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County invests in downtown improvement

By Steve Bauer

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The DeSoto Board of County Commissioners agreed to allow \$115,000 of its Redevelopment Trust Fund money to be used toward a Local Agency Program to beautify three intersections in downtown Arcadia.

County Administrator Mandy Hines said the state provided approximately \$194,000 for the project, but the county received only one bid for \$339,502.52. The Arcadia City Council told Hines it would be willing to contribute \$30,000 toward the project, leaving a remaining balance of \$115,000. Hines said the county's Economic Development

Advisory Committee recommended the board use the money in the RTF to fund the rest.

Commissioner Bob Miller, while in favor of improving the intersections, voiced his frustrations with the restrictions the state places on funding that could be used for areas that desperately need attention, specifically the city's roads.

"Here we are using Florida Department of Transportation money to make some intersections pretty, when we have holes all over the city's streets," he said. "It's a real issue with me that the state gives us funding to put in very specific things like gateway signs, but we can't get money to fix

roads and infrastructure. It really bothers me that they basically make us spend money on projects that should not be a priority, or we lose it altogether. But since we have to use them, I think improving these intersections downtown is a smart investment on our part."

Hines said she would be meeting with City Interim Administrator Beth Carsten regarding state funding the city can apply for specifically designed for road improvements, and the county would be happy to assist in providing technical support during the process.

"I will be in contact with (Carsten) today about this issue, and we agree with you 100 percent," she said. "We

all live in this community and drive our cars on these streets and have to get our vehicles realigned or have a tire fixed, so we understand what you are saying when it comes to priorities. These specific LAP funds are allocated for this project, and if we don't use them we will lose them."

Commissioner Jim Selph echoed Miller's comments, saying local governments should have more say where state money gets allocated. "Money gets spent at the state level that we can't control; we could all go lay on the steps of the capitol building in Tallahassee to protest and they'd just step over us," he said. "It frustrates me

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Arcadia Oaks — festooned for Fall

Pumpkins, black cats, spiders and scarecrows at Arcadia Oaks



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Arcadia Oaks on East Gibson Street is all decked out for the Halloween season. Posing in front of the decorated fireplace are, from left, Verna Reiss, Max Carter, Mary Carr, Julia Waldron, Vivian Guard, Beatrice Lander and Betty Ray Roberts. After seeing all the scarecrows in last week's Arcadian, Betty Ray suggested calling the paper to show off their own clever designs.

Right: Ruby Stone shows off a top hat she made out of a coffee can, an old LP and some silk flowers.



Visitors at the front door of Arcadia Oaks are greeted by mini-scarecrows peeking out from a potted plant.



Staff and residents decorated a corner of Arcadia Oaks main living room with a variety of colorful Halloween figures, including scarecrows, pumpkins and black cats.

Right: The entrance to Arcadia Oaks looks inviting with a crew of scarecrows and pumpkins perched on a few bales of hay.



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Meet the City Candidates

Thursday, Oct. 16
5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
at The Arcadian
108 S. Polk Ave.

- All 8 City Council candidates and 3 City Marshal candidates have been invited
- Meet and talk with the candidates in an informal atmosphere

• Grillmaster Marty Dow will again be serving up hot dogs & fixin's (for as long as supplies last)

• Remember — Early voting runs Oct. 25-Nov. 1, and the General Election is Nov. 4 — so this is a good chance to get to know the candidates



DOWNTOWN

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a great deal that FDOT controls the purse strings. From what I can see from the plans, these improvements are going to be nice, they're going to be pretty and make our downtown more attractive, but it's a lot of money to spend and I've got mixed emotions on it."

Following up on Hines' statement that the county would lose the LAP funding if it didn't spend it, Commissioners Buddy Mansfield and Elton Langford said any opportunity to invest in the community needs to be utilized. "We've got to start somewhere, and I think the beautification of downtown is a great place to begin," Mansfield said. "There are strings tied to those monies, and if we don't spend them then I can assure you another county will take it and use it to enhance their community. If we're not willing to invest in ourselves, then no one else will."

Hines said when the city council agreed to invest in the project, the response from the community was extremely positive. "When the council voted to move forward with this, the entire audience clapped, they were so happy to see some investment in the area," she said. "We heard during our Community Conversations the need for community redevelopment and enhancements. The downtown area is a

huge economic generator from a tourism perspective, and that's the reason we're in support of dedicating these RTF dollars toward this. Here's an opportunity for the city and the county to join forces in a way I don't think we've done outside of our utility projects."

In other business, the board unanimously approved the release of a utility lien with Peace River Land Group and the buyers of the Peace River/County Road 769 Project property. Several commissioners opposed releasing the lien, saying it removes a tool the county can use to collect money owed to it. After a lengthy discussion, including a recommendation by County Attorney Don Conn to release the lien to allow sale and development of the property, the board voted 5-0 to approve it.

The commissioners also voted unanimously to approve a contract with Excavation Point Inc. for improvements at the County Road 661 railroad crossing site. County Engineer Mike Giardullo said the road will be passable while work is conducted on the road, and the time frame for completion is between 1-2 weeks. Selph, who first raised concerns about potential safety hazards at the intersection, again complained about CSX Railroad.

"We're having to do this because it's been caused by them. It's bad that they are the big bullies, they take advantage of local governments and it's wrong," he said. "I'm in favor of fixing this, but we ought to send the bill to CSX."

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The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will consider the adoption of an Ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia Florida as follows.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL 1% (ONE PERCENT) TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 125.0104(3)(D) OF FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Members of the public are advised that if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at a board meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record included the testimony and evidence upon which, the appeal is made.

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

Voters of DeSoto County:

We have a crucial election in November. Important offices will be filled on the Arcadia City Council and Arcadia City Marshal positions as well as an excellent candidate in Jim Selph for re-election to the DeSoto County Commission. Of vital interest to the well-being of the people of DeSoto County is the election of Florida's Governor.

Rick Scott has been disastrous for the people of DeSoto County. The people of this county have endured job losses, cuts to public schools, and denial of available health care money due to the actions and policies of Rick Scott. If he is re-elected, we face even more of the same, including the transfer of the state prison system to for-profit corrections corporations that will result in local loss of jobs and decreased pay and benefits for those who remain employed.

In addition to the damage done during the four years of Rick Scott as governor to our local economy, the 15 years of one-party rule in Tallahassee have not been good for DeSoto County. The closure of the state juvenile justice programs and the resulting loss of hundreds of jobs will negatively impact DeSoto County for decades..

During the initial years of his time as governor, education funding was drastically cut. The first month after becoming governor, Rick Scott proposed 10% cut in education funding. Let us take a moment to look at Rick Scott's direct impact on education in DeSoto County:

- Since Rick Scott took office on January 4, 2011, the School District of DeSoto has lost a total of \$1,207,343.00 in state funding.
- These budget cuts have impacted every classroom.
- This governor has continued to increase state mandates and high stakes testing in our schools.
- He has consistently eroded local control of the school board.

Our hospital is struggling to remain open and viable for the people of this county. We need local medical care, not additional unemployment. Consider the following actions by Rick Scott that impacted health care in DeSoto County:

- Rick Scott refused billions of our federal tax dollars for health care coverage. As a result many local people remained uninsured and are contributing to the hospital's deficit.
- In a May 2014 letter, the hospital CEO wrote: "Florida's refusal to expand Medicaid benefits caused a significant impact to access to health care which has resulted in a financial burden to DeSoto Memorial Hospital..."

We have heard some say that they do not want to vote for Rick Scott but do not want to vote for Charlie Crist either. This is usually based on the fact that Charlie Crist has switched political parties. People change political party affiliation for various reasons. Often it is due to either:

- The person's viewpoint has changed, or
- The party has changed policy and political philosophy. In fact, a number of people in this county have changed party affiliation. Not voting for Rick Scott is not enough. Refusing to vote for Charlie Crist is a vote for Rick Scott.

Florida under Rick Scott has one of the worst recovery results from the recent great recession. Most other states (under both Republican and Democratic governors) have done better. Recovery in DeSoto County is among the slowest of all the Florida counties.

This election is an opportunity for Tallahassee to hear the voters of DeSoto County. We do not need more damages. Rather than waiting for more "pink slips" for the people of this county, it is time to give Rick Scott HIS "pink slip" on November 4th.

-DeSoto County Democratic Party Chairman Robert J Vaughn & Vice-Chair Barbara Foster Jackson

-Democratic State Committeewoman Colleen Spangler and State Committeeman Jeff Griffis

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OUR VIEW

Still time to learn

Our view: Voters should learn about the half-percent referendum for the hospital before they vote.

DeSoto County, pay attention! We're talking to you! On Monday, DeSoto Memorial Hospital held the last of four Community Conversations meant to be an open forum for voters to get information about the half-percent sales tax referendum.

Holding those meetings was a good idea — they gave those residents who bothered to attend a chance to ask questions and to learn why DMH believes it needs the half-percent tax. Those who attended learned:

- A half-percent sales tax is not really a huge burden (an additional 50 cents out of a \$100 purchase) and is a good way to help the hospital meet its mortgage payments.

- The hospital does not expect to close any time soon, not even if the half-cent referendum doesn't pass. But the additional money the tax would give them will help immeasurably in addressing other costs such as care of indigent patients and keeping up with technological advances.

- The half-percent sales tax does not apply to nontaxable items such as most groceries, most medical items (including bandages, pain relievers and prescription eyeglasses), baby formula and Bibles; and it applies only to the first \$5,000 value of a purchase (such as a vehicle).

- Everyone would pay the half-percent tax on taxable items, including visitors. The half-percent sales tax passes, the County Commissioners can stop it any time — for instance, if the hospital is sold to a for-profit business.

- The half-percent tax has an expiration date of 2036.

Sadly, very few people attended. At those four meetings, if you took away people affiliated with the hospital (or their spouses), there were, at best, three or four independent citizens there to learn about the proposed tax.

If you didn't attend, you still have a few more chances to learn about the referendum. Come to the offices of *The Arcadian* at 5:30 p.m. tonight and you'll be able to talk with hospital personnel, along with many other candidates in the Nov. 4 election — and oh, yes, free food — grilled hot dogs and all the fixin's for as long as they last.

Realizing that "free food" are the magic words, the hospital is hosting its own barbecue on Oct. 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. So if you haven't been out to hear their message or ask your questions yet, make the effort to see what the November referendum is all about.

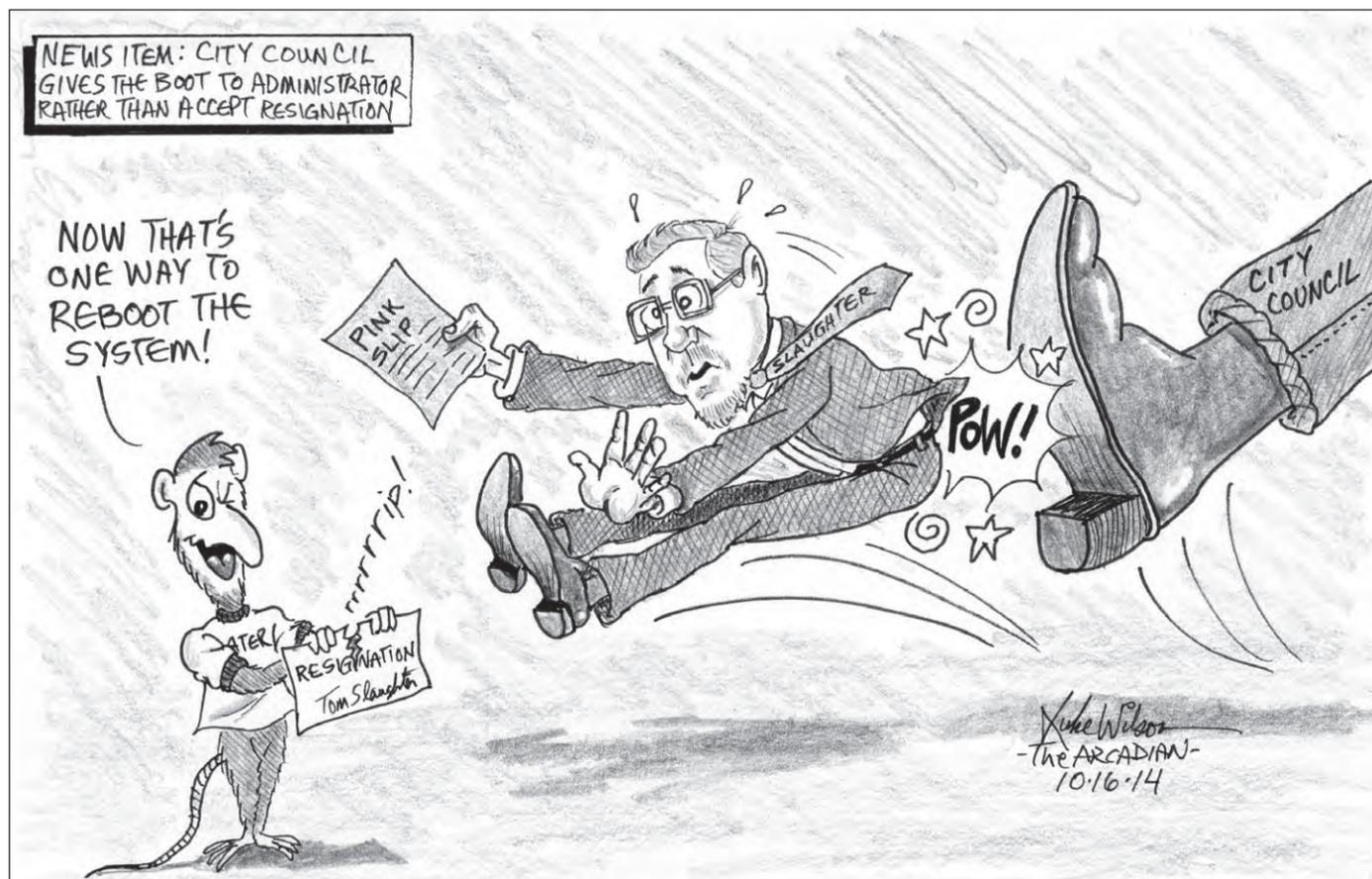
Finally, the *Arcadian* has another forum set for Oct. 23 at City Hall. All the candidates have been invited for a more formal Q & A session, and the hospital will have a few minutes to make a pitch and take some questions.

DeSoto County, educate yourselves before you vote.

LETTER SUBMISSION POLICY

Letters are welcome on virtually any subject, but we do have some rules. Please keep them to less than 250 words. Letters will be edited to length as well as grammar and spelling. All letters must be signed with full name - not initials. An address and telephone number must be included; they are not for publication, but must be provided so we may verify authorship if necessary. Due to the number of letters received, we reserve the right to run only one letter per person per month. The Letters to the Editor section is intended as a public forum for community discourse and the opinions and statements made in letters are solely those of the individual writers. *The Arcadian* takes no responsibility for the content of these letters. Please send or bring correspondence to the *Arcadian*, 108 S. Polk Ave., Arcadia FL 34266, or fax to 863-494-3533. Readers with access to the internet may e-mail Letters to the Editor at shoffman@sun-herald.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kindness in the county

Editor:

Recently, one evening while driving home from work, I heard a pop. The monitor on my dashboard indicated that one of my tires was losing air. Luckily, I was just outside of Nocatee and quickly pulled into the Circle K.

I noticed the front driver side tire was flat. I called AAA and proceeded to remove the spare from the trunk. Within minutes, someone stopped and asked if I needed help. I thanked them and said AAA was on the way.

