9, PAGE 18,1991 SPRINGHILL, HUD LABEL # GE0594710GE0594711, SERIAL #GAF1K34A12532SH, FL WHICH BY INTENTION OF THE PARTIES AND UPON RETIREMENT OF THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AS PROVIDED IN S319.261 FLA. STAT., SHALL CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE REALTY AND SHALL PASS WITH IT. NOTE: UNDER SECTION 159.621 OF FLORIDA STATUTES, THE MORTGAGE AND NOTE ARE EXEMPT FROM DOCUMENTARY AND INTANGIBLE TAXES. EACH MORTGAGE WILL BEAR THE LEGEND SET FORTH ON THE FACE THIS MORTGAGE IS EXEMPT FROM DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX AND INTANGIBLE TAX IMPOSED BY CHAPTERS 199 AND 201, FLORIDA STATUTES. AS DESCRIBED IN MORTGAGE BOOK 590 PAGE 493**  
Property Address:  
11163 SW CRENSHAW AVE,

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
3122**

ARCADIA, FL 34266  
A 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 30th day of September, 2014.

**UDREN LAW OFFICES, P.C.**  
2101 W. Commercial Blvd, Suite 5000  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309  
Telephone 954-378-1757  
Fax 954-378-1758  
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Esquire Fl. Bar #57189  
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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. Published 10/2/14 & 10/9/14 340189 3093962

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 013CA000787AXMA  
DIVISION: 01  
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JUAN MARTINEZ A/K/A JUAN MARTINEZ JR., et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 22, 2014 and entered in Case No. 2013CA000787AXMA of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and JUAN MARTINEZ A/K/A JUAN MARTINEZ JR.; JULIA MARTINEZ; DESOTO COUNTY; STATE OF FLORIDA; DESOTO COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00AM, on the 30th day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
**THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 3 AND ALL OF LOT 5, AND THE NORTH 20 FEET OF LOT 7, BLOCK Q OF MILLS ADDITION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 8, AND PLAT BOOK C5, PAGE 6. A/K/A 209 S. MILLS AVENUE, ARCADIA, FL 34266** Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 30, 2014.  
Mitzie McGavic  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
Deputy Clerk  
**\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia,**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
3122**

Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Published 10/9/14 & 10/16/14 234766 3096403

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2014CA000026AXMA  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MARILYN B. TORREY; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 18, 2014, and entered in 2014CA000026AXMA of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY. is the Plaintiff and MARILYN B. TORREY; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 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 October 28, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, LESS 33 FEET ON THE NORTH SIDE, LYING AND BEING IN DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE ROAD EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN OR BOOK 158 PAGE 364, 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 3rd day of October, 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 10/9/14 & 10/16/14 331723 3096434

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
3122**

SERIES 2005-7., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ESMERALDO ZAMORA-AYALA A/K/A ESMERALDO ZAMORA; MARIA ZAMORA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 11, 2014, and entered in 2014CA000280AX of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK N.A., IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2005-7, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-7 is the Plaintiff and ESMERALDO ZAMORA-AYALA A/K/A ESMERALDO ZAMORA; MARIA ZAMORA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s). Mitzie McGavic as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 AM, on October 21, 2014 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**BEGINNING AT THE NW CORNER OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 120 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 260 FEET THENCE RUN EAST 160 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 260 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST 160 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. AND BEGINNING AT THE NW CORNER NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 120 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST 160 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 120 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST 140 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 260 FEET; AND THENCE RUN WEST 140 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A 1988, EDGE MOBILE HOME, I.D. NO. GAF1H07A15437EW, FLORIDA TITLE NO. 45428232, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE LANDS.**

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 17 day of September 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 10/2/14 & 10/9/14 331723 3093892

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
3122**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 14-2012-CA-000058  
DIVISION: 1  
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ADDIE L. BRODIE A/K/A ADDIE BRODIE, et al,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 22, 2014 and entered in Case No. 14-2012-CA-000058 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and LENWOOD L. BRODIE, JR., AS GUARDIAN FOR ADDIE L. BRODIE A/K/A ADDIE BRODIE; 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, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; DESOTO COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; TENANT #1 N/K/A SANDRA LEWIS are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 at 11:00AM, on the 4th day of November, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
**LOT 19 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 20, BLOCK B, OF 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. A/K/A 1080 POLK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266** Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 29, 2014.

Mitzie McGavic  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ B. Wynn  
Deputy Clerk  
**\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.** Published 10/9/14 & 10/16/14 234766 3096415

**TAX DEEDS  
3132**

**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: 874

**TAX DEEDS  
3132**

Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012  
Tax Deed File #: 14-33-TD  
Description of Property:  
LOT 24, MOCKINGBIRD  
MANOR, 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 41.  
TOGETHER WITH A 1983 TWIN  
DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME.  
IDENTIFICATION  
#T356FR15382A AND  
IDENTIFICATION  
#T356FR15382B.  
TITLE# 20669535 AND  
TITLE # 20666149.

**Names in which assessed:**  
CHARLES M PURSLEY  
1587 SW BRANNAN DR  
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 **NOVEMBER 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.  
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC  
CLERK OF COURT  
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By:CRYSTAL HENDERSON,  
Deputy Clerk  
Publication Dates: 10/2/14,  
10/9/14, 10/16/14 &  
10/23/14 112132 3093893

**OTHER NOTICES  
3138**

Arcadia Amoco is claiming a lien for unpaid charges on **1996 Buick Roadmaster 1G4BN52P8RR433149**

Notice that the lienor claims a lien on the vehicle for labor and services performed and storage charges, and the cash sum at the date of sale which, if paid to the lienor, would be sufficient to redeem the vehicle from the lien claimed by the lienor.

Notice that the lien claimed by the lienor is subject to enforcement pursuant to section 713.585, Florida Statutes and that the vehicle may be sold to satisfy the lien.

The sale of this vehicle will be sold on November 1, 2014 at Arcadia Amoco 908 E. Hickory Arcadia, FL 34266 at 8:00 am

Notice that the owner of the vehicle or any person claiming an interest in or lien thereon has a right to a hearing at any time prior to the scheduled date of sale by filing a demand for hearing with the clerk of the circuit court in the county in which the vehicle is held and mailing copies of the demand for hearing to all other owners and lienors as reflected on the notice. Notice that the owner of the vehicle has a right to recover possession of the vehicle without instituting judicial proceedings by posting bond in accordance with the provisions of section 559.917, Florida Statutes (Motor Vehicle Repair Act). Notice that any proceeds from the sale of the vehicle remaining after payment of the amount claimed to be due and owing to the lienor will be deposited with the clerk of the circuit court for disposition upon court order. Published 10/9/14 & 10/16/14 374493 3096372

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR  
DISSOLUTION OF  
MARRIAGE**

TO: JOYCE LOCKARD  
ELDERWOOD NURSING FACILITY,  
37 NORTH CHEMUNG  
STREET, WAVERLY, NY 14892  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JOHN LOCKARD, SR., whose address is ZACHARY RIBEL, Counsel for Husband, 25 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before November, and file the original with clerk of the Court at 115 East

**OTHER NOTICES  
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Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. you may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Published 10/4/14, 10/9/14, 10/16/14 & 10/23/14 131159 3093901

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District has received an application for a modification of a water use permit to withdraw water from wells and surface waters from Premier Citrus LLC, P.O. Box 690997, Vero Beach, FL 32969. Application number: 20006274.012. Application received: 10/03/2014. Predominant use type: Agricultural. The modification is to add 2 surface water withdrawals, with no increase in total quantities. Total requested withdrawal average daily gallons per day: 522,800. Peak month average gallons per day: 3,593,600. Maximum daily gallons per day: 4,200,000 from 6 active wells. Location: Sections 9, 10, 14-16 Township 39 East, Range 27 South, in Desoto County. The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday at the Tampa service office, 7601 US Hwy 301, Tampa, FL 33637. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of intended agency action or an opportunity to request an administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Performance Management Department, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the District's website at www.watermatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Performance Management Department at (352)796-7211 or 1(800)423-1476; TDD only 1(800)231-6103. Published 10/9/14 125523 3096377

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hospital bills, more than \$22,000 for psychological services and more than \$37,000 for medications.

Wise said when a detainee comes to the jail, he fills out a health questionnaire. Within 14 days of their incarceration, they get a physical exam.

Detainees who come in with a terminal or life-threatening illness must be cared for, and that can entail frequent trips to doctors or hospitals, or to hospice care. If an inmate has to be taken to a hospital out-of-town, deputies must accompany him or her, and depending how long treatment lasts, DCSO may have to pay expenses such as hotels, meals and overtime pay for the deputies – and OT for whoever replaces those deputies at their usual posts.

“People don’t realize, the DeSoto County

taxpayers are paying for the medical care of these detainees,” Wise said. If an inmate has his own insurance, which is rare, DCSO will try to recoup medical costs there. But that still doesn’t cover expenses associated with transport.

The Sheriff’s Office can also seek reimbursement; for instance, if an inmate has a commissary account, by law DCSO can apply half of that amount toward the individual’s medical costs.

DeSoto County Jail also receives residents of the Florida Civil Commitment Center who break the law. Because FCCC does not have certified jail space, DCSO may have to house those individuals. Wise said he, along with former County Commissioner Ronald Neads and former State Representative Paige Kreegel had to go to Tallahassee to get FCCC to pay DCSO \$55 per day to house FCCC clients.

“But there is nothing to cover their medical care,”

Wise said.

Wise said DCSO often has to transport Baker Act cases, juveniles and individuals for Division of Children and Families for health reasons, and again the county picks up those transport costs.

Harris said while people are in the jail, they teach them about proper nutrition and diet. “We might get someone eating healthier, losing weight, getting off drugs,” he said, “but once they’re released they might quit taking their medications and start gaining weight and they’re right back where they were.”

Without the discounts DCSO receives from DMH, Wise said the cost could easily be double what they pay now. “We could conceivably be paying more than \$1 million. Vince Sica and (DeSoto Memorial) Hospital have worked well with us, and saved the DeSoto taxpayers a lot of money,” Wise said.

**LETTERS**

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appropriate direction for the hospital's future. It is for these reasons that I find it so important for everyone to remember all the good that occurs because DeSoto Memorial Hospital is here to serve those in our community. This is an example of one of the many miracles which are often taken for granted, but which are so important to the families we serve, and to us.

Late this summer, a beautiful baby was born to a family which had just arrived in Arcadia one week before. This little one appeared perfect, ate well and acted well. All indications were that he was healthy, with an absolutely perfect physical exam. The day after he was born, nurses in the Labor and Delivery unit were performing our routine Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) screening when they noticed the baby's oxygen levels were lower than acceptable

to pass the screening test. The baby's family was informed that there may be a problem with his heart and he was then transferred to All Children's Hospital in St Petersburg for additional testing.

At 10 p.m., the cardiologist from All Children's Hospital called to let us know we had just saved this little boy's life. The baby had a heart condition which would have worsened quickly and caused him to become critically ill within days. Because of the CCHD screening and transfer to All Children's while the baby was still “healthy,” he was able to undergo lifesaving surgery the next morning. The most recent information we have received is that the surgery went well and this baby is now recovering under the watchful care of All Children's physicians.

In February 2014, DMH was honored to have been a part of a statewide forum held at All Children's Hospital. At this forum we presented our experience in implementing the Critical Congenital Heart

Disease Screening, the same screening which saved this baby. CCHD screening is now being implemented nationwide. However, DMH was ahead of many similar hospitals in our area in implementing CCHD screening because of attentive, educated and progressive staff who insist that we remain on the cutting edge of medical care. That dedication literally saved this baby's life. A year ago, before CCHD screening was implemented at DMH, this same child would likely have been discharged home without the lifesaving intervention he required and his medical condition would probably have gone undetected.

I relay this story because I am blessed to be a part of a medical system which provides high quality care and can make such a difference in patients' and their families' lives. Our hearts and prayers remain with this baby and his family, and all of the families we serve.

Fawn Harrison, MD  
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A family fun day of fishing on Lake Katherine attending the Kid's Fishing Clinic. This annual event is sponsored by the Arcadia Chapter of the Peace River Coastal Conservation Association and open to all children in the community. It takes place in the spring, and each child is offered instruction, gear and a lunch.

## Coastal Conservation banquet is Oct. 16

By JO RIDER  
CCA PUBLICITY

The Coastal Conservation Association Peace River Chapter Annual Banquet and Auction will be held on Oct. 16 at the Turner Agri-Civic Center, 2250 N.E. Roan Street. The event begins at 6 p.m. with the silent auction and raffle. Dinner provided by Texas Cattle Company and the live auction begin at 7:30 p.m. An open bar will be available.

Tickets are just \$65 per

person or \$120 per couple and include drink tickets, dinner, and one year CCA membership. Sponsorships start at \$800 for a table of eight.

For more information call John Court at 863-990-1951; Juanita Bushouse at 863-558-1113 or Adam Miller at 941-270-0895.

Coastal Conservation Association Florida is a grassroots organization committed to conserving and protecting Florida's marine resources.

## HISTORIC

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of Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee and Sarasota.

Although no settlement existed at that time, Pine Level was chosen as the county's geographical center. It was conveniently distant from the Village of Manatee, the former county seat and ally of the Confederacy.

An African-American family was one of the first four to live at Pine Level, and it may have been considered a freedman's town. It was a frontier "wild West" settlement with saloons and shoot-outs as well as a courthouse, jail, school, churches, stores, boarding houses and a newspaper. Union Veteran John F. Bartholf served as the first postmaster in 1871.

When DeSoto County was founded in 1887, Pine Level became the county seat. Voters did not choose Arcadia as the government center until November 1888. It had the advantage of transportation by river or rail. The first train arrived in 1886 — the same year that the town was incorporated.

Bypassed by the railroad and abandoned by the county government, Pine Level declined. The only physical witnesses of the town are a Florida Historic Marker and the original Pine Level School. The Pine Level Methodist Church purchased the school in 1923, and after a 1930 hurricane damaged the second floor, the church was re-roofed as a one-story structure. It has since been remodeled, and other buildings have been added.

Members of the Historical Society participated in the archaeological field work in Pine Level conducted in 2010 by Jana Futch, a student seeking a Master of Arts degree in anthropology from the University of South Florida. Now a professional archaeologist with Brockington and Associates of Atlanta, Ga., she prepared the National Register application. It was financed in part by a grant from the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State, assisted by the Florida Historical Commission.

The Florida National Review Board unanimously approved the Pine Level nomination, noting that the town is one of only seven Reconstruction-era sites recognized in the state.

For more information, call Carol Mahler at 863-445-0789 or email carolmahler3@gmail.com.

## CROSS COUNTRY

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drained after a long homecoming week capped off with the football game on Friday night. After arriving at North Port, the runners had to wait in a light drizzle and then run their race through the water hazards. The muddy course left the runners and their uniforms looking like they could be used in a laundry detergent commercial. That is the life of a long distance runner!

Neither the boys' or girls' teams were expected to win the race, but it gave the runners the opportunity to go against some of the best runners in the state. It showed them where they need to be once the district race takes place.

Bulldogs girls' coach Julie Chidsey said, "The girls ran a great race in North Port. All of my new girls (set personal records). My freshmen did an amazing job and have great potential. I expect them to have a great season."

For Jami Westberry it was the final day of an exciting week. She was named 2014 DeSoto County homecoming queen the night before.

"It's a surreal feeling. At first I didn't realize that they called my name as the queen, then I saw my family jumping up and down and then I got excited too," she said. I am happy, surprised and humbled all at the same time."

ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

Right: Saida Muniz, a junior on the DeSoto County cross country team, looks as if she is having fun as she nears the end of the race at North Port.



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# ART

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enjoy some light refreshments. Due to ongoing construction on Volusia Avenue, parking will be available at the Mosaic Co. lot at the corner of Volusia and East Oak.

Butler, who hails from the East Coast, started coming to DeSoto County when he entered the Art of the River show sponsored by DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council. He creates breathtaking landscape scenes of quintessential Florida scenery, often using a form of post-processing known as High Dynamic Range to capture the whole spectrum of light and shadow in his work. He won first place in the photography division of the 2014 Art of the River, judged by noted Florida photographer Clyde Butcher. Butler and his wife Lynnda visit DeSoto County frequently in their RV, and have become part of the local art scene.

Waters, a retired DeSoto Co. School District teacher and Florida Master Naturalist, captures the essence of local wildlife in beautiful portraits of animals — especially birds — and with a sensitive eye to the subtleties of the Florida landscape. His work has been featured in the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program calendar. His exquisite photography of Florida's water birds is unmatched and shows deep knowledge of his subjects. His photo, "Great Blue Heron in Flight," won second place in this year's Art of the River show and he

was also awarded Honorable Mention for another entry.

Black and Hoffman both shoot photos for *The Arcadian*. As a freelancer, Black — who formerly owned a camera shop and has also taught photography classes — shoots everything from sports to portraits to local festivals. His work includes a wide range of subjects, from ships to landscapes, portraits to rodeo. You can often see him taking photos at Chamber of Commerce events, as well as school, government and civic functions.

Hoffman, as editor of *The Arcadian*, shoots a variety of subjects from human interest features to crime scenes and rodeos. She won first place in the 2013 Art of the River for photography and honorable mention this year. She enjoys shooting rodeos and ranch events, and with her "Pound Pets Project" has been taking appealing portraits of shelter pets to help get them adopted quickly.

The Martin Art Gallery, in the offices of Martin Realty Co., has been the hub of DeSoto's art scene for several years. Gordon "Mac" Martin was a founding member of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council and has been a strong promoter of local talent. The "Four Photographers" exhibit will be on display from Oct. 6 through early November. It is generally open during normal business hours, but after Oct. 9, call 863-494-2100 in advance to make sure the gallery will be open. For more information on Martin Realty, visit [www.floridaoutdoorproperties.com](http://www.floridaoutdoorproperties.com).

More information about DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council is available at <http://desotoartscouncil.org>.

# CENTER

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manager at the Sarasota County Health Department, was elected to serve along with returning members: Sue Garland, State College of Florida; Tracy Winslow, DeSoto Memorial Hospital; Judith Sedgeman, from Manatee County; and Cristina Pele, health professions students representative.

Gulfcoast South AHEC reduces tobacco prevalence in Florida by educating health care providers and health professions students, reaching out to tobacco users with cessation programs and by achieving durable social norm changes. GCAHEC also connects students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to better health. For



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Gulfcoast AHEC says goodbye to long-serving board member Melissa Peacock, center, flanked by Kimberly Bland, left, and Edna Apostol.

more information, call 941-361-6602 or visit [www.gsahec.org](http://www.gsahec.org).



Gulfcoast South Area Health Education Center elected new officers and board members for 2014-15. From left: Jeanette Robinson, Linda DeMello, Karol Sweeterman, Kimberly Bland, Tracy Winslow of DeSoto Memorial Hospital, and Edna Apostol.

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# DeSoto County High School Bulldog Football



Reggie Jones has a serious look after being injured in the 41-3 win over Bayshore.



Tevin "Soup" Campbell and Alfredrick Tyson enjoy the final minutes of the game.

**Reggie Jones was the WFLN 1480 am radio player of the game**



Ernest Robinson, Deionte Turner and Oscar Alfonso read The Arcadian.



Caleb Blackwood, Stefan Williams and KeShawn Smith all played big roles in the win over Bayshore.

## 2014 - 15 DeSoto Bulldogs Varsity Football Schedule

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09/19	7:30pm	Booker	W20 - 6
09/26	7:00pm	@ North Port	W44 - 7
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**ON THE COVER**

Photo provided

**Capt. Ralph Allen shows off a small tripletail, which should be a more common catch now that stone crab pots are out on the water again.**



FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK • JOSH OLIVE

# A bait boutique?

I like bait and tackle shops. Always have. There's just something about all the rods and reels and lures, sitting there, waiting to be taken out on the water. I imagine the rods bent over, the reels singing, fish jumping, anglers smiling. It gives me the warm fuzzies.

Most such shops have a bit of character, and by that I mean what most folks would call messiness. It might be the shelves crammed with gear, or the smell of shrimp water hanging in the air, or just the general aura of the place. A proper bait and tackle shop is not the sort of place you'd expect to find snooty shoppers. It's a place where real salt-of-the-earth fishermen can feel at home.

So imagine my surprise when I walked into a local shop (I won't say which one; let's call it Fisherman Frankie's) and there before my eyes was a floor-to-ceiling rack of stuffed animals. Now, admittedly, they were all marine-themed — sharks, stingrays, turtles, flamingos. But right in the middle of a genuine bait shop?

Actually, this store has been making some changes lately, adding things like upscale sunglasses cases and actual shirt racks, so I guess this really shouldn't have been such a surprise. But now I'm not sure what to call the place. Is it



WaterLine photo by Josh Olive

Plush toys? At a bait shop?

still a bait shop? At what point does it become a boutique? Is there such a thing as a bait boutique? I've never heard of one, but that doesn't mean anything.

Maybe the guys over at Fisherman Frankie's are some sort of geniuses, genre-busting entre-

preneurs at the ragged edge of a new breed of fishing tackle retail, one that can draw in both fancy French ladies and charter captains.

Maybe. The important thing is that the place at least still smells like a bait shop, so I can still go there. If it starts to smell like rose water, I'm out.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have a comment or question for WaterLine, email us at [Editor@WaterLineWeekly.com](mailto:Editor@WaterLineWeekly.com).

**JOSH:**

It has come to my attention that a local captain is accused of being arrogant. Hey, who would hire a slinky, droop-eyed skipper? Personally, my choice must exude confidence. He must swagger — well, somewhat. Congrats on showing some lovely fisherwomen in your Oct. 2 issue, especially the cover girl. This lady somehow managed to keep her nails perfect, hair pretty and merited admiration even though not displaying her belly button, appendectomy incision, and other things best kept off camera. Obviously, she was

delighted with her tilapia and radiated the charm of sportfishing. I was touched by Tom Johnson's beautiful article and appreciated all the other fine material. My family and I declare your Oct. 2 issue a classic!

— Marilyn Walker

**MARILYN:**

At WaterLine, we appreciate photos of all anglers who are excited about their catches. Also, I figure Capt. Ralph can use this cover shot as ammo the next time Patti gets mad at him for doing something dumb, which means he owes me one. I like when Ralph owes me one. As to the arrogant captain, that was a fun discussion that we had on the radio show a couple Saturdays ago. For those who missed it, you can go to [RadioWaterLine.com](http://RadioWaterLine.com) and

click on September 27 to hear the show. I agree with you that you want to see a high level of confidence in a charter captain, but that can go too far. Real arrogance is rarely a positive character in anyone. I appreciate your commentary — and I declare readers like yourself to be classics.

— Josh Olive, WaterLine Publisher

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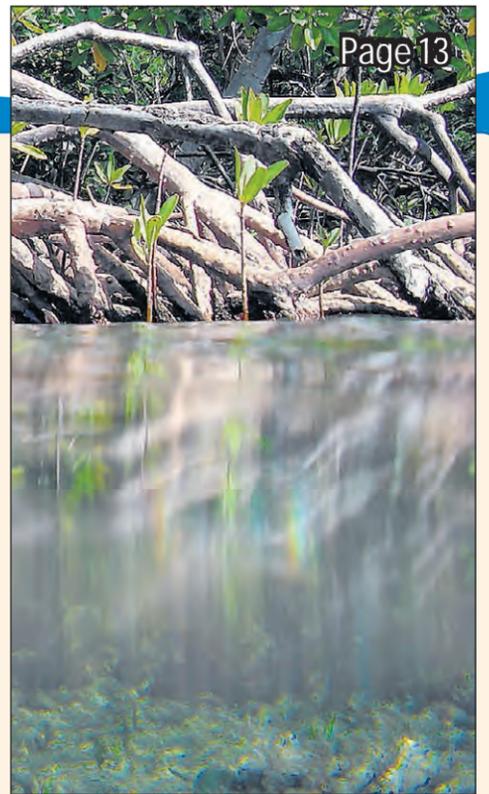
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Angling 101  
ROBERT LUGIEWICZ

### Defining structure

You've probably heard or read about fishing around structure. But you may not know how broad the definition of structure really is. It's not just sunken logs and rockpiles. If you hold still long enough, you can become structure yourself.



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# OUTDOOR NEWS BULLETIN BOARD

If you have a meeting, tournament, festival or other event you want included in the Outdoor News Bulletin Board, email it to [Editor@WaterLineWeekly.com](mailto:Editor@WaterLineWeekly.com)

## NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MEETS

The Cocoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium (3450 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers). The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 9. Meetings are free and the public is welcome. For more info, call 239-275-3435.

## ENGLEWOOD FISHING CLUB

The Englewood Fishing Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Lemon Bay Park Environmental Center (570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood). Featured will be retired Lemon Bay High School principal Dan Jeffers, offering tips from his many years of sport and tournament fishing. Admission is free and open to the public. For more info, go to [EnglewoodFishingClub.net](http://EnglewoodFishingClub.net).

## HAUNTED WALK

In celebration of Halloween, Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium (3450 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers) presents "Freaks of Nature" Haunted Walk. Times are 7:30 to 10 p.m., Fridays from Saturdays Oct. 10-18 and daily Oct. 24-31. The Haunted Walk is the center's biggest fundraiser of the year, and has been thrilling residents for many years. Be prepared to be scared — not recommended for anyone under 16 years of age. Costumes expected! \$10 per person. Call 239-275-3435 for more info.

## MEET THE SWAMP APE

Author, cryptozoologist and TV personality Scott C. Marlowe will give a presentation about Florida cryptids at 5:30 pm Oct. 11 at Copperfish Books (1205 Elizabeth Street, Punta Gorda). A cryptid is a creature whose existence has been suggested but has not been documented by the scientific community. Think Swamp Ape, Bigfoot and sea monsters. His friend "Stinky" the Swamp Ape may just appear for a photo op for those that want to take a picture with Florida's odoriferous cryptid mascot. This event is free to attend. RSVP to Copperfish Books at 941-205-2560 or [CopperfishBooks@comcast.net](mailto:CopperfishBooks@comcast.net).

## STA-5 BIRD TOUR

Through a partnership with Hendry-Glades Audubon, the South Florida Water Management District will offer to the public escorted birding trips to Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA-5) located at the east end of Deer Fence Road located 27 miles south of Clewiston in eastern Hendry County. Trips are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 11, Nov. 8 & 22, and Dec. 13 & 27. No charge, though donations are gratefully accepted. Limited to 60 participants per trip; call 863-674-0695 to reserve.

## NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MEETS

"An Introduction to the Five Species of Ground Cherry in Southwest Florida" is the topic at the Mangrove Chapter of the Native Plant Society meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at Lemon Bay Park (570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood). This fun and informative program will be

presented by Denny Girard and Al Squires. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. For more info, contact Denny at 941-474-1492 or [dennyg29@msn.com](mailto:dennyg29@msn.com).

## HEMINGWAY IN FLORIDA

Ernest Hemingway, one of Florida's most colorful and widely read authors, left a lasting legacy in our state. Award-winning author Diane Gilbert Madsen will present an informative and fascinating talk on Hemingway in Florida at 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Punta Gorda Woman's Club (118 Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda). She promises to fascinate the audience with many tidbits not well-known to the general public. Admission is \$5; proceeds to benefit the Punta Gorda Historical Society. For more info or tickets call 941-639-1887.

## APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

The Appalachian Trail Club of Florida will hold its next monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Sarasota Garden Club (1131 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota). The meeting will begin with a potluck supper followed by a program on hiking. Go to [ATCFlorida.org](http://ATCFlorida.org) for more info.

## DIVE CLUB MEETS

SunCoast Reef Rovers will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Nokomis Community Center (234 Nippino Trail E, Nokomis). In addition to a featured speaker, there will be a discussion of upcoming events. For more info, call Susan at 941-488-8143.

## FAMILY FISHING FUNAMENT

Mako Boats and Bass Pro Shops are hosting a Fishing Funament Oct. 16-19 at Bass Pro Shops World Wide Sportsman (10040 Gulf Center Drive, Fort Myers). This fishing tournament is a casual and fun event for family members of all ages. The Funament will be hosted by TV fishing personality George Poveromo. Participants can also get advice from the pros, including Poveromo, about lures, electronics, and where, when and how to fish. In addition, event sponsors will display the latest fishing gear and participants will have the opportunity to test drive a variety of models in the Mako boats lineup. The Funament also provides an opportunity to teach younger generations the value of fisheries conservation. Event organizers are encouraging anglers to practice catch and release. The \$100 per boat entry fee includes Fishing Funament T-shirts, dockside cookouts on Friday and Saturday nights, a Bass Pro Shops captain's bag and a \$50 Bass Pro Shops gift card. The captain's bags and gift cards, which are valued at over \$150, are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more info, go to [Mako-Boats.com/FishingFunaments](http://Mako-Boats.com/FishingFunaments).

## TOUR YELLOW FEVER CREEK PRESERVE

There is currently no public access to the Cape Coral side of Yellow Fever Creek Preserve, so the only way to get out there is to go on a guided walk. The next one is scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. Oct. 17. Wear sturdy, closed-toed walking shoes or boots, and dress appropriately

## CHARLOTTE HARBOR SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

All outings are free of charge and the public is welcome to attend. Voluntary donations to the Charlotte Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Trips are from 8:30 to 11 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Call the listed number with any questions.

**DEEP CREEK PRESERVE:** Join Florida Master Naturalists Jamie Reynolds and Jim Knoy Oct. 14 for a walk in this area of longleaf pine flatwoods, wetland marshes and hardwood hammock habitats. Call 941-637-8284.

**SHELL CREEK PADDLE:** Enjoy the climbing aster blooms and the butterfly traffic along this enchanting part of Shell Creek. Join Master Naturalist Rick Fried from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15 as he guides us along one of the prettiest waterways in Charlotte County. Participants must provide their own watercraft and be able to swim. Call 941-637-8805.

**KAYAK PRAIRIE CREEK:** Paddle through streamside and cypress wetlands Oct. 23 or Dec. 9, led by Florida Master Naturalists Jamie Reynolds and Jim Knoy. Participants must provide their own watercraft and be able to swim. Call 941-637-8284.

**CHARLOTTE FLATWOODS PRESERVE:** Join Master Naturalists Jamie Reynolds and Jim Knoy Oct. 28 to walk this area of pine flatwoods, wetland marshes and freshwater habitats. Jamie will identify and explain the plants and animals of this preserve as we walk along. Call 941-637-8284.

**MORGAN PARK:** Ancient oaks and other hardwoods line the trail along the Peace River in Arcadia's Morgan Park. Join Master Naturalists Jamie Reynolds and Jim Knoy Nov. 11 as we enjoy the birds and flora along this beautiful trail. Call 941-637-8284.

**PADDLE LETTUCE LAKE:** Explore the wooded maze of

channels from the lake out into the Peace River from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12 or Dec. 17. Our guide, Rick Fried, is an experienced master naturalist and knows this tricky area well. Once we reach the Peace River, we will stop and enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Nav-A-Gator Restaurant. Participants must provide their own watercraft, bring money for lunch and know how to swim. Call 941-637-8805.

**STUMP PASS BEACH WALK:** Join popular biologist Dr. Bill Dunsen from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 14 on this beach walk from Stump Pass State Park to the Pass and back. This will be about 2.5 miles round trip. We will investigate the beach lagoon and learn about barrier island plants and animals. Bring water, lunch and a shady hat. Call 941-423-2713.

**KAYAK MYRTLE CREEK:** Paddle with us from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 18 or Dec. 13 as we go upstream into an ever-narrowing freshwater jungle. We will return backstream, out into a grassy maze of brackish water channels where Myrtle Creek meets with lower Shell Creek. Our guide will be Master Naturalist Jim Story. We will visit the only waterfall in this area, the Punta Gorda Dam, which contains the city's water supply. Participants must provide their own watercraft and be able to swim. Call 941-505-8904.

**SHELL CREEK BELOW THE DAM:** Paddle Shell Creek below the dam Nov. 20, led by Florida Master Naturalists Jamie Reynolds and Jim Knoy. Participants must provide their own watercraft and be able to swim. Call 941-637-8284.

**HIKE PRAIRIE CREEK PRESERVE:** Join us Nov. 25 for a nature hike led by Florida Master Naturalists Jamie Reynolds and Jim Knoy. They will identify and explain the plants and wildlife of this preserved area of pine flatwoods, scrub and riparian habitats. Call 941-637-8284.

for rugged, sometimes wet, terrain. \$8 per person. Advance registration is required; call 239-549-4606. Meeting location provided upon registration. No children younger than 5, please.

## WILDLIFE RESCUE COURSE

Peace River Wildlife Center will sponsor a free wildlife rescue course from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 18. This class, open to the public, will be held at the beautiful Riverside RV Resort (9770 Kings Highway, Arcadia), just down the road from the Nav-A-Gator Grill. The course will offer hands-on training and handouts to help you learn how to safely rescue injured wildlife. Donations to PRWC are

gratefully accepted. Reservations are suggested; call 406-690-8151 to ensure your spot.

## MARINEQUEST 2014

Once a year, the public gets an up-close opportunity to discover Florida's fish and wildlife as well as their habitats. This event is called MarineQuest, and all are welcome to experience a variety of stations at no cost. MarineQuest will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute

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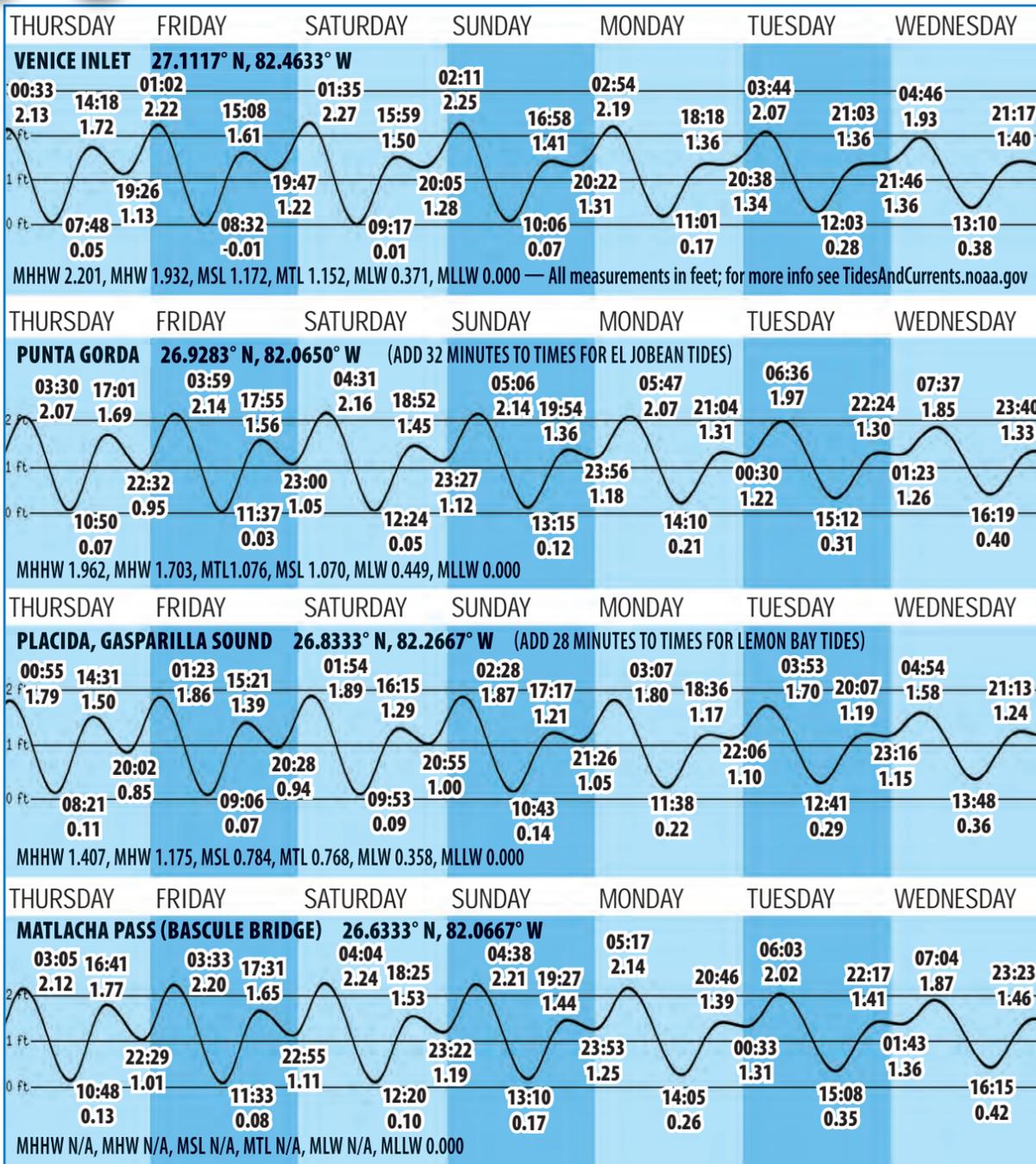
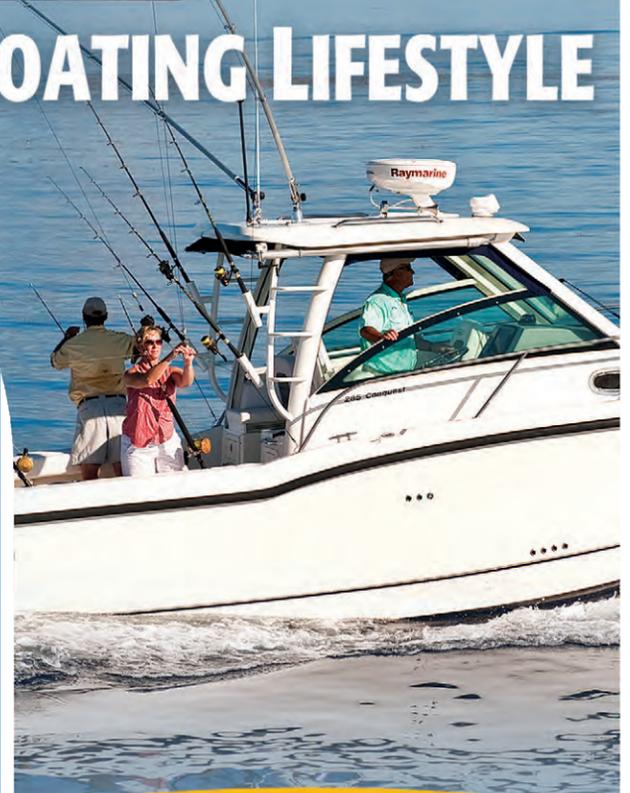
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**Redfish** are schooling up. Most are 18 to 20 inches with a few bigger ones scattered in. Hunt around docks and seawalls. There are single fish on the flats around mullet schools. Either way, they like shrimp on a jighead or cut pinfish. **Black drum** 24 inches plus are hanging around structure and deeper water. You'll also find 12- to 15-inch snapper there eating shrimp. The **trout** bite is decent early or late; forget about midday.

**Grouper** are farther out over hard bottom and ledges. A few **kingfish** are also coming in from the same areas. **Sharks** are out there in good numbers. Some **permit** have been caught on the wrecks. The artificial reefs have been giving up lots of **mangrove snapper**.

The jetties and bridges are loaded with **snook**, and there are still quite a few on the beaches. Fish live pinfish or chunks of fresh mullet.

#### JIM

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Lots of **mangrove snapper** and **sheepshead** to 18 inches are on the Placida trestle and nearby docks. **Redfish** are coming in as bycatch for snook anglers, or you can chase the schools of bigger fish. **Flounder** are getting to be more common inside the passes and along the beaches.

Some really nice **lane snapper** to 16 inches and piles of **mangrove snapper** are coming in from the nearshore reefs. Good numbers of **cobia** are turning up as well, mostly offshore but a few in the Harbor. Fish **gags** in 38 feet with sardines south of Boca Grande. There are also more than a few being speared.

**Snook** fishermen have been catching large numbers on island points with tidal movement and along Boca Grande Pass. A fair number are keepers.

#### ROGER

FINE BAIT &  
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**Black drum** are eating cut mullet or ladyfish and shrimp at El Jobean and the U.S. 41 bridges. Look for schools of mullet in Lemon Bay early in the morning and throw chunks of cutbait for the **redfish** that are mixed in with them. The canals are giving up **bass** on shiners where you find moving water and **tilapia** on red wigglers.

**Cobia** and catch-and-release **red grouper** are eating cutbait 4 to 8 miles out.

The section of the Myakka River that runs through North Port is producing **snook** on white or light-colored Rapala topwaters.

#### JEFF

CAPT. TED'S  
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**Redfish** are biting pretty well, but the fish in the Harbor have been a bit smaller as the bigger fish stay in the Gulf. There are a good number of small **trout** and a handful of gators, but few in between. A bit of **sheepshead** action is being reported, with some popping up on the flats. **Tripletail** are moving in but hard to see in the dark water. **Tarpon** are still all over the place, but they're also hard to see because a rolling tarpon looks a lot like a whitecap.

**Red grouper** are out until Jan. 1. Near-keeper **gags** are coming from 12 to 14 miles bottom fishing. Squirrelfish and pinfish are grouper candy. Some good **mangrove snapper** are coming from the same spots. A few **kingfish** are starting to show up in the nearshore Gulf.

The rain has driven the **snook** back up the creeks, so there are fewer on the beaches. Creek mouths along the east and west walls are snook magnets. Plastic swimbait will work, live pinfish or whitebait are better.

#### ROBERT

FISHIN' FRANK'S  
 Charlotte Harbor  
 941-625-3888

**Mangrove snapper** are biting in the passes and canals. The **redfish** bite is good from Burnt Store to Two Pine and better around Patricio and into Pine Island Sound. Lots of **snook** are coming from Placida and Bull Bay. **Pompano** are really moving along the beaches, especially toward Venice Inlet. **Tarpon** are scattered from Boca Grande Pass to the Nav-A-Gator; I'd soak a ladyfish in the 20-foot holes.

**Spanish mackerel** are thick from the passes to 15 miles. You'll find a few **sharks** with them. **Mangrove** and **lane snapper** are biting well at 7 to 15 miles, along with a pile of **grunts**. **Flounder** and **sheepshead** are turning up on the reefs and ledges.

The stone crab traps have been out for a few days and should be starting to draw in some **tripletail**, and maybe even **cobia**. While you're hunting them, troll for **mackerel** and **kingfish**.

#### CHUCK

LAISHLEY MARINE  
 Punta Gorda  
 941-639-3949

**Tarpon** are upriver north of U.S. 41. Just look for tilapia schools. The afternoon bite is best. **Black drum** will take shrimp or squid on the bottom at the north end of the 41 bridges or the bumpers. Small **trout** are around Burnt Store; check the ICW for bigger fish. **Pompano** are in the channels outside the bars. The canals are holding **snook**; fish early or late for best results. **Mangrove snapper** are everywhere, eating shrimp or stealing baits.

**Spanish mackerel** are biting from the beach out, and there are kingfish starting at 3 miles. The snapper bite is good on rubble piles and hard bottom. If you want gags, plan to troll the ledges — they're still scattered and haven't really moved inshore yet. A few **cobia** have been caught, but the action will probably pick up soon.

Good schools of **redfish** are on the east wall from Whorehouse Point south, plus some scattered on the west wall. They like cutbait, but the snapper are stealing it, so try live pinfish or early morning topwaters.

#### DOUG

D&D BAIT AND  
 TACKLE  
 Matlacha  
 239-282-9122

**Redfish** are taking cutbait on the flats. **Cobia** have been reported on the Burnt Store Bar; feed them cut mullet or live pinfish. Mangrove shorelines are holding some nice **redfish** and 12- to 14-inch **snapper**. **Tarpon** about 20 or 30 pounds are hanging around the south side of the Matlacha Bridge; try live pinfish or a red and white Bomber.

The **red grouper** bite is going strong.

**Snook** are whacking pinfish or live greenies in the Matlacha canals.

#### JESSE

OLD PINE ISLAND  
 MARINA  
 St. James City  
 239-283-2548

Big schools of over-slot **redfish** are cruising very shallow grassflats early; toss gold spoons or silver topwaters. **Tarpon** reports are good in the mouth of the Caloosahatchee and in front of York Island. They like pinfish. **Snook** are taking white soft plastics fished under docks and mangroves. **Spanish mackerel** are hitting fast-moving silver spoons or threadies. Short **trout** are all over; keepers are few.

The **red grouper** bite was hot right up until season closed. There are **gags** in 65 to 70 feet off Sanibel hitting pinfish and squirrelfish; spearfishermen also getting quite a few. Big **lane snapper** are on an natural hard bottom in 55 to 70 feet; try cutbait or squid. **Mangrove snapper** bite great as well. The Fantastico is producing **bonita** and **blackfin tuna**.

For keeper **redfish**, throw soft plastic paddletails or jerkbaits under the mangroves late in the morning.



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# WaterLine FISHING RULES

State and federal regulations for Southwest Florida waters as of Sept. 14, 2014. All bag limits are per harvester per day. Other limits may apply. This chart does not include every rule an angler needs to know; for most current rules visit [MyFWC.com/fishing](http://MyFWC.com/fishing) and [GulfCouncil.org/fishing\\_regulations](http://GulfCouncil.org/fishing_regulations).

## LICENSES

**Resident saltwater or freshwater:** Annual \$17, 5-year \$79. If you fish from shore only, a license is required but is free. Resident license for both freshwater and saltwater fishing: \$32.50 annually.

**Nonresident saltwater or freshwater:** 3 days \$17, 7 days \$30, annual \$47. Free shore fishing license not available for nonresidents.

**Annual fishing permits:** Snook \$10, lobster \$5, not required when no license required

## SALTWATER FISH

### Almaco Jack

Bag limit 100 pounds in state waters; notes: 9,11

### Amberjack, Greater

30" min. size; bag limit 1; season closed June 1-July 31 in state waters, closed until Jan. 1 in federal waters; notes: 1,3,4,5,9

### Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish

Slot 14" to 22"; aggregate bag limit 5; notes: 1,4,5,9

### Black Drum

Slot 14" to 24" (may possess one over 24"); bag limit 5; notes: 5,7,8

### Black Sea Bass

10" min. size; bag limit 100 pounds; notes: 2,4,5,9

### Bluefish

12" min. size; bag limit 10; notes: 1,5

### Blue runner

Bag limit 100

### Bonefish

Harvest prohibited.

### Cobia

33" min. size; bag limit in state waters, 1 per harvester or 6 per vessel, whichever is less; limit in federal waters, 2; notes: 1,5

### Dolphin (Mahi mahi)

Bag limit 10 per harvester or 60 per vessel, whichever is less; notes: 5

### Flounder, all species

12" min. size; bag limit 10; harvest by gig or spear OK; notes: 2,5,8

### Grouper, Black

22" min. size; bag limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10,12

### Grouper, Gag

22" min. size; bag limit 2; season open July 1-Dec. 3 in state waters; in federal waters, open July 1 until quota met; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10

### Grouper, Goliath

Harvest prohibited. Legal to target for catch and release in state but not federal waters

### Grouper, Red

20" min. size; bag limit 4 in state waters or 3 in federal waters; season closed in federal waters Oct. 4 to Jan. 1; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10,12

### Grouper, Scamp

16" min. size; bag limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10,12

### Grouper, Snowy & Yellowedge

Bag limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10

### Grouper, Warsaw & Speckled Hind

Bag limit 1 per vessel; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10

### Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth

20" min. size; bag limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10,12

### Grouper, Coney, Graysby, Red Hind, Rock Hind & Tiger

Bag limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10,12

### Hogfish

12" min. size; bag limit 5; notes: 1,4,5,9

### Mackerel, King (kingfish)

24" min. size; bag limit 2 (reduced to 1 in some state waters if federal waters are closed to harvest; see [MyFWC.com/fishing](http://MyFWC.com/fishing) for current regulations); notes: 1,5

### Mackerel, Spanish

12" min. size; bag limit 15; transfer of Spanish mackerel to other vessels at sea prohibited; notes: 1,5

### Mullet, Striped & Silver

Bag limit, Feb 1-Aug. 31, aggregate 50 per harvester or 100 per vessel, whichever is less; Sept. 1-Jan. 31, aggregate 50 per harvester or per vessel; bag limit also applies to mullet used as bait; harvest or possession of striped mullet prohibited in Punta Gorda between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Nov. 1-Feb. 29. See <http://bit.ly/urExej>.

### Permit

Slot 11" to 20" (may possess one over 20"; maximum of 2 over 20" per vessel); bag limit 2; hook and line gear only in state waters; spearing legal in federal waters; notes: 1,5,7

### Pompano, Florida

11" min. size; bag limit 6; notes: 1,5,7

### Pompano, African

24" min. size; bag limit 2 per harvester or per vessel; spear fishing prohibited; notes: 1,5,7

### Porgy, Red

Bag limit 100 pounds; notes: 4,5,9

### Redfish

Slot 18" to 27"; bag limit 1 per harvester or 8 per vessel, whichever is less; transport limit 6 per person; gigging, spearing or snatching prohibited; illegal to harvest or possess in federal water; notes: 2,5,7

### Sailfish

63" min. size from tip of lower jaw to center of fork; bag limit 1 any billfish (sailfish and marlin); Highly Migratory Species permit required to harvest in federal waters and all harvested fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours; notes: 5

### Sea Trout, Spotted

Slot 15" to 20" (may possess one over 20"); bag limit 4; notes: 2,5,7

### Shark, all species

54" min. size except Atlantic sharpnose, blacknose, blacktip, bonnethead, finetooth and smooth dogfish (only exceptions to 54" min. in federal waters are Atlantic sharpnose and bonnethead; bag limit in state waters 1 per harvester or 2 per vessel, whichever is less; bag limit in federal waters, 1 per vessel; may be harvested by hook and line only; Highly Migratory Species permit required to harvest in federal waters; lemon and hammerhead sharks prohibited; notes: 1,5,7

### Sheepshead

12" min. size; bag limit 15; notes: 2,5,7

### Snapper, Cubera

Slot 12" to 30" (may possess 2 over 30" per harvester or per vessel); bag limit 10 if under 30"; fish over 30" not included in aggregate limit; notes: 2,4,5,9,13

### Snapper, Gray (Mangrove)

10" min. size in state waters; 12" min. in federal waters; bag limit 5; notes: 2,4,5,9,13

### Snapper, Lane

8" min. size; bag limit 100 pounds in state waters; not included in aggregate limit; notes: 2,4,5,9,11

### Snapper, Mutton

16" min. size; bag limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,9,13

### Snapper, Red

16" min. size; bag limit 2; season to be determined in state waters; in federal waters, open June 1 - June 12; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,13

### Snapper, Schoolmaster

10" min. size; bag limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,9,13

### Snapper, Vermilion (beeliner)

10" min. size; bag limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,9,11

### Snapper, Blackfin, Dog, Queen, Mahogany, Silk & Yellowtail

12" min. size; limit 10 per harvester; notes: 2,4,5,9,13

### Snook

Slot 28" to 33"; bag limit 1; season closed Dec. 1-Feb. 29 & May 1-Aug. 31; \$10 snook permit required to harvest when license is required, including free resident shore fishing license; state regulations apply in federal waters; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

### Tarpon

Bag limit 1 per harvester per year; \$51.50 tarpon tag required to harvest or possess, which

is legal only in pursuit of an IGFA record; for seasonal Boca Grande Pass rules, see <http://bit.ly/l6zrDj>; notes: 6,8

### Triggerfish, Gray

14" min. size in state waters; 12" min. size in federal waters; bag limit 2; season closed June 1-July 31 in state waters; closed until Jan. 1 in federal waters; notes: 1,4,5,11

### Tripletail

15" min. size; bag limit 2; may be harvested by hook and line only; notes: 2,5,7,8

### Wahoo

Bag limit 2; notes: 1,5

### lionfish

Invasive exotic; kill all specimens on sight. Fins have venomous spines.

### NO-HARVEST SPECIES

Zero bag limit for bonefish, Goliath grouper (jewfish), Nassau grouper, sawfish, spotted eagle rays, lemon sharks, hammerhead sharks. Go to the website listed below for a full list of no-harvest species.

Visit <http://bit.ly/10nYDlz> for full rules.

## NOTES

1. Measured fork length. Fork length is the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the center of the tail.
2. Measured total length. Total length is the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side.
3. Bag limit zero for captain and crew of for-hire vessels on a paid trip.
4. Reef fish gear rules apply. Anglers must use non-stainless steel circle hooks when using natural baits, and must possess a dehooking device.
5. Must remain in whole condition (head and tail intact) until landed ashore. Removal of gills and internal organs OK.
6. Harvest by spearfishing prohibited.
7. Use of multiple or treble hooks in conjunction with natural bait prohibited.
8. Harvest by snatching prohibited.
9. Except for sand perch and dwarf sand perch, fish designated as reef fish are illegal to use as bait in federal waters or aboard a vessel with a federal reef fish permit. In state waters, legal-size reef fish may be used as bait but must remain in whole condition and must be counted against bag limit.
10. Included in aggregate grouper bag limit of 4 fish.
11. Included in 20-fish reef fish aggregate bag in federal waters (vermillion snapper, lane snapper, almaco jack, grey triggerfish, all tilefishes).
12. Closed Feb. 1-March 31 ONLY in federal waters outside 20-fathom break.
13. Included in aggregate snapper bag limit of 10 fish.

## FRESHWATER FISH

### Largemouth Bass

South of State Road 80; max. size 14", bag limit 5 (may possess one over 14") — North of State Road 80; slot 14"-22", bag limit 5 (may possess one over 22")

### Sunfish (excluding crappie)

Aggregate limit 50

### Crappie

Limit 25

### Butterfly peacock bass

Max. size 17", limit 2 (may possess one over 17")

### Grass carp

Must be released immediately

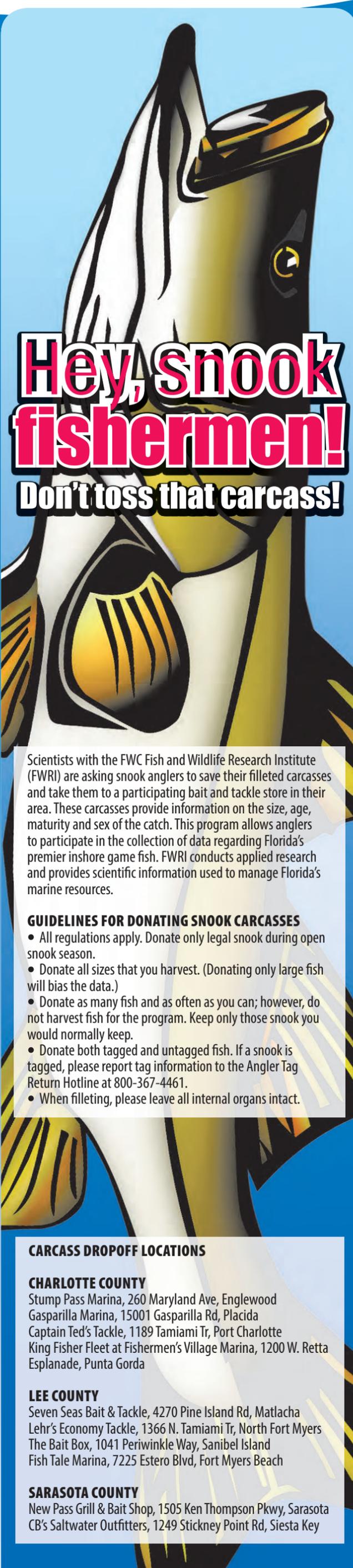
### Other exotic fishes

Please keep and eat or otherwise destroy; do not use as live bait.

### Unregulated species

No bag or size limits on gar (except alligator gar; possession of this species is illegal), bowfin, pickerel and all catfish.

Visit <http://bit.ly/10nYJQr> for full rules, including special management areas.



**Hey, snook fishermen!**  
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Scientists with the FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) are asking snook anglers to save their filleted carcasses and take them to a participating bait and tackle store in their area. These carcasses provide information on the size, age, maturity and sex of the catch. This program allows anglers to participate in the collection of data regarding Florida's premier inshore game fish. FWRI conducts applied research and provides scientific information used to manage Florida's marine resources.

### GUIDELINES FOR DONATING SNOOK CARCASSES

- All regulations apply. Donate only legal snook during open snook season.
- Donate all sizes that you harvest. (Donating only large fish will bias the data.)
- Donate as many fish and as often as you can; however, do not harvest fish for the program. Keep only those snook you would normally keep.
- Donate both tagged and untagged fish. If a snook is tagged, please report tag information to the Angler Tag Return Hotline at 800-367-4461.
- When filleting, please leave all internal organs intact.

### CARCASS DROPOFF LOCATIONS

#### CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Stump Pass Marina, 260 Maryland Ave, Englewood Gasparilla Marina, 15001 Gasparilla Rd, Placida  
Captain Ted's Tackle, 1189 Tamiami Tr, Port Charlotte  
King Fisher Fleet at Fishermen's Village Marina, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

#### LEE COUNTY

Seven Seas Bait & Tackle, 4270 Pine Island Rd, Matlacha  
Lehr's Economy Tackle, 1366 N. Tamiami Tr, North Fort Myers  
The Bait Box, 1041 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island  
Fish Tale Marina, 7225 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach

#### SARASOTA COUNTY

New Pass Grill & Bait Shop, 1505 Ken Thompson Pkwy, Sarasota  
CB's Saltwater Outfitters, 1249 Stickney Point Rd, Siesta Key



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# Up against the wall

Seawalls are often-overlooked structures that can be gold mines for shore anglers. While piers, bridges and beaches get most of the attention, the subtle seawall offers a different perspective and a chance to avoid interacting with anything other than fish.

The incoming tide and the subsequent rising water level near seawalls brings bait in with it. In turn, hungry predators like snook, tarpon, redfish and jack crevalle are soon to follow. These fish are the most common catches from the seawalls this time of year around Charlotte Harbor, and can be caught using a variety of live baits and artificials.

The big four seawalls, if you will, of the Harbor are located at Gilchrist Park and Laishley Park in Punta Gorda, around the bridge spanning the Myakka River in El Jobean and at the base of the U.S. 41 bridges in Port Charlotte. These offer public access. There are many miles of seawalls on private property that you will need to get permission to fish.

While the square footage of the seawalls near the bridge in Port Charlotte pales in comparison to the other aforementioned seawalls, it is the most popular among local anglers. They are relatively easy to access and have a key component of any good fishing hole: Structure. You can cast right up against the bridge pilings. Here, snook and redfish are the main targets, and black drum are a common catch as well. One deadly tactic is to fish a swimbait on the outgoing tide, letting the current carry it as close to the pilings as you dare. Another option is to float a live shrimp or pinfish under a popping cork near the power lines. Be careful though, as big portions of this seawall are dilapidated.

However you choose to fish this area, make certain of this: There is a lot of structure on the bottom here and it doesn't take much to get hung up. Either learn the terrain or stay off the bottom, instead casting suspending plugs or other artificials that stay higher in the water column.

Since they are in such close proximity to each other, the seawalls at Gilchrist and Laishley offer similar fishing. Starting around August, you can find and sight-fish juvenile tarpon — sometimes in incredible numbers — from these seawalls. Occasionally the adults will come in close enough for a shot at as well. Look for rolling fish and cast a soft plastic shrimp in the eighth-ounce range or a MirrOlure 17MR MirrOdine.

The tarpon will stick around through the early part of fall and sometimes longer. By the time the tarpon start to slow down, snook are usually making a good showing. With several hundred feet of seawall to work with at either Gilchrist or Laishley, these are perfect destinations for land-trolling swimbaits or diving plugs. Let out about 10 feet of line and let your lure "troll" behind you as you walk up and down the seawall. It's a great way to cover a lot of ground and find fish. You can keep your bait

WaterLine photo by Matt Stevens

This 38-inch snook was the product of a successful seawall outing recently in El Jobean.



right up next to the seawall or make a short cast, depending on where the fish are holding.

Last but not least are the superb seawalls of El Jobean. While most folks migrate to the pier, those with a little more sense of adventure have learned to love the seawalls here. Again, it's all about the structure. On one stretch along El Jobean you can cast right under a section of the old train trestle — the portion opposite the one you're allowed to fish on —

where some bruiser snook hang out. On other parts of the seawall system, you can get right underneath the bridge and fish the pilings.

For many anglers, El Jobean is all about the snook, but can be a good tarpon, cobia and sheepshead destination as well. While other spots are strictly seasonal, the Bean seems pretty consistent in holding fish year-round.

Swimbaits and El Jobean go hand in hand, so keep some at the ready if you're headed

that way. For stretches of the seawall system that aren't exposed to heavy current, it's hard to beat the MirrOdine.

Until next time, hook 'em up and fight 'em hard. Fish on, fellow anglers.

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# Handling fog

It's that time of year. You wake up early to enjoy a long day on the water, hoping to be the first to your favorite fishing spot. Unfortunately, looking out the window all you see is a low-flying cloud. Pea soup. Fog, technically described as minute water droplets suspended in the atmosphere, is threatening your plans. Fog differs from a cloud only in that it is at the Earth's surface instead of high in the sky.

Common sense dictates that you delay your day until the fog lifts and you can safely see to navigate. How long will that take? The answer depends upon the type of fog. Is it radiation, advection, steam (also known as sea smoke) or precipitation fog? We will not go into the details of each type of fog (which are easily found online, if you really want to know). No matter the type, the weather must change to disrupt the conditions causing the fog. This can be heating of the atmosphere as the sun rises, rainfall coming to an end, or a change in wind speed or direction. Obviously, if you haven't launched the boat, just sit tight. Have another cup of coffee, recheck your tackle and confirm you have all of your safety gear. Avoid boating in fog if at all possible.

But what if you're already on the water when the fog begins to develop? In certain parts of the country, advection fog can last for days. Lucky for us, here in Southwest Florida we see mostly radiation fog, which burns off from the sun or a slight increase in wind speed. We can, however, experience other types of fog like precipitation fog, which can roll in very quickly. If you are on the water when this occurs, there are a few rules with which you need to be familiar.

COLREGS (international nautical rules of the road) dictate that "every vessel shall, at all times, maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision." Basically, this means if you're in a collision and do not have a lookout toward the bow, you can be cited. Additionally, "all available means" includes eyes,

ears, binoculars, radar and VHF radio. It is worth mentioning that in more than half of all marine accident hearings, both vessels in a collision have been charged with failure to maintain an effective lookout.

Let's assume you're alone, fog is coming in and visibility is quickly diminishing — what now? Adjusting to a safe speed is crucial. Safe speed is considered the speed at which you have the ability to stop your vessel within half the range of visibility. For example, if you can see 50 yards, you must be able to stop within 25 yards. Remember, boats don't have brakes!

There are also regulations regarding sound. If you are underway, you must blast your horn one long blast (four to six seconds) every two minutes. If you are stopped but not anchored you must blast your horn two long blasts,

repeating every two minutes. If you are anchored — hopefully out of the channel — give a short (one second) blast followed by a long blast and another short blast. This sequence is to be repeated every minute. Whether anchored or underway, make yourself heard, listen for other boats and pay very close attention to your surroundings.

If you want to learn more about fog or all things marine weather-related, come take the Peace River Sail and Power Squadron's weather course starting Nov. 3. We can't control the weather, but we can be prepared for the ever-changing conditions we experience in Southwest Florida.

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# That magic moment

An epiphany is a sudden revelation or insight. The lives of fishermen and boaters can be full of epiphanies.

I had a rather good one leaving the dock one day. I pushed the boat from the dock, put the boat in gear to head home and nothing happened. I shifted into reverse and nothing happened there either. I looked under the console to ensure the linkage was attached. I removed the engine cowl to make sure the linkage was attached there and working. Everything was working as it should but the boat still would not move. After several minutes of troubleshooting and a phone call to possibly have my trailer brought down to where I was, I had an epiphany:

This might work better if the boat was running.

Hopefully your epiphany moment won't be as stupid as mine. This one is meant to bring a little humor and to show you that charter captains are no different than anyone else. We're not special, we don't have superpowers and we still do dumb things.

As a fisherman, you should have little epiphanies out there on the water all the time. Most are simple things that just click after a little revelation or help from a friend or something you saw on a TV show or found on your own and it makes things happen.

Now, the bad news is that epiphanies are usually accompanied by insanity. In fact, an epiphany is required to break the circle of stupidity that insanity brings. Albert Einstein said that insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Looking back, I'm pretty sure most of us are the living embodiment of that definition. We throw the same lure, the same way, over and over hoping for a fish to bite.

At some point, something has to change that. It can be as simple as changing your presentation, such as slowing down or speeding up. Never forget that "stop" is as important as "go" when using lures. It can be changing your knot. If you're using a loop knot on your lure, try a cinch knot. Using a cinch knot on a lure can sometimes change its action. If the lure has a snap ring on the front, sometimes I'll remove it to help change the action.

Something else to try is changing your leader. Going lighter to provide more action in that lure or to make it dive a little deeper. You can also go heavier to accomplish the opposite. Or maybe go longer on your leader to keep your line from being seen.

You can also try different colors or color combinations. Is the lure too loud or not loud enough? All of these things should be considered if you're not producing fish.

The same thing goes with live bait. If things aren't happening with what you're doing, it may be time to change. Again, the changes can be simple. If you're fishing the bottom, try the top (and vice-versa). If you're using whitebait or pinfish, have you ever tried changing where you



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Before you can consistently catch quality fish, you'll have to have an epiphany or two.

hook that bait? Most of us nose-hook our bait, but try hooking it across the back or above the anal fin. Have you ever noticed that the snook will eat the whitebait that you toss out for chum but ignore the one on your hook? Change your hook placement and watch what happens.

If you're using whitebait for snapper and they aren't biting, but you know for certain they are there or you can see them just looking at your bait and bolting away, try tearing the back of your bait. You can also give them a squeeze so they appear more wounded. Believe it or not, little things like that can make all the difference in the world.

How about changing locations? Maybe you don't have good waterflow, or the fish there aren't in a feeding pattern in that spot. Maybe there simply aren't any fish there. I can't tell you how many people ask me to help them catch more fish and when I ask them where they fish, they give me one location. When I ask them where else they fish, they say "I always go there and only there." Please refer to the above definition of insanity. Just because you caught fish there once doesn't mean you're always going to catch fish there. At some point, the light bulb ought to turn on ...

We fishermen tend to be creatures of habit, so we will always teeter towards the insanity side of the equation. But if things aren't working, you have to make a change. You have to try different things. Never be afraid to ask questions. Sometimes that epiphany will come from someone else because you're just being too stubborn to realize it.

I still ask people things just for a fresh point of view. Again, just because I'm a charter captain doesn't mean I know everything or I'm infallible. If I see something isn't working, I'll usually ask Robert at Fishin' Frank's his opinion on what I'm doing. He'll usually say, "Have you tried this?" and then that light bulb flashes to life. I can admit

that sometimes I need a little help to flip the switch. The question is, can you?

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## MAN FLOATING IN BUBBLE RESCUED BY COAST GUARD



ORLANDO (AP) — A man trying to reach Bermuda in an inflatable bubble has been rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard off the coast of Florida after he began suffering from fatigue and asked for help. Coast Guard spokeswoman Marilyn Fajardo said in a statement Saturday that air crew were able to safely pick up Reza Baluchi and his vessel Saturday morning. He was transported to a Coast Guard station in Clearwater where he was evaluated and found to be uninjured. Officials originally received a report of Baluchi floating in the bubble Oct. 1. The Coast Guard arrived on the scene about 70 nautical miles east of St. Augustine to find him disoriented and inquiring how to get to Bermuda. Crew members from Coast Guard Cutter Webber conveyed the dangers of the proposed trip and asked him to end it, noting his lack of sustainable supplies. Baluchi had only protein bars, bottled water, a GPS and satellite phone aboard his vessel. He initially refused assistance, but officials continued to monitor his movement until Baluchi activated his locator beacon Saturday because of fatigue.

## \$10 MILLION UP FOR GRABS

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## UNIQUE GULF WHALES IN TROUBLE



Researchers have called for urgent protection for a unique Gulf of Mexico whale that studies suggest could be one of the most endangered species in the world. This specific type of Bryde's whale live in waters off the Florida panhandle. Latest calculations show there are only 50 left living under severe threat of habitat destruction. The whales were recently found to be genetically different from any other whale found anywhere in the world. "This is a small population that is in difficult straits . . . their numbers are under 50, they're struggling to exist in one of the most heavily industrialized bodies of water in the world," said Michael Jasny from the Natural Resources Defense Council. The NRDC are petitioning to have the small

number of Bryde's whales left in the Gulf listed as endangered. The hope is that listing would guarantee the protection and support needed to allow them to recover. "You have a population of whales that without listing will perish," said Jasny.

## NAVY LAUNCHES DRONE BOATS

Self-guided unmanned patrol boats that can leave warships they're protecting and swarm and attack potential threats on the water could join the Navy's fleet within a year, defense officials say, adding the new technology could one day help stop attacks like the deadly 2000 bombing of the USS Cole off Yemen. The Arlington-based Office of Naval Research demonstrated the autonomous swarm boat technology over two weeks in August on the James River near Fort Eustis in Virginia — not far from one of the Navy's largest fleet concentration areas. It said the Navy simulated a transit through a strait, just like the routine passage of U.S. warships through the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf. In the demonstrations, as many as 13 small unmanned patrol boats were escorting a high-value Navy ship. Then as many as eight of the self-guided vessels broke off and swarmed around a threat when a ship playing the part of an enemy vessel was detected, the office said, calling the demonstrations a success.

## EXOTIC SNAILS: GOOD OR BAD?

A snail invasion that is helping feed endangered birds also threatens to sabotage costly Everglades restoration. Millions of South American apple snails overwhelmed a stormwater treatment area in Wellington and devoured pollution-filtering plants in the man-made marsh beside the northern reaches of the Everglades. The population explosion of snails "stripped every blade of vegetation" from 750 acres of a key portion of the stormwater treatment area, which is relied on to stop an overload of polluting phosphorus from flowing into the Everglades, said Terrie Bates, the South Florida Water Management District's director of water resources. The incident also raised concerns about the risk of the snails spreading to more of the 57,000 acres of filter marshes that are the state's main tools for keeping polluting phosphorus out of the Everglades. Creating those treatment areas

has cost taxpayers nearly \$2 billion. The influx of exotic apple snails had been credited with helping provide more food for the Everglades snail kite, an endangered bird of prey. Snail kite populations have been on the rebound in recent years, thanks in part to the arrival of the bigger, heartier snails that have delivered a boost to the finicky birds' food supply. But if the bigger snails end up being too much of a strain on vegetation vital to wildlife habitat, then the environmental trade-off may be too much for the Everglades.



## MMMM ... FISH POOP

Fish owners know cleaning the tank can be a pain. But a new fish tank solves that problem by making a tank that doubles as a garden, according to The Huffington Post. The "catch"? The fish waste acts as fertilizer for your vegetables. As The Huffington Post reports, the idea of aquaponics, or using aquatic animals to grow plants, isn't new. But Jack Ikard, the 21-year-old creator of the AquaSprouts Aquaponic Garden, is banking on the product's design and ease of use will make it a hit. It's currently about \$6,000 short of its \$60,000 Kickstarter goal. Ikard realizes some people may not be fans eating kale or tomatoes grown from their fish's waste. "That's just the way the world works," he said. "If it's not waste from your fish, it's some other kind of poop."

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This juvenile snook has a very large tail for its size. As it matures, it will grow into its tail like a Labrador puppy grows into its paws.

# Fish tails

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Every fish you catch has a tail, but have you ever thought much about fish tails? Unless we're studiously measuring a fish to see if it meets size requirements to go in the cooler, most of us don't pay much attention to the tails on the fish we handle.

The tail on most fish has almost the same function as the propeller on a boat: It provides the push that allows the fish to travel and to maneuver. There are a few fish which don't have a tail (or much of a tail) and these are fish which have little need for propulsion. For example, ocean sunfish (or *Mola mola*, if you prefer) are huge creatures that can weigh thousands of pounds. Since their lives are mostly spent in the open ocean drifting with the currents as they munch on slow-moving prey such as jellyfish, small crustaceans and plankton, the big creatures get along fine without a tail. There are also some fish, such as rays, which really don't use their tails for propulsion at all.

Rare exceptions aside, most fish do need tails to get around. Since the tail of each fish species needs to be sized and shaped to suit its particular lifestyle, there are many different types of fish tails. Most of us are familiar with the notion that some species of fish have forked tails and some species do not. In general, deeply forked tails allow for faster top-end swimming speeds. Non-forked or slightly forked tails allow for more maneuverability at slow speed, and more acceleration from a standstill. Most pelagic free-swimming ocean predators, such as mackerels and tunas, are equipped with deeply forked tails, while ambush predators, such as grouper, have tails that are not forked. Many of the very fastest fish have tails that are not only deeply forked,

but are also "lunate" — curved along the leading edges for hydrodynamic efficiency — and rigid so that they can beat side-to-side at a furious pace without collapsing. Next time you catch a Spanish mackerel or bonita, try to pinch together the lobes of the forked tail and you'll discover that it's almost impossible without breaking the fin itself.

There are all kinds of variations and in-betweens on the forked/non-forked tail shapes. Snook have forked tails, but the tail on a snook is very wide and is not deeply forked. This allows snook to be efficient at pouncing on prey and also to swim fairly quickly. Redfish do more grubbing of food along the bottom than snook, so it's not surprising that the tail on a redfish is not really forked at all (though the upper lobe on a redfish's tail does extend a bit, giving the appearance of a shallow fork). Interestingly, the sizes of redfish tails vary tremendously among individuals of nearly the same overall length. If you watch the weigh-in at a redfish tournament, you get to see dozens of redfish being measured, and you'll see that some of these fish will have tails that are nearly twice as large as others of similar size. Tournament anglers prefer to catch redfish with small tails, because a 27-inch small-tailed redfish will weigh more than a 27-incher on which much of the fish consists of lightweight tail fin.

Some fish use more than just their tails to maneuver. Tripletail spend much of their lives trying to look like a harmless clump of floating seaweed, a feat they accomplish by suspending themselves nearly motionless at the surface, often pressed up against objects such as crab trap buoys or floating debris. Not only do tripletail have a rounded tail, the lobes

on their second dorsal fin and anal fins extend way rearward, giving the fish their unusual name and additional maneuverability.

Did you ever notice that fish tails are vertical while the tails on dolphins and whales are horizontal? Both provide efficient propulsion, so why the difference? Many scientists believe it's because the evolutionary history of fish is along the same lines as ancient marine worms and other slithering things which undulate from side to side, while marine mammals are more closely related to creatures that run erect on

legs. An up-and-down tail motion on a dolphin is more similar to the forward striding motion of a land mammal.

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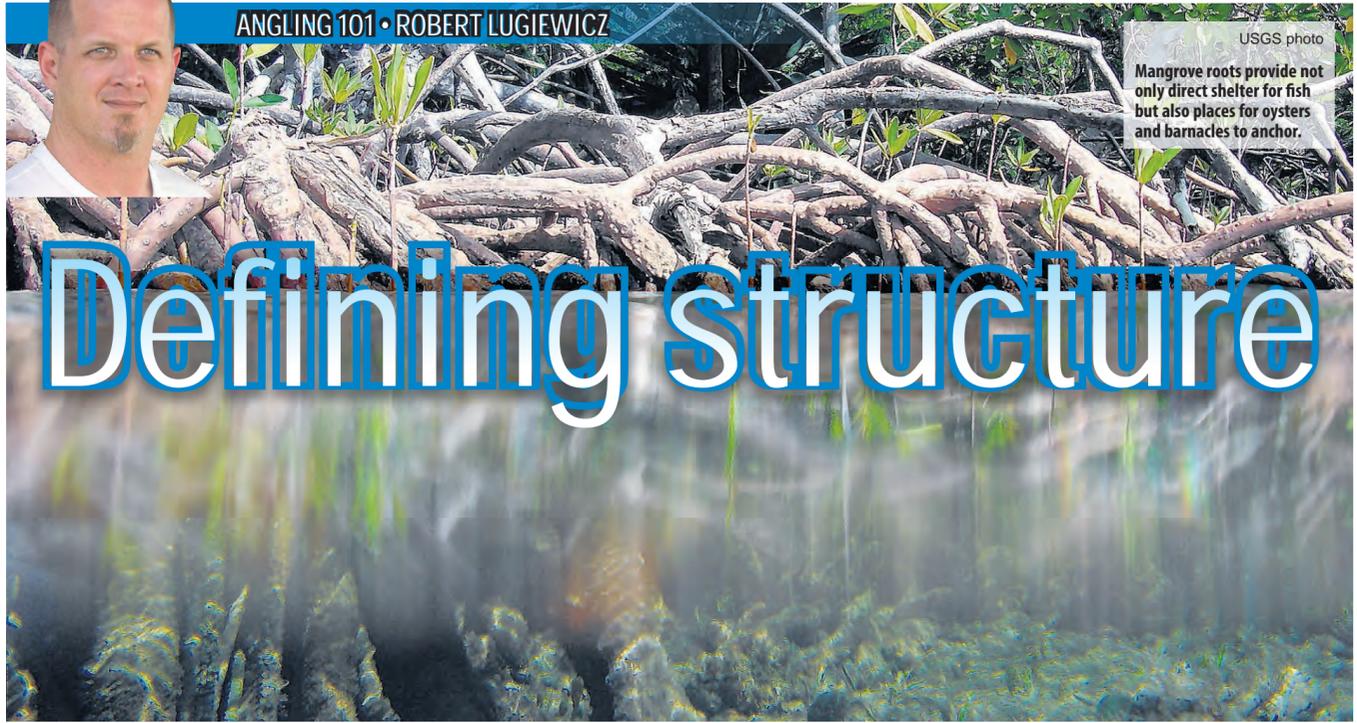
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Mangrove roots provide not only direct shelter for fish but also places for oysters and barnacles to anchor.

# Defining structure

Quick quiz: What do the following three things have in common? A floating coconut. A blade of turtle grass. The Great Barrier Reef. If you said they're all structure, you get a gold star.

If you hang around fishermen for more than a few minutes, you're likely to hear the word "structure." It's a technical term for "anything in the water." I'm oversimplifying, but that's pretty much the case. Structure is important to fish for two big reasons. First, they can use it to hide from things that want to eat them. Second, because smaller creatures use structure to hide, it's a great place to find a meal.

Anglers usually focus on large-scale structure. Inshore, that would include docks, bridge pilings, mangroves, oyster bars, sandholes and artificial reefs.

Dropoffs — the edges of boating channels, the troughs that run parallel to the beaches, limestone ledges out in the Gulf — are another form of structure that sometimes get overlooked. Hungry predators will sit on the deeper side waiting for unwary prey to pass overhead. This is a good strategy that gets much better when there's current flowing, sweeping little fish and shrimp over the drop.

Offshore, most people immediately think of reefs and wrecks as structure. These mega-structures do draw in fish, and lots of them. But they also draw in fishermen, because they're relatively easy to find. If you want to have your own spots, it pays to get intimate with your bottom machine, because a lot of offshore bottom structure is very subtle.

Areas of exposed limestone often have hundreds or thousands of small caves, just big enough for a grouper to call home. This type of structure is often called "Swiss cheese" bottom, and it's incredibly productive to fish these places. Even something as simple as a patch

of exposed flat rock can be enough to hold a surprisingly large number of fish in the Gulf's sandy desert. But you'll never locate Swiss cheese bottom, much less bare rock, if you're looking for a sunken U-boat.

Structure doesn't have to be on the bottom. Crabtrap markers, floating grass or seaweed, and even changes in water color can be called structure, particularly when you're offshore in open water. Anglers with bluewater experience will tell you that something as apparently insignificant as a floating board is often a fish magnet. When there's no place to hide, baitfish will utilize anything.

Actually, every time you go out on the water, you take structure with you. The moment you turn off your engine, your boat becomes structure. Sometimes fish will seek shelter under or next to your hull when predators are nearby. Cobia and barracuda are especially drawn to a boat that's anchored or drifting. The cobas will run circles around you, but the cobes will sit right below you. When that happens, just drop a chunk of cutbait over and hang on.

Most fish like structure, but it helps to know the habits of the fish you're targeting since different species use structure in different ways. Some fish like to get right in the thick of structure: Red grouper and snook, for example. Others, such as flounder and redfish, prefer to sit on the edges.

Generally speaking, actively feeding fish will face into the current and hang out on the upcurrent side of whatever structure they're on. Then there are a few fish that will sit on the downcurrent side of structure, especially pilings or bridge abutments which create fairly large eddies. They're usually not feeding aggressively; instead, they're taking advantage of the calmer water to rest. But if you offer a

bait that's not moving fast — say, a shrimp under a cork — it wouldn't be a huge surprise for an opportunistic fish to grab it.

Water flow is always a good thing to look for, and when you find it working in conjunction with structure, the results can be outstanding. Mangrove shorelines hold a lot of fish, but where a creek mouth flows out through the trees the bite is often much better. The creek can be tiny, with just barely a ripple visible, but the effect can be huge.

We could talk for hours about the specifics of structure and how each species relates to

it, but I'm going to save that for another day. The point is to get you thinking about how fish see the world around them so you can start trying to see things through their eyes. Once you start doing that, you'll be amazed at how much your fishing will improve — and you can bet that's not a bad thing.

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# The whole story



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It's not uncommon to see raccoons foraging during the day — especially females with fast-growing and hungry kits.

A big shout out to Josh Olive, the esteemed publisher of WaterLine, for looking out for me. I don't always have time to write a column every week. Sometimes I'm just too busy taking care of babies, patients and residents of Peace River Wildlife Center, not to mention staff, volunteers and board members (oh, no she di'ent). It's not like I'm just sitting around playing Candy Crush. There are also times, and this will come as some surprise to anyone who knows me at all, when I simply run out of things to say.

During just such a time recently, Josh reran one of my older articles. How sweet that he presumed I was busy being overrun by baby squirrels and not that I was trying to complete a jigsaw puzzle on my iPad. He picked that particular article, by his own admission, because he liked the picture of the cute little kitties that accompanied it. Careful there, Josh; you'll blow your macho cover. Don't worry, your secret is safe with me. I would never reveal to anyone how much time you spend watching

cat videos on YouTube. (It's OK, no one really reads this stuff — do they?)

I know for a fact most people don't read everything in its entirety. I got a lot of grief after the article about the bobcat kittens reran from people wanting to see them, not believing that we had bobcats, or wondering why I would lie about something like that. Even though Josh had printed a disclaimer at the beginning of the column that it was a reprint.

My faithful WaterLine readers (yes, both of you!) aren't the only ones who look at the picture, skim the headline, and make up their own story to fit their preconceived notion of what's not right with the world. PRWC has an active and very engaged following on Facebook. While we love our followers, they need to carefully read a post before heatedly replying to it. Noting International Raccoon Appreciation Day Oct. 1, we posted a few fun facts about that rascally species. One of the things we mentioned was that seeing a raccoon during

the day doesn't automatically mean it's rabid. Healthy moms and juveniles can be seen during the day searching for food.

To which the following reply was made: "I really wish you would not have said ALL raccoon seen during daylight hours have rabies ... I know the word ALL was not used, but it was implied by the post."

Really? Because that's not how I read it. To repeat — just because a raccoon is out during the day does not mean it has rabies. Quite the contrary, most raccoons will forage during daylight hours, particularly a mother and youngsters and especially if there is a source of food in the area. Sources of food include food left out for cats or birds, unsecured trash receptacles and tourists. You all know to whom I am referring: The people who delight in feeding french fries to the "seagulls," hot dogs to great blue herons, and marshmallows to raccoons and alligators. I think indigenous peoples just told visitors that animals had bad diseases so they

would leave them alone. Like a mother telling a child the mother bird will smell if a human touched her baby. Other than vultures, very few birds have any sense of smell at all.

Whoa, I kind of got off on a tangent there. My point was ... Wait. What was my point? I think it was a really good one, too. Maybe I'll remember by next week. In the meantime, don't believe everything you think you read. Especially if I wrote it.

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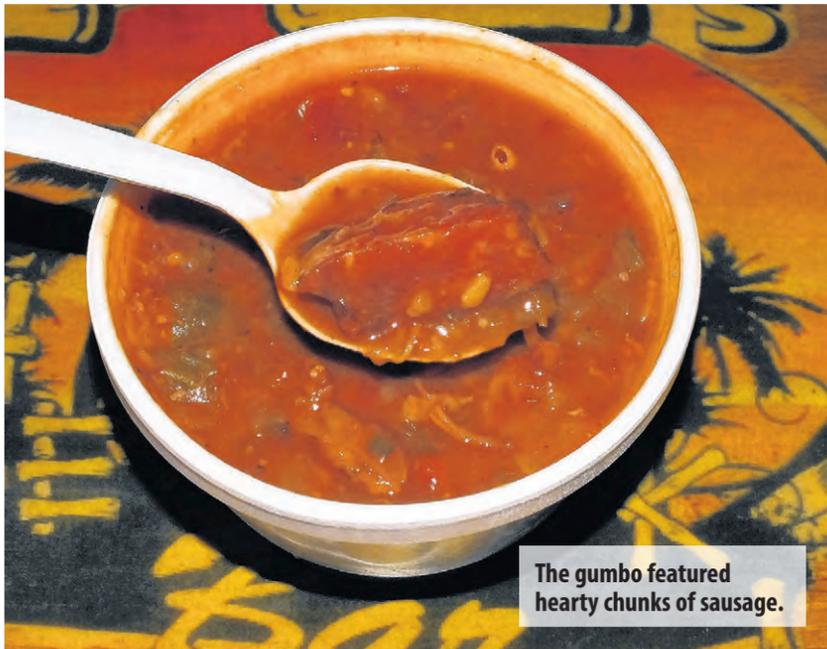
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DINING ON THE WATER

# Sunset at TT's Tiki



The gumbo featured hearty chunks of sausage.



Naked wings (there were a lot more that didn't get in the photo because they were eaten so fast).



Tiki tacos.



Firecracker shrimp.

If you drive over the U.S. 41 bridge from Port Charlotte into Punta Gorda, chances are good you've looked to the left and noticed a little tiki bar nestled right on the Harbor. Well, we noticed it too, and finally we just had to check it out.

TT's Tiki Bar is part of the Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside Hotel. There are two restaurants here that share a menu: The tiki bar and the Dockside Grill. The Dockside is indoors; the tiki bar is open to the wide world. It wasn't hard to choose one on this breezy, balmy evening.

You can tie your boat up at the dock, but since the sign says sunrise to sunset, we chose to arrive by car so we could watch nature's nightly western sky show and not worry about time. Other folks were getting ready for another show. TT's offers Thursday night football on their giant screen, and the sports fans seem to dig it. We sat on the other side of the patio, which we had more or less to ourselves.

Seating is a bit different than you might expect. We were in lounge-style wooden chairs and provided with individual small tabletops that fit across the armrests. It worked fine for us, but if you're planning an entire meal you might want to sit at the bar itself.

The plan was to go with finger foods, but when I saw seafood gumbo on the menu, I knew I'd have to sample it. I was not disappointed. Their hearty recipe is tomato-based and thick, crammed full of tender okra, corn, chopped onion, shredded chicken, sweet crawfish, chewy clams and massive chunks of Andouille sausage. It was spicy, but not nearly enough to melt your face. This gumbo is what they used to call food that sticks to your ribs — much more satisfying and filling than most other soups, and I'll bet it would be a great way to stay warm as we look forward to our nights turning cooler.

Since it was football night, wings were on special for 50 cents each. Well, that's all she needed to hear. She adores chicken wings. In fact, I could hardly get her to try anything else. We ordered them naked (fried, but not breaded). They were served with a traditional Buffalo sauce which, like the gumbo, was pleasantly spicy but not ridiculously hot. If you prefer ridiculously hot, they can accommodate you.

The Tiki tacos were a delight — generous mahi fillets, lettuce, tomato and sour cream on a couple of warmed flour tortillas. The pico de gallo served on the side added some punch, with tart tomatillos and a peppery kick. They came with a bowl of black beans and rice. If you're the type to not eat veggies, don't miss these. They were tender and moist, just a bit spicy — but there was an unexpected hint of cinnamon that made this dish unique and intriguing.

We expected the firecracker shrimp to be similarly spicy, but they were not. No worries — they were actually quite a bit better than we'd thought they might be. There were seven big, succulent shrimp, breaded and fried crispy. OK, no surprise yet. But then they were drizzled with an "island Buffalo" sauce that tasted like candied apricots to us. The sweetness provided a perfect counterpoint to all the spicy foods (for me, anyway — I couldn't get the wings out of her hands long enough to get a shrimp in there). The black sesame seeds added a subtle nuttiness, but the cucumber dipping sauce was completely superfluous.

Apparently the game was just getting good, but we figured it was time to walk the bridge and burn off a few calories. Maybe next time, sports fans.

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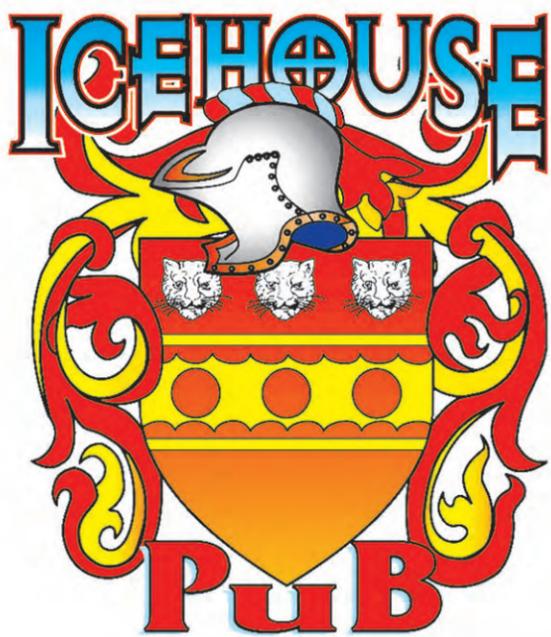
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A couple weekends ago (Sept. 27, to be exact), there was a boating accident with a happy ending. I first got wind there was something amiss when I got a call at work from the U.S. Coast Guard in St. Petersburg. They were asking if I was involved with the rescue of a capsized vessel southwest of Sanibel. I referred them to my counterpart at Sea Tow Lee County. I then learned of a boat in distress that had capsized with seven persons onboard. There were five adults and two children, ages 4 and 5 years old. The children and all adults were wearing lifejackets.

As I understand it from various media reports, the boat had lost power in choppy seas and was drifting west. Without power, the boat operator could not maintain control and waves started to swamp the boat, ultimately capsizing it. The boat's operator did not get a MAYDAY call out on the VHF Ch. 16 marine radio and their cellphones were wet. Eventually one of the passengers was able to get a cellular signal and called for help. The 911 operator was able to get GPS coordinates from the cellphone signal and directed rescue assets to the capsized vessel.

On the NBC-2 news, a reporter spoke to one of the survivors who stated the children had their lifejackets on first and everyone stayed with the capsized vessel until the marine police arrived and pulled everyone from the water.

I'm glad this incident had a happy ending. It could have been much worse.

As a reminder to all of us who spend time on the water, all recreational vessels must carry at

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Be safe out there and I'll see you on the water — wearing a lifejacket, of course.

Dave Nielsen is a safe boating instructor and vessel examiner for the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Englewood Flotilla ([CoastGuardEnglewood.com](http://CoastGuardEnglewood.com)) and the Peace River Sail & Power Squadron ([PuntaGorda-Boating.org](http://PuntaGorda-Boating.org)). You may contact him at [dc.nielsen@hotmail.com](mailto:dc.nielsen@hotmail.com).

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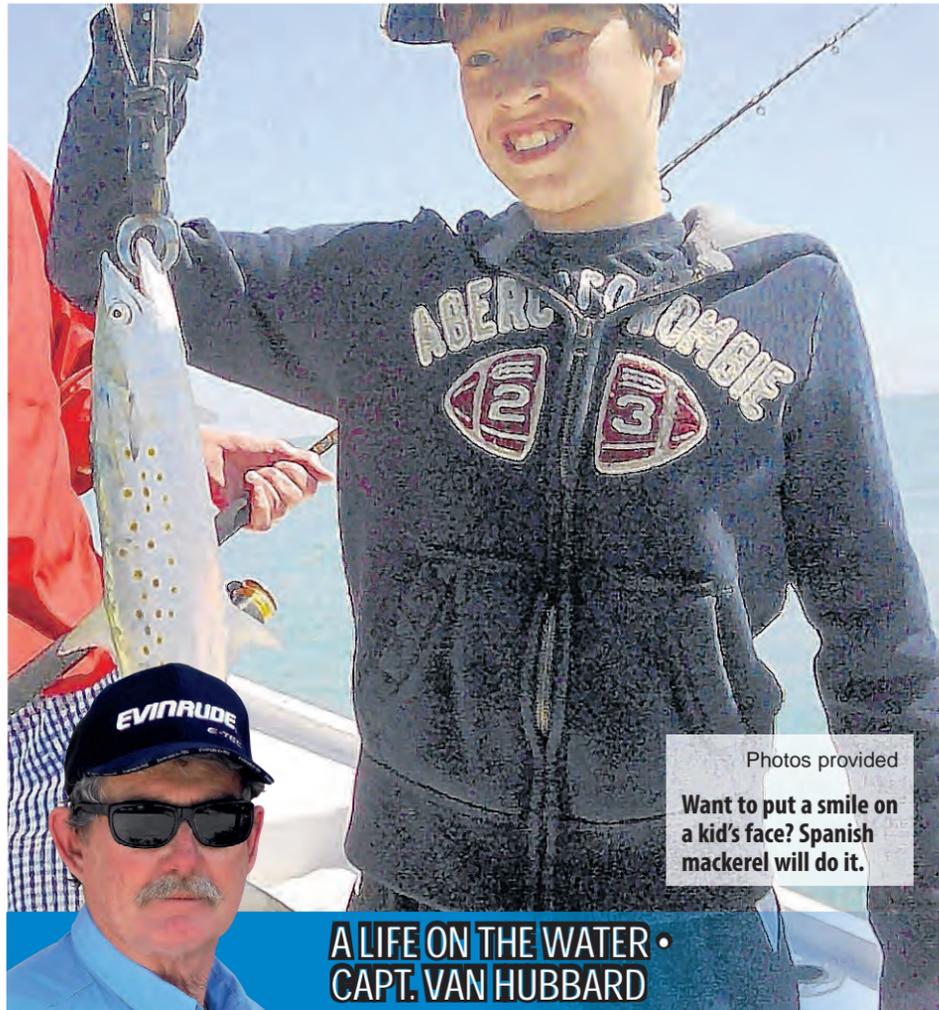
Slice baguette into quarter-inch slices. Brush both sides with garlic butter and bake in a preheated 375°F oven 6 to 7 minutes, turning once, until golden brown but not too crispy. Set aside to cool. Pick through crab meat to remove any bits of shell. Transfer to a nonreactive bowl. Add olive oil, roasted bell pepper, chives, basil, lemon juice and zest and mix well. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Top each crostini with about 1 tbsp crab mixture. Drizzle with olive oil and serve.

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Saturday evening, as I prepared to enjoy a fresh snook dinner caught by Mason, we observed the first flock of migrating white pelicans circling back into Charlotte Harbor. We watched a young bald eagle try to catch a fish. Friends are talking of kingfish and mackerel schools around the Tampa Bay area heading south. The front that blew through Saturday gave us our first taste of fall weather Sunday morning. The cool change is happening now. Get out when you can, and make time to enjoy our fabulous Southwest Florida fishing action before winter blows in and changes everything.

I was recently allowed a unique opportunity. I received an invitation to attend fishery management classes presented by the Marine Resource Education Program of Southeastern Fisheries. Alexa Dayton, with the help of many fishery staff members and volunteers, put together an awesome educational program. It's difficult to make time to get involved, but it's also absolutely necessary if you want your voice and ideas heard. I had no idea what to expect. Quite frankly, because it was part of our National Marine Fisheries Service, I was skeptical. I have felt for some time that our government regulators are killing our fishing

industries. I was provided the opportunity to understand some of how and why our system functions as it does.

Guess what — they have rules they have to follow also. The Magnuson-Stevens Act and its revisions are the laws of our land and dictate procedure that must be followed for fishery management. There are several proposals bouncing around our "do very little" Congress to modify MSA, but current legislators are more concerned with their re-election and continue going around and around in the usual D.C. "blame the other guy" circles. So MSA remains plagued by current language.

Locally we are ruled by the Gulf of Mexico Regional Management Council, except with Highly Migratory Species which are managed jointly with the South Atlantic Council. I obviously can't cover all the complexities of our council management system here. If you want to learn more, all the info and much more is on their websites. All I have space for here is an introduction and my sincere desire to encourage all interested the need to educate themselves and get involved. The system has challenges. Hands are tied by rules that never conceived the



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issues we face today — of course, money, politics and much more. It's all uphill, but nothing improves if we don't force it. It will not go away if we just ignore it.

I do want to point out that there are many good aspects of this system that could work even better with tweaking. The councils are made up of stakeholders, with advisory panels and committees that work hard to improve our management messes. Too many special interests are fighting for power and control rather than a working compromise that allows all something they can live with. Don't trust any group to convey your best interest; all are self-serving. If you can put fish first and find common ground, please get involved, but get out of the way if you are selfish.

One more thing about our gathering: We had every aspect of fishing represented, and we managed to learn from each other. This was great to understand some things of each others' issues. It was a great networking opportunity as well. I was busy from breakfast til after dinner making the most of this rare opportunity to talk and listen with other fishermen from all over the southeastern U.S., plus most of the major movers and leaders of our marine fishery management processes. It was the chance of a lifetime to learn, share and understand more, so I dove in enthusiastically. Capt. Ralph Allen and Charlotte County Sea Grant agent Betty Staugler also attended, so we were well-represented locally.

We all want to know what we can expect when we get out fishing. It's crystal clear that our weather is cooling off — but exactly how much and how soon isn't as obvious. If recent trends are any indication, expect cooler temperatures sooner than later. We have enjoyed warm winters the past couple

years, but it's my guess this may change now. Animals indicate changes already. Migratory fish will move in soon. They may move through quickly, depending on how fast north winds press them.

Redfish are already bunched up and moving Gulfward. I haven't heard of any giant fish schools in the Gulf yet, but it's time. Trout have eluded me in Lemon Bay, but my guess is they just moved outside for higher salinity and will return when runoff from recent rain subsides. Snook are around and appear OK; my thoughts here are that we have so much food fish are happy. As minnows move out, fish will have more incentive to grab our offerings. Everything is good and improving until the big chill. Go fish soon!

As I put this together, the stone crab traps are heading out. Season opens Oct. 15. The trap floats are a pain to troll around but attract tripletail and cobia. Plus we like to eat those heavenly claws, if we can afford the cost.

It's time to tangle with the mackerel. The newest stock assessments are due to be presented in January and the outlook is bright here. Both Spanish and king mackerel appear to be underfished. Stocks have recovered but many anglers have forgotten these abundant, easy-to-catch, tasty fish! This is a bright spot that you need to consider when planning your fishing trips. Mackerel are fun and have liberal bag limits — what more could we ask for? Stop complaining about what we don't have and enjoy this opportunity.

Capt. Van Hubbard is a highly respected outdoor writer and fishing guide. He has been a professional USCG-licensed year-round guide since 1976, and has been fishing the South-west Florida coast since 1981. Contact him at 941-740-4665 or VanHubbard@CaptVan.com.



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# Autumn means bird hunting

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Being a Florida outdoorsman, hunter and fisherman, several things come to my mind when October rolls around. When those first cold fronts start to roll on through the state and the Gulf temperature drops to around 74 degrees, the kingfish will appear, the gag grouper will move closer to shore so I can get my limit in sight of land, and stone crab season starts. I won't be dropping a couple thousand traps overboard, like I did for the 24 years I made my living stone crabbing and charter fishing, but I'll probably put out a few recreational traps so I don't forget what they taste like. At today's prices I can't afford to buy too many of them. I set my first commercial stone crab traps in 1976 and we got about \$3 a pound back in those days — a far cry from the prices we see now.

The mullet are getting fat, and I have to make sure my old smoker is all set to go. Anyone who has not tasted a warm, fresh-from-the-smoker mullet or kingfish steak with lemon butter squeezed on it and a cold beer has not really lived. I grew up in St. Pete in the 1960s. Back in those days, when you drove through the alleys of the neighborhoods on a weekend, the smell of smoked fish was in the air. It seemed like almost everybody did a little bit of mullet or king mackerel smoking at this time of year. If you are in St. Pete and you get a chance, stop by Ted Peters Famous Smoked

Fish on Pasadena Avenue, where you can still get a taste of the old days.

The recipe I use for my smoked fish spread comes directly from that place, and I doubt there is one better. The recipe was published in an old Florida cookbook called "The Underwater Gourmet" and I believe it may still be available. The only thing I do different in my recipe is I just don't like Miracle Whip, so I use a good grade of mayonnaise. Good smoked fish spread on some saltine crackers will make you feel that all is right with the world and that's a fact, Jack, as Uncle Sy would say. When a cold front passes and the wind is brisk out of the northwest, sit down at your picnic table with some of these gourmet treats and a cold beer or two and welcome fall to our area.

The next thing to do is get that old shotgun out and dusted off — bird season is here. We have doves, quail, snipe and, of course, ducks. Doves are probably the easiest and least expensive to do. You can hunt the management areas, or if you're lucky enough to know someone living in a rural area, just about any old field or pasture will work fine. Just get a comfortable chair and a small cooler for some cold beverages and snacks and set yourself up along the edge of a field, maybe under a pine tree or oak tree, and wait till they fly by. Depending on the weather, they may fly all

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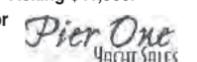
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day, but the best shooting usually occurs late afternoon until sunset.

Babcock/Webb WMA is usually chock-full of doves. You'll find some area clubs and folks have dove shoots here with picnics afterwards, so check around for info and ask at the local gun shops for some of these events. You don't need special equipment or vehicles or gun dogs to hunt doves, and it's a good starting point for young shooters also. As always, check the rules out with FWC and you'll be good to go. Doves are dark-meat birds and most hunters just keep the breast meat when cleaning them. Wash them out real good, season them well and wrap a piece of bacon around the meat. Then roast them in the oven or grill over slow coals. They aren't too bad at all.

Now my favorites are quail and snipe, but that gets a little more involved and you do need some special equipment. For quail, dogs are a must. It's not like walking wheat or alfalfa fields in Nebraska. Southwest Florida flatwoods scrub and palmetto is some tough ground to cover, and you have to be Superman to walk it all day. What most hunters here do is use a buggy designed and hand-built for traversing this kind of terrain. They are fitted with dog boxes so while the dogs aren't on the ground hunting, they can rest and water in relative comfort. Many hunters scout before the season to find a likely area. Like fishing spots, these places are highly prized, because quail don't wander a lot.

With a little practice you can talk to "gentleman Bob White," and this is a good way to locate some decent areas to start your hunt. Just find somebody who has done some hunting here and he may give you some tips on how to make the right noises to get Mr. Quail talking back to you.

Usually several hunters ride the buggy. You put a couple of good pointers on the ground and follow very slowly through the palmetto scrub until a dog gets "birdy," or possibly goes on point. The buggy is then shut down and maybe two or three hunters get down, form a line some distance apart and advance on the dog on point. There is nothing more beautiful than a well-trained German shorthair or pointer that is locked in position with maybe his back leg quivering a little bit on point.

The ultimate rush is a covey of bobwhite quail exploding out of the palmettos in all directions — this will definitely make a hunter's heart skip a beat. They are fast and hard as heck to hit, and you only have a very few seconds to make a shot before they're down and running as fast as they can to get away. I have seen many a shooter who hunted pheasants and ducks up north with great success be put to shame by gentleman Bob White. I remember missing a shot while shooting over Bob Clim's dog, Jake. Jake turned around and looked at me as if to say, "Is this the first time you've ever done this?" Very humbling!

After a morning of hunting, we usually find a shady grove and cook up some lunch

out of whatever everybody brought: Pieces of venison loin, sausage, beans or whatever. It's almost always tasty. Maybe a short nap under a tree and it's off again for the afternoon hunt. It's a pretty good way to spend a Saturday or Sunday, and even if I don't get a good shot all day, just watching the dogs work the birds is a wonder to behold. Most avid quail hunters are very proud of their dogs and their abilities, and some dogs have quite a reputation for their skills.

On the humorous side, an old redneck country boy that I often hunted with up at Rutland Ranch in Manatee County was quite a character. He said he named all his bird dogs after his ex-wives and girlfriends (of which he had many), and that way he never felt bad about giving them a good whipping if they misbehaved by busting the covey or chasing a rabbit. In reality, I don't remember ever seeing him hit a dog. He had some real top-quality animals.

Another thing about bush hunting down here in Florida is snakes. Snake boots or leggings are a must. I don't like snakes, even a little bit, and the ones you are very likely to encounter while bird hunting are the bad kind. When you walk the palmetto scrub, it is inevitable that you will encounter rattlesnakes and so will the dogs. Most bird dog trainers will kill a rattler, take it and coil it up, and allow an untrained pup to approach it. Then they will turn the training shock collar up all the way and give him the jolt of his life. This usually cures a young puppy of putting his face anywhere near a rattlesnake.

Even then, sometimes dogs get bit, and most of the time it's the end of the trail for the dog. Last time I checked on the price of antivenin it was around \$900, and by the time you get the dog out of the woods and into the vet it's too late. Some survive, but many do not. Last year we were lucky when a small female pointer was struck in the face by a rattlesnake but the fangs apparently stuck through her lip and went out the other side, injecting the venom into the air. We found the fang holes, but she was lucky and survived to hunt another day.

Well, shooters, I've got quite a bit more to say on the subject but I don't think Josh is going to give me much more room this week, so I'll continue this with my next column. We'll talk about things like snipe hunting and hunting pen-raised birds at some of the private hunt areas. I'll cover guided hunts, and some of the things that have been done to help the wild quail population. Hunting pen-raised birds and wild birds is a lot different. Remember before you go to check the hunting regulations for your particular area so you know the rules.

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**What is a solunar table?** The sun and moon, even when they are out of sight, exert forces wild creatures can feel. These forces affect when fish and other animals feed. Weather and tide also play a role, but expect fish to be more active during the major and minor solunar times.

**THURSDAY**  
Sunrise: 07:25  
Sunset: 19:06  
Moonrise: 20:11  
Moonset: 8:32  
**Moon Phase**  
98% waning gibbous  
**Major Times**  
01:57 - 3:57  
14:24 - 16:24  
**Minor Times**  
08:32 - 09:32  
20:11 - 21:11  
**Prediction: Better**

**FRIDAY**  
Sunrise: 07:25  
Sunset: 19:05  
Moonrise: 20:58  
Moonset: 09:34  
**Moon Phase**  
94% waning gibbous  
**Major Times**  
02:51 - 04:51  
15:18 - 17:18  
**Minor Times**  
09:34 - 10:34  
20:58 - 21:58  
**Prediction: Good**

**SATURDAY**  
Sunrise: 07:26  
Sunset: 19:03  
Moonrise: 21:47  
Moonset: 10:33  
**Moon Phase**  
87% waning gibbous  
**Major Times**  
03:45 - 05:45  
16:12 - 18:12  
**Minor Times**  
10:33 - 11:33  
21:47 - 22:47  
**Prediction: Average**

**SUNDAY**  
Sunrise: 07:26  
Sunset: 19:02  
Moonrise: 22:36  
Moonset: 11:30  
**Moon Phase**  
79% waning gibbous  
**Major Times**  
04:38 - 06:38  
17:05 - 19:05  
**Minor Times**  
11:30 - 12:30  
22:36 - 23:36  
**Prediction: Average**

**MONDAY**  
Sunrise: 07:27  
Sunset: 19:01  
Moonrise: 23:28  
Moonset: 12:22  
**Moon Phase**  
70% waning gibbous  
**Major Times**  
05:30 - 07:30  
17:56 - 19:56  
**Minor Times**  
12:22 - 13:22  
23:28 - 00:28  
**Prediction: Average**

**TUESDAY**  
Sunrise: 07:27  
Sunset: 19:00  
Moonrise: —  
Moonset: 13:11  
**Moon Phase**  
61% waning gibbous  
**Major Times**  
06:21 - 08:21  
18:45 - 20:45  
**Minor Times**  
— — —  
13:11 - 14:11  
**Prediction: Average**

**WEDNESDAY**  
Sunrise: 07:28  
Sunset: 18:59  
Moonrise: 00:19  
Moonset: 13:56  
**Moon Phase**  
Last quarter  
**Major Times**  
07:09 - 09:09  
19:33 - 21:33  
**Minor Times**  
00:19 - 01:19  
13:56 - 14:56  
**Prediction: Average**

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### PINE ISLAND FISHING TOURNAMENT & DERBY

The Matlacha Hookers will sponsor a fishing tournament and kids derby Oct. 19. This event is a fundraiser for Pine Island Elementary School. Registration is \$60 for adult anglers and \$35 for the kids derby; all participants must be registered by Oct. 18. The captains meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Olde Fish House Marina (4530 Pine Island Road, Matlacha). Go to MatlachaHookers.org or call 239-424-8219 for more info.

### FREE WILDLIFE SEMINARS

Are you interested in learning about the native and exotic species found in Cape Coral and Southwest Florida? Enjoy free seminars from 1 to 2 p.m. at Rotary Park Environmental Center (5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral). Lizards, Oct. 20; burrowing owls, Dec. 4; snakes, Dec. 15. RSVP in advance at 239-549-4606.

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### CAPE CORAL SAILING CLUB MEETS

Sail and power boaters are invited to join the Cape Coral Sailing Club at their meetings. Get to know them and their events, from cruises in the waters of Southwest Florida to luncheons at boat-friendly restaurants in Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach. Meetings will be held at the Cape Coral Yacht Club (5819 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral) from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 22, Nov. 26 and Dec. 24. Call 508-667-7677 for more info.

### REDSNOOK TOURNAMENT

The 2014 RedSnook catch and release charity tournament will be held Oct. 24-26. This event supports the water quality protection and gamefish research conducted by Conservancy of Southwest Florida (1495 Smith Preserve Way, Naples). New this year is the kayak fishing division. Anglers will also enjoy lower entry fees than in years past. For a complete schedule of events, anglers and sponsors can register and learn more at conservancy.org/RedSnook, or call 239-262-0304.

### STONE CRAB FESTIVAL

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### YOUTH OUTDOOR FUN DAY

The South Florida Flatwoods chapter of Quail Forever is inviting youth ages 9 to 16 to a free youth day from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 25 at Camp Miles (38751 Bermont Road, Punta Gorda). Join us for kayaking, fishing, swamp buggy rides, shooting and archery. Lunch and drinks served. Safety equipment provided. A parent or guardian must be present. Kids should wear sturdy shoes and sunscreen. Preregistration is recommended. For info or to download a registration form, visit QFFlatwoods.org. Call 941-916-2466 for more info.

### FALL FLY FISHING CHALLENGE

Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers and the Sarasota Chapter of Coastal Conservation Association will hold the 10th annual "Fall Fly Fishing Challenge" on Oct. 25. This is a catch, photo and release event; all fish must be caught on fly fishing gear. You can enter the Open Division, which permits the use of guides, or the Fly Angler Division, which does not. Entry fee is \$50 and includes an awards BBQ following the tournament. There will be an angler meeting at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24 at Gecko's (351 N. Cattleman Road, Sarasota) with angler check-in beginning at 6:30 p.m. Applications are available online at CCAFlorida.org or MangroveCoastFlyFishers.com. Call Brent Wilson at 941-356-7691 for more info.

### FRIENDLY FOREST

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### BIRDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Join the Venice Area Audubon Society (4002 S Tamiami Trail, Venice) at 6 p.m. Oct. 28 for a climate change presentation. Jim Beever, with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, will discuss the climate change that has already occurred and what can be expected for the city of Venice and the bird species that live in the surrounding areas. There will be a short presentation about Florida's Amendment 1: Water and Land Conservation, on the ballot in November.

### LET'S GO FISHING COURSE

Capt. Ralph Allen will offer an introductory course in Florida fishing. The course, held from 7 to 9 p.m. over six Wednesday evenings starting Oct. 29, will be held at the PGI Civic Association building (2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda). Topics to be covered include fishing techniques, tackle selection, rigging, knot tying, lures, baits, cast nets, fish identification, tides and fishing regulations for fresh and salt waters of Southwest Florida. Rods, reels, lures, nets and other fishing equipment will be displayed during the class and there will be a number of useful handouts issued to students. The class is geared towards beginning anglers, but more experienced fishermen will pick up helpful tips as well. The cost for the class is \$40; advance registration is recommended. Call 941-637-1655.

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Meet with like-minded CHEC volunteers at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Cedar Point Environmental Park (2300 Placidia Road, Englewood). Hear about new and upcoming CHEC programs and events and how to volunteer to help. Call 941-475-0769 for more info.

**HOME SCHOOL NATURE PROGRAM**

Bring your home-schooled kids to Rotary Park Environmental Center (5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral), where they can learn all about nature and the environment. Make a related craft in some programs. Please wear shoes and clothes appropriate for hiking and outdoor exploration. Upcoming programs (10 to 11:30 a.m.): Surviving the Wild, Nov. 3; Nature Giving, Dec. 8. Cost is \$8 per student. Call 239-549-4606 to register or for more info.

**FAKAHATCHEE MOONLIT TRAM**

View Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park under the illumination of a full moon from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 or Dec. 6. The two-hour tours start as the sun is setting, prime time for spotting some of the mammal residents of the Strand as well as birds settling in for the evening. An experienced naturalist leads each tram tour and will demonstrate communication with denizens of the night, including fireflies, bats and owls. The 24-passenger tram is wheelchair accessible and some seats face backwards. The tour leaves from the ranger station at 137 Coastline Drive, Copeland, off Janes Scenic Drive. To register, go to FOFReservation.Eventbrite.com.

**BOARDWALK AFTER DARK**

See the Big Cypress Bend boardwalk (Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, 17.1 miles east of the intersection of CR 951 along U.S. 41) in a whole new light from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 or Dec. 5. The 2,300-foot boardwalk is sheltered by bald cypress trees. The walk ends at a gator pond, where the tour leader will check for the gleaming eyes of frogs and larger inhabitants. Along the way, the group may hear the cry of owls or the scurrying of raccoons and other nocturnal residents. To register, go to FOFReservation.Eventbrite.com.

**ROOKERY BAY HOSTS TOURNEY**

The Friends of Rookery Bay and CCA Florida will jointly host the Guardian Anglers all-release charity fishing tournament Nov. 7 and 8. This fundraiser will engage local anglers in an all-release challenge with proceeds benefiting both organizations. Men, women and children anglers are invited to participate; entry fee is \$100 for a team of two to four anglers. The two-day event begins Friday evening at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center (300 Tower Road, Naples) with the captains' meeting and reception for all anglers and includes cocktail party. Call 239-530-5940 for more info.

**BONEFISH & TARPON SYMPOSIUM**

Join the Bonefish & Tarpon Trust Nov. 7-8 in Dania Beach, Fla., for two full days of fascinating presentations by the world's top tarpon, bonefish and permit biologists mixed with enjoyable fishing and casting clinics taught by some of the world's top anglers and instructors including Joan Wulff and Andy Mill. Other guests include Stu Apte, Bill Curtis, Will Benson, Ralph Delph, Steve Huff, Sandy Moret, Rick Ruoff and Mark Sosin. An all-access event pass, which includes the banquet and silent auction, Friday and Saturday day sessions, and film and art festival and cocktail hour, costs \$150. For more info or to register, visit <http://bit.ly/1yx3dLj>.

**TASTE OF THE ISLANDS**

Sanibel's most popular festival is back for its 33rd year to celebrate three Sanibel signatures — community, cuisine and CROW — all in one fell swoop. Set to the tune of live bands, local restaurants will descend to The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club (949 Sand Castle Road, Sanibel) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 9 with their most decadent delicacies and duke it out to earn top honors for their dish from our esteemed judges and the crowd. This annual fundraiser raises awareness and financial support for Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), a 501(c)(3) organization that relies 100 percent on the philanthropic support of individuals, corporations and foundations. \$5 for adults; children 12 and under admitted free. Call 239-472-3644 for more info.

**SAND SCULPTING COMPETITION**

Siesta Key Public Beach (948 Beach Road, Sarasota) will host the Siesta Key Crystal Classic Master Sand Sculpting Competition Nov. 14-18. Two dozen master sand sculptors from around the world will compete. The five-day art event will include all-day viewing Friday through Tuesday; more than 50 vendors Friday through Monday; live entertainment noon Friday through Sunday; and an amateur sand sculptor contest on Saturday. Siesta Santa will be on his sand throne again this year, making a great photo op for next year's Christmas cards. \$6 per person; proceeds benefit Mote Marine Laboratory's sea turtle research and conservation programs. Also, "Taste of Siesta" will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Nov. 15, featuring more than 15 local restaurants, an open bar and live music by Alli & the Venturas. Advance tickets will be \$40.

**CHARLOTTE HARBOR NATURE FESTIVAL**

This year's festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 22 at Charlotte Sports Park (2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte). Free admission for all. Explore and learn about the natural environment of Southwest Florida through activities and exhibits for all ages, including more than 50 nature exhibits, Mote Mobile Exhibit and a Children's Discovery Zone. Guided walks through Tippecanoe Environmental Park will be conducted by trained CHEC volunteers at 10:30 am, noon and 1:30 pm. To learn more, visit CHNEP.org.

**LEARN TO FLY FISH**

CB's Saltwater Outfitters (1249 Stickney Point Road, Sarasota) will hold an Orvis-endorsed fly fishing school from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 22. Instructor Capt. Rick Grasset will cover fly casting basics, line control, shooting line, the roll cast, leader construction, fly selection and saltwater fly fishing techniques. Cost is \$150 per person and includes the use of Orvis fly tackle, a text book and lunch. Call 941-349-4400 for more info or to reserve a spot.

clothing, including good walking shoes, and bring your water bottle. Meet in the pavilion near the playground. Call 941-861-5000.

**WHAT'S THAT BIRD?:** Volunteer bird interpreters share their expertise on ID and behavior of raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl and other avian visitors at Myakka River State Park (13208 S.R. 72, Sarasota). Volunteers set up scopes and help people identify birds from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day of the week.

**HANG OUT WITH SCRUB JAYS:** Spend the morning with the scrub jays at Oscar Scherer State Park (1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey) from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. This unique Central Florida experience includes a nature walk to see the park's diverse ecosystems, native flora and fauna. Call 941-483-5956 for more info.

**SIX MILE CYPRESS SLOUGH PRESERVE:** Take a leisurely stroll on our fully accessible boardwalk trail anytime dawn to dusk (7791 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers). Visit our Interpretive Center to learn more about the plants and animals that live in the Slough or just talk to a friendly volunteer. The center is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking is \$1 per hour per vehicle. Reservations not required. No groups of eight or more. For more info call 239-533-7550 or visit [LeeParks.org/SixMile](http://LeeParks.org/SixMile).

**BIRD WALK AT LAKES PARK:** A bird patrol guide will lead an easy walk along clear paths of Lakes Regional Park (7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers) at 8:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. This free nature walk offers an opportunity to see birds in natural vegetation as your guide points out the many species in what is a birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds. Arrive at 8 a.m. at Shelter A7 for a brief intro and sign-in. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for outdoors. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars and camera. Call 239-533-7580 for more info.

**BOTTOM TIME DIVE CLUB:** This Punta Gorda-based SCUBA club meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Call 941-740-4245 or visit [BottomTimeDiveClub.net](http://BottomTimeDiveClub.net).

**BIRD WALK:** Search for Florida scrub jays, eastern towhees, brown thrashers, and other pine flatwoods species with the Venice Area Audubon Society every Thursday at Oscar Scherer State Park (1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey). Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Nature Center. Two miles walking on sand trails. For more info, call Joyce Leary at 508-737-8954.

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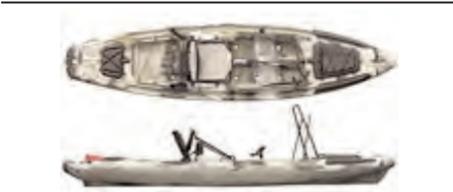
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**FREE SAFETY CHECKS IN VENICE:** The Coast Guard Auxiliary conducts free vessel safety checks every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the Venice boat ramp (200 N. Seaboard Ave., Venice). They'll make sure the safety equipment mandated by federal and state regulations is on board. If an inspected vessel is found to be safe, a "Seal of Safety" is affixed to it. For more info or to schedule an appointment, call Patrick Wheeler at 941-412-1026.

**CHARLOTTE HARBOR MULTIHULL ASSOCIATION:** Members of this club for multihull owners, sailors or those who are interested in the exchange of ideas about equipping and sailing boats, share information about anchorages and cruising destinations, hold informal races that help to improve their sailing ability, and have local raft-ups. No dues. The club meets at the Celtic Ray (145 E Marion Ave., Punta Gorda) on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, call 941-876-6667.

**KORESHAN STATE HISTORIC SITE STROLL:** Walk or bike the historic site (3800 Corkscrew Road, Estero). Park fee is \$2 for walk or bike; \$4 for single-occupant vehicle; \$5 for two to eight occupants vehicle and \$2 for each additional person over eight per vehicle. Call 239-992-0311 for more information.

**SARASOTA FITNESS WALKS:** Join Sarasota County Parks staff each Friday for a fitness walk through Rothenbach Park (8650 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota) from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The pace will be geared toward fitness, aiming for a 20-minute-mile pace. The walk will cover approximately three miles in one hour of brisk walking. Enjoy the beautiful scenery and wildlife, but keep up the pace. Wear appropriate workout



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# Rain, rain, go away

I have lived in Florida close to 30 years now, and I have never seen this much rain hit us in such a short period of time. The lakes are at the highest points I have ever seen. It's easy to launch the boat, but it's harder to find bass.

You know I love bass fishing. But with all the rain we have gotten lately, I have chosen to leave the cover on the boat and ride out the weekends much like a gardener would. I don't mind fishing in the rain. If you asked me my preference, I would pick the rain any day over the wind. But the constant downpours we have endured lately have made me rethink my position.

Taking the boat out in this mess is the hardest part to deal with. When you get back, everything is soaked. You are forced to put the cover on it, unless you are fortunate enough your wife will let you put the boat in the garage over her BMW. I am not that fortunate. So you sit and wait for a day for the sun to come out so you can get the cover off the boat and dry it out. That means getting the lids all

opened up and wiping down every square inch of the interior to get rid of any "grunge" that may want to start forming due to the damp conditions. I can think of better ways to spend a day with some sunshine, but it has to be done.

The rain brings so much extra work in putting the boat away, it makes you stop and reconsider even taking the cover off to go fish and risk getting caught in the downpour. This is exactly what I am trying to decide on for going out tomorrow morning. The forecast for tomorrow shows a 40 to 60 percent chance of rain, but mama wants to get out in the boat because she missed the last tournament and the last few times I have gone to the lake to practice.

Now, I already know how this scenario is going to play out. She will tell me to plug the boat in tonight, and get everything ready to go tomorrow. If it's not raining, we'll head to the lake to practice for the next tournament. We'll be out there about 30 minutes and the rains will start up. I can tolerate it, but my better half will take about 15 minutes of that before the complaints will start to come from the back of the boat: "How long will we sit out here in this?" "Is it supposed to rain long?" "There aren't any fish here." By that point, I will have started packing up the rods because the rain will have sucked the life out of her, and I won't be able to take the verbal onslaught.

Then, once we get home, I am left to deal with the boat while my fishing partner gets to take a warm shower. I will have to throw the cover on the wet boat after I throw all the wet towels in the laundry, put up the electronics, clean out any

garbage that was left in the boat during our hasty exit, wipe down as much of the interior as possible if it's still raining, then unhook the truck and put it where it needs to be in the driveway. I don't know about you, but to me that doesn't sound like fun-filled trip to the lake.

You all know exactly what's going to happen, though. If I can steal one hour of some quality time on the water, I am going to do it. It may mean some extra work in the long run, but if things go well, it could be worth it. Even though the chance of any real good success tomorrow is somewhat remote, I will take it and be happy just to sit out on the boat and have a rod in my hand.

For those of you who have followed my columns over time, you know I have always pleaded with the government agencies to leave the water in our better lakes and not run them dry because some weather "expert" has said to be careful of the hurricanes this fall. Well, even they couldn't cause enough of a panic to get rid of the amount of water we have had to deal with this summer. As much as I wish it wouldn't rain on weekends, I'm actually happy to see water levels return to heights I have not seen in years. This can only be a good thing for our lakes and freshwater systems.

So tomorrow morning it is. May the fishing and rain gods strike up a deal to give me three hours of quality fishing before I get pelted with rain. I would be happy with that.

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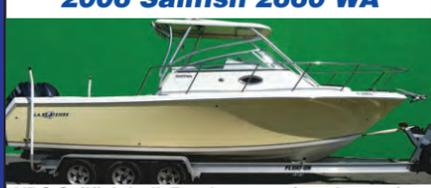
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