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The varsity football team clinches the district title in nail-biter!

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City OKs purchase of new police car

By Steve Bauer

ARCADIAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Arcadia City Council unanimously approved the use of approximately \$15,000 from the its capital expenditure fund toward the purchase of a new Arcadia Police Department squad car.

The city's marshal said a piston in the engine of one of the department's cars broke apart, with repairs estimated at \$7,300. The vehicle is currently valued at only \$8,000. The marshal said the

APD recently received \$8,000 in a drug forfeiture case, which could be used to help cover the cost of purchasing and outfitting a new squad car.

"I think it makes sense financially for us to invest in a new vehicle instead of putting \$7,000 into a car that's only worth a little more than that, and also has a history of transmission issues," the marshal said. "After discussions with city staff, we also expect to get anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000 by selling the current car in 'as-is' condition."

Interim City Administrator Beth Carsten said the city had set aside

\$100,000 in its capital expenditure fund for unexpected costs such as vehicle repairs, etc., and the purchase of a new squad car would be considered an acceptable use.

"I don't know if we've decided when the last time the city had a new squad car, and there is money available if the council would like to pursue that option," she said.

"I feel like you need to have the proper equipment to do your job properly," councilman Keith Keene said, "and since we've put money aside for issues like this, and since you've been able to

come up with some matching funds I think we need to take advantage of that."

After a short discussion, the council voted 5-0 to approve the funds.

The marshal said the "Tip-A-Cop" event held at Slim's Barbecue last week raised nearly \$6,000 for its "Shop With a Cop" program. The program, now in its second year in Arcadia, provides gift cards to needy children so they can purchase Christmas presents for themselves and their families. Officers

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Arcadian hosts second meet-the-candidates BBQ



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

Marshal candidate Lorenzo Dixon talks to voters about his views on the City Marshal's role during The Arcadian's BBQ held Thursday. • Turn to page 12 for more photos.



City Marshal candidate Matt Anderson, right, talks to a potential voter about his plans during The Arcadian's barbecue held to give residents a chance to meet political candidates.



As one of his last official cookouts before retiring his magnificent grill, Marty Dow oversees the barbecue during The Arcadian's meet-the-candidates cookout.



DeSoto Memorial Hospital personnel perform free blood pressure checks, and talk to voters about the half-percent sales tax referendum on this year's ballot.



City Marshal candidate Cliff Brown talks with prospective voters during The Arcadian's meet-the-candidates BBQ on Thursday.

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Hospital reaches out to voters



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Several residents came to DeSoto Memorial Hospital to learn more about the half-percent tax, and enjoy some hamburgers and hot dogs at the same time.

Right: DeSoto Memorial Hospital held a barbecue in front of its main entrance Tuesday to explain why it supports the half-percent sales tax referendum. Along with hamburgers and hot dogs, those who came learned how the funds will be used to pay the hospital's mortgage.



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City to seek grant for old City Hall study

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Arcadia Main Street told City Council, during a workshop held Tuesday before the regular council meeting, it wants to apply for a grant from the Florida Division of Historical Resources pertaining to the old City Hall Building.

AMS's Interim Executive Director, John Bry, told council, "A vibrant and vital downtown is important to the economic development of an area." AMS, with support from other organizations such as the DeSoto County Historical Society and DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council, wants to apply for a \$50,000 grant to fund a study on the best way to utilize the old City Hall.

Councilman Keith Keene said, "I'm glad Main Street is interested in revitalizing downtown. I'm totally on

board with this idea, especially with the inclusion of all the stakeholders."

Bry said he saw the building as an anchor of a downtown civic hub, along with the Post Office and Heritage Baptist Church.

The \$50,000 grant would require a 10 percent match, but because Arcadia is considered a "ready community," the city's match would only have to be half of that, or \$2,500.

Applications are to be submitted by Oct. 31, and the application would have to be filed by the city, although Arcadia Main Street will fund the required matching amount. The grant application would be reviewed by the Florida Historical Commission in December, and grant funds would be issued starting July 1.

Bry said the grant would be used to hire an expert consultant to review the

condition of the building, consider the prospective uses, and determine what work needs to be done. Suggested uses include using the old City Hall building as a museum of historical, cultural and artistic features, including a gallery for displays, office space, classroom or teaching space and possibly a gift shop.

Bry cited examples of other projects he had worked on for which complete restoration of an important building was funded by successive grants over a period of several years.

AMS President Linda Williams told council next year is the 30th anniversary of the creation of the national Main Street program, and she said Arcadia's group was one of the first five created, "so we were pretty early."

During the regular meeting following the workshop, council unanimously approved filing the grant application.

Fruit Harvest Workers Needed
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Is seeking 71 temporary Farm Workers to harvest citrus and miscellaneous grove work, from December 1, 2014 until May 27, 2015. During the harvest, workers will be paid a piece rate based on location and variety of fruit harvested. Workers doing miscellaneous grove work will be paid the adverse Effect Wage Rate guaranteed at the present date is \$10.26. Juice processing early and midseason \$1.00, Valencia \$1.05, and Grapefruit at .75 per 85 pound box. Job location is in Central Florida area. Employers will offer a 3/4 guarantee for the work period for each employee. Employer will provide all tools, supplies and equipment necessary to pick fruit. Housing will be provided for individual workers outside normal commuting distance. Qualified workers will be provided transportation and subsistence expenses to the workplace, upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, if appropriate. All workers interested in the job should contact the nearest One-Stop Career Center Office using job listing number FL9942415.

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from the APD accompany the children on the shopping trip, then escort them back to the department's headquarters where they help wrap the gifts. Overall the APD has raised nearly \$10,000 for this year's program, allowing them to include a needy boy and girl from grades kindergarten through eighth, and teaming with Winn-Dixie to provide food packages for the children's families.

Maintenance Committee applicants approved

The council voted unanimously to approve a seven-member Property Maintenance Committee. The committee will work with the city's code enforcement to review minimum standards for a variety of issues such as lawn maintenance, building appearances, etc. The committee will include George Cavas, Charles Conklin, Rob Herron, Brenda Johnson, Katherine Ritchie, William Strickland and Linda Williams.

The council also voted 5-0 to allow the Florida Highway Patrol to use the property at 1550 N. Brevard Ave. (the old livestock market) to conduct commercial motor vehicle safety inspections. The inspections will take place on six dates between December 2014 and March 2015, with hours of operation between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.

In other business, the council voted to move its Tuesday, Nov. 4 meeting to avoid any potential conflicts due to that date also being election day. The first November meeting will now be held Monday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. in the council's chamber room.

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Free Burn - Switch from chloramines to free chlorine

The method of water treatment utilized by Desoto County Utilities to its customers will be temporarily switched from chloramines to free chlorine on November 3, 2014. We will switch back to chloramines on November 17, 2014. This short-term free chlorine change is part of our routine maintenance program to optimize water quality in the water transmission/distribution system. Those impacted by this drinking water maintenance program only include Desoto County Utilities customers that receive water from the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Plant.

Users of kidney dialysis machines and owners of aquatic life are urged to contact their respective industries for more information about water testing and treatment that may be appropriate for free chlorine rather than chloramines. Desoto County Utilities customers may experience a slight difference in taste and/or smell in the water during this temporary change in treatment. This is normal and does not indicate a problem with the water.

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The Arcadian hosts final election forum tonight

By **SUSAN E. HOFFMAN**
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Tonight, Arcadia voters will have their last chance to learn about the candidates for city offices in this year's election, and

will have their last opportunity to meet and question those running for office. On Nov. 4, city residents will be choosing from among eight city council candidates to fill three seats on the dais. Both Bob Heine and Bob Allen have

decided to step down, leaving their seats open to be filled. Keith Keene, currently a city councilman, is running for reelection.

Also running for city council are: William Bailey Sr., Susan "Susie" Coker, Richard "Dick" Fazzone, Candy Reid, Judith Wertz Strickland, Delshay Turner and Mitchell Watson Sr.

Three candidates are seeking the Arcadia City Marshal position: Matt Anderson (who currently serves as marshal), Lorenzo Dixon and Cliff Brown.

Voters will also decide whether to approve a half-cent sales tax that would help DeSoto Memorial Hospital pay down its mortgage.

The forum takes place at Arcadia's City Hall, in the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave. (where city council currently meets). It starts at 6 p.m. and is expected to run to 8:30 p.m. The evening will open with questions posed to the three marshal candidates, after which the hospital is being given a few minutes to state its case in favor of the half-cent sales tax.

Finally, city council candidates will take the stage around 7 p.m.

City marshal candidates will be given 5 minutes to present an opening statement, while council candidates

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Candidates at a glance

Editor's note: *The following profiles were not submitted in time to meet the deadline for last week's DeSoto Election Guide. They are being included in this week's edition to allow city and county voters an opportunity to familiarize themselves with all of this election's local candidates.*

Arcadia City Council

S. Delshay Turner

Age: 48
Place of birth: Arcadia

How long have you lived in Arcadia: All of my life

Education: Graduate of DeSoto County High School

Work history: Worked from 1986-1988 for the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office. I also worked more than 19 years for the Arcadia Police Department. I am currently retired.

Political history (if any): None
Marital status/family: Currently single. I have five children and one grandchild.



TURNER

DeSoto Board of County Commissioners

Virginia Algar (write-in candidate, District 2)

Age: 64
Born: Waukegan, Ill.
How long have you lived in DeSoto County: I have lived here for more than 30 years.

Education: B.A. degree in criminal justice. In addition, I have training in crime scene investigation, private investigation, logistics and finances. I also served in the U.S. Army.

Work history: U.S. Army; substitute teacher and bus driver; road construction; part of crews that would tear down homes.

Political history (if any): I have run for the DeSoto County sheriff and also for DeSoto County commissioner.

Marital status/family: I have been married for 45 years. My husband and I have one son, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



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- A.A. Degree in Criminal Justice • More than 2,000 hours of continued Law Enforcement Training
- Law Enforcement & Correction Academy • Homicide Investigation • Violent Crimes Investigation
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OUR VIEW

Acknowledging the good

Our view: How about a nice round of applause?

People are often so quick to criticize but slow to compliment.

So we want to take time to acknowledge some of the terrific things that are happening in our community of late.

Let's start with the DeSoto County High School varsity football team claiming the District 5A-13 title. Not only did we win it, but we wrapped it up with two district games still left on our schedule. We now have a 6-1 record and we're counting on the Dawgs to make that 7-1 next Thursday after they turn those so-called Wildcats into timid housecats.

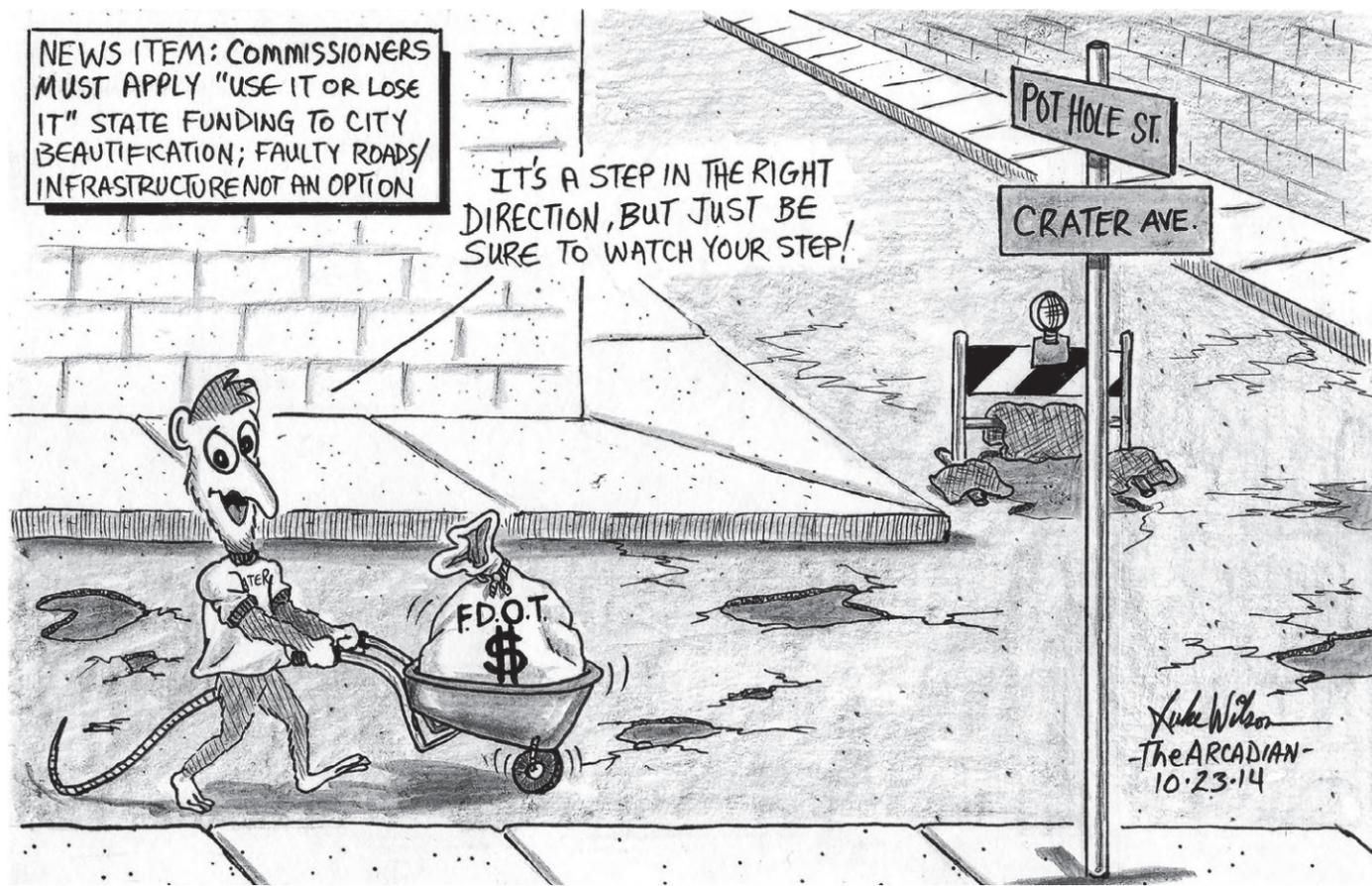
Along those lines, let's also have a round of applause for Jackie Tucker and Bonnie Molloy, who started the Paint the Town Blue campaign. By next week, we expect to see DeSoto County plastered with blue signs so the Hardee team will know they're in Bulldog Country as soon as they cross the county line.

Arcadia Main Street deserves a pat on the back for organizing the scarecrow event this month. We were delighted to see so many people come out Saturday morning to make their scarecrows, from political candidates to businesses and nonprofit groups. They were such an inspiration that we noticed others added after that day. Thanks also to Durwood Smith and Tonya Meredith Lara for providing the straw and bags to stuff the scarecrows. We'd like to see this become an annual event because it really makes the downtown area look festive.

Speaking of downtown, the Board of County Commissioners should be thanked for agreeing to put \$115,000 toward the enhancement of three downtown intersections, meaning the city had to contribute only \$30,000. This project is going to make the intersections of West Oak with Polk, Monroe and Orange avenues safer. Improvements will include ADA compliance along with additional safety and beautification features. Traffic lights will be replaced by stop signs; landscaping will be included; and accent pavers will be used to make the walkways more prominent. The need for the additional funding came about because a state grant only covered part of the work (\$195,000), leaving \$145,000 to be paid. If the money couldn't be found, we would have lost the state grant. While some might have wanted to use the state money for other purposes, the grant is specifically earmarked only for those intersections — use it or lose it. We think both the city and county made the right choice, and are grateful to the county for choosing to support the city in this effort. The BOCC could have said, "it's technically not our jurisdiction," but the commissioners recognized that helping the city is a benefit to the entire county.

While we're handing out compliments, three cheers for the DeSoto County Historical Society and archaeologist Jana Futch for getting the Pine Level Town Site on the National Register of Historic Places. They had a terrific Public Art and Archaeology Day last week (with help from the DeSoto Arts & Humanities Council, too) — not enough room for photos this week, so watch for them in a future issue.

The Friends of Arcadia Airport report



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Advice for voters

Editor:

It's that time when one can vocalize, or more accurately, editorialize one's opinion. Simply put, the time has come to exercise our right to make choices (vote).

Your local vote will, to a degree, affect politics nationally.

So do vote, even if it's for the lesser of two evils. Do not be a party-line follower.

Vote your gut feeling because your eyes and brain will eventually see what your gut instincts tell you.

Regardless of what you may think, this administration, from state to national level, both Democratic and

Republican, has been a disaster, and to a degree your local vote will eventually have a bearing on OUR and YOUR future.

My personal opinion is that the majority of eligible electorate doesn't have the slightest idea what has been taking place.

Grandma said, "Ignorance is bliss." Take a look at this mess today, both local and national.

George Pratt
Arcadia

Vote or don't complain

Editor:

Well, DeSoto County. I hope you are paying attention. This is an important

time for our community.

The first most important thing is the half penny sales tax (Ordinance 2014-04) for DeSoto Memorial Hospital. Our hospital needs our help and we all need to respond. Could you imagine DeSoto County without a hospital? What would you do in case of an emergency?

I cannot count the times it has helped my friends and my deceased husband when he was alive. It has been a very personal experience for me and DeSoto Memorial. Under the leadership of Vince Sica and his staff, they have worked hard to bring us good health care.

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GRITS & PIECES

Hoping we can chill out soon

As Mark Twain so truthfully said, "Everybody complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it." Can't argue with that, but I'll readily say that I'm real happy that the weather is finally starting to change.

Not enough, mind you. It could change a lot more and it would suit me just fine if the temperatures dropped at least 20 degrees. And let me say this now and emphatically, I am a Florida native (aka endangered species) and was not raised where it snows, but I do prefer what little bit of winter (if it can be labeled as such) we get. "Hot natured" is how some people



Grits & Pieces

Luke Wilson

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describe folks like me. I would classify myself more like suffering from "inner-global warming." I can just think about the word "hot" and start sweating. And yes, the AC thermostat can be a bone of contention wherever I'm at, no matter what time of year.

Sure, summertime has its fun and advantages, but give me the fall and winter months. The growth of grass that needs mowing is slowing down — that's a plus, right? The kids are back in school, giving you a break, so that's not a bad thing either. Your air conditioner isn't running as often, which will help out with your electric bill as well. So you see? It's getting better with every drop of degrees on the ol' thermometer!

There are some people who couldn't sweat if they were dressed in snow gear while being interrogated at their

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they had about 80 pilots who flew in last weekend for their first pancake breakfast of the season. They served so many breakfasts they had to run out and get more supplies! The Friends are putting our little airport on the aviation maps as a great destination. How cool is that?

Marty Dow is always there when someone needs help. He ruled the grill at *The Arcadian's* two political barbecues;

he's flipped burgers at many other events, including the Brew Crew's parties. He's dressed as Santa more times than we can count, and always managed to dip into his own pocket to get some special gifts for the kids. He's helped at the Animal Services center, at numerous church functions ... if there's a charity event going on, more likely than not Marty is involved somehow.

But he's decided to turn over his grill and triangle dinner bell to someone else, and is going into "retirement." (We'll see how long that lasts before he's lending a hand here or tending a grill there.) He has done so much for so many, always with a smile and a quick joke. So we just want to wish him the best in his retirement and to say thanks, Marty, for all you've done for the community.

Why You Should **ELECT Rick Scott**

Charlie is in a sweat and needs to cool off because of Governor Scott's record. Charlie should buy a fan for the 832,000 Floridians who lost their jobs while he was governor.

The Real Record

GOVERNOR SCOTT'S PERSONAL STORY

- Governor Scott grew up in public housing and his parents struggled to make ends meet.
- He served our country in the Navy then obtained an education that allowed him to build businesses and create jobs.
- Governor Scott has lived the American dream and is focused on providing all Florida families the opportunity to succeed.
- He is a husband (married at age 19), father of two married daughters, and grandfather to three boys.

ECONOMY/JOBS

ACTIONS:

- Governor Scott has paid down \$3.6 billion of the state's debt, and paid back \$3.5 billion Florida owed to the federal government for unemployment insurance.
- Governor Scott eliminated the tax on manufacturing equipment and machines, making Florida companies more competitive with other states and other nations.
- Governor Scott has cut over 2,800 regulations, cut property & business taxes, and streamlined the permitting process.
- Governor Scott cut taxes five times in three legislative sessions for families & job creators.
- Governor Scott recently announced plans to cut \$500 million in taxes and fees for Florida's families this next fiscal year.
- Under Charlie Crist, Florida lost 832,000 jobs, increased state debt by \$5 billion, and had double-digit unemployment.

RESULTS:

- Under Governor Scott's leadership, Florida's economy has turned around. Since taking office Governor Scott has created over 446,300 private-sector jobs and the unemployment rate has dropped 4.7% - that's the second largest unemployment drop in the nation since December 2010.
- Florida's unemployment rate has dropped year-over-year for 37 consecutive months. The current rate is 6.4%, below the national average for the 9th consecutive month.
- Because of Governor Scott's fiscal stewardship, Florida now has a \$1.5 billion rainy day fund.
- Companies from across the country are moving to Florida because Governor Scott has created a climate that is attractive for businesses. Hertz announced it will be relocating to Florida from New Jersey, adding at least 700 jobs. Other companies creating jobs in Florida include: DuvaSawka (Volusia), ATR North America (Miami Springs), Global Business Solutions (Pensacola), Darden Restaurants (Miami-Dade), Executive Wings (Brevard) Fort Walton Machining (Okaloosa), Vectorworks Marine (Brevard), Widewaters Bradenton (Manatee), 2G Manufacturing (St. John's), Office Depot (Boca Raton), VerizonWireless (Lake Mary), Northrop Grumman (Melbourne) and USAA (Hillsborough)
- The housing market has made a strong comeback and home sales continue to increase. Median home sale prices are increasing. The momentum in the market means more sellers are listing property.
- Tourism is stronger than ever, with 91 million tourists coming to Florida in 2012. In the 3rd quarter of 2013 22.9 million visited - the largest third quarter for visitation in the states history. Every 85 tourists is another job.

EDUCATION

ACTIONS:

- On education, Governor Scott has implemented record state-based K-12 funding & merit based pay for teachers, ended teacher tenure, and increased the standards of excellence in education for Florida students. Under Governor Scott's leadership, Florida's students are the real winners.
- Governor Scott, along with the House and Senate, agreed to implement \$480 million in teacher pay raises.
- Florida Education Association President Andy Ford applauded Governor Scott and the House and Senate for their leadership on education.
- Governor Scott gave teachers a year-round, tax-free debit card with \$250 for school supplies.
- Some Florida state colleges offer degrees for \$10,000 so it is affordable for Florida families.

RESULTS:

- According to The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study, Florida's 4th grade students rank 2nd in the world for reading.
- According to Education Week, Florida's 4th & 8th graders have had better student achievement gains than any of the other large states.
- According to the National Council on Teacher Quality, for two years running, Florida has the best teachers in the country.
- According to Education Week, Florida is 6th overall for K-12 education.
- Florida state colleges have degrees for \$10,000 so it is affordable for Florida families.
- Governor Scott has held the line on tuition - just because tuition in Florida is low is not a reason to increase it.

VOTE NO

Amendment 1

This amendment removes 33% of state Doc Stamp Funds to purchase more land for the state of Florida. The civilians of Florida DO NOT need to have removal of more land from private ownership and place it under government control.

Amendment 2

Florida does not need to become the 1st southern state to legalize marijuana - Licensed Florida physicians help expand the Pill Mill Trade - Increased cost to state and local government will rise and it will require additional regulation and enforcement activities - This is only the first step - VOTE NO TODAY!

WE BELIEVE in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex age or disability.

WE BELIEVE free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

WE BELIEVE government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

WE BELIEVE the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations and that the best government is that which governs least.

WE BELIEVE the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to people.

WE BELIEVE Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

WE BELIEVE Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

FINALLY, We believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

Arcadia's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

■ TODAY

- The *Arcadian* holds the last of this year's political forums, starting at 5 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall, the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave. All city council and marshal candidates have been invited for a Q-and-A session. Find out what visions the candidates have for the city. Free.
- Fall into Autumn: DeSoto Public Library has a program at 10 a.m. Oct. 23 of Fall colors, science, decorations and food. Open to the public.
- 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.
- Free blood pressure screenings administered by DeSoto Memorial Home Health at the Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St., every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ FRIDAY

- DeSoto Memorial Hospital will be at the DeSoto Public Library at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, to answer your questions about the proposed half-percent sales tax referendum.
- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free fresh produce to those in need at the DeSoto Housing Authority, 7 Booker T. Washington Road, from 10-11:30 p.m. on Fridays Oct. 24, Nov. 14 and 28 and Dec. 12.
- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- iPads and eBooks — Instruction and assistance with questions about using your digital devices at 3 p.m. every Friday at the DeSoto Public Library.
- Walk & Talk: gentle exercise and conversation at 4 p.m. every Friday at the DeSoto Public Library.
- Square Dancing classes are held at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Friday. Robert at 813-601-1834 or Mary at 941-380-5336 494-2749 for information.
- Friday Night Live — the City Takers for Christ presents "Friday Night Live" with Rev. Troy Rowe, every Friday. Come and experience what God is doing in this season through His word and praise and worship. 37 W. Magnolia St. (across from SunTrust drive-through). For information call 244-4341.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- Sabbath service begins at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Oneg Shabbat follows.

■ SATURDAY

- Trinity United Methodist Church will hold its Fall Festival Oct. 24-25. The event includes a Friday Craft Show and sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday night Gospel Sing at 7 p.m.; and continuing Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be crafts, pumpkins for sale, face painting, youth praise band, music, storytelling, food and beverages for sale, popcorn, kids' games and more.
- Oak Hill Baptist Church will hold its Fall Carnival from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 25. Free bounce houses, games, face painting, costume contest (only positive costumes), games, cake walk, fall crafts, corn dogs & fries, ice cream truck. 5104 N.W. Oak Hill Ave. For details call 990-2340.
- The Antique Fair takes place in downtown Arcadia on the fourth Saturday of every month starting at 8 a.m. Dozens of dealers line the sidewalks on and around West Oak St. For information, visit www.ArcadiaFLantiques.com; to inquire about booth space, call 993-5105.
- The NAACP meets at 6 p.m. every fourth Saturday of the month at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 319 S. Lee Ave.
- Fit DeSoto meets the fourth Saturday of the month for a free exercise class and run/walk at Morgan Park. High energy and fun! Arrive by 10 a.m. in workout clothes, running shoes with a towel and water. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- DeSoto County Library children's movies are offered at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave. every Saturday (except the first Saturday of the month). Children must

■ 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 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) through Dec.
- Veterans — Free rides are available to area VA clinics. (Some restrictions apply.) For details, call 993-9670.
- The Center for the Needy, at the corner of W. Pine St. and S. Orange Ave., is desperately in need of food, clothing, personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo etc.), household goods (blankets, towels, cooking and eating utensils etc.), supplies — anything a person in need might require. The center is dangerously low on food, its shelves are almost bare, and they need to replenish supplies. The cupboards are bare. Any donations are gratefully accepted, including cash, to help those in real need in our community. For more information, call 444-0499.
- The DeSoto County Library Association needs you to donate gently used hardback and paperback books for the annual Book Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 8, indoors at the

be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

- The Palace Promenaders meet for square and round dance from 7-9 p.m. every Saturday at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle. Art Miller, caller, and Jennie Martin, cueing. Call Jennie at 494-2749 or Mary at 941-380-5336 for information.
- Sabbath service begins at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El, 3840 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Kiddush will follow.

■ SUNDAY

- Trinity United Methodist Church will hold its Fall Festival Oct. 25. The event includes a Friday Craft Show and sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday night Gospel Sing at 7 p.m.; and continuing Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be crafts, pumpkins for sale, face painting, youth praise band, music, storytelling, food and beverages for sale, popcorn, kids' games and more.
- Volunteers needed for new Friendship Center open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone 863-494-5965 if you have 4 hrs/week to share. Positions available for receptionists (morning or afternoon), help serving meals, help with activities, special talents, and more.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.

■ MONDAY

- Alzheimer's Support Group — every second Saturday and fourth Monday, at Arcadia Oaks ALF. 11 a.m., complimentary lunch.
- DeSoto County Historical Society board meets at 5:30 p.m. fourth Mondays monthly at the Ingraham Seed House on W. Gibson St., Arcadia.
- The 4-H Stitch in Time sewing club meets every fourth Monday at 5 p.m.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St. Activities daily from 9:00 am — 12:00 pm. Watch for special programs coming soon. Lunch program available for those 60-plus with a 48-hr. advance reservation. 863-494-5965
- A women-only G.I.R.L.S. AA meeting is held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. on Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Al-anon is a mutual support program for people who are living with — or have lived with — someone whose drinking created problems for themselves or others. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Fort Ogden Methodist Church, 6923 S.W. River St. in Fort Ogden. For information call 1-888-425-2666 or visit www.nfldistrict13al-anon.org.
- The DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Community Resource Center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1425 Martin Luther King St. The center provides referrals for mainstream resources, elderly food stamps (by appointment) and computer service. Salvation Army has office space on Wed. by appointment. For more information, call 491-5683.
- Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

■ TUESDAY

- The Habitat for Humanity class for October is titled "Miracles Happen," a motivational talk by Rotary President Rhonda Mixon, at 6 p.m. Oct. 28. SunTrust Bldg., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments.
- DeSoto County Commission Board meets at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in room 103, County Administration Building, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- DeSoto County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday in the School Board meeting room, 530 La Solona Ave., Arcadia.
- 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 pm. Phone 239-470-5350 to make an appointment.
- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Nocatee Elementary School, 4846 S.W. Shores

- Ave., Nocatee, from 4:30-6 p.m. (not open to the public before 4:15 p.m.) on Oct. 28, Nov. 11 and 25, and Dec. 9.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- Every Tuesday night, line dance class at the Palace Dance Hall (17N). Beginners welcome. \$3 donation. For more info, call Jennie Martin at 494-2749.
- Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St. Donations gratefully accepted.
- DeSoto County Library holds story time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, starting Nov. 12, at the Speer Center, U.S. Highway 17 North, Arcadia. For information, contact Bill or Mary Morse at 207-418-4687.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.
- Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

■ WEDNESDAY

- The AA Serenity Group Anniversary Night is held at 8 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Oak St.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity-Big Book meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion at Trinity Methodist Church, 304 Oak St.
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.
- Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

■ THURSDAY

- The Bulldogs Varsity Football team plays Hardee tonight in the oldest high school football rivalry in the state! It's also Senior Night — come on out and support our team in this special Thursday night game!
- DeSoto Public Library will hold a preschool nature walk at Morgan Park, 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30. Meet at the picnic shelter.
- AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Potluck/barbecue before the meeting.
- AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night is the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Open speaker.
- DeSoto County Historical Society Research Library is open in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden Street: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays (except for the second Thursday of the month), and by appointment.
- DeSoto County Library has story time for children at 3 p.m. every Thursday.
- The John Morgan Ingraham House is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays, except the second Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.
- Relaxation Yoga Class every Thursday, 5 p.m. Sign-in 4:50 p.m. Enjoy an hour of serenity focused on breathing, gentle yoga poses, peaceful stretching and quiet relaxation. Held in the Health Dept. conference room, 34 S. Baldwin Ave. Drop-in \$7/class, 8-class package \$40 (\$5 per class). Bring your own mat. For more information, call Christine at 244-1925.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- Temple Beth El — North Port Jewish Center, 33840

Fairgrounds, 124 Heard St., along with the DeSoto County Historical Society's annual Yard Sale. Drop off your donations at Mid Florida Credit Union, 128 S. Brevard Ave. Proceeds of the sale will be used for children's library programs and staff development.

- Volunteers are needed for new Senior Friendship Center opening Monday at 219 W. Oak St., open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. Call 494-5965 if you have 4 hours/week to share. Positions available for receptionists (morning or afternoon), help serving meals, help with activities, special talents, and more.
- Your clutter may be someone else's treasure, so please donate your gently used items to the DeSoto County Historical Society for their annual Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, at the Fairgrounds Exhibition Building, 124 Heard St., Arcadia. Drop off your donations on Thursdays before 1 p.m. at the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden Street, or call 863-494-6607. All proceeds will benefit the Society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of DeSoto County for future generations.

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

- Cocaine Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. For information, call Curtis Clark at 244-2884 or Sandra Elmore at 352-476-8520.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

■ COMING EVENTS

- On Friday, Oct. 31, DeSoto Public Library will host a discussion of the proposed Constitutional Amendments at 10 a.m. Learn the pros and cons for each measure.
- The Turner Center will host Trick or Treat for kids from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31. Admission and parking are free.
- DeSoto Youth Football is selling BBQ plates for the 12U teams on Oct. 31, at 1023 S.W. Golden Ave. \$10 chicken plates or \$12 rib plates, include baked beans, mac'n cheese and potato salad. Call Tim White at 263-8233 or J.C. Mansfield at 231-2033. Proceeds will help fund the teams to play in the regional tournament.
- The Tater Hill BBQ Bunch and DeSoto County Veterans Services will hold "All 4 the Wall," a benefit to bring the traveling Vietnam Wall to DeSoto County, at 11 a.m. Nov. 1 at Veterans Park. BBQ plates (ribs or chicken) are \$7. Drinks, pies and swamp cabbage, too. Bring your own chairs. For details, call Steve Boggess at 941-628-5871 or Ronny Allen at 244-7906.
- Strolling 4 A Cure will be held Nov. 1 at The Bluffs Community. Call Janet Preston at 303-2690 for details.
- North Hillsborough Baptist Church will hold its Fall Festival from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 1. Free food, drinks, games, bounce house, face painting, balloons, sand art, clown, cotton candy, popcorn, candy apples, animal petting booth, haystack candy hunt. Friendly costumes only (no scary ones). Bike giveaway at 4 p.m., Gospel Sing at 4:45 p.m. 253 N. Hillsborough Ave.
- Arcadia Rodeo Nov. 1-2, \$15 admission (\$14 in advance). Kids 10 and under free. Visit www.ArcadiaRodeo.com or call 800-749-7633 or 863-494-2014.
- DeSoto Memorial Hospital Foundation is holding its 15th annual Golf Tournament on Nov. 1 at The Bluffs Golf Course. 8 a.m. Shotgun start/4-man scramble. \$65 entry fee includes 18 holes, cart, beverages, door prizes, continental breakfast and BBQ lunch. For information call 494-6599 or 494-8402.
- The Week of the Family takes place Nov. 1-8. The sixth annual Free Family Fun Fair will be held Nov. 8. Groups, businesses and individuals who want to have displays about the services they offer are welcome to participate, and are encouraged to have some kind of game or other kid-friendly activity, and some freebies to hand out. For details, call Cindy Siegel at 990-0387.
- Peace River Audubon Society will hold a walkabout on Nov. 4 at Audubon Pennington Nature Park, in Port Charlotte. Free and open to the public.
- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at the DeSoto Homeless Center, 1425 MLK Jr. St., from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.
- Thursday, Nov. 6 is the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at the Turner Agri-Civic Center. Reception and cash bar 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Cornerstone Award presentation, installation of 2015 officers. \$35/person, \$60/couple. Call 494-4033 or email chamber@desotochamberfl.com.
- DeSoto County Historical Society's annual Yard Sale is Nov. 8. To volunteer or donate, call Norma at 494-4325.
- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at Nocatee Elementary School, 4846 S.W. Shores Ave., Nocatee, from 4:30-6 p.m. (not open to the public before 4:15 p.m.) Nov. 11 and 25, and Dec. 9.
- The All Faiths Food Bank will deliver free food to those in need at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St., from 3-5:30 p.m. Nov. 12.
- Sierra Club hike: Nov. 11 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Morgan Park. Hike with Florida Master Naturalists Jim Knoy and Jamie Reynolds through live oaks, cypress and unusual vegetation. Free and open to the public. Voluntary donations to Sierra Club are gratefully accepted. Reserve: 941-637-8284.

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Wedding bells



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Mr. & Mrs. William Jones were married August 4, 2014 at 5 p.m. at Gateway Ballroom in Port Charlotte, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Brutes of Port Charlotte, and the groom is the son of Minnie Jones of Arcadia.

Happy 100th birthday



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Happy 100th Birthday on Oct. 23 to Mrs. Dorothy Guinier from all her family and friends.

Happy birthday



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Happy birthday, Jasper!

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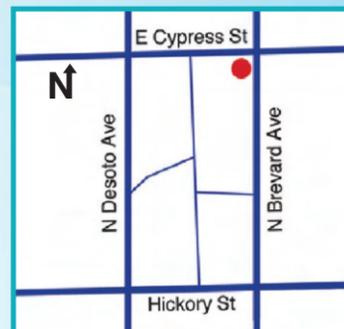


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Report: Drunken driver flees, hits vehicle

An intoxicated Arcadia man who fled from authorities in Charlotte County, at speeds near 100 mph, is facing five criminal charges after crashing into a vehicle Saturday night, according to the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.



WHATLEY

A deputy using radar gear around 7:45 p.m. on South McCall Road — near Gulfstream Boulevard in Englewood — clocked a Chevrolet Suburban at 95 mph in a 55 mph zone, the report shows. The deputy turned on his lights and sirens and took off after the SUV, which was driven by Scotty Whatley, 26, of the 3200 block of Southwest Live Oak Avenue. Whatley pulled away and headed east over the El Jobean Bridge.

The deputy came over the bridge and found a Toyota crashed into a ditch — the occupants, who weren't seriously injured, said they were hit by a vehicle, struck a curb and rolled into the ditch. A witness who saw Whatley cause that crash called 911, while following the suspect.

Whatley eventually pulled over on Toledo Blade Boulevard, and a deputy caught up to him. Whatley told the deputy he wasn't in an accident, but he had stopped to fix something. The deputy smelled alcohol on him and tried to detain him. Whatley allegedly struggled, but was handcuffed. He refused a field sobriety test. On the way to jail, he reportedly argued with the transporting deputy because he wouldn't give him his one free phone call while in the car.

When he arrived at the Charlotte County Jail, Whatley refused a breath test. He claimed he only had two pints of beer. Whatley is charged with reckless

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.

driving — for speeding 40 mph over limit, leaving the scene of a crash, fleeing to elude, DUI and resisting arrest. He was released Sunday on \$21,000 bond.

FHP: SUV, truck crash on U.S. 17 Sunday

The Florida Highway Patrol reported that around 8 p.m. Sunday, a Toyota SUV driven by Brian Smith, 32, of Arcadia, was heading southbound on U.S. Highway 17 just north of Baldwin Street. A Ford pickup, driven by Gregory Bolden, 48, of Arcadia, was northbound on U.S. 17 at Baldwin Street at the same time.

For unknown reasons, Smith's Toyota drifted into the northbound lane and struck the pickup. The Toyota spun in a counterclockwise direction, ending up in the northbound lane facing north. The pickup ended up facing northwest, blocking both lanes of travel.

FHP reported that alcohol was not a factor. Smith was uninjured; Bolden suffered minor injuries and was taken to DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

Charges are pending further investigation.

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

- Melinda Kaye Bowling, 43, 1200 block of E. Charles St., Arcadia. Charges: two counts of battery and one count of disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$1,650.
- Michael Tyrone Bryant, 41, Tampa. Charge: failure to

support spouse or child. Purge: \$500.

- Kevin Gregory Callahan, 27, 200 block of N. Orange Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$5,000.

- David Joseph Chambers, 19, 1300 block of S.W. Bittersweet Drive, Arcadia. Charges: giving false ID to law officer and driving without a valid license. Bond: none.

- Van Derkel O'Bryan Clayton, 23, Avon Park, Fla. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

- Harold Jonathan Fisher, 49, North Fort Myers. Charge: driving while license is expired, third or subsequent offense. Bond: \$1,500.

- Melissa Diane Franko, 42, Port Charlotte. Charge: petty theft between \$100-\$300. Bond: none.

- Gabino Perez Parades, 30, 1500 block of S.E. Plum St., Arcadia. Charges: failure to appear, giving false ID to law officer and driving without a valid license. Bond: none.

- John Eric Roan, 34, 200 block of E. Cypress St., Arcadia. Charges: petty theft between \$100-\$300, and resisting or obstructing an officer without violence. Bond: \$890.

- Alisha Nicole Seelmaer, 30, 1500 block of S.E. Carnahan Drive, Arcadia. Charges: possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell or distribute, possession or use of drug equipment and violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Robert Charles Simmons, 69, 700 block of 17th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Darren Maurice Stein, 22, St. Petersburg, Fla. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Christopher Arrick Townsend, 26, 4500 block of S.E. U.S. Hwy. 17, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

- Cheryle Darlene Whidden, 54, 3700 block of Keen Road, Ona, Fla. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Donald Eugene Yates, 24, 1200 block of S.E. Esmerelda, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: \$1,470.

- Marisol Vargas Cervantes, 21, 2400 block of S.E. Shady Circle, Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

- Celina Younda Davis, 25, 8700 block of County Road 661, Arcadia. Charges: exploitation of elderly person for less than \$20,000 and petty theft. Bond: \$10,120.

- Lendy Mae Graham, 49, 700 block of N. 17th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$1,500.

- Micheal Allan Harris, 20, 6500 block of S.W. Miami Ave., Arcadia. Charge: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$120.

- Julia Barrera Pineda, 27, 500 block of Clark Lane, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$1,500.

- Donna Schmitt Presnell, 55, 300 block of S. Brevard Ave., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.

- Alfonso Rincon, 57, 400 block of N. Volusia Ave., Arcadia. Charge: carrying concealed firearm. Bond: \$2,000.

- John Lewis Sorrells, 52, 300 block of S. Brevard Ave., Arcadia. Charge: trespass. Bond: \$250.

- Hope Barile Ebeh, 28, Tampa. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

- William Curtis Johnson, 56, 1800 block of N.W. Eucalyptus Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Gerald Bryant Owens, 40, Tampa. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Joseph Anthony Tremarco, 52, Bradenton. Charge: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$10,000.

- Keondra Alexis Blocker, 18, 1300 block of E. Cypress St., Arcadia. Charge: affray. Bond: \$120.

- Shandria Katise Nicklow, 32, 1300 block of E. Cypress St., Arcadia. Charge: affray. Bond: \$120.

- Daniel Ross Pelham, 30, 1500 block of Carnahan St., Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,120.

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

- Brandon Lawrence Povia, 20, 10700 block of S.W. Co. Road 761, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

- Chelsea Ann Povia, 18, 10700 block of S.W. Co. Road 761, Arcadia. Charges: petty theft between \$100-\$300 and fraudulent refunds. Bond: \$4,000.

- Tommy Lee McDuffy, 42, 1700 block of S. Harlem Circle, Arcadia. Charge: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$2,500.

- Martell Deion Harris, 23, 1800 block of S.W. Hendry St., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$9,250.

- Bridgette Lynn Carter, 27, no address, Arcadia. Charge: giving false ID to law officer. Bond: \$2,500.

- Landrex Cortez Hatcher, 33, 400 block of N. Arcadia Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

- Omar Hernandez, 23, 1900 block of S.E. Heron Cove, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Jose Valdez, 29, first block of Walnut St., Arcadia. Charge: failure to support spouse or child. Purge: \$1,500.

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OBITUARIES

Herbert Hoover Callaway

Herbert Hoover Callaway, 86, of Arcadia, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, Del., went to be with his Lord Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, peacefully with his wife at his side.

Mr. Callaway voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Navy, receiving an honorable discharge in 1949. He then went into the residential trash-removal business until 1989, retiring to Florida.

He loved playing bingo, listening to music and staying in touch with family and friends. Herb will be deeply missed by his family and the many people he touched with his gifts, sense of humor and caring for others.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Callaway; his sons, Gregory K. (Britta) Callaway, Norman A. (Patricia) Abrams Jr.; daughter, Vickie L. (Joseph) Rzemieniewski; and granddaughters, Dorothy M. Callaway, Katie L. Abrams, Julie N. Abrams and Annie R. Abrams.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 27, 2014, at the Arcadia Village Cantina Club House. In lieu of flowers, please make all contributions to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Martha E. Ralston

Martha E. Ralston (Martie) went home to be with the Lord on Oct 19, 2014.

She was born in Akron, Ohio on August 23, 1938 to Henry Paul Ralston and Oma (Santee) Ralston.

She attended elementary school in Akron and graduated from Copley High School. Her higher education began at Eastern Nazarine College in Quincy, Mass. She earned her Master's in education at Boston State College. She held a lifetime

certification in Director of Guidance for all of Mass.

Martha had several vocations during her lifetime, including travel agent for Mitre Corp. in Boston, Mass. While at Mitre she developed a Carrousel Unit which accommodated each agent with a private zone.

She was an Education Specialist in the State of New Hampshire. She also had her own Real Estate Agency while in New Hampshire. She was a Real Estate Agent in Florida also. Throughout that time Martha restored homes in New Hampshire and Florida. She also created the plans and then went on to build other homes in Hebron, NH and Punta Gorda, FL.

She is survived by her nephews, Henry P. Ralston of Sarasota, FL, Daniel K. Ralston of Conn., Gretchen D. (Ralston) Berkel of Punta Gorda, FL; two great nieces; one great-great nephew; cousins Justine (Lowe) (VonMoos) Burklow, Marylou (Lowe) Easterling, Rex Gene Lowe, Sandra (Santee) Naccarato, Francis Santee, Norma Jean (Santee) Wilke, Gary Santee, Harlan Jay Santee, James E. Santee and Nancy (Santee) McKee.

She also leaves behind her longtime friend and companion, Elaine M. Bodie of Punta Gorda, FL.

She was preceded in death by her parents and Walter R. Ralston, her only sibling, and her cousin Douglas Santee.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Kays-Ponger & Usleton Funeral Home, Punta Gorda Chapel with services to begin at 3 p.m.

Burial will take place in Copley, OH at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in her name to One Missionary Society World Headquarters, 941 Fry Road, Greenwood, Indiana 46142.



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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 closures of the state hospital and the 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.

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FROM PAGE 4

I came to DeSoto County 38 years ago, and I remember the hospital at that time and how much they have grown. If you have no other reason to vote and do not care who wins, you need to respond to this calling and vote yes to Ordinance 2014-04. If you do not understand the ordinance, you can call the hospital and they will explain it to you more in detail.

What I believe is great about the election is the qualified people who have stepped up to the plate to run. Never have we ever had eight city council

candidates and three men running for City Marshal to choose from. If you don't vote, it is not that you did not have a choice of good people to choose from.

The thing that bothers me the most about elections are the people who criticize what is happening and yet did not vote. I have always felt, if you don't vote, you should not have an opinion. There is no excuses for low turnouts. Not in this election.

Come on, DeSoto County. Let's get out there and vote for your choice and pick the best candidate for the job. After all, that is what America is all about.

Jackie Tucker
Arcadia

FORUM

FROM PAGE 3

are allowed 3 minutes each. Arcadian editor Susan E. Hoffman will then pose a number of questions to the candidates. They have been advised of the topics for questions but not the actual wording. Because there are so many candidates, they will not all be answering every question.

Like the county session held earlier this year, we will also solicit questions

from the audience. Cards will be handed out for writing out questions, and some of those may be chosen to ask one or more candidates.

This is your last chance to see the candidates in a formal setting, which will give you a good idea how they might perform in office. Candidates also are permitted to have campaign literature to hand out. The event is free and the public is urged to attend.

Early voting started Monday and will continue through Nov. 1. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 4, and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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Bike ride raises funds for Traveling Vietnam Wall



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Celina Muse, owner of the Wagon Wheel Saloon, signs up riders for the "Freedom Isn't Free" Bike Run. Each rider with a bike paid \$10 for the ride, and each additional rider paid \$5. The run raised over \$300 toward the project of bringing the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to DeSoto County in December. Celina and her manager-daughter Amber Pierson organized the ride.



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY JACK WELCH

Tim Martin, Mary Lyne and Ed Lyne with a check for \$300 toward bringing the Traveling Vietnam Wall to DeSoto County in December.



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The "Freedom Isn't Free" Bike Run attracted 37 cycles from all over the Southwest Florida area. Here the Moose Riders from the Arcadia Moose Lodge #1327 prepare to do their part to make the run a success. The Moose Riders came with 13 bikes to participate in Saturday's ride.

Memorial students learn about fire safety



PHOTO PROVIDED BY DALE WOLGAST

Thomas Moran with DeSoto County Fire Rescue addressed Memorial Elementary students about fire safety during Fire Safety and Prevention Week. The fire department not only provided information on fire prevention, but also brought over a fire truck and ambulance for students to tour.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why does DMH need financial support?

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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.

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.

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...) And sales tax is only paid on the first \$5,000 of a major purchase. (Examples are car, boat, etc...)

Voters talk with city council, marshal hopefuls at political cookout

City Council candidate Susie Coker reaches out to voters during the Arcadian's election BBQ.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY SUSAN E. HOFFMAN

City Council candidate Candy Reid provides information at her table to let voters know her views on city government.



Judy Wertz Strickland, running for City Council, talks with Tim Backer about her views for the city's future.

City Council candidate Bill Bailey, with his wife Dawn, are ready to talk with prospective voters about November's election.



City Council candidate Keith Keene, center, is seeking reelection as he speaks with voters Thursday.



Delshay Turner, right, a City Council candidate, talks with Ernie Hewett about his plans if elected to the position.



City Council candidate Dick Fazzone talks with Janie Watson, left, and Interim City Administrator Beth Carsten about his race for a council seat.



Mitchell Watson, running for City Council, attends the Arcadian's public BBQ Thursday to reach voters.



Paint the Town Blue, Bulldogs!

DeSoto County, it's time to show your Bulldog Spirit! The DeSoto County High School Bulldogs have put our team on the map in Varsity Football, after capturing the district title with last week's 21-20 victory over Southeast. Let's keep the team spirit moving by showing them our support.

Bonnie Molloy and Jackie Tucker are encouraging everyone — residents, businesses and organizations — to show their school spirit by decorating their homes or businesses. Wrap some blue-and-white tinsel around your lamppost, put up some big signs or banners in the front yard, paint some awesome bulldogs in your window and decorate everything with blue and white. Get ready to show those Hardee Wildcats some real DeSoto spirit! Can you imagine how they'll feel as they drive into town seeing everything decorated with Bulldog blue?

The aim of this campaign is to show the Bulldogs in all sports how much the town supports them. Come on out to the games (and don't forget your blue-and-white pompoms). On game day, wear your Bulldog T-shirt. Don't have one? Get them at Shirts & Things (in Arcadia Printing), Hibbitt Sports and Walmart.

The Paint the Town Blue committee includes Bonnie Molloy, Pam Ames, Bob Miller, Buddy Mansfield, and Jackie Tucker.

Don't forget to call to register your decorated home or office, because there will be prizes. Call Jackie Tucker at 863-993-0083 to make sure the judges see your location. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Residential and Best Commercial display.

Judging takes place Oct. 29 and prizes will be awarded by DeSoto School Superintendent Dr. Karyn Gary at noon on Oct. 30 in front of Peddler's Boutique, 25 W. Oak Street in Arcadia.

RCMA walks for breast cancer awareness



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY JOHN BLACK

A crowd gathers at Smith-Brown Gym preparing to march to the DeSoto County courthouse for breast cancer awareness.

From left, Weeda Mae Williams, Dr. Sharon Goodman, Ernestine Simons, Gloria Kendrick (RCMA area Coordinator) and Stacy Wicks are ready to walk from the RCMA at Smith-Brown Gym to the county courthouse, to raise awareness of breast cancer. Williams and Wicks were given the Strong Woman of the Community award.

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Despite their best efforts, the junior varsity football team was overwhelmed 49-0 by a talented Port Charlotte squad.



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Bulldogs capture district crown

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

Let the following phrase soak in for just a moment: The Bulldogs varsity football team are this season's 5A-13 district champions! Say those words

and let them slide through your mouth, roll off your tongue and pass through your smiling lips. It sounds good, doesn't it?

It wasn't easy but the squad secured the title after an exciting 21-20 overtime win at

Southeast. They also had some help from Bayshore, who beat Hardee to help DeSoto clinch the championship regardless of what happens the rest of the season.

Had the Bulldogs failed to beat the Seminoles, they would've needed to beat Hardee tonight and hope the Seminoles lost their two final district games. It's never good to put your destiny in the hands of another team, so the Bulldogs grabbed the bull by the horns and took care of business by themselves.

Close game throughout

DeSoto County scored first on a 13-yard interception by Tony Lee. "I was studying film all week and I watched how they ran the 'hitch,'" he said. "I knew they'd run it. I knew how the man came off the line and then I saw them run it, so I jumped it."

Taj Jackson broke a 7-7 tie



The scoreboard tells the story after the Bulldogs exciting win. Notice the stadium is named "Kiker" and it was a kicker who gave the Bulldogs the win.



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY STEVE KNAPP, sbigdaddyknapp@aol.com

The 2014 District 5A-13 Champion DeSoto County Bulldogs wait to board the bus for the happy ride home.

in the second quarter with a 48-yard touchdown run. A state championship-level track and field star, Jackson turned on the afterburners and the Seminoles were looking at nothing but his tail lights as he crossed the end zone. He ran for a career-high 215 yards on the night.

The Bulldogs took their seven-point lead into halftime, but saw Southeast tie the game in the third quarter on an 18-yard passing score. They ran the same play twice in a row, as the receiver was upset the quarterback didn't see him open on the first play. He ran the same post route the second time and the result was

a tie ballgame.

Redemption for Barajas

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter to set up overtime. It took two plays for the Seminoles to score in overtime. They left the door open for the Bulldogs, however, when they missed their extra point.

With the ball placed on the 10-yard-line, offensive coordinator Bumper Hay called for the Diamond Formation. "Matt (Head Coach Egloff) looked at me like I was crazy when I called it," Hay said. "We hadn't

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Senior girls shine on special night

By **DAVE BREMER**
ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

It's doubtful the three seniors on the Bulldogs varsity volleyball team could have written a better script for both themselves and their team during Senior Night against North Port last week. The girls combined for 28 of the team's 44 kills, three of seven service aces and 65 of 124 digs en route to a thrilling 3-2 victory.

Setter Datasia Wallace, who led the team with 23 assists and 28 digs, remembers her freshman year playing defense. "I came into the game to play some defense and was pretty nervous," she said. "Back then I didn't know I'd be the setter for the team."

Michaela Roberts, who had a game-high 14 kills, remembers playing on the junior varsity team. "I was used strictly in the back row," she said. "With my height, I wasn't even considered a front row attack player."

Kacey Steyer, who had 13 kills for the

match, has always been an outside hitter. "I've always played left side, but not always very consistent," she said.

Tight game from the start

The first set was close throughout. North Port held a slim lead until the bulldogs pulled ahead 13-12 on a Roberts' service point. The Lady Dawgs then held the slight lead until North Port tied it at 23. A Steyer kill broke the tie and Sophomore Jayla Cowell served up an

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Senior setter Datasia Wallace is escorted by her parents on Senior Night during the last regular season home game against North Port. Datasia had 23 assists and 28 digs in leading the Bulldogs to a 3-2 victory.



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Senior Michaela Roberts is escorted by her parents and sister on Senior Night. Michaela contributed 14 kills and 19 digs in helping the Bulldogs defeat North Port 3-2.



Escorted by her mother and sister, senior outside hitter Kacey Steyer is one of three seniors recognized on Senior Night. Steyer had 13 kills and 18 digs as the Bulldogs defeated North Port on this special night.

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Lady Bulldogs test tired Tarpons

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

Remember the classic 1969 movie "Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid?" Robert Redford and Paul Newman were the lovable bad guys who rode day and night through rugged terrain trying to lose the lawmen who were always just a short distance behind them. Finally at one point a bewildered Newman asks Redford, "Who are those guys?"

The DeSoto County varsity volleyball team played the role of those lawmen in their game against Charlotte High School Oct. 14, as the Tarpons had a hard time getting away from the Lady Dawgs.

Both teams had just played five games each in a tournament at Charlotte on Saturday. The Tarpons came back with an emotional game against Port Charlotte on Monday, and then traveled to DeSoto Tuesday for what could have been a big upset for the Bulldogs.

Bulldogs no pushovers

You couldn't blame the Tarpons if they were suffering from a bit of fatigue from the tournament and the win over the rival Pirates, and they

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The 2014 DeSoto County High School varsity volleyball team.



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Bulldogs' quarterback Malcom Smith gets caught in a heavy rush. The powerful Port Charlotte defense shut out DeSoto County 49-0.

JV Dawgs blanked by Port Charlotte

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't a good sign of things to come for the DeSoto County Bulldogs junior varsity football team when they arrived at Port Charlotte High School with less than a minute before the game was supposed to begin. It was a good sign of things to come when they left the field after taking a 49-0 beating at the hands of the undefeated Pirates.

How could an old fashion beating be looked upon as something good? First you need to consider the opponent. The Pirates finished their season not only undefeated, but weren't scored upon the entire year! Even when their

freshman team played, they held the opponents scoreless. Overall, the Pirates JV squad outscored their opponents 183-0.

So you have to admit that the Pirates are good — very good. They have a roster of more than 60 players and have talented players on both sides of the ball.

The good thing to come out of this game is the character of the players who have hung on with the team during a tough season. There were 32 players at the start of the season who thought they had what it takes to be a DeSoto Bulldog. A couple of them were

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injured and the rest left the team when things got tough. Going into the game at Port Charlotte, there were only 18 of them still standing.

Pirates control from start

Even with the Bulldogs' running

back Jon-Shea Reed out of action with a concussion, it was evident that the Bulldogs weren't going to win the game, but wanted to score some points and ruin the Pirates' perfect record.

That never happened as the Bulldogs only got into Pirate territory three times, and once was on a 15-yard penalty. As the first half ended there was a long pass near the end zone that was intercepted by a Port Charlotte defender, and that was the Bulldogs' only threat of putting points

on the board.

Three of their six first half possessions ended with a failed fourth down attempt. The other three possessions ended with a punt, a blocked punt and an interception. The only two second-half possessions ended with a lost fumble and failed pass attempt as the clock ran out.

The Bulldogs managed just one first down and had another called back on a penalty. Malcom Smith was three-for-seven for 19 yards and an interception. Anthony Blanding carried three times for 30 yards and tallied the only first down. The team's total offense was 52 yards, with 33 of them coming on 17 rushes. Six of the carries ended up with a

loss of yardage.

After the game Head Coach Richard Koonce told his team, "We all had opportunities to make plays but we didn't make them. We have to learn how to prepare for a game. We didn't prepare hard enough and didn't deserve to win," he said. "You fought all the way and that made me proud. I'm proud of you. What happened to your former teammates when the going got tough? That's right, they laid down. It takes a man to come out here every week and go through this. We've got Hardee (game is tonight) and that will make our entire season if we can beat them. If we beat Hardee all is forgotten. All anybody will say about you is that you beat Hardee."

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could have easily overlooked the Bulldogs. That would have been a mistake. The Bulldogs played their most spirited match in several weeks, hustling and chasing balls all over the court as they matched the Tarpons from start to finish.

Charlotte trailed in the first set by as much as eight points at 15-7, but rallied back to within three at 16-13. They were still behind by three at 20-17 before they rallied for a 25-20 victory.

The second set ended with the same score as the Tarpons pulled out to a 9-1 lead and were ready for the kill shot on the Bulldogs. The Lady Dawgs weren't ready to roll over and play dead though. Again they battled back and scored seven of the next nine points to get back in the game at 11-8. The Tarpons just had too much firepower to throw at the Bulldogs, however, and ended with the win.

The third set resembled the first two with the Tarpons taking a six-point lead at 10-4. Back again came the Bulldogs, however, and they pulled to within three points at 20-17 before ultimately

falling 25-21.

Victory in defeat

The Charlotte team has won 17 matches this season and have dominated most of their contests. The Bulldogs made them work for all three wins and played a very good game. They have a lot to be proud of even in defeat.

Charlotte had six substitutes on their bench ready to come in and give their teammates a breather. The Bulldogs only had three girls on the bench. Cassidy Furr pulled her stomach muscles at the Charlotte tournament and didn't play. Kaitlin Steyer sprained her ankle at Port Charlotte the week before and is out for the season, and Bethany Bonville is still nursing her foot injury. That's a lot of offense and defense to have to make up for with those players out of the lineup.

"They fought to the end and that was a pleasant thing to see. They didn't give up," Coach Laura White said. "They kept going and going and that's what we've got to do in districts. We moved Lucero (Perez) from middle back to left back because she wanted to try it. It turned out to be pretty good since the girls at left back prefer being at middle back. So that worked out for us."

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ace to give the Bulldogs a first set victory.

The next two sets belonged to North Port. In the second set North Port gained an early five-point lead, only to have the Bulldogs battle back and gain a 22-21 advantage. The Bobcats scored the final four points, however, for the victory. The third set was all Bobcats. The Dawgs held a slim 14-12 lead, but North Port outscored DeSoto 13-1 in just two rotations to easily take the set.

Staring at defeat, the Bulldogs had to dig deep in the fourth set. A Roberts service ace gave the Bulldogs a 20-17 lead, forcing North Port to use their second time out. There would be four more lead changes and



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Middle hitter Jayla Cowell hits just over the fingertips of the North Port middle blocker. Cowell had seven kills and two blocks to help the Bulldogs pull out a 3-2 victory.

five ties before the Bulldogs pulled out a 28-26 victory on a Roberts set-ending kill.

The Bulldogs started playing conservatively in

the fifth set and found themselves behind quickly. Down 10-7, Wallace stepped to the service line and DeSoto scored four straight

points. Roberts quickly got the ball back for the Bulldogs with a kill and service point. After another immediate side out, Jayla Cowell stepped to the line and served the Bulldogs a thrilling 15-12 set and match victory.

Hugs, smiles, and photo opportunities followed for the seniors. "This feels good," Roberts said after the game. "All of our hard work paid off."

"We had energy the whole match," Wallace said. "We were scrappy and fought the whole time."

Coach Laura White was pleased with the efforts by her seniors. "Honestly, you look at them individually and you're not that impressed, but you put them together on the court and they make a huge impact for us," she said.

Sometimes Senior Night scripts don't turn out too



The three seniors give a final hug before their last regular season home game against North Port. The Bulldogs won 3-2.

well, but on this night you couldn't have asked for a better ending. Hopefully the storyline will remain the same as the Bulldogs head into district playoffs.

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run it all night and they never saw it on film. So I figured we were more physical than them and I let Tajahs (Jackson) or Pooh (DaWayne Hearn) take it and outrun them. It was designed to go to the right but he (Hearn) told me that he wanted to go to the left because there were only two players there and he said he could beat them. That's what good running backs do. He played a

good game tonight, we had him at fullback, receiver and on defense. He's just a good kid who can do it all."

Hearn said after the game he insisted on going left because he could see a mismatch in his favor. "Before the play I told Tajahs that I was going to the left," he said. "He told me no, but I went anyway and was untouched all the way. I knew I could beat those two guys."

With the score tied at 20, an injury to a Southeast player delayed the game for more than five minutes. That generally is a bad thing for the offense

because it gives the kicker too much time to think about the important game-winning kick.

Bulldogs kicker Cesar Barajas had missed a field goal earlier in the game. The sophomore said, "When that player was injured I just prayed," he said. "I prayed so much and God was there with me and the ball went through. I thought before the kick, 'man this is a lot of pressure on me' because if I would have made that field goal earlier then we wouldn't be in this spot."

When asked to assess his district championship team, Egloff said his

squad's never-give-in mentality and toughness have been keys to success. "I don't know if this is the most talented team we've ever had, and these guys sure do make me more frustrated than all get out, but they stick together," he said. "They will fight to the end and that is what I like about them."

When asked about the Diamond Formation that resulted in the overtime score, Egloff smiled and said, "We ran it one other time this year when Deionte (Turner) carried it in for a touchdown. That play has a pretty high rate of success, doesn't it?" Et vellic temolup

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Defendants.

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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; Delshau Williams; Unknown Spouse of Delshau 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 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

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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

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 Rescheduling 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: Gwenneth 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

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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 COURT IN AND 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

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 14-2013-CA-000281 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs. JANICE M MARES; JESUS M MARES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JANICE M. MARES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JESUS M. MARES; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 30, 2014, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on August 20, 2014, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of

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De Soto County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in De Soto County, Florida, described as:

LOT 4, AND THE WEST 16 1/3 FEET OF LOT 5, IN BLOCK "P", OF "BONITA" GILCHRIST'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 91, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a 37 W GIBSON STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266-4531

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the South door of the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, on November 13, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM. If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. Dated this 16th day of October, 2014.

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

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY 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 10/23/14 & 10/30/14 146641 3100548

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DE SOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 14-2013-CA-000346 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

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

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 18, 2014, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on September 24, 2014, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of De Soto County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in De Soto County, Florida, described as: THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/3 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE WESTLY 33 FEET FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2005 PALM HARBOR HOMES DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN #PH235909A, TITLE #95868004 AND VIN #PH235909B, TITLE #95868137, WHICH HAS BEEN RETIRED. a/k/a 3816 N.E. BONANZA PARK

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 18, 2014, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on September 24, 2014, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of De Soto County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in De Soto County, Florida, described as: THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/3 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE WESTLY 33 FEET FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2005 PALM HARBOR HOMES DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN #PH235909A, TITLE #95868004 AND VIN #PH235909B, TITLE #95868137, WHICH HAS BEEN RETIRED. a/k/a 3816 N.E. BONANZA PARK

NOTICE OF SALE 3130

AVENUE, ARCADIA, FL 34266 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the South door of the Desoto County Courthouse, 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, on November 04, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. Dated this 3rd day of October, 2014.

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

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY 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 10/23/14 & 10/30/14 146641 3100539

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2013CA0374 DIVISION: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. CENDEJAS, JOSE E. et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 12, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013CA0374 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Jose E. Cendejas, Tenant # 1 n/k/a Bianca Delafuente, are defendants, the DeSoto County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266; www.desotoclerk.com, DeSoto County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 18th day of November, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: **LOT 18, BLOCK "E", FOREST PINE ESTATES, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 20. 1761 SE PLUM DR ARCADIA FL 34266-7471** 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 in Hillsborough County, Florida, this 18th day of October, 2014 /s/ Georganna Frantzis Georganna Frantzis, Esq. FL Bar # 92744 Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com JR- 020322F01 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you

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are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the DeSoto County Court's ADA Coordinator at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. To file response please contact DeSoto County Clerk of Court, 115 E. Oak Street, Room 101, Arcadia, FL 34266, Tel: (863) 993-4876; Fax: (863) 993-4669. Published 10/23/14 & 10/30/14 272484 3100525

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: 785 Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2012 Tax Deed File #: 14-30-TD Description of Property: LOT 5, BLOCK "H", GOLDEN MELODY SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Names in which assessed:

RUZELL DURHAM & JAMORA S CLARK 1126 SW MELODY DRIVE ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **OCTOBER 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Dated this 21TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

MITZIE W. MCGAVIC CLERK OF COURT DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA By: CRYSTAL HENDERSON, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 10/23/14 112132 3101359

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 #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

TAX DEEDS
3132

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
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Arcadia Amoco is claming 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

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
TO: JOYCE LOCKARD
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JOHN LOCKARD, SR., whose address is ZACHARY RIBEL, Counsel for Husband, 25 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before November, and file the original with clerk of the Court at 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. you may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida

OTHER NOTICES
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da Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Published 10/4/14, 10/9/14, 10/16/14 & 10/23/14 131159 3093901

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FRI-SAT 8AM-? Lots of tools and household items. 1761 SE Cherry Dr.

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GFWC Woman's Club hears from hospital

By **JUDY VENTRELLA**
GFWC FLORIDA LEADERSHIP CHAIR

The GFWC Arcadia Woman's Club heard the merits of voting "yes" for the half-cent tax benefiting DeSoto Memorial Hospital at the October luncheon meeting. The guests were invited by member Evelyn Sasser. Several speakers gave details from their perspective and answered questions. The hospital representatives promised a tour of the hospital to club members at a future date. The

club also welcomed three new members who will be installed at a later meeting.

Club president Jannett Hawley had a participant explain that some of the women who worked for women's right to vote in the early 1900s were members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. They picketed outside the White House with suffragettes and were arrested, beaten and tortured. The club urges all its members to vote at every election in their memory.

From left: Sherry Miraldi, Past President; Karen Taylor; Dan Hogan; Jerry Waters; Andrea Carson; Vince Sica; Lois Hilton; Lew Ambler; Club President Jannett Hawley; and Kristen Spahr. Not pictured: Dr. Vaidy Nathan; Nelda Hill.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JUDY VENTRELLA

Suncoast 'pays it forward' for animals

Submitted by **Debbie Merkin**
DESOTO COUNTY
ANIMAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR

"Paying it forward" is a third-party concept that involves doing something good for someone in response to a good deed done on your behalf. When you pay it forward you are not repaying the person who did something nice for you, but instead you do something nice for someone else. This concept is attributed to Ben Franklin from a letter he wrote to Benjamin Webb in 1784. Franklin told Webb he wanted to help him by lending him money, but insisted it not be paid back. Instead, he hoped in the future Webb would be able to help someone else out in a similar fashion. Paying it forward does not need to involve money; free gestures of kindness or something as simple as buying a stranger's lunch can all be forms of the deed.

Carolyn Helewski wanted to pay it forward and chose Desoto County Animal Services as the recipient. Helewski is a financial associate with Suncoast Credit Union in Arcadia. She presented the idea to fellow employees and they all chipped in to collect pet



PHOTO PROVIDED

From left: Carolyn Helewski, Debby Cooper and Ashley Welling pose with food, treats and toys donated from Suncoast Credit Union to Desoto County's Animal Services.

food, treats and toys for the DCAS' kennels and Pet Food Bank. "Payment" was delivered to DCAS on Oct. 15.

Suncoast Credit Union is a banking institution that offers services such as checking, savings, loans, mortgages and insurance needs for home and automobile. Hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about their services call (800) 999-5887, extension 58799.

GRITS & PIECES

FROM PAGE 4

own inquisition in the middle of the desert at high noon. Shame on them — I broke out in a sweat just composing that last sentence! Let me also, ahem, clear the air, by saying that being around yours truly is not a close encounter of the odoriferous kind. I do bathe, brush my teeth, and use non-expiring antiperspirant. Otherwise, polecats would break out in a sweat of their own and run away screaming when they saw me coming.

The fall weather brings what many call the changing of the colors. We get very little of that in the trees down here in Florida, but I did see something on Facebook the other day that said our color changes take place in

license plates. Yep, the fading of summer brings with it the yearly migration of snowbirds into our midst, when the roads will be busier, restaurants will be more crowded, and we'll be able to unload lots of good junk at our yard sales.

And so to those who also suffer from inner-global warming, let's hope and pray that Old Man Winter finds his way to the Sunshine State and visits with us for awhile. After all, don't we want a chance to get our money's worth out of our sweaters and jackets?

You know, the thing with cold and hot weather is this — you can always put on more clothing when the temps are down, but when they're up, you can only take off so much before you get arrested!

All the more reason to chill out, literally!

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE CHANGE

(FS 101.71)

PRECINCT 7, SPEER CENTER LOCATED AT: 104 WINIFRED STREET

Notice is hereby given that your polling location for Precinct (7) Seven has changed. The former polling location for Precinct Seven (7) was the Speer Center, (Old National Guard Armory). It has been changed to: **The Family Service Center Annex, 310 West Whidden Street, at the corner of W. Effie Street and North Orange Avenue.**

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(Old Location) PRECINCT 9 - Brownville Baptist Church LOCATED AT: 7015 NE Cubitis Avenue

(New Location) Precinct 9 - Bethel Assembly of God Ministries Located at: 7538 NE Cubitis Avenue

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3. Pine Level United Methodist Church	9596 N.W. Pine Level St. (Pine Level United Methodist Church)
5. The House of God Church (Fellowship Hall)	200 South Alabama Ave. (Corner of S. Alabama and Gordon St.)
6. The House of God Church (Fellowship Hall)	200 South Alabama Ave. (Comer of S. Alabama and Gordon)
7. Family Service Center (Annex)	310 West Whidden Street (Corner of N. Orange and Effie St.)
8. Oak Hill Baptist Church	5104 Oak Hill Ave. (Turn off CR 661A onto Oak Hill Ave.)
9. Bethel Assembly of God Church	7538 NE Cubitis Ave (Old Hwy 17)
10. Rodeo Grounds Ticket Office	124 Heard Street (Turn left off Hwy 17 S. onto Heard)
11. Trinity United Methodist Church	304 West Oak Street (West on Oak Street)
13. Nocatee United Methodist Church	4502 SW Welles Ave (Turn left off Hwy 17 S. onto Welles Ave.)
14. Ft. Ogden United Methodist Church	6923 SW River St. (Right off of Hwy 17S.)
15. First Baptist Church Christian Life Center	1006 North Brevard Avenue (Hwy 17 North)
16. McSwain Building	Chamber of Commerce Office (16 South Volusia Avenue)
17. First Baptist Church	1006 North Brevard Avenue (Hwy 17 North)

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DESOTO SPORTS ROUNDUP

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

- The varsity football team won the 5A-13 District title with a thrilling 21-20 overtime win at Southeast.
- The junior varsity football team lost at Port Charlotte 49-0.
- The middle school football team hung on for a 7-6 win at Hill-Gustat.
- The JV volleyball team lost 2-0 to both Charlotte and North Port to finish their season.
- The varsity volleyball team lost to Charlotte but beat North Port 3-2 and are now in district play.
- The DeSoto Youth Football teams are enjoying recent success. The 14U team is on a two-game winning streak, and the 10U won their last game. The 12U team is undefeated this season.

Upcoming games

- The JV football team hosts Hardee tonight, while the varsity has a bye this week. The varsity hosts Hardee next Thursday.
- The DeSoto Middle School softball team concludes their season with games at 5 p.m. home tonight, and their season finale next Monday.
- DeSoto Youth Football hosts the Crusaders at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Richard Bowers Field.
- The winter sports season begins in two weeks.

JV volleyball swept by Charlotte

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Charlotte High School junior varsity volleyball team traveled to Arcadia Oct. 14 fresh off a 2-0 sweep the night before against rival Port Charlotte, and were looking to improve on their stellar 16-3 season record.

The Bulldogs squad had the home court advantage, however, as a loud group of students in the upper end of the bleachers cheered every DeSoto County point. The Tarpons could have overlooked the Bulldogs (whom they had beaten earlier in the season) after the excitement of the previous night's win. If there was ever a time for the Lady Dawgs to pull off the upset, the stage was set.

Unfortunately, however, it didn't happen. The Tarpons kept on rolling and showed their skills and experience with 25-9 and 25-16 wins. Charlotte is a tough team that has continued to improve



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The 2014 DeSoto County High School junior varsity volleyball team.

throughout the season.

The JV Bulldogs recently had two of their players move up to the varsity team in Hannah Lambright and Malysa Jeter. That makes a difference, as players are put into new positions and learn how to play the positions during the heat of the battle.

"It's been a hit or miss season. Sometimes the girls

are hitting on all cylinders and they play great; then there are the times when they just can't put it together," said JV Coach Nora Cail. That was due to change as we had two girls move up to varsity, and that's great that they can move up."

In the first set the Bulldogs trailed 9-4 and never recovered as the Tarpons made few errors, showcased good teamwork

with good communication and made their shots count.

The second set found the Lady Bulldogs trailing 9-2, but they stayed even with the Tarpons the rest of the way and were outscored only 16-14. They played hard and never quit and even scored more points than the Pirates did against Charlotte the night before.

"Lorena (Lara) and Emily (Milstead) have really shown a lot of progress this season," Cail said. "This is Emily's first year and she's a quick learner. She's a good athlete and good team player. Lorena had never played before and when we went to the tournament she just kind of opened up and wow, she showed me some skills. She plays middle for her club team, too, and I was very happy with her. And they are both freshmen so they'll be back next year."

Milstead said, "I've gotten better on my defense and my agility is better. I still need work on my setting. I enjoy playing defense."

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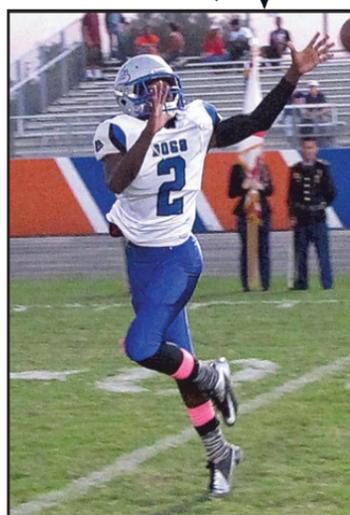
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DeSoto County High School Bulldog Football



DaWayne Hearn scored the game winning touchdown and caught 2 passes in the win over Southeast.



Wesley Emmanuel and Tevin Campbell (front) along with Quay Fudge, KeShawn Smith and Chace Higgins celebrate the win in the locker room.

DaWayne Hearn and Taj Jackson are the WFLN 1480 am radio players of the game



This was one of four monitors in front of the press box that was used by Southeast to video their games.

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	W21 - 20
10/30	7:00pm	Hardee	
11/07	7:00pm	@ Braden River	



Zack Beeles, Stefan Williams and Deionte Turner get a good rush on the quarterback.

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WaterLine photo by Josh Olive

This Okeechobee bass grabbed a worm almost as long as itself. They don't call 'em largemouths for nothin'.



FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK • JOSH OLIVE

The future of fishing

A friend of mine called me the other day to talk about fish tags. No, not for tracking — for harvesting, like the type alligator hunters are required to use. It seems he'd been spending some time reading up on all the lunacy surrounding sector separation (which we'll talk more about next week, because we should know something), and some folks had brought up the idea that you'd have to buy tags in order to take fish home.

Want to keep that red grouper? OK — attach this one-time use tag to his gill, tear off the part you'll have to send in to record the catch, and drop him in the cooler. How would you get a tag? You'd buy it at the tax collector's office (or, as rabid rumor has it, at Walmart, where they could charge you any price they wanted).

For now, it's all speculation. But it's frantic speculation for some people — the kind that could END RECREATIONAL FISHING AS WE KNOW IT!!!

Could it? Eh — probably not.

But fish tags or something similar will likely be coming at some point, and for very good reason.

Recreational fishing as we know it, at least for saltwater species in this part of the country, is unsustainable. There are too many people

wanting to bring home the same fish. To balance out the demand and the supply, regulators have used traditional tools such as bag limits and seasons. But we're reaching a tipping point for some fish. How do you set a bag limit of a quarter of a fish? Doesn't work. You could restrict seasons tighter, but how tight do you want to go (nine days for red snapper, anyone?)

Besides, there's another problem: Counting the fish taken. Stock assessments provide regulators with at least an idea of how many fish are out there. Creel surveys then give them an idea of how many are caught. Add an assumption to an estimate and you'll probably get — well, it's fuzzy math, so the answers are fuzzy.

So how do you get better numbers? Fish tags are one possible solution. There would need to be a lot of discussion before they could become reality, but if they were done right, it wouldn't be so bad. Highly sought species, or those that have had management troubles, would probably come first: Red snapper, various groupers, amberjack, triggerfish, hogfish.

If the cost were prohibitive, that would be a problem. But when you're talking about offshore species here, which seem to be the focus of the discussion anyway, what's prohibitive? If you're spending \$400 to gas up the boat and \$100 on

bait and chum, is a handful of \$5 tags going to be the final straw that keeps you on the dock?

Naturally, demand will exceed supply for some species. In those cases, a lottery system could be instituted — again, like what we have for gators. The number of tags issued could be adjusted year to year. With regulators having a harvest estimate that is much closer to the actual harvest (face it; we'll never get it absolutely right), it'll be simpler to figure out how to manage populations for greatest available yield.

Or, if the fearmongers are right, all the tags will be bought up like front-row concert tickets, and you'll have to pay scalper prices or get left out. If you think they're right, then here's your challenge: Come up with a better solution that recognizes the realities on the ground (in the water?). Most of the time, opponents of change don't have a working counterproposal. They just say no. This is a problem that needs solving, not an ideological debate. Either help fix it or stay out of the way.

Look, no one likes this. We all want a return to the good old days of going out and loading the boat. But that's not going to happen. There are too many of us. New solutions are required, or we can give up on the idea of fishing having any sort of future at all. When you look at them in that light, are fish tags really so bad?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have a comment or question for WaterLine, send it to Editor@WaterLineWeekly.com.

JOSH:

I live in Venice January through April and take the party boat out of Englewood. Are there any daily party boats out of Venice? Seems like there would be a market for one.

— Nick Dej

NICK:

I don't know of any party boats that run from Venice. However, there are several charter services that will take you offshore from Venice. Generally, a charter will take up to six people. Split