Between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., I counted some 25 people — male, female, black, white, young and young-at-heart — who offered assistance in different ways. One woman offered to get me a cold drink. A young man boasted he could replace my tire in minutes. A woman, concerned that

I was alone, offered to wait with me. Even Jenny, the employee at Circle K, came out and invited me to come into the store to wait.

After pumping gas, another young woman approached and asked how long I had been waiting. When I told her it was more than an hour, she said she had to check on something and "if you're still here when I return, I will help you change the tire." She did return as promised but I declined her generous offer because the AAA driver was coming all the way from Lake Placid and I did not want him to make the trip for nothing.

I have to admit, I thoroughly enjoyed waiting for AAA's arrival because of all the wonderful people I was meeting. It was refreshing to be greeted and feted with so much kindness after a hard day's work.

If it is true that greatness is measured by your kindness, I met some of the greatest people in Nocatee. I wish to thank every one of you who stopped to help and those who thought about it. To those who say there is no kindness in our world today, maybe you should come to Nocatee. As for me, I'm a believer and I intend to pay it forward every day because, "Wherever there is a human in need, there is an opportunity for kindness and to make a difference," said Kevin Heath.

Therefore, I challenge all of you who read this letter, "Go out and make a difference." Some people in Nocatee did.

Sister Ann De Nicolò, B.V.M.
Arcadia

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GRITS & PIECES

Who is the boss of you?

Here it is, National Boss's Day again already. You didn't know there was such a day that was recognized? Well, I confess that I didn't know either, until I glanced at my calendar. So what does it mean?

Everybody has a boss or at least had a boss at some point. Even if you inherited the family business and are the CEO, you've had a boss — your parents. And yes, they count as bosses. You may not have obeyed their orders now and then, but that's standard for that sort of boss-employee relationship.

Some believe that love can make you wind up with a boss as well. Get married and you'll see what they mean. Wearing the pants in the house is an urban legend, some soon find out. Sure,



Grits & Pieces

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they wear the pants, but that just means they can go outside and not get arrested for indecency. They can even get fired, when the pink slip comes in the form of divorce papers. So far, so good with me. My evaluations may not all be the best, but I'm still around!

Look at it this way — we all need to be told what to do now and then because

none of us knows it all, despite what we think. We all tell others what to do sometimes, so it's only natural that we get the same treatment. Consider it your turn in the barrel.

Only a fool believes they have the last word on everything. The foolish part of trying to implement that is responsibility, in that if we make all the decisions we have nobody to blame when it goes south on us. Am I right?

Granted, it's fun to be the boss at times. But that sometimes makes you the bad guy and the butt of jokes. Maybe we should all take turns being the boss, and spread the joy/aggravation around.

Relying on others to tell you what to

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GUEST COLUMN

Watch out, DeSoto County — here come the Sonoma developers

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A Chicago area developer has quietly applied to rezone 515 acres in Lake Suzy for a Planned Unit Development with 1,000 dwelling units.

The little publicized Sonoma Preserve PUD is to be located right next to Lake Suzy's finest homes, doubling the size of Lake Suzy with predominantly small, high density multi-family units.

If a rezoning is approved, it will be the largest project of its type ever constructed in DeSoto County. In fact, it may be among the largest high density projects in southwest Florida.

Sixty percent of the units are small multi-family, multi-story, condos and villas, while 40 percent are small single-family units all wedged into a maze of winding roads, cul de sacs and wetlands.

The developers represent that the project is compatible with the other homes in Lake Suzy. They contend that the impact on county services such as police, fire, traffic, schools, infrastructure, utilities and the environment will be negligible.

Not so, say members of the Lake Suzy Alliance of Home Owner Association

representing 14 HOAs in Lake Suzy.

ALSHA finds the Sonoma application deeply flawed. They're urging the county commissioners to reject the rezoning. ALSHA suggests that Sonoma go back to the drawing boards and submit a plan for single family homes that's in line with the other residences in Lake Suzy.

For starters, ALSHA says there's no need to spot zone a high intensity project in a county that has vast open spaces. PUDS are typically found in urban areas where open space is scarce.

ALSHA contends that the only reason for a PUD in Lake Suzy is for the developers to maximize their profits.

Maureen Stasi, ALSHA president, said, "These are postage stamp lots, set to attract lower income families with many children that will place a costly burden on county taxpayers. DeSoto is already the poorest county in Florida. We don't need low income housing, we need more upscale homes in DeSoto County."

The project's single access funnels an estimated 5,815 trips per day onto a section of County Road 769 that's narrow, accident-prone and devoid of any shoulders, curbing or sidewalks. According to Florida Traffic Online, the average Kings Highway Traffic count is 7,800 trips per day. Therefore, when completed, Sonoma will increase traffic

by 75 percent.

Sonoma Preserve represents that its narrow frontage on Kings Highway allows for only one access point. Yet this same developer owns another large tract of land on Kings Highway that directly abuts Sonoma.

Dr. P. J. Fisher of Kingsway Villas said there should be no new construction along Kings Highway until the roadway is widened.

"These units will end up as rentals. Why would the county want to destroy Lake Suzy's fine home ambiance with this?" said George Wojtkiewicz, president of the Pembroke POA. "Also, drainage backups from Sonoma into the Deep Creek Canal in heavy rains has not been evaluated adequately."

ALSHA says the rezoning application contains many errors and mistruths.

The application cites proximity to schools, but the Blessed Edmund Rice School listed is not a school but a Catholic pastoral retreat. The Community Green Charter School does not exist, the Spring Lake Youth Academy is for juvenile offenders and others listed are not even in DeSoto County. The closest DeSoto grade school is 17 miles away and the high school is 21 miles away.

If Sonoma parents opt to send their children to closer schools in Charlotte County, it will cost the county an

average \$7,530 per student. That's one million dollars a year if only 13 percent of the units send one child.

The county may see the Sonoma project as source of new tax revenue. But the county is blinded to the actual upfront and long-term costs to taxpayers.

What's more, ALSHA points out that the county has no experience with a project of this scale. The planning commission's review of Sonoma looked at Lake Suzy in terms of zoning intensity minimums and not how Lake Suzy actually was built.

Existing homes and lots in Lake Suzy are two to three times larger than Sonoma's.

Further, Sonoma will do little to help DeSoto County businesses. In fact, Sonoma homeowners are almost certain to do most of their business in nearby Charlotte County.

It's a real win for Charlotte County since they pay nothing, yet reap the rewards of thousands of new customer purchases.

The Sonoma rezoning hearing continues before the county commissioners at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 28t. Residents are urged to attend this vitally important hearing.

— Prepared by the Alliance of Lake Suzy Homeowner Associations (ALSHA), representing 14 HOAs and POAs in Lake

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• 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. The public is encouraged to attend and meet the candidates in an informal atmosphere, talk with them one-on-one, while enjoying a hotdog. Any group interested in having a table or display may call The Arcadian at 494-0300.

• Arcadia Police officers will be acting as waiters at Slim's Barbecue on Oct. 16 & 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They will be accepting donations toward their Shop with a Cop program.

• Coastal Conservation Assoc. annual banquet and auction at 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Turner Center. Silent auction, live auction and open bar. Tickets are \$65/person or \$120/couple. For details call John Court at 990-1951.

• The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2865 S.E. Ami Drive, from 9 am. to 1 p.m. Oct. 16.

• Peace River Audubon Society meets at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at Universalist Fellowship Church, 1432 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte, for a talk by bird photographer Tom Zinneman. For more information, call Jim Knoy at 303-868-8337.

• A regular meeting of the Arcadia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will be held at 12:15 p.m. Oct. 16 at the AHA, 7 Booker T. Washington Rd. Call 494-4343 for details.

• 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.

• The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 Roan St., Arcadia. Anyone interested may attend. Talk in for the meetings is at 147.180+ DARC repeater.

• DeSoto County Historical Society Research Library is open in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden Street: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m. Sign-in 4:50 p.m. Health Dept. conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. For details, call Christine at 244-1925.

■ FRIDAY

• MAPP committee and VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) meet at 9 a.m. third Fridays at the Family Service Center, 310 W. Whidden St.

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

■ SATURDAY

• The Friends of Arcadia Airport are resuming their monthly pancake breakfasts at the airport 9-11 a.m. the third Saturday of every month. All-you-can-eat pancakes, OJ, sausage, coffee for \$6. Also a 50/50 raffle. Email FriendsOfArcadiaAirport@gmail.com for more information.

• The Pine Level Public Art and Archaeology Day is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pine Level Methodist Church. The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council also has an art and quilt display. The Florida Public Archaeology Network will set up some hands-on activities, and the Society will hold a ceremony to celebrate the listing of the Pine Level townsite on the National Register of Historic Places. For details visit www.historicdesoto.org.

• Arcadia Main Street is sponsoring a Golf Tournament at The Bluffs Golf Course, on Oct. 18. \$50 per player. Registration begins at 7 a.m., shotgun start at 8 a.m. Four-man scramble, includes lunch and prizes.

• The Wagon Wheel Saloon presents the Freedom Isn't Free Bike Run on Oct. 18. Proceeds will go toward bringing the Traveling Vietnam Wall to DeSoto Co. in December. Registration is at 10 a.m., kickstands up at 11 a.m. Stops at several locations in DeSoto, Charlotte and Hardee counties, then return to the Wagon Wheel, 165 S. Polk Ave., for free food, music and more. \$10/motorcycle, \$5 each additional rider. For details visit www.facebook.com/wagon.wheel.524 or call Celina at 491-0608.

• A Walk to End Alzheimer's, sponsored by the Interact Club of DeSoto County High School, will take place Oct. 18 at Gilchrist Park in Punta Gorda. For details, visit www.alz.org/walk or call 941-235-7470.

■ SPECIAL

• The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at the Center for the Needy, 161 S. Orange Ave., from 6 am. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) through December.

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

• The Peace River Audubon Society will hold the first field trip of the new season on Oct. 18 to Emerson Point Preserve and Felts Audubon Preserve, both in Manatee Co. Visit www.mymanatee.org/home/government/departments/parks-and-recreation/natural-resources/preserves/emerson-point.html for details.

• Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will hold a roundtable discussion by the Women's Ministry. Cancer awareness stakeholders are invited from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 18 to begin a dialog on how to improve the quality of cancer care and testing in DeSoto County. Stakeholders will begin by discussing their personal experiences, then focus discussion about healthy living and patient-centered care, as well as ways to connect spiritually and medical care as holistic methods. 304 W. Myrtle St.

• Little Pearls Book Club, for girls ages 8-10, meets from 12:30-2 p.m. every third Saturday of the month at the DeSoto County Library. For details, call 244-8482 or email thepreciouspearlsproject@gmail.com.

• MainStreet Farmer's Market is held the first and third Saturday every month in downtown Arcadia from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Classic car show in downtown Arcadia, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the third Saturday of every month. Sponsored by Team Arcadia. Trophies, door prizes, and 50/50 jackpot. For more information call 494-2020.

• Food Drive for area Food Banks — Drop off can goods and non-perishable items at The Navigator from 2-5 p.m.

• 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.

■ SUNDAY

• St. John Missionary Baptist Church Ministers' Appreciation Service will be held at 4 p.m. Oct. 19. The public is invited to attend.

■ MONDAY

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Photo exhibit opens art season in DeSoto

The Martin Art Gallery held a reception Thursday to open an exhibit of work by four area photographers. Photos by four members of the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council are included in the display.

John Black's work includes classical images of Tall Ships, on which he focused while living in New England. Rhett Butler specializes in vast Florida landscapes, capturing the majesty of the wilderness. Jerry Waters is a master photographer of wildlife, particularly the state's iconic water birds such as herons and

egrets. Susan Hoffman included photos of rescue animals aimed at making them appealing so they will be adopted quickly.

The work will remain on display through mid-November at the Martin Art Gallery, in the offices of Martin Realty, 207 East Magnolia St., generally open during normal business hours.

John Super, left, and Sheriff Will Wise discuss some of the photos on display at the Martin Art Gallery during the opening night reception on Thursday.
• Turn to page 13 for more photos.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN



Julie Cincotta shows the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council calendar featuring artists' paintings of Arcadia landmarks. The calendar is on sale now at several downtown locations and at The Arcadian.

Garner shares memories of Arcadia with Historical Society

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Lt. Gen. Jay Garner (ret.) spoke to the DeSoto County Historical Society on Thursday, and shared some



Jay Garner spoke to the Historical Society on Thursday about his life growing up in Arcadia.

ARCADIAN PHOTO BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

interesting facts about the county's history. Garner, a great-grandson of A.E. Pooser, opened his talk with information about Florida's role in the Civil War. At a time when Florida had a population of about 90,000, he said. The state sent 15,000 Confederate soldiers to war. Florida was the third state to leave the Union.

Florida was also a "breadbasket" for the Confederate Army. "Florida provided a lot of the beef and vegetables — and also made a lot of corn whiskey (until the law changed in 1863 to prohibit alcohol)."

As a native of DeSoto County, Garner said, "Arcadia is the best place a kid could grow up." In his youth, he said no one ever had to lock their doors. "It was a place of trust, where two people

shook hands to make an agreement."

Many merchants would extend credit. "You always owed the grocery store until the end of the month," he said.

But it was also a place of pranks and practical joke, he said, recalling a time when Kayo Welles locked a bull in the library over a weekend. The bull, Garner said, ate most of the books, and no one ever found out who had done it.

There was no air conditioning in those days, he said; the theater was the first place to have A/C. The second was the Arcadia Drug Store.

"Once a year a revival came to town, and we all went," he said. "We were really good for about two weeks after that."

Garner joined the military after his

graduation from DeSoto County High.

"I noticed a high number of the males in my high school class made a career of the military." He himself was an Army Lieutenant General, and on his retirement he was briefly in charge of reconstruction and humanitarian aid for Iraq. During his career he served in many places — the Pentagon, he said, was the hardest, worse than Vietnam.

Thank you

From the Dorcey, Peterson and Burroughs Family, thank you for your kind words and thoughts in this time of grief.
From Mrs. Diane Burroughs

Join Us as the Board of Directors of DeSoto Memorial Hospital hosts a Community Cookout.

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Get the Facts About the 1/2 Penny Sales Tax!

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What is the money going to be used for?

The existing hospital mortgage with the USDA. *(Nothing Else)*

Does the sales tax have an end date?

Yes, June 2036 or sooner if the Board of County Commissioners determines it should end.

Why does DMH need financial support?

Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance companies are all paying DMH less than they did 5 years ago. Our Medicare payments were reduced (approximately \$3 million per year) to fund coverage for the working poor (4,000 DeSoto County residents). The Florida legislature refused to accept the funds that would provide healthcare coverage for the working poor. Medicare is paying DMH less and the working poor still do not have coverage.

How do I know the money collected will be distributed properly?

As with any tax collected the Department of Revenue is responsible for assuring the money goes to its intended purpose. The DeSoto County Administration will be responsible for writing the check to the USDA.

Will the 1/2 penny sales tax affect the cost of groceries?

No, most food purchased for the consumption at home is excluded from the state sales tax. (Examples are milk, bread, etc...) As a matter of fact, sales tax is only paid on the first \$5,000 of a major purchase. (Examples are car, boat, etc...)

How do you pay a 1/2 penny sales tax?

Amount of Sale	.5 % Proposed Tax
\$1.00	1¢
\$2.00	1¢
\$3.00	2¢
\$4.00	2¢

The best explanation appears on the Florida Department of Revenue website;

<http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/forms/current/dr2x.pdf>

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:

- Carol Ann Archer, 52, Tampa. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$5,000.
- Cecil Brian Brown Jr., 22, 100 block of Bridle Path, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Joseph Edward Castaldi, 30, 5200 block of E. Pine St., Arcadia. Charges: possession or use of drug equipment and resisting or obstructing an officer without violence. Bond: \$870.
- Julio Rafael Delmonte, 22, 2700 block of Rowena Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- James Delbert Dunkin, 30, Wauchula. Charges: driving while license is suspended and failing to register vehicle. Bond: \$240.
- Allen Edward Epperly, 41, Port Charlotte. Charges: grand theft between \$5,000-\$10,000, dealing in stolen property and giving false information about pawned items valued \$300 or more. Bond: \$10,500.
- Roger Allen Harvey, 20, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Jose Luis Hernandez, 45, 1400 block of 3rd Ave., Arcadia. Charges: trespass on property and resisting or obstructing an officer without violence. Bond: \$1,000.
- Alan Eugene Hudson, 33, 4800 block of N.W. Dill Road, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- Freddie Jimenez, 50, Hialeah, Fla. Charges: two counts of violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Edna Mae Johnson, 51, Fort Myers. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Kenneth Bruce Pelham, 22, 700 block of W. Pine St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Ermilo, Perez Jr., 33, Bradenton. Charges: habitually driving while license is suspended, giving a false ID to an officer, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon, resisting or obstructing an officer without violence and failure to support spouse or child. Bond: \$9,750.

- Jessica Elizabeth Picard, 24, first block of S. Orange Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Christopher William Shelton, 27, Bartow. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Cody Alexander Bailey, 20, Rotonda, Fla. Charges: petty theft between \$100-\$300 and resisting recovery of stolen property. Bond: \$620.
- Jean Luke Beard, 19, 2900 block of S.W. Beard St., Arcadia. Charge: contempt of court. Bond: \$2,000.
- Keith Antonio Blanding, 36, 1200 block of S.W. Fern Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$2,620.
- Charles Gaston Bryan Jr., 27, 100 block of Jordan Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Released on recognizance.
- Jessica Marie Delafuente, 23, 4800 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$450.
- Abelardo Delgado, 30, 1600 block of S.E. Apple Drive, Arcadia. Charge: DUI with alcohol or drugs. Bond: \$500.
- Miguel Angel Galaviz, 34, 6600 block of S.W. Pensacola Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Rogelio Garcia, 19, Lake Placid. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Adolphus Flynn IV, 24, first block of Booker T. Washington Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- Timothy Aubrey Keen, 54, 4700 block of N.W. Florida Ave., Arcadia. Charges: violation of domestic injunction and criminal attempt to solicit or conspire on a felony. Bond: \$7,500.
- Tatiana Leesheike McDuffy, 18, 1600 block of E. Hargrave St., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$120.
- Judith Adriana Ocorima, 24, Orlando. Charge: DUI with BAC .15 or higher or with someone under 18. Bond: \$1,500.
- Diego Guillen Perez, 22, first block of Bridle Path, Arcadia. Charges: possession of cocaine with intent to see or deliver, possession or use of drug equipment and DUI with BAC .15 or higher or with

- person under 18. Bond: \$2,670.
- Dalton Matthew Reas, 18, Zolfo Springs. Charge: DUI with alcohol or drugs. Bond: \$500.
- Clinton Josethia Wiley, 52, 300 block of McKinley Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Released on recognizance.
- Jennifer Lynn Wolfgang, 31, 700 block of N. 17th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$500.
- Amanda Marie Culpepper, 32, 6400 block of S.W. Miami Ave., Arcadia. Charge: contempt of court. Bond: none.
- Lakeshia Renee Nesmith, 47, 600 block of W. Gibson St., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$500.
- Maria Guadalupe Monroy, 51, 1300 block of 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Jason Adam Brown, 34, 1500 block of S.E. Pear St., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

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

- Elizabeth Rose Tschetter, 23, no address, Arcadia. Charges: grand theft of property \$300-\$5,000, and resisting merchant during retail theft. Bond: \$10,000.
- Clarence Luther Jr., 50, 1900 block of S.E. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Glenn Harold Prescott Jr., 31, 1900 block of N.W. Myrtle Ave., Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, introduction of contraband into county jail and two out-of-county warrants. Bond: none.
- Jason Earle Wolfe, 39, 11300 block of S.W. Essex Drive, Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$1,000.
- Camelia Rose Corson, 24, Fort Myers. Charge: two counts of failure to appear. Bond: none.

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

- Bryan Lucas, 29, 3000 block of S.W. Gator Trail, Arcadia. Charge: criminal mischief with property damage \$200 or less. Bond: \$120.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

ROADWATCH

PROVIDED BY FDOT

East Oak Street from Brevard Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 17) to Volusia Avenue and Volusia Avenue from East Oak Street to East Magnolia Street (State Road 70 eastbound) — Crews have closed Volusia Avenue at Magnolia Street (State Road 70) while they install a new drainage system beneath the roadway. Follow the posted detour. Local access remains open to Martin Realty's office and Chamber of Commerce from East Oak Street. On-street parking on Volusia Avenue, between East Oak Street and the Chamber of Commerce is now open, but remains closed from the Chamber of Commerce to Magnolia Street. 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 Co.

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. 17 from south of SW 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 Road 70 Westbound (West Hickory Street) from North Lee Avenue to North Orange Avenue — State Road 70 (West Hickory Street) has been reduced from two westbound lanes to one westbound lane between North Manatee Avenue and North Lee Avenue. North Lee Avenue, North Dade Avenue and North Manatee Avenue are closed at State Route 70 (West Hickory Street). Use West Walnut Street as a detour. The closure is necessary while crews install a new water main. Motorists should use caution and watch for changes in the traffic pattern. This project includes installing underground utilities beneath the roadway, removing and replacing asphalt and curbs, replacing driveway entrances, repairing sidewalk and adding detectable warning surfaces at the side streets. Estimated completion is end of 2014. The contractor is Bun Construction Co.



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OBITUARIES

Wallace D. Hope

Wallace D. Hope, 96, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014, after a brief illness, at Tidewell Hospice in Arcadia.

He was born Nov. 24, 1917, in Okeechobee, Fla. Wallace worked as a flight chief at Dorr Field during World War II. For the remainder of his career he was a foreman for Sorrells Brothers Packing, retiring in 1980.

He is survived by his daughter, Jane Hope Parker; son, Wallace D. Hope Jr.; and grandson, Greg Parker. He is preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Hazel Hahn Hope; and his parents, W.D. "Bill" and Elsie Hope.

The family will have a memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be sent to Tidewell Hospice, 919 N. Arcadia Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266.

Willie J. Burrough

Willie J. Burrough, 65, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014. Arrangements are by Hickson Funeral and Cremation Services, Arcadia.

Mary Elizabeth Diamond

Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Diamond, 90, of Arcadia, Fla., and formerly of Miami, Fla., passed away Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014.

She was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Miami, to Elliot and Louise (nee Brooke) Arden. Mary Beth graduated high school and went on to become a Lab and X-Ray technician for Dr. Lindburg, a heart specialist in Miami.

She worked there for almost 50 years. She moved to Arcadia two years ago, and resided at The Oaks. Mary Beth enjoyed traveling. She was of the Methodist faith.

She is survived by her nephew, Nicholas "Nick" Diamond and family; and her niece, April Hodges. Mary Beth was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Ben and Joseph Diamond.

Visitation and the funeral service were held Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Arcadia. Pastor Brian Russell officiated. Burial followed at Joshua Creek Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

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

Mary C. Platt Kirchhoff

Mary C. Platt Kirchhoff, 58, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, in Cleveland, Ga. Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Arcadia, FL.

Wyvon Conrad Taylor



August 13, 1971 — September 10, 2014

Wyvon Conrad Taylor was born and raised in the Bahamas. He moved to Arcadia in 1993.

Wyvon loved to go deep sea fishing, cook and meet new people. He was a beloved friend, husband, father, son, uncle and brother.

Wyvon is survived by many who loved and miss him: mother, Sandra Thronebury Taylor; wife, Kelli Craven Taylor; children, Jaxson and Addison Taylor. Former wife, Mariella Pedrini; children, Brooke and Brandon Taylor; two brothers, Lowell Taylor and William Thronebury; two sisters, Laurestine Fox and Cherielle Morales; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and close cousins. He is preceded in death by his father Franklyn Alfred Taylor-Mena.

There will be a celebration of life for Wyvon at 11 a.m. on October 18 at the Tree of Knowledge Park in Arcadia.

Mildred Sally Campbell Smith

Mildred Sally Campbell Smith, 86, passed away Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, in Arcadia, Fla.

She was born Dec. 24, 1927.

Mildred retired from the former G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital in 1989. She was always caring for others, and had a loving soul. Mildred was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Arcadia. She lived a long and happy life.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary (Lacy "Jr") Spivey, Dixie (Roger) Cunningham, Sheila Mette and Wara (Alvin) Ryan; son, John R. (Angela) Smith III; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, John R. Smith Jr.; and her infant son.

Visitation was conducted Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, from the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia. The funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, at First Church of the Nazarene in Arcadia, with the Rev. Ted Stanton officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

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

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

Reader appreciates *The Arcadian*

Editor:

I recently read a letter to the editor with complaints about Steve Bauer and Susan Hoffman.

I want to put on the record that I appreciate both of these individuals and have a high respect for them. There have been times when I have not totally agreed with one or the other, and know there have been times they have not agreed with me, but at no time have they not acknowledged me when I have

a question, or am misinformed about something. They are always willing to step forward with the public to give help and information.

The Arcadian is the only newspaper we have in this area. It used to be a hit and miss publication when I first moved here. But now, it is the best source of information the citizens have and I believe Steve and Susan both report the happenings in Arcadia to the very best of their ability.

So, I want to make a public "Thank You" to the *Arcadian* and these two reporters. Keep up the good work, Steve and Susan!

Jackie Love-Scogin
Arcadia

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May the Lord fill your heart with love.

Give thanks for changing seasons

This is like driving in a beautiful painting!" Pauline exclaimed while we were on one of our annual October color tours. Well said! The brilliant blending of autumn's artistic hues is enough to make the blues leave. No wonder millions break away from the rush of routine living, driving thousands of miles to see this annual show of splendor. Design dominates the landscape. And design declares the existence of the Designer.

Colorful rolling hills and breathtaking views of quiet valleys entertained by flocking birds prove the ingenuity of the Master Planner. Mirror images of maples, oaks and birch beside still waters, dotted by leaf boats of red, yellow and brown, create a seasonal wonderland that cries for recognition of the Creator.

And even after sundown, the wonder remains. Harvest moons inspire poets and lovers, reminding us that the One who created all this loves us all.

Still, some are so troubled by adverse



Roger Campbell

circumstances in their lives that they allow present problems to color their thinking about God. Surrounded by countless evidences of His power, they mistakenly conclude they are beyond help and doubt that He cares. Having become problem conscious instead of power conscious, they are unable to see any way out of their difficulties.

Recent natural disasters add to our need of a peaceful haven. Threatening clouds call for a refuge from raging storms. High numbered hurricanes and killer earthquakes under seas and on land increase the tensions of our

time. Terrorists take their deadly toll on innocent people longing to be free and threats of plagues that defy miracle drugs, possibly killing millions, seem to be ever on the minds of those who feed our fears. But creation's wonders should soothe our minds, lifting us from every valley of despair.

King David, who went through many dark valleys in his eventful and often troubled life, found his faith increased by observing evidences of God's work everywhere. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork," he wrote (Psalm 19:1).

Commenting on David's soothing statement of faith, the 19th century English minister, Charles Spurgeon, wrote: "In his earliest days the Psalmist, while keeping his father's flock, had devoted himself to the study of God's two great books—nature and Scripture. The book of nature has three leaves: heaven, earth and sea. Any part of creation has more instruction in it than human mind

will ever exhaust. Every moment God's existence, power, wisdom and goodness are being sounded abroad. Even the changes of night and day equally reveal the Invisible One."

Our Lord often used illustrations from nature to build the faith and quiet the hearts of His hearers. He spoke of birds that do no farming but are fed by their heavenly Father and of lilies that neither toil nor spin yet are clothed more elegantly than kings. Why, then, should we allow worry to take away the joy of living? True, the earth is in travail, causing upheavals of nature (Romans 8:22), but even these promise the birth of a new day. Meanwhile, wherever we live, we can give thanks for the beauty of changing seasons, announcing better things are on their way.

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

Celebrate historic roots of Pine Level Saturday

By **CAROL MAHLER**
DeSoto Co.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pine Level may be DeSoto County's most famous "ghost town" now that it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It will be the focus of Pine Level Public Art and Archaeology Day. Free

and open to the public, the event is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Pine Level United Methodist Church, 9596 N.W. Pine Level Street. Food and beverages will be available.

Misinformation haunts the old frontier town and has been published and republished for decades. However, the National

Register Nomination submitted by the DeSoto County Historical Society has laid to rest some of the legends. It was written by Jana Futch, a professional archaeologist with Brockington and Associates in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Moth Madness at the Arcadia Garden Club

By **JAMIE PIPHER**
ARCADIA GARDEN CLUB

The Arcadia Garden Club opened its new season on Oct. 6 with a full house, delicious food and two educational presentations. Jean Evoy captivated the audience with her slideshow entitled "Moth Madness." Evoy has been visiting DeSoto County since the early '70s and retired here in 2002 from the Miami/Fort Lauderdale area.

She and her husband chose our county for its rural environment and the opportunity for her to have ample "field time" exploring her love of insects, specifically moths. There are more than 160,000 known moths in the world and DeSoto County has over 1,000.

"Moths have a bad rap," Evoy said as she described a sweater-eating moth. Most moths make a positive contribution to our environment and many are as beautiful as butterflies.

Evoy explained how to tell the difference between a butterfly and moth. The easiest way is to look at its antennae. A butterfly's antennae will be club-shaped with a long shaft and a bulb on the end. A moth's antennae are feathery or saw-edged. Also, butterflies come out primarily in the day time while moths are nocturnal.

The group enjoyed seeing photos of colorful moths, moths with striking patterns and unusual moth species. Evoy reported that moths are as small as 3/32" (pygmy moth) and as large as 12" (atlas moth). Host plants include oak trees, wild coffee plants, blackberry plants, snowbush shrubs, trumpet vines and the unusual host

Spanish moss. Members were reminded that National Moth Week is held annually the last week in July.

Vince Sica, CEO at DeSoto Memorial Hospital, with staff and board members presented information using a "community connection" format regarding the upcoming vote on a half-cent sales tax. DMH is asking the community to support a half-cent sales tax by voting "yes" to the question on November ballot. The money collected from the sales tax will be used to "service existing indebtedness of DMH" — specifically, Sica said, to pay down the existing mortgage. Importantly, the tax will be reviewed annually by the DeSoto County Commissioners to determine continued need. The half-cent sales tax will allow everyone to participate, including residents, visitors and travelers passing through. Currently DMH does not receive tax dollars. "We need your help," a staff member explained at the end of the presentation.

Members were encouraged to participate in the National Garden Club photography contest. The theme of the contest is: "Garden Club membership is" Photos will be judged based on presentation, originality, technical excellence, caption, and promotion of Garden Club objectives. March 15 is the deadline. For more information email Jamie Pipher at J_Pipher@yahoo.com.

Guest Patty Ubores was welcomed. Bonnie Stine, Lorraine Brauckhoff, and Zona Carlton had birthdays and were presented with a birthday cupcake. Members were reminded the Water and Land Conservation

Amendment will appear as Amendment 1 on the No. 4 ballot. Voter approval will help protect Florida's waters, wildlife areas and beaches.

Next Arcadia Garden Club meeting will be at noon on Nov. 3 at the Garden Club building, 1005 W. Magnolia St. (State Road 70) next to Lake Katherine in Arcadia. The program will be on bamboo arrangements conducted by Toni Simo who will teach on the meaning of bamboo in the Chinese culture. Each attendee will be given a holder and plant for making an arrangement. Additional plants will be available to purchase.



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Ellen Myers, program director, with Jean Evoy, who spoke to the Arcadia Garden Club about moths.

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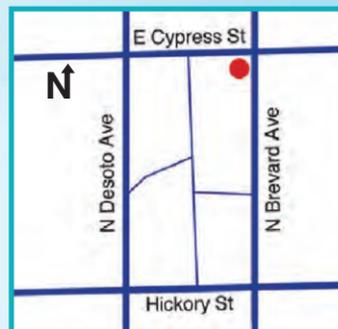


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DMH holds 'Community Conversations'

STAFF REPORTS

A disappointing turnout did not deter DeSoto Memorial Hospital personnel from holding several "Community Conversations." The sessions, which ran from Oct. 6 through Oct. 13, were meant to provide a public forum where voters could ask questions about the hospital, and particularly the half-cent sales tax referendum on the November ballot. In addition to open forums, DMH also reached out to groups like the Arcadia Garden Club and Rotary.

At the first session, held in Lake Suzy, the only non-DMH-affiliated people in the audience were two *Arcadian* reporters. Public turnout was a little better for the Turner Center session, where fewer than a dozen independent audience members attended. It was not better at the Pine Level or Fort Ogden sessions.

DMH CEO Vince Sica told the Turner audience that only the first \$5,000 of a taxable purchase would be subject to the half-cent sales tax. It would add 50 cents to a \$100 purchase, which would cost a buyer \$107.50 (instead of \$107 without it). Because most counties around us already have a 7 percent sales tax, he said, it would not likely drive DeSoto buyers out-of-county for big purchases.

He noted the referendum requires the additional half-percent tax would be collected and disbursed by the County Tax Assessor's office, and that it is to apply only to pay down the hospital's USDA mortgage, which is currently around \$18 million.

Responding to Gary Frierson, Sica said the Board of County Commissioners could at any time in the future eliminate the tax.

If the hospital is bought out in the future by private entity, Sica said BOCC could choose to stop it at once. He also expects the value of the tax thus



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Mike Provau listens intently during a DMH Community Conversation held at the Turner Center.

paid to date would be addressed in any purchase negotiations. Further, any sale would be done in the open with public input.

Sica said by helping with the mortgage, the tax could allow DMH to implement improvements such as advanced technologies, telemedicine, and retaining (rather than transferring) some of the sickest (and highest-paying) patients.

At the Turner Center event, county resident Ernie Hewett questioned Sica at length about the costs of indigent

or charity case. Sica said they believe the real cost is around \$2.5-\$3 million, of which the hospital recovers about 30 cents on the dollar.

Hewett questioned the stated loss of \$1.9 million per year. Sica noted the hospital had more in reserves at one time, but when considering depreciation now, a loss is shown. "We've done many things to either reduce expenses or increase revenue," Sica said. But an accounting error by a former financial officer resulted in the annual loss looking worse than it actually was.

Financial Officer Dan Hogan said

annual capital investments are about \$500,000.

Sica praised DMH staff for bringing expenses down, but DMH also needs to find a way to increase revenue. "It's unbelievable how expensive equipment is," he said.

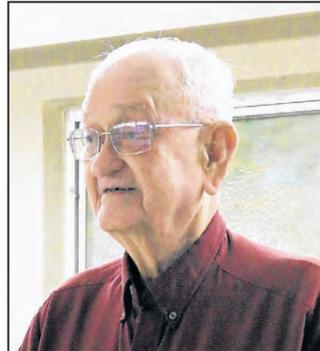
At the Fort Ogden session, Lois Wight said she was upset at a letter to the editor claiming the BOCC never publicized the decision to put the half-cent referendum on the ballot. "That person apparently never went to a meeting or read the newspaper," she said.



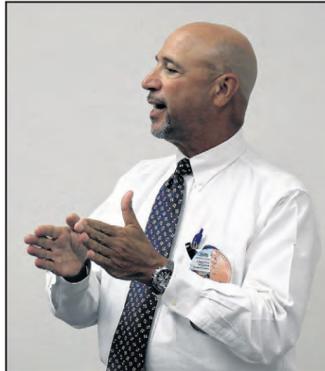
Lois Wight, sitting at the head of a row of empty chairs, said she was disappointed more people didn't come to the Community Conversations to learn about the hospital.



Dr. Vaidy Nathan said, "If you think about it, you can't be anything for a penny. So a half penny is like half of nothing. But give me that half of nothing and this hospital will be flourishing."



Bob Avant, a former County Commissioner, said he has always received good treatment at DMH. "It is our hospital and we need to keep it."



DeSoto Memorial Hospital Vince Sica discusses the origin of the proposed half-cent tax to the audience.

School Board meets Precious Pearls

By SUSAN E. HOFFMAN
ARCADIAN EDITOR

The DeSoto County School Board learned about the Precious Pearls Program during its Tuesday night meeting. Founder Shameka Hollimon, appearing with co-founder Kameelah Goodman, said Precious Pearls is designed to empower young girls to believe in themselves and in what they can achieve.

"The Little Pearls Book Club meets once a month at the library," Hollimon said. Girls age 8 to 10 receive a book each month, which they then read and discuss with a parent. They also have other activities planned.

"Precious Pearls is for middle school girls and has three aspects," Hollimon

said. They have workshops on topics of interest, such as bullying. A key goal is to build self-esteem. They also will be matched with mentors, adult women who can act as friends, advisors and even confidantes. Finally, Precious Pearls will introduce the girls to new experiences outside of DeSoto County. They have already attended a Teen Summit and are planning a college road trip, and maybe a visit to Washington D.C. They have also attended a City Council meeting and, now, a School Board meeting.

Charlotte Gilchrist said her daughter has already benefited from the Precious Pearls Program, and has joined the chorus and the yearbook staff. "When I was coming up, this kind of opportunity was not available."



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Members of the Precious Pearls Program made a good impression on the DeSoto County School Board Tuesday when they appeared with the organizers to introduce the program. It is designed to help young women gain self-esteem and realize their full potential.

The School Board also learned about the international Committee for Leadership in Education. A team from ICLE spent time working with DeSoto administrators, directors, teachers, food service and facilities staff. The exercise

focused on developing a unique vision for DeSoto County schools that will, among other things, acknowledge the unique culture and history, and give students reasons to stay in DeSoto when they finish school.

Candid talks about photos



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John Black, left, one of the photographers whose work is on display at the Martin Art Gallery, talks with Jean Vavrovsky during the opening reception of the photo exhibit.



Carol Mahler announces the upcoming activities of the DeSoto County Historical Society, including Pine Level Public Art and Archaeology Day on Oct. 18.



Gabriel Quave, left, and Al Smoke discuss some of the photos on display at the Martin Art Gallery. John Black, Rhett Butler, Jerry Waters and Susan Hoffman have works on exhibit there through mid-November.



Karen Smoke of DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council looks over records of the sales of the council's 16-month calendar, created from paintings of Arcadia landmarks.



Gordon "Mac" Martin announces the artists in the first exhibit of the new season, held at the Martin Art Gallery in Arcadia. The work of four area photographers is on display until the middle of November.

CALENDAR

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MONDAY

The DeSoto County Special Olympics committee meets at 3 p.m. on the third Monday every month at The Last Chapter Coffee Shop on W. Oak St. For more information, call Joyce at 873-8219 or 494-3440.

DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 6:30 p.m. third Monday monthly at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 N.E. Roan St.

The DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.

The DeSoto County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. third Mondays monthly in the fair office on Heard Street, Arcadia.

TUESDAY

DeSoto Memorial Hospital is offering special pricing on digital mammograms (\$75) and bone density scans (\$75) on Oct. 20, 21, 22 and 23. Call 993-7601 to make an appointment.

Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave. Workshop at 5 p.m., old City Hall Bldg.

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

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The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, starting Nov. 12, at the Speer Center,

WEDNESDAY

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.

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

THURSDAY

The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Mt. Olive CME, 7683 S.W. Hull Ave., from 9-11 a.m. Oct. 23.

Nova Southeastern University College of Nursing will hold an open house at its Fort Myers campus from noon to 3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Oct. 23. 3650 Colonial Court, Fort Myers. Also a Virtual Information Session at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 via www.nova.edu/maincampusnursing/ and www.nova.edu/nursing/index.html. For details, call Susan Holland at 239-274-3088.

DeSoto County Cattlemen's Association Fall Meeting will be held at the Turner Center at 7 p.m. on Oct. 23.

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

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Hardee took advantage of a lackluster effort by the DeSoto Middle School football team for an easy 40-6 win.

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Bulldogs bitten by Frostproof 20-15

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

Any visions the 2014 DeSoto varsity football team had of a perfect season were officially erased last Friday. The team suffered its first loss of the year 20-15 at Frostproof.

The Bulldogs never looked like they had command of the game. Even when the squad took a 15-14 lead going into the final quarter, doubts lingered if they would pull out a win. They just couldn't get their offense going and lost out on too many opportunities given to them.

There were only two plays when they looked like the Bulldogs we've seen in the previous five weeks running all over their opponents. A 14-yard touchdown pass from Tajahs Jackson to Tony Lee in the second quarter pulled them to within five points at the half 14-9. That drive was set up by a fumbled punt (one of the five fumbles lost by Frostproof on the night) just six plays before



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DeSoto County's Tony Lee pulls in this pass in the 20-15 loss at Frostproof. Lee scored on a 14-yard pass and led the receivers with four catches for 47 yards.

Lee's score. The Bulldogs took the lead in the third period 15-14 on a Jackson 16-yard run.

That was all the offense the boys in white jerseys could muster. When the final numbers were tallied it showed just 14 yards rushing and 51 yards passing. That was for the whole game, not just a quarter. The best rushing average was Zack Beeles, who only carried the ball one time for a yard.

Jackson had 24 carries for 23 yards, and DaWayne Hearn lost four yards on six carries.

Lee caught four of the six completions for 47 yards, with Alfredrick Tyson hauling in the other two catches for four yards. That was it; nothing more and only six first downs all game long.

It was a game of firsts for the Bulldogs. Nirion Washington threw the first interception of

the season and it was returned by Kijana Gaines for a touchdown. That score marked the first time the Bulldogs have trailed in any game this season, showcasing how dominant they had been until the trip to Frostproof.

The other first was the first time a DeSoto County football team had cracked the top ten teams in the state rankings. They jumped up to No. 10, but that will probably change this week.

Ultimately, it was the "Gaines Gang" that did the Bulldogs in. For the past three years the Gaines boys have been a thorn in DeSoto County's side. Kaleel Gaines, who will play for the Michigan State Spartans next fall, scored the second touchdown in the first quarter that went with twin brother Kijana's earlier score to give Frostproof a 14-2 lead after one. D'Angelo Gaines scored the two-point conversion for Kaleel's touchdown, and then added his own touchdown in the fourth

quarter that gave Frostproof the win.

Missed opportunities

The Bulldogs were given plenty of chances by Frostproof to take the game and turn it into a win, but the inept offense couldn't move the ball. A big opportunity came on the opening play when Frostproof had the first of their five fumbles lost. With the Bulldogs deep in the red zone they could have made a statement right away, but it was Frostproof that made the game-changing statement by keeping the Bulldogs out of the end zone as Jackson was stopped inside the two-yard-line on a fourth-down run.

When Frostproof took over deep in its territory, Stefan Williams and Oscar Alfonso brought down Frostproof's Major Plain in the end zone for a safety and an early 2-0 lead. It went downhill from there for

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Injuries mount as Lady Dawgs split

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

Never in Bulldogs Coach Laura White's mind did she envision a front row consisting of Courtney Bonville, Jayla Cowell and Malysa Jeter. But that's what she had in the 3-0 loss at Port Charlotte on Oct. 6.

These are all fine young ladies who play their positions well, but it wasn't exactly White's first choice for the front row. Bonville is a defensive specialist who never rotates to the front row. Cowell is an upcoming star who is a utility player and has been

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Michaela Roberts gets up high for this shot against Port Charlotte. Roberts had four kills in the 3-0 loss.

JV lady bulldogs: A tale of two teams

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

If you weren't paying attention, you might have thought you watched two separate DeSoto County junior varsity volleyball teams during a game at Port Charlotte Oct. 6.

In their first match against the Pirates Sept. 2, the Bulldogs dominated the young and inexperienced squad, sweeping them 25-6 and 25-11. In the North Port tournament Sept. 20 the two teams met in the final match of the day. The Pirates won the first set and the Bulldogs rallied to win the next two sets for the match win.

In their Oct. 6 match, the Pirates again won the first set 25-21 and appeared to be well on their way to a sweep as they led 23-16 in the second set.

Delay spurns turnaround

Then a 10-minute delay occurred as the referees checked the official books at the scoring table and found two rotation violations. This error took two points off of the Pirates' seven-point lead. With the score adjusted to 21-16, the Pirates were still in command of the game.

As the action started the Pirates suddenly couldn't get anything going their way. Their excellent passes, serves and enthusiastic hustle were gone. DeSoto County seemingly morphed into a new team and scored nine of the next 10 points to even the match with a 25-22 win.

Bulldog freshman Shea Lipe said, "We got together during the break and told

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Samantha Kilgore, Graciela Munoz, Brenda Perez and Lorena Lara show their excitement in the win over Port Charlotte as they head to the concession stand.

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Lady Bulldogs named Silver Bracket champs

By **STEVE KNAPP**
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

The DeSoto County varsity volleyball team came into the Gene Gorman Invitational at Charlotte High School with two injuries and a lot of questions to be answered. They walked out 10 hours later with sophomore Cassidy Furr injured from a pulled stomach muscle and the Silver Bracket championship.

The old adage of "It's not how you start, but how you finish" was so true for the Bulldogs. They lost their first three matches to Manatee, Riverview and North Port. The average score was 25-15 in the six losses.

"Adversity seems to be our motto this season," Bulldogs Coach Laura White said. The Bulldogs were in a strong pool play division and the bench was getting

a little thin with Bethany Bonville and Kaitlin Steyer both wearing a cast on their left foot/ankle.

To illustrate just how tough DeSoto's bracket was, Manatee defeated Charlotte, which went on to win the gold bracket and went undefeated in pool play. Riverview, another team in the Bulldogs' pool, also beat the Tarpons.

DeSoto County came alive when they played Island Coast, which finished third in the gold division, and easily beat them by scores of 25-16 and 25-11. The championship game was against North Port.

The Bobcats gave the Bulldogs their first regular season defeat 3-1 back in August. Earlier in the day North Port handled the Bulldogs, winning 25-14

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The Bulldogs' Datasia Wallace comes up with another save as she hustled throughout the tournament. "She always gives 100 percent," Coach Laura White said. The Bulldogs won the Silver Division championship.



By **STEVE KNAPP**
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

- The varsity football team tasted defeat for the first time this year, dropping a 20-15 contest at Frostproof.

- The junior varsity football team was at Frostproof the night before the varsity played and lost 14-7.

- The JV volleyball team beat Port Charlotte 2-1 and lost to Hardee 2-0. The volleyball teams started the season with either the JV or varsity winning but the other one losing their match. Now that the season is winding down they are back into the same routine.

- The varsity volleyball team lost to Port Charlotte 3-0 but beat Hardee 3-2. The team finished with a 2-3 record at the Gene Gorman Invitational in Charlotte. Their pool was the toughest one, and once they got into the championship brackets they won both of their games to finish as the Silver Division

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DMS football blasted by Hardee

By **STEVE KNAPP**
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

It was the tin man who took the journey down the yellow brick road in search of a heart from the Wizard of Oz. The DeSoto County Middle School football team should be right on his heels looking for some heart, too.

The Bulldogs didn't follow the yellow brick road but did follow Highway 17 to play Hardee Oct. 7. The result was an embarrassing 40-6 beating by the Wildcats.

It was an emotionless performance by a team that looked as if they didn't

want to be there. There was a breakdown in the Bulldogs' running game, and blocking seemed to be a new concept.

The Bulldogs picked up just two first downs in the game. The first one came on fourth-and-eight when Alex Muse scampered for 14 yards with 2:44 left in the first half. Nehemiah Hillard picked up the second one on a 30-yard run around the right side with 35 seconds left in the half.

Those two runs and the \$1 hot dogs at the concession stand were the highlights leading to halftime. The first half rushing stats read 17 carries for 31

yards. The Wildcats scored on a 33-yard run, a quarterback keeper and a pass to build up a 20-0 lead.

From bad to worse

The Bulldogs kicked off to start the second half, and the Wildcats scored on an 85-yard return. Hillard then took the Hardee kickoff and returned it all the way to the Wildcats' 46. After a 6-yard pass, the next throw was picked off. An 83-yard Wildcat run from scrimmage made the score 34-0 midway through the third quarter.

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ourselves we had to play better and we did."

The final set had the feel of a varsity match. With the big crowd for Senior Night arriving and with the delay in the second set, both teams were playing in front of more spectators than they were used to seeing. The crowd cheered and both teams had long rallies and seemed to elevate their games with the fan support behind them. The Bulldogs scored four of the final five points to put an end to the exciting match 15-9.

Bulldog Coach Nora Cail was constantly telling her team to "move your feet" during the first set. The Bulldogs

didn't have much going for them as their serves and passes were off the mark. By the time the match was over, the Bulldogs were playing like they are capable of performing.

"I just don't know what got into them during that first game. We looked tired and it looked like nobody wanted to play. They finally came around just in time or we would have lost in two games," Cail said.

Lipe, Hayleigh McCall and Bailey Bryant each had two aces while Heather Murphy led with four kills. Brenda Perez had 11 digs.

The Bulldogs hosted the Hardee Wildcats Oct. 7 and lost 2-0. Lipe led with four aces and Keirstyn Barrera had three. The positions were reversed on digs as Barrera led with eight and Lipe finished with seven.



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Hayleigh McCall, Samantha Kilgore, Cassie Rogers, Brenda Perez and Keirstyn Barrera celebrate their come from behind win in set two over Port Charlotte. The Bulldogs beat the Pirates for the third time this season in their Oct. 6 match.

BULLDOGS

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DeSoto.

"I don't think we were prepared this week. We didn't take advantage of opportunities that were there," Bulldogs Coach Matt Egloff said. "I know there were things that we go over every week but we didn't cover them this week. Tonight we just weren't ready. We had a setback and now we have to work harder, we'll be fine."

While walking off the field after the game, Zach Beeles said, "We're all right, it's not a district game and we have a lot to look forward to the rest of the season. We've got to take things more seriously."

The leader of the DeSoto County defense, senior Deionte Turner said, "It was a hurtful game, we just have to learn from our mistakes and get ready for next week." Turner led the team with a sack and four tackles for losses.

Two big factors in the struggles of the offense came from injuries. Quarterback Reggie Jones went down last week with a right knee injury. As he got off the bus he said, "I should be playing this week." It was his heart speaking and not his head. He spent the game on the sidelines and probably will miss this week's game against Southeast. After the bye week he should be ready for the Thursday night game Oct. 30 against district opponent Hardee. Going into last week Jones led the area in touchdowns despite having a game canceled due to weather.

The other big injury was to lineman Chace Higgins, who plays on both sides of the ball. With him out it caused a lot of juggling on both lines.

The Bulldogs will hopefully get back on the winning track at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night at Southeast. The game can be heard on WFLN 1480 AM or on your computer or smartphone anywhere in the world by going to www.tunein.com and following the directions provided.

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INJURIES

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coming on strong in the second half of the season. Jeter is a freshman recently called up from the junior varsity and playing in only her second varsity match.

Kaitlin Steyer went down during the third game as she re-injured her left ankle. When she landed after a jump, her leg was straight but her foot was at a 90-degree angle. After several moments she was helped to the bench and quickly had an ice bag applied on her ankle. Steyer was playing well and had six kills at the time of her injury. The hospital report said it was not broken and she will be able to play after she rests it.

White looked to her depleted bench and the only option was Bonville. "It was maybe seventh grade when I last played the front row," Bonville said. "It was fun and I've always wanted to play the front row but it would have been better if I knew what I was doing."

Jeter said, "The biggest difference between the JV and varsity is the speed of the ball when it's hit. It is good that we were able to work around our injuries and even got a couple of points out of that lineup."

When asked about her team White said, "At least everybody got playing time, nobody can say they didn't play tonight. We need to be able to play several positions because you never know when you will be needed if an injury happens."

The Bulldogs were slow to get out

of the gate as they trailed 14-8 in the first set. They never scored again as the Pirates scored the final 11 points for an easy 25-8 win.

The second set was much better as the Lady Bulldogs held an 18-12 lead. The lead slowly slipped away as they were unable to put the Pirates away while leading 24-22. They never scored again as Port Charlotte took the second set 26-24.

The final set again found the Bulldogs in front midway through the set by a score of 12-9. The Pirates went on a 16-6 run to sweep the Bulldogs 25-18.

Josie Deriso, Michaela Roberts and Cowell each had four kills, while Jeter and Roberts each had a pair of aces. Lucero Perez led the team with 24 digs.

Bulldogs rally past Hardee

The next night the Bulldogs hosted district rival Hardee. With their two big guns, Bethany Bonville and Steyer sitting on the bench nursing injuries, the Bulldogs managed to slip past the

Wildcats in five games.

Bonville is the captain and leads in kills for the team, and her leadership style is to lead by quiet example. Steyer is the starting middle hitter so White had to make some changes in the lineup.

Sophomore Cassidy Furr stepped up to the challenge and had more playing time than any other game this season. "She seemed to have a calming effect on the team," White said.

The Lady Bulldogs won the second game 25-19 and the third game 25-23. After dropping the fourth set, the Wildcats took a big 9-2 lead on a campfire ball that looked as if it would be the end for the Bulldogs in game five.

They rallied back and there were several ties until the end. With just one more point needed to send the Bulldogs to a home district game loss, they rallied for three straight points and a 16-14 win.

Kacey Steyer led with 17 kills with Roberts scoring 12, including the game winner in the final set.

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Because of injuries, Courtney Bonville, Jayla Cowell and Malysa Jeter all became front row players in an unusual lineup for the Bulldogs.

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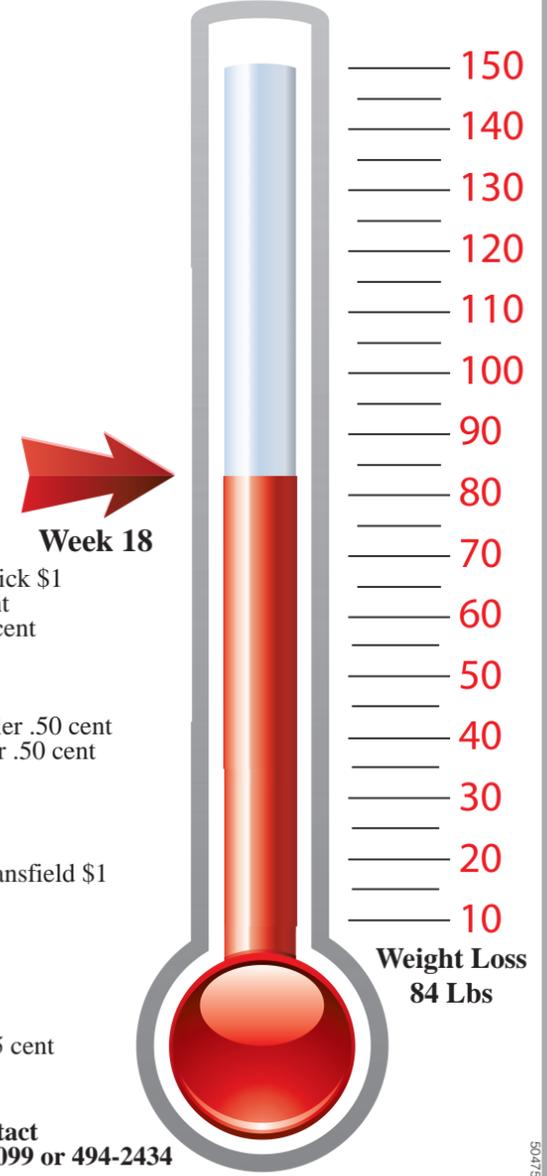
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CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 14-2014-CA-00030
DIVISION: Z
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vs.
LILLIAN GULLEDGE, et al, Defendant(s).

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2014CA533
GARY FRIERSON, Plaintiff,
v.
DANIEL FRAZIER, HENRY L. LEWIS, RAYMOND W. KREIDER, JANE DOE and JOHN DOE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Defendants DANIEL FRAZIER, HENRY L. LEWIS, RAYMOND W. KREIDER, JANE DOE and JOHN DOE, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, successors in interest, assignees, lienors, trustees, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against them; all unknown natural persons if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, or under those unknown natural persons; the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by,

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through, under, or against any corporation or other legal entity named or described 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 claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property hereafter 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 is pending on the following real property in DeSoto County, Florida: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE S 89°45'29" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 173.90 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF THE S.C.L. RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ON THE SAME LINE, 941.84 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ARCADIA LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE N 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION, 625.75 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE N 89°42'40" E, 699.18 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE N 21°09'05" E ALONG SAID RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY CENTER LINE, 672.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS A PARCEL AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 270, PAGE 220; AND LESS CITY OF ARCADIA PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 267, PAGE 50; AND LESS S.C.L. RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, ALSO LESS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL; BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST; THENCE S 89°45'29" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 421.58 FEET; THENCE S 21°15'05" W, 398.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ON THE SAME LINE, 137.51 FEET; THENCE NORTH 127.91 FEET; THENCE N 89°42'40" E, 49.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
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inal with the Clerk of Court for DeSoto County, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida, 34266, either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Dated this the 9TH day of OCTOBER, 2014.
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Clerk of the Court
By: Marlene Harris as Deputy Clerk Published 10/16/14 & 10/23/14 325434 3098964

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2014 DR 472
Anthony Wayne Dunkin, Petitioner
and
Joan Piper Dunkin, Respondent
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Joan Piper Dunkin
Last Known Address: unknown
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, Anthony Dunkin whose address is, 2250 SW Robin Rd., 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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2014 DR 540
Brigitte Pamela Gander and
Rickie James Gander, Respondent
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
TO: Rickie James Gander
Last Known Address: 102 Perdido Cr. Niceville, FL 32578

NOTICE OF ACTION
3116

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, Brigitte P. Gander whose address is, 4364 NE Andrea Terrace, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before November 17, 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: October 14, 2014
MITZIE W. MCGAVIC
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ M. Harris
Deputy Clerk
Published 10/16/14, 10/23/14, 10/30/14 & 11/6/14 131159 3098517

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 2008CA000804
Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
Taneshia Smith; et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 22, 2014 entered in Case No. 2008CA000804 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, N.A. is the Plaintiff and Taneshia Smith; Unknown Spouse of Taneshia; Delshaun Williams; Unknown Spouse of Delshaun Williams; John Doe; Jane Doe are the Defendants, that the Clerk of Courts will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the south door of the courthouse at 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, beginning at 11:00 on the 30th day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 14, BLOCK "I", EL DORADO PARK, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 71; TOGETHER WITH 2006 CMH MOBILE HOME, VIN #WHC015279GA. 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 6th day of October, 2014. BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 Phone: (954) 618-6955, ext. 6103 Fax: (954) 618-6954 FLCourtDocs@brockand-scott.com By: Kathleen Pierrilus, Esq. Florida Bar No. 74819 Published 10/16/14 & 10/23/14 349911 3098974

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 18, 2014, and entered in 2009-CA-001176 of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2007-OPT1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-OPT1 is the Plaintiff and JEFFREY PACHECO; SUSAN PACHECO are the Defendant(s). Mitzie McGavic as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Door 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 AM, on November 18, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 8, TIER 6, A.W. GILCHRIST'S EAST END ADDITION TO ARCADIA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 27, AND IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 48.**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 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 10/16/14 & 10/23/14 331723 3098999

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 2010 CA 000172 AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM H MCCLELLAND; GLADYS MCCLELLAND; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 20th day of August, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2010 CA 000172, of the Circuit Court of the 12TH Judicial Circuit in and for Desoto County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM H MCCLELLAND; GLADYS MCCLELLAND and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, SOUTH DOOR OF THE DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, 11:00 AM on the 13th day of November, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 12, BLOCK A, OF RICHARD'S HALF ACRES, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Dated this 14th day of October, 2014. By: Gweneth Brimm, Esq. Bar: 727601 Published 10/16/14 & 10/23/14 107507 3098956

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2013CA000268AXMA BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. ROSA LINDA MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROSA LINDA MARTINEZ; DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 1, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013CA000268AXMA, of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and ROSA LINDA MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROSA LINDA MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT SOUTH DOOR OF COURTHOUSE., at 115 EAST OAK STREET, ARCADIA in DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA 34266, at 11:00 A.M., on the 13 day of November, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 4 AND THE NORTH 6 FEET OF LOT 5, TROPICAL HOMES SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

COURT IN AN D FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 73.

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 5 day of August, 2014. MITZIE MCGAVIC As Clerk of said Court By: /s/ B. Wynn As Deputy Clerk If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Desoto County Clerk's Office, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, Phone No. (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 10/16/14 & 10/23/14 221363 3098946

Classified = Sales

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, Florida 34266, (863)993-

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

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 234766 3096415

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,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 3122

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 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

TAX DEEDS 3132

#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 10/16/14 & 10/23/14 374493 3099001

Cash in with Class!

DESOTO COUNTY ELECTIONS' OFFICE PRE-ELECTION TABULATION TEST (FS 101.5612) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday October 16, 2014 a pre-election test of the automatic tabulation equipment will be held to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count all votes cast in the November 4, 2014 General Election. The test will take place at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, DeSoto County Administration Building, 201 East Oak Street, Suite 103, Arcadia, Florida. Any interested citizens are invited to attend. Reminder...Florida Law requires that all electors present photo identification when voting. This identification may be a Florida Driver License, Florida Identification Card or

Citrus estimates up for 2015

STAFF REPORT

In one of the most anticipated citrus forecasts in recent memory, the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicted a slight increase in the 2014-2015 Florida orange estimate Friday. Local growers gathered at the Arcadia Elks Lodge to listen to the report say they're cautiously optimistic about the prediction, which contradicts the dismal forecasts that were released earlier in the year.

Total orange production is forecast at 108 million boxes, a three percent increase over last season's total of 104.4 million. The total includes 52 million boxes of non-Valencia oranges and 56 million boxes of Valencia oranges. Grapefruit was set at 15 million boxes, with tangerines at 2.8 million and tangelos at 900,000 boxes.

Peace River Valley Growers Association Communications Manager Katie Marks said the reactions from growers in attendance was encouraging. "I know there were many in attendance who believed the numbers would be somewhere in the 90s," she said.

Marks continued that others are looking toward number counts in the summer to give them a more accurate forecast. "A lot will depend on how well growers can stave off disease like citrus greening," she said.

The Valencia forecast of



PHOTO BY STEVE BAUER

Local growers gathered at the Arcadia Elks Lodge last week to listen to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's annual citrus crop report.

INFORMATION

For more information on this year's citrus forecast, visit www.usda.gov or call the PRVGA at 863-494-0061.

56 million boxes is nine percent higher than last season's production. The estimated number of bearing trees is 31.2 million, down two percent from the previous season. The estimated fruit per tree is 624, an increase of two percent from last season. Projected fruit size is well below average, requiring an estimated 235 pieces of fruit to fill a 90-pound box. Projected droppage is close to the maximum at 28 percent.

Based on fruit population, the prorated forecast shows a decrease of 500,000 boxes in the

southern part of the state compared with last season. The forecast shows an increase in the Indian River of 600,000 boxes. The combined other areas show an increase of 4,600 boxes.

Grapefruit numbers down

The forecast of grapefruit production is 15 million boxes, four percent less than last season's production. The total includes 4 million boxes of white grapefruit and 11 million boxes of colored grapefruit. All grapefruit bearing trees are estimated to be 4.6 million, down four percent from the previous season.

The white grapefruit forecast of 4 million boxes is four percent less than last season's production. The estimated number of

bearing trees is down five percent from the previous season. The estimated fruit per tree is 477, a decrease of 14 percent from last season. Projected fruit size is slightly above the minimum, requiring an estimated 117 pieces of fruit to fill an 85-pound box. Projected droppage is above average at 22 percent.

The colored grapefruit forecast of 11 million boxes is four percent less than last season's final production. The estimated number of bearing trees is down three percent from the previous season. The estimated fruit per tree is 445, a decrease of 12 percent from last season. Projected fruit size is below average, requiring an estimated 119 pieces of fruit to fill an 85-pound box. Projected droppage is above average at 20 percent.

Good week for field work

FOR THE WEEK
ENDING OCT. 12

Weather Summary

According to Florida's Automated Weather Network, rainfall ranged from no rain to 0.37 inches this past week. Frostproof (Polk County) received the most rain with 0.37 inches, followed by Immokalee (Collier County) with 0.32 inches. All of Florida received less than one inch of rain this past week. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 79 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 45 to 92 across the State. The highest temperature was 92 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County), Immokalee (Collier County), Dover (Hillsborough County), and Lake Alfred (Polk County). The lowest temperature in the state was 45 degrees in Monticello (Jefferson County).

Fruit and Vegetables

Tomato harvest continued in Gadsden County. Bradford and Hillsborough counties were planting strawberries. Vegetable growers in southwest

Florida continued with fall planting as conditions transitioned to the dry season. The cabbage crop in Okeechobee County is gaining size. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included green beans, squash, peppers, tomato, herbs, eggplant, sweet corn, bitter melon, boniato and malanga; being harvested included boniato, malanga, okra and avocado.

Field Crops

There was an average of 6.7 days suitable for field work this past week, up from the previous week. Drier weather made for good field work conditions. Peanut harvesting continued in the Panhandle, north and central Florida. Peanut harvesting was 50 percent complete, below the five-year average. Peanut condition was mostly good for the state. Hay continued to be cut in the Panhandle, north and central Florida but the quality was not good. Cotton was being defoliated in Escambia County and harvesting continued in Washington County. Farmers in the Panhandle were planting rye grass,

CITRUS ESTIMATED BOXES HARVESTED

(IN THOUSANDS OF 1-3/5 BUSHEL BOXES)

	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 12
Early/mid oranges	NA	2	4
Ambersweet	NA	4	14
Navel oranges	NA	2	6
White grapefruit	NA	0	2
Colored grapefruit	NA	25	71
Fallglo Tangerines	NA	25	55
Total	NA	58	152



oats, and winter grazing. Sugarcane harvesting started in Hendry and Glades counties.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures in north Florida were experiencing areas of decline, while in southwest Florida pasture quality is mostly good with seasonal decline. In north Florida, calves were being weaned and cows are beginning to gain body condition to prepare for the upcoming breeding season. Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good.

Citrus

Rainfall was generally light or non-existent in citrus producing counties this week. Frostproof (Polk County) received the most precipitation

with 0.37 inches. Most other counties received a tenth of an inch or less of rainfall. Daytime high temperatures continued to be warm, reaching the upper 80s to low 90s on several days. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated Oct. 7, all citrus producing regions in Florida are drought-free.

Fruit size appears to be running smaller than normal this season on early and mid-season oranges and on white and colored grapefruit. Fallglo tangerines are also running on the small side this season, but with the lesser tangerine crop size they are still desirable for the fresh market.

— Crop Weather Reports are provided by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. For more information visit www.nass.usda.gov.

OTHER NOTICES 3138

some form of photo/signature identification. Please be prepared to show photo identification for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Mark F. Negley Supervisor of Elections DeSoto County, Florida PUBLISHED 10/16/14 108404 3098565

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ROUNDUP

FROM PAGE 16

champions.

- The middle school football team lost 40-6 at Hardee.
- The middle school softball team kept on rolling with a pair of 5-2 and 12-6 wins.

Upcoming games

- The varsity football team is on the road for the fourth straight week as they visit

Southeast tomorrow. After a bye week they will host Hardee Oct. 30. Because Halloween falls on a Friday this year, the contest against Hardee is a Thursday night game. Be sure to mark it on your calendar: Thursday night!

- The JV football team ends their season at 6 p.m. in Port Charlotte tonight.
- The cross country team is at home tonight for their only home meet of the season. It starts at 4:30 p.m.
- Tonight is senior night

for the varsity volleyball team as they host North Port. The Bulldogs will have three seniors who will be playing their final home game of their career: Datasia Wallace, Michaela Roberts and Kacey Steyer.

- The final football game for the middle school is next Tuesday at home against Avon Park.
- The middle school softball team is home tonight, and will have their final home game of the season Oct. 27 against Hill-Gustat.



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Junior Bethany Bonville, and sophomores Kaitlin Steyer and Cassidy Furr were part of the "walking wounded" for the varsity volleyball team this past weekend. Furr suffered a pulled muscle at the tournament, while Bonville had an injured left foot and Steyer had an ankle sprain.

FOOTBALL

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The Wildcats surprised the Bulldogs with a successful inside kick and scored three minutes later to make the score 40-0 and start the running clock. A 40-yard touchdown pass from Muse to Kawassimi Wilson at the 1:13 mark took away the shutout.

With the Wildcats dominating the offensive plays in the second half, the Bulldogs ran just five running plays

for a total of minus 23 yards. For the game the Bulldogs ended with 22 carries for 8 yards. Fourteen of those plays were for either no gain or negative yardage. Hillard led the attack with seven carries for 23 yards, all in the first half.

After Wilson's touchdown saved the Bulldogs the further embarrassment of getting shut out, only one player congratulated him as he left the field. The team lacked fire, drive and the controlled violence needed to be successful. Except for a very few players, most of them just

went through the motions.

One Bulldog player was so upset at the end of the game that he sat on the bench and refused to shake the other team's hands or the Hardee head coach's hand. That was a sad sight and example of poor sportsmanship. The players must learn to accept defeat and show sportsmanship after the game.

Coach Terry Allshouse said, "We didn't block well and had a bad week of practice, too. We got to throw a lot tonight and we ran a couple of nice options. I've got to find guys who want to play."



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Tyler King (79) and Kawassimi Wilson bring down a Hardee ball carrier. King played another strong game on both sides of the ball and Wilson scored the lone touchdown in the Bulldogs' 40-6 loss.

CHAMPS

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and 25-18. In the championship game, however, it was all DeSoto County as the Bulldogs swept by scores of 25-15

and 26-24.

"Jayla (Cowell) came on and played pretty well for us in that last game," White said. "She played the middle and also got some nice serves in for us. Josie (Deriso) played strong in the Island Coast game and it continued over to the final game, too."

Datasia Wallace played well all day long and never seemed to get tired even after five matches. "She always gives 100 percent every game. If we had a most valuable player today she would be it," White added.

Michaela Roberts led with 20 kills, followed by Deriso with 17. Cowell had five

aces and Lucero Perez led with 48 digs.

North Port will be at DeSoto County tonight in an effort to avenge the defeat as the Bulldogs celebrate senior night. Datasia Wallace, Michaela Roberts and Kacey Steyer are the seniors who will be playing their final home game for the Bulldogs tonight.

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GRITS & PIECES

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do can be good because you don't have to make any decisions. The bad part is when you have to decide something on your own but can't because your brain is in uncharted waters.

Everybody can't be the boss for obvious reasons. And many who are bosses have no obvious business telling anybody what to do, much less make the kind of

money they do. Agreed?

Even if they possess a framed piece of paper from a college that is their "permission slip" to be the boss doesn't mean they deserve it. Too often we've seen those folks show up to run the place, and their underlings (those who should've been promoted) wind up training them. That's an injustice, the way I see it.

Now, I'm not saying all bosses are bad. I've had some of the best. In fact, all some of them would have to do is holler and I'd still come running if I knew they really needed me for something. Some

others would just be out of luck, and I'm sure you can relate.

Employers should walk in the shoes of their employees as a reality check. If they want to get a real feel for it, they should let the little guy boss them around for at least a week. And swap paychecks too.

You and I, at one time or another, have said, "Things would be a lot different if I was the boss around here!" No doubt that would be true. But luckily for us and the business most of us never got a turn at bat.

Even if we got the chance to be boss,

I'm sure we'd find out the position comes with a lot more baggage than we'd want to tote. As they say, be careful what you ask for because you just might get it.

So in conclusion, we do get to be the boss of ourselves, and that can be the hardest position of all. We have to supervise ourselves at all times, and no matter how good a job we do, we can't give ourselves a raise. Sadly, we can't fire ourselves, but we do have the right to chew ourselves out in the mirror for not being up to snuff. So always do a good job of being you!

CELEBRATE

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the University of South Florida, Futch wrote her thesis about Pine Level in 2011, and members of the Historical Society participated in the field work conducted at the site. Artifacts that she collected and analyzed will be on display at the event, and she will give guided tours of the site. Also on exhibit will be historic artifacts uncovered by Janus Research during archaeological surveys for the Mosaic Company's DeSoto Mine.

The Florida National Review Board noted that Pine Level is one of only seven Reconstruction-era sites recognized in Florida. According to the U.S. House Journal 14th Session, Representative James D. Green sponsored a bill "to establish and permanently locate the county site of Manatee county ..." It

was signed into law by Governor D. S. Walker on January 15, 1866.

At that time, Manatee County's nearly 5,000 square miles extended from the Gulf of Mexico to Lake Okechobee and from the Manatee River to the Caloosahatchee River. On April 7, the Manatee County Commission appointed eight men to "locate the place and name of the new County Site." On May 29, the Commission accepted the report from the committee that the geographically central new county seat would be called Pine Level.

In 1887, Pine Level served as county seat of the newly formed DeSoto County — which encompassed the lands now in Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee and Highlands counties — until November 1888 when voters chose Arcadia.

The northern edge of the townsite borders Buzzards Branch, a tributary of Horse Creek, navigable only a few miles

north of its confluence with Peace River. Thus transportation was overland by foot, horse, wagon or ox-cart. Part of the old Pine Level Trail bisects Sarasota County's Crowley Museum and Nature Center, and the museum will offer information about the trail and other features at the event.

Crowley will also showcase period quilts to complement the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council's Quilt Challenge. Several quilters submitted fat quarter quilts made of fabrics reproduced from designs of the 1860s to 1900, and they will be on sale to benefit the Arts Council.

An 1878 plat map of Pine Level shows 20 squares with a clearly marked road to the west. The southeast square was designated for the church and schoolhouse. The first Pine Level Methodist Church was built in 1884; however, a hurricane wrecked the building in 1923, so the congregation purchased the adjacent two-story Pine Level

school. A 1930 storm damaged the second story and roof, so it was removed. That one-story structure — the only survivor of the historic town — serves as the sanctuary and will be open on Saturday.

Several historic photographs of the church and school exist, but not of the town, so the Arts Council invited artists of all ages to picture landscapes and streetscapes. The artwork will be on display, and visitors can vote for their favorites. People's Choice awards will be announced at 2 p.m. during the ceremony to honor Pine Level's National Register designation. A new monument, dedicated by V. C. Hollingsworth and family, will be unveiled as part of the program.

Documents, images, and other information about Pine Level are archived on the Society's Web site: www.historic-desoto.org. For details about the event, call Carol Mahler at 863-445-0789 or email carolmahler3@gmail.com.

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DeSoto County High School Bulldog Football



When you are injured as Andre Jones (back) is, it isn't much fun on the sidelines being the ball boy.



Jeremiah Castillo and Angel Gaitan along with Andre Jones (back) read the sports section of the Arcadian before they take the bus ride to Frostproof.

Deionte Turner was the WFLN 1480 am radio player of the game



After the game, the Frostproof team Chaplain says a prayer over both teams.

2014 - 15 DeSoto Bulldogs Varsity Football Schedule

			SCORE
08/22	7:30pm	Port Charlotte	L6 - 33
08/29	7:00pm	Lake Region	Cancelled
09/05	7:00pm	Lehigh Acres	W27 - 8
09/12	7:00pm	@ East Lee	W56 - 7
09/19	7:30pm	Booker	W20 - 6
09/26	7:00pm	@ North Port	W44 - 7
10/03	7:30pm	@ Bayshore	W41 - 3
10/10	7:00pm	@ Frostproof	L15 - 20
10/17	7:30pm	@ Southeast	
10/30	7:00pm	Hardee	
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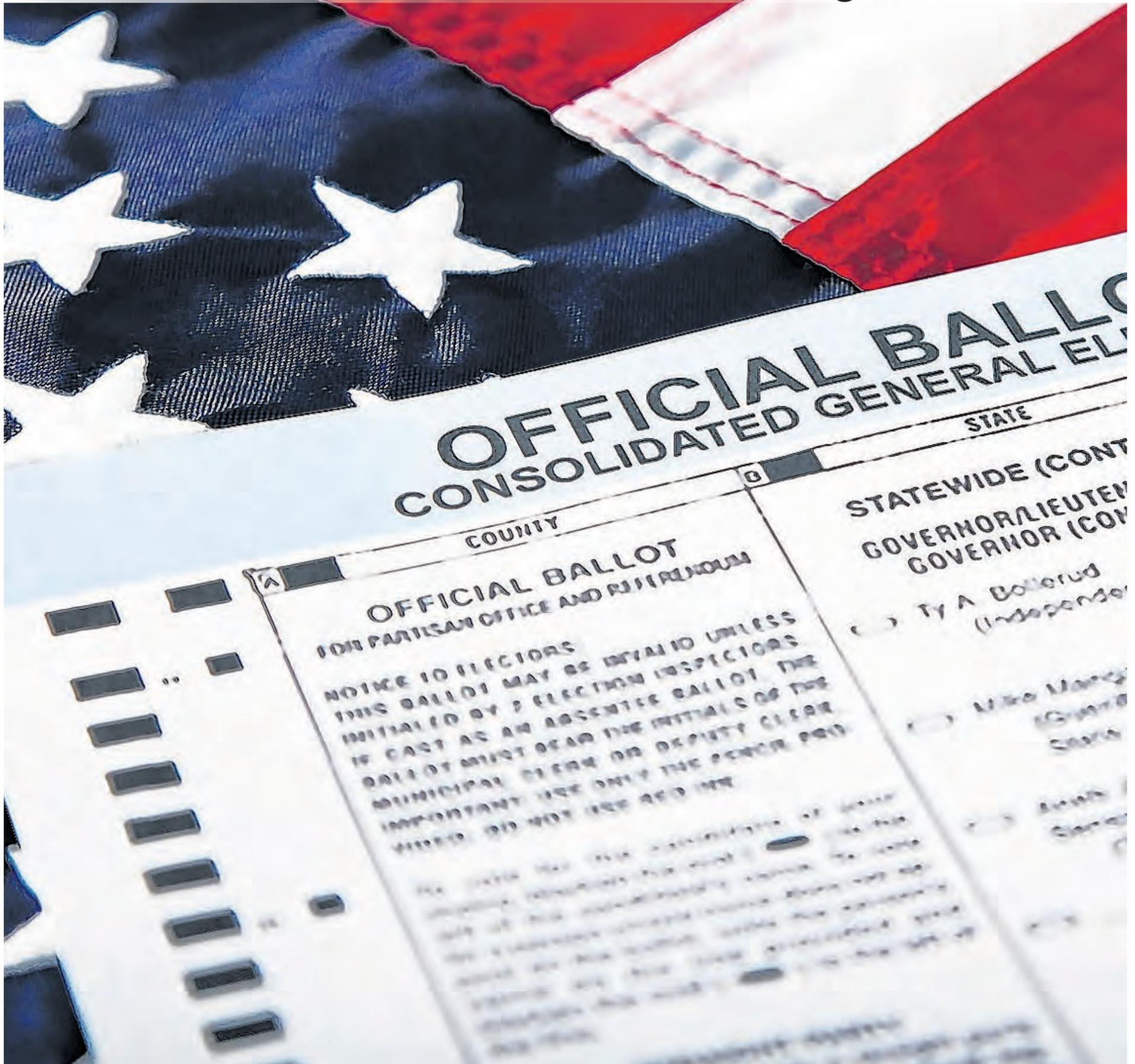
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A section of the Sun

A guide to the 2014 elections in DeSoto County



Elect CLIFF BROWN

FOR CITY MARSHAL

To the Citizens of Arcadia,

For those of you that do not know me, let me introduce myself. I am Cliff Brown, a candidate for the office of City Marshal of Arcadia. I am 54 years young, married to Lisa Brown and have three children: Chris, Jessica, and Meagan. Jessica and Meagan are both still in college, Chris has just completed his second deployment overseas with the Army. Boy... How do you condense 34 years of a law enforcement career down to a few pages? I decided to just touch on the basics of my career.

First:

My work history

- 1) 1980 – 1982 I worked at the DeSoto Correctional Institution as a Corrections Officer
- 2) 1982 – 1986 I worked at the Arcadia Police Department as a Road Patrol Officer where I started and ran the Explorer Program
- 3) 1986 – Presently work at the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff

Second:

Some of my law enforcement job assignments have included:

Road Patrol, Investigations, Officer in Charge, Crime Scene, Traffic Crash Investigations, Drug Cases, School Resource Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, and Training Officer. I have instructed college level courses in both the Law Enforcement and Corrections Academies. I was the advance Safety Officer for General Doziers Homecoming after his rescue. When Hurricane Charley hit I was put in charge of Search and Rescue for a quarter of the county. I was assigned and rode with the Lead Secret Service Agent who was in charge of the Rapid Response Team when President Obama visited Arcadia.

Third:

My State / Federal Certifications include: Florida Certified Law Enforcement Officer, CPR/ First Aid Instructor, FDLE Firearms Instructor, Taser Instructor, 911 Academy Instructor, Less Lethal Weapons Instructor, and Florida Crime Prevention Officer.



Fourth:

Some of my present and past professional memberships:

National Tactical Officers Association, Florida Tactical Officers Association, Florida Sheriff's Association, National Sheriff's Association, Advisory Board for the South Florida Public Safety Academy, International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement, Florida Intelligence Unit, past member of the Arcadia Rodeo Association Board of Directors, and the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency.

And finally fifth:

My Professional Awards:

- 1) Dean's List – South Florida State College
- 2) 2 VFW Awards for Service to the Youth
- 3) Minute Man Award – DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce
- 4) Named one of Ten Outstanding Young Men in DeSoto County – Florida House of Representatives
- 5) 2 Letters of Commendation from Sheriff Varnadore
- 6) 3 Letters of Commendation for Service from the DeSoto Middle School
- 7) 1 Letter of Commendation from Sheriff Keen
- 8) Life Saver Letter of Commendation from the Orlando Police Department
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- 10) Letter of Commendation from Sheriff Wise

I have also had a published article on Policeone.com in reference to a past arrest I made. This is an internationally recognized police information publication. To sum up, I have well over 1800 hours of training in law enforcement which I have attained over my 34 years of being an officer. I truly believe I have the experience and skills necessary to run the Arcadia Police Department and to take it to the next and proper level. I promise to always be fair but firm, trustful and hardworking. As a citizen of Arcadia I only want the best for both the citizens as well as for the officers of the Police Department. We demand the best and we deserve the best.

I am in your service,

Cliff Brown

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City, marshal candidates at a glance

By **STEVE BAUER**

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

On Nov. 4, city residents will go to the polls to decide crucial races for both the Arcadia City Council and Arcadia Police Department Marshal. We've gathered short biographies to introduce you to each candidate, and in future issues of the *Arcadian* we'll provide their answers to questions we

believe are important issues facing both the city and APD. An informed voter is an empowered one!

We invite you to the Arcadian office (108 S. Polk Ave., Arcadia) tonight from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. for an informal Meet the Candidates reception. This event will give you the opportunity to meet each of the candidates one-on-one and discuss issues important to you. In addition, the Arcadian will be providing

free grilled hot dogs (while supplies last) and all the fixings, and representatives from organizations such as DeSoto Memorial Hospital and the DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council will be on hand as well.

The *Arcadian* will also be hosting a formal candidate question-and-answer forum Thursday, Oct. 23 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. in the City Council's chamber room (Margaret Way Building, 23 N.

Polk Ave., Arcadia). The event will be moderated by *Arcadian* Editor Susan Hoffman, and will include statements from each candidate; questions from the *Arcadian* staff; a presentation from DMH CEO Vince Sica regarding the proposed 1/2-cent sales tax; along with questions from the audience. For more information on either event, call the *Arcadian* office at 863-494-0300 or email arcadian.editor@gmail.com.

Arcadia City Council candidates

William B. Bailey Sr.

Age: 55

Place of birth: Hazel Crest, Illinois

How long have you lived in Arcadia:

We moved to Arcadia in April 2004.

Education: I graduated from Seminole High in Seminole, Florida. Immediately after high school I married my first wife and while raising our three children I attended trade school, graduating with honors in the field of air conditioning, refrigeration, heating and ventilation. I became a licensed Florida air conditioning contractor in 1990. Since then, I have completed 14 hours of continuing education every two years.

Work history: I have been a



BAILEY Sr.

business owner since January 1985. I have also set up two non-profit corporations that are Christian-based feeding ministries that help the homeless and less fortunate. I presided as the president of one for more than two years, and am currently president of the other. As president I was responsible for running the board meetings much as the Mayor is responsible of running the city council meetings. We also operated under Roberts Rule of Order, much as the council does. I became an ordained minister in 2010.

Political history (if any): I've never run for political office before.

Marital status/family: I married my current wife, Dawn, in March of 2000. We have six children and six beautiful grandchildren.

Susan Coker

Age: 56

Place of birth: Wakefield, Rhode Island (my mother was born and raised in Arcadia)

How long have you lived in Arcadia: I lived in Arcadia during high school, and then moved back here in 1996. I left for a few years and have been a resident for the past 3 1/2 years.

Education: High school graduate with some college and technical school (auto upholstery, nail technician, computer technology)

Work history: Started working as a waitress and a grocery store cashier when I was a teenager. I've



COKER

also worked for a Lincoln-Mercury dealership. I joined the U.S. Air Force and served for two years, stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Texas as jet aircraft mechanic. Other work history includes the following: Assistant manager, Eckerd Drugs; mailroom supervisor, Eckerd Drugs; Cloth World manager; nail technician in Nashville, Tenn.; small business owner (clothing store in Nashville); owner of Susie's Corner in Arcadia; graphic artist at Peace River Shopper. Currently I am a housewife.

Political history (if any): None

Marital status/family: Married to Tim Coker for 17 years. We have three children and four grandchildren.

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Arcadia City Council candidates

Richard "Dick" Fazzone

Age: 75
Place of birth: Gilbertsville, New York
How long have you lived in Arcadia: I have been a resident of Arcadia since 1964.
Education: Graduate of Lakeland High School
Work history: U.S. Army 1956-1959 (Military Assistance Advisory Group). I worked 25 years for Tinsleys. I also spent nine years as Executive Director of the Arcadia Housing Authority.



FAZZONE

Political history (if any): Arcadia City Council member for more than 23 years, including five as mayor; vice chairman, Arcadia City Administrator Search Committee; more than 20 years as a member of the Florida League of Cities; past president of the Rotary Club; past president of the Chamber of Commerce.
Marital status/family: Married to my wife Judy for 49 years. We have three children, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Keith Keene

Age: 61
Place of birth: Arcadia
How long have you lived in Arcadia: All my life
Education: Graduated from DeSoto High School Class of 1971. I received my AA degree from South Florida Junior College and my BA degree from the University of South Florida. I am a graduate of the CDC Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute. I have attended the Florida League of Cities Institute of Elected Municipal Officials.
Work history: I have worked for the Florida Department of Health for over 25 years. I began as an Environmental Health Specialist with the Charlotte County Health Department in 1989, then made a lateral transfer to DeSoto County Health Department in 2000 where I became the Environmental Health Administrator in 2005. I served as the Interim Division



KEENE

Director of Environmental Health, FDOH, in Tallahassee during the 2012 Legislative Session. I am now serving as Environmental Health Administrator for DeSoto and Highlands counties. I am a member of the Florida Public Health Association (past board member), the Florida Environmental Health Association and the National Association of City and County Health Officials.
Political history (if any): I was elected to the Arcadia City Council in 2009, serving as Mayor in 2012 and 2013. I have served on the Board of Directors for the Ridge League of Cities and on the Central Florida Regional Planning Council. I have also represented the City on the Economic Development Advisory Committee for the DeSoto Board of County Commissioners.
Marital status/family: I have been married to my wife Cindy for 37 years. We have two sons, Justin and Phillip, who live with their families here in Arcadia. We have three granddaughters.

Candy Reid

Age: 67
Place of birth: Miami
How long have you lived in Arcadia: Came here in 1974 to serve First Presbyterian Church. Called in 1981 to serve other churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Pennsylvania.



REID

Returned to Arcadia in 2003.
Education: B.A. and M.A from Union Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.
Work history: Served Churches in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.
Political history (if any): Not a politician, just someone who loves Arcadia.
Marital status/family: Single, no children but I've helped to raise hundreds.



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For DeSoto County Commissioner District 2

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- Combat Veteran of the Viet Nam War
- Graduate of the University of Florida, Bachelor's and Master's Degrees
- Certified County Commissioner and Advanced County Commissioner

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William Bailey

For

City Council

My name is William Bailey; I am a candidate for your Arcadia City Council. Many of you may already know me from the different churches we have gone to, or from our businesses here in Arcadia. Baileys A/C is our primary business and The Historic Veranda House Apartment building is the other. My family and I moved here to Arcadia in April of 2004, just a few months before Hurricane Charley slammed through. Those of you who have used Baileys A/C know we are fair, HONEST, and willing to work with people to help them afford repairs or replacements. Dawn my wife, Willy our youngest and I have also been involved in two Christian based feeding ministries here in town, I set up both non-profit corporations and the 501C3 status needed for each. I have run Baileys A/C since it opened in 1985 and am in a partnership in another A/C business in Bradenton, I am the license holder and qualifier for both A/C companies.

As a concerned citizen of this beautiful little city, I felt compelled to get involved and try to bring back the prosperity that is advertised on the signs leading into the county. I am not a normal politician; in fact I have never been a politician before now and still do not consider myself as one. I think of myself as the "average Joe" a small business person trying to raise a family. But, as with the feeding ministries, I want to help people, and right now there are a lot of people in this town and county that needs help. Help in the way of JOBS, and prosperity. By listening to you, the citizens of Arcadia, I have come up with a list of several urgent issues that have to be addressed immediately, for the people and for the City. Below is a brief synopsis of these, Please come to the City Council Chambers on the 23rd at 6pm for the formal question and answer "get to know your candidates" meeting, I look forward to seeing you there, and PLEASE get out and VOTE!

- 1) Accountability to the people (eliminate the mess we now have)
- 2) ROADS and sewers....find a way....
- 3) Manage the city's monies better
- 4) Manage the city's assets better
- 5) Work with the County to better the City
- 6) Attract business (JOBS)
- 7) Lower the cost of water
- 8) Do something for our kids, the future of Arcadia, if they won't stay here there is no future.

If you the citizens will have me as one of your city council persons, I will make one promise, to always listen and then do my God given best to do the right thing for Arcadia.

Paid for by William Bailey for City Council

Arcadia City Council candidates

S. Delshay Turner

(No biography/photo provided)

Judy Wertz Strickland



STRICKLAND

Age: 72
Place of birth: Arcadia
How long have you lived in Arcadia: I've been a resident of Arcadia and DeSoto County my entire life.
Education: Graduate of DeSoto County High School; bachelor's degree from Florida Southern College; certification, OSHA Level 5 Chemical Clean Up; certification in safety management;

farm labor contractor, state of Florida; farm labor contractor, U.S. Department of Labor.
Work history: Deputy Clerk, Board of County Commissioners; rural carrier, U.S. Postal Service; owner of Country Cottage Flower Shop; co-owner of Darryl Wertz Well Drilling; Compliance/Safety Officer at DeSoto Co. Transport (Sorrells).
Political history (if any): None
Marital status/family: I have two children and four grandchildren.

Mitchell Watson



WATSON

Age: 59
Place of birth: Arcadia
How long have you lived in Arcadia: All of my life, with the exception of eight years when I lived in Fort Myers.
Education: I received my GED from DeSoto High School
Work History: Former state

registered emergency medical technician and correctional officer at the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office; former Arcadia police officer; disabled bail bondsman.
Political history (if any): none
Marital status/family: Married to Zondra Allen-Watson. We have four children, plus one child we've raised since he was three weeks old. We also have a host of grandchildren.

Arcadia City Marshal candidates

Matt Anderson



ANDERSON

Age: 46
Place of birth: Davenport, Iowa
How long have you lived in Arcadia: I moved to Arcadia in October of 1988.
Education: Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice (plus over 2,000 hours of law enforcement training)
Work history: Desoto County Sheriff's Office (corrections), Jan. 1989-June

1989; Arcadia Police Department, June 1989-present.
Political history (if any): Registered Democrat
Marital status/family: Married to Tara Lea Anderson (Desoto County Parks and Recreation Director) since April 1989.
 We have two sons, Brady and Garrett. Both are currently attending Florida Gulf Coast University and are members of the school's baseball team.

Cliff Brown



BROWN

Age: 54
Place of birth: My family decided to visit Indianapolis and I decided to be born at the same time.
How long have you lived in Arcadia: I have been an Arcadia resident since 1980.
Education: I have worked and lived my entire adult life in DeSoto. I am

two classes short of my degree. I can certify officers in every needed topic.
Work history: Corrections officer, DeSoto Correctional Institution (1980-1982); road patrol officer, Arcadia Police Department (1982-1986); deputy for the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office (1986-present). I also have more than 3,000 hours of law enforcement training.
Political history (if any): None
Marital status/family: Married to Lisa Brown and we have three children.

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Lorenzo DIXON CITY MARSHAL



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 Early voting starts **October 16th**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Proud Member of Arcadia Rodeo Association
- Community Leader and Advocate
- Former Guardian Ad Litem
- Est. 1st Homeless Shelter in Arcadia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- CCSO Law Enforcement / Training
- APD Advisory Officer
- City Councilman / Deputy Mayor
- Vice Chair Central Florida Regional Council
- CEO / President Not For Profit Corporation

EDUCATION

- High School Graduate
- B.S. Christian Education/Counseling
- M.S. Psychology
- Doctorate (PH.D.) Philosophy
- Certified Behavioral Consultant
- Certified Firearm / Training

- **VOTE FOR DIXON**, the name you know and can trust to get the job **DONE!** I am eager with a vision for our city, to provide the best police department possible to the citizens of Arcadia.
- I have more than **25** years of administrative and leadership experience. I am capable of effectively leading this Department and making our town cleaner and safer.
- I will see to it that every individual is treated equally and fairly regardless of race, gender or life status.
- You will see a more **proactive** and **responsive** Department, a friendlier and respectful team of officers, and a Department truly dedicated to protecting and serving **you** - the people!
- Under my leadership you can say **"Good-Bye"** to personal vendettas, bogus and malicious charges against innocent persons, profiling, stereotyping, and arrogant and cocky attitudes from this Department. Officers will be held to a high standard of professionalism.
- **ZERO - TOLERANCE** to drugs and gangs in our city!
- **Open Door Policy**
 I pledge to you that as your City Marshal your voice will be heard and your concerns and complaints will be personally addressed and taken care of, rather than pushed under the table. Keep in mind, I'm not asking to be a "cop." I'm asking to be the administrator and leader of this Department, which is **overdue**.

"A Proven Administrator & Leader."

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Arcadia City Marshal candidates

Lorenzo Dixon

Age: 48
Place of birth: Not provided
How long have you lived in Arcadia: 21 years
Education: High school graduate; B.S. in Christian Education/ Counseling; M.S. Psychology; Ph.D. in philosophy; certified behavioral consultant. Also certified firearm/ training.



DIXON

Work history: Arcadia Police Department advisory officer; Charlotte County Sheriff's Office law enforcement/training; former Guardian Ad Litem; self employed, Chief Executive Officer of a not-for-profit organization.

Political history: Former city of Arcadia deputy mayor and councilman; vice chair of the Central Florida Regional Council. I have also been a proud member of the Arcadia Rodeo Association for the past six years.

Marital status/family: I have been married 25 years to the same wife, educator Tawana Dixon.

DMH sales tax referendum Q&A

SUBMITTED BY KRISTEN SPAHR
 DeSOTO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 MARKETING DIRECTOR

DeSoto Memorial Hospital has hosted several Community Conversations over the past few weeks. Most of the reception from the community, about the 1/2 penny sales tax, has been positive. The hospital has benefited greatly from these public forums because they heard from "the people."

Here's a list of the most frequently asked questions and the answers given by DeSoto Memorial Hospital:

Q: Why does DeSoto Memorial Hospital need financial support?

A: Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance companies are all paying DMH less than they did five years ago. Our Medicare payments were reduced (approximately \$3 million per year) to fund coverage for the working poor (4,000 DeSoto County residents). The Florida legislature refused to accept the funds that would provide health-care coverage for the working poor. Medicare is paying DMH less and the working poor still do not have coverage.

Q: What is the money going to be used for?

A: The existing hospital mortgage with the United States Department of Agriculture (nothing else).

Q: Does the sales tax have an end?

A: Yes, it is scheduled to end in June 2036. It could also be removed if the DeSoto Board of County Commissioners determines it should end.



Voters will decide Nov. 4 whether DeSoto Memorial Hospital will receive approximately \$1 million yearly in sales tax revenue. If approved, all money collected from the 1/2-cent tax will go strictly toward paying off the hospital's United States Department of Agriculture mortgage.

Q: How do we know the money collected will be distributed properly?

A: As with any tax collected the Department of Revenue is responsible for assuring the money goes to its intended purpose. The DeSoto County Administration will be responsible for writing the check to the USDA.

Q: How do you pay a 1/2 penny sales tax?

A: The best explanation appears on the Florida Dept of Revenue website: <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/forms/current/dr2x.pdf>

Amount of sale (7.5 percent proposed tax)
 94¢-\$1.06 = 8¢
 \$1.07-\$1.20 = 9¢
 \$1.21-\$1.33 = 10¢
 \$1.34-\$1.46 = 11¢

Q: Will the 1/2 penny sales tax affect the cost of groceries?

A: No, most food purchased for the consumption at home is excluded from the state sales tax. (Examples are milk, bread, etc.) As a matter of fact, sales tax is only paid on the first \$5,000 of a major purchase. (Examples are car, boat, RV, etc.)

DeSoto Memorial Hospital plans to hold community conversations on a regular basis in 2015 to hear from the community about healthcare and healthcare services. For more information, call 863-993-7601

Judy Wertz Strickland

for Arcadia City Council

Leadership & Experience

Personal:

- Life Time Resident of Arcadia
- Christian, Mother & Grandmother
- Graduate of Florida Southern College with a Bachelor's Degree

Professional Experience:

- Department of Homeland Security
- US Department of Labor
- Florida Workforce Innovation Offices
- Department of Environmental Protection
- DeSoto County Health Department
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- US Department of Transportation
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Department of Agriculture
- OSHA
- US Consulates in Mexico
- DeSoto County Health Department

Business Experience:

- Deputy Clerk Board of County Commissioners
- Rural Carrier US Post Office
- Local Business Owner - Country Cottage Flower Shop
- Co-Owner Darryl Wertz Well Drilling
- Compliance/Safety Officer DeSoto Co. Transport (Sorrells)

VOTE: Absentee ballot, early voting or at the polls - Nov. 4, 2014

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2014 DESOTO GENERAL ELECTION FAST FACTS

Early voting location
 Supervisor of Elections office, 201 E. Oak Street, Room 104, Arcadia; 993-4871

Times
 Oct. 20-24: 8:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Oct. 25-26: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; Oct. 27-31: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Nov. 1: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

General election day — Nov. 4: Voting runs from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. for all precincts

Precincts
 1 - South County Annex, 8789 SW County Road 761, Arcadia; 2 - Owens Community Center/School, 5586 Owens School St. SW, Arcadia; 3 - Pine Level United Methodist Church, 9596 NW Pine Level St., Arcadia; 5 - Smith Brown Recreational Center, 14 School Ave., Arcadia; 6 - Smith Brown Recreational Center, 14 School Ave., Arcadia; 7 - Speer Recreation Center, 185 Winifred St., Arcadia; 8 - Oak Hill Baptist Church, 5104 NW Oak Hill Ave., Arcadia; 9 - Brownville Baptist Church, 7015 NE Cubitis Ave., Arcadia; 10 - Rodeo Grounds Ticket Office, 124 Heard St., Arcadia; 11 - Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. oak St., Arcadia; 13 - Nocatee United Methodist Church, 4502 SW Welles Ave., Nocatee; 14 - Fort Ogden United Methodist Church, 6923 SW River St., Fort Ogden; 15 - First Baptist Church of Christ Life Center, 1006 N. Highway 17, Arcadia; 16 - McSwain Building, 16 S. Volusia Ave., Arcadia; 17 - First Baptist Church of Christ Life Center, 1006 N. Brevard Ave., Arcadia
*There was no Precinct 4 or 12 listed by the Supervisor of Elections Office

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- ★ *We Live in a Great town and success depends on our community working together*
- ★ *My Commitment to you is to stay focused on the issues that impact our lives.*

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Medical marijuana: A closer look

As Florida voters prepare to go to the polls Nov. 4 to vote on whether to allow the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes, we take a closer look at some of the pros and cons asserted by those on each side of the issue. The following are two editorials submitted in support and opposition to Ballot Amendment 2.

'Yes' on Amendment 2

(submitted by United for Care Campaign Manager Ben Pollara)

When it comes to health care most of us would like to think that our physicians have access to every reasonable tool available in their quest to keep us healthy. Notably, however, they are currently missing an important component that, for many of their patients, could mean the difference between unnecessary suffering and a significantly improved quality of life. That tool is medical marijuana.

We have all become increasingly aware of the extraordinary therapeutic properties of this ancient medicinal plant in the treatment of ailments as varied as cancer, multiple sclerosis, glaucoma, Parkinson's disease, HIV/AIDS and many others. Currently, however, it is out of the reach of Florida patients with debilitating diseases and medical conditions. That is why Amendment 2 is so important. It would put medical decisions where they belong, in the hands of doctors and their patients and out of the hands of politicians.

Interestingly, even opponents of Amendment 2 have been forced to acknowledge the medical value of marijuana. They often preface their objections by saying they are in favor of the medical use of cannabis, but are simply against this particular amendment. The disingenuousness of their arguments, however, makes it plain to see that their true objective is to block patient access to medical marijuana under any circumstances. Nothing else can explain their ill-considered attacks on this responsible, well-written measure.

Opponents allege that children will have access to medical marijuana without their parents' or guardians' consent. What they fail to tell you is that under Florida law, barring a few extenuating set of circumstances such as emergencies and pregnancies, no physician can offer medical treatment to a minor without explicit parental or guardian consent. Since only physicians can recommend medical marijuana, this would make it impossible for a minor to have unauthorized access to medical cannabis under this

amendment.

They complain about the lack of stringent requirements for caregivers, going so far as to characterize these dedicated, loving Floridians as potential "drug dealers." What they fail to disclose is that a caregiver can only be chosen by a qualified patient, and that the Department of Health, who would be tasked with drawing up the rules and regulations necessary to implement Amendment 2, would have ample latitude when it comes to adding additional, strict requirements for prospective caregivers.

Their claims that Amendment 2 would grant some sort of blanket immunity to doctors, patients and medical marijuana treatment centers are equally unfounded. In its January 2014 advisory opinion allowing for Amendment 2 to be placed on November's ballot, the Florida Supreme Court made it clear that doctors could not be prosecuted for the narrow act of recommending medical marijuana, but that they could still be subject to punishment for fraud, negligence or malpractice pertaining to those same recommendations.

That same opinion addressed another one of the opposition's most misleading talking points, that medical marijuana would be available for almost any ailment. The Court asserted that the wording of the amendment was unequivocal: Medical marijuana could only be recommended for patients with debilitating diseases and medical conditions as determined by a Florida licensed physician. The parameters could not be clearer.

The purpose of Amendment 2 is simple and straightforward, to establish the right of physicians to recommend the use of medical marijuana for severely ill patients who could benefit from its use, and to allow those patients to follow their doctors' recommendations without fear of prosecution. It is an issue of compassion, a measure that could help literally hundreds of thousands of severely ill Floridians, including, perhaps, someone you know and love.

'No' on Amendment 2

(submitted by DeSoto County Sheriff Will Wise)

Major medical organizations including the American Medical Association, American Cancer Society and American Academy of Ophthalmology have all agreed that marijuana has not been proven to be a safe or effective form of medicine.

Twenty states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana for "medical purposes," and now in

Florida, there is a push for legalized marijuana use. As Sheriff, I cannot support any such legislation. Florida recently successfully battled against a huge prescription drug epidemic that revolved around oxycodone abuse, and now people are calling for the legalization in Florida of medical marijuana, a drug with more abuse potential and no accepted medical use.

The Drug Enforcement Agency classifies marijuana or cannabis as a Schedule I drug, defined as a drug that has a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision and a high potential for abuse. In comparison, oxycodone is listed as a Schedule II drug, defined as having less abuse potential than Schedule I drugs and accepted medical use in treatment.

Marijuana is highly addictive yet bears no proven medical value. Many of you have likely heard the recent television and radio commercials from a well known law firm telling you that medical marijuana can help fight diseases such as cancer, AIDS, ALS and glaucoma. However, the states that have already approved medical marijuana have seen their legislation abused.

More than 90 percent of the people approved to use medical marijuana are using it for such ailments as muscle spasms, neck pain, back pain and even sleep disorders — all of which can be relieved with one of several other commonly accepted methods of treatment. Medical marijuana in Florida will create the same situation that came about from pill mills — unprincipled doctors authorizing anyone who pays them to purchase marijuana, regardless of

whether or not they have a valid medical condition. Even more concerning is the fact that doctors wouldn't even be required to write a formal prescription for marijuana, but rather provide a "physician certification," which is simply a written recommendation people can use to buy marijuana.

THC, the active chemical in marijuana, affects the areas of the brain that control the body's movements, balance, coordination, memory and judgment. Marijuana use has shown to contribute to increased injuries and deaths from impaired driving, and out of the 20 states with the highest rates of drugged driving, 15 of them were states that passed legislation allowing medical marijuana.

Drug related crashes have steadily increased in Florida from 2008-2011 with 1,556 drug related traffic crash injuries and 190 drug related traffic crash fatalities in 2011 alone. There are also long-term effects of marijuana that must be considered. According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, approximately one in 11 people who use marijuana become dependent on the drug. Teens who use marijuana have been shown to be more likely than non-users to engage in delinquent and dangerous behavior. Continued use is associated with respiratory illness and cognitive impairment.

Lawmakers and law enforcement have worked tirelessly to get Florida's crime rate to its current 42-year low. Let's not roll back that progress by legalizing a drug that has no accepted medical use along with a high potential for abuse.

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For

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- ★ Past President of Southwest Florida League of Cities
- ★ Executive Director of Arcadia Housing Authority (8 years)
- ★ Active involvement in the community since 1966, including:
 - Chamber of Commerce (Past President, Chamber Director of the Year); Rotary Club (past President); Boy Scouts of America (Commissioner and Counselor)
- ★ Married, 3 children, 6 grand children, 4 great grand children, 5 great, great grand children
- ★ City Council Member for 23 1/2 years, 5 years as Mayor
- ★ Awarded 20 years plus Florida League of Cities Member Award
- ★ Vice Chairman, Search Committee for City Administration
- ★ Elks Lodge, Past Exalted Ruler
- ★ Moose Lodge
- ★ Strong Family Commitments

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DeSoto County Supervisor of Elections Mark Negley

Early Voting Schedule

at Supervisor of Elections Office
201 E. Oak St., Suite 104

OCT. 20th - Nov. 1st
Monday - Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday
7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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November 4th, 2014
7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
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SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
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 NO

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NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 28 Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years. This amendment does not increase or decrease state revenues. The state revenue restricted to the purposes specified in the amendment is estimated to be \$648 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and grows to \$1.268 billion by the twentieth year. Whether this results in any additional state expenditures depends upon future legislative actions and cannot be determined. Similarly, the impact on local government revenues, if any, cannot be determined. No additional local government costs are expected. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 29 Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana. Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs. While sales tax may apply to purchases, changes in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative action. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	COUNTY WIDE INDIGENT CARE ONE-HALF-CENT SALES SURTAX FOR PAYMENT OF DESOTO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INDEBTEDNESS Shall DeSoto County levy a countywide one-half cent sales surtax? The proceeds of the sales surtax shall be used to service existing indebtedness of Desoto Memorial Hospital. The proceeds shall not be used to pay the salaries of the hospital staff or the day-to-day operating expenses of the hospital. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTION 10, 11 Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies resulting from the justice's or judge's reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may not fill an expected vacancy until the current justice's or judge's term expires. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT BACK Card 1 RptPct 6-10 "6 SMITH-BROWN" Default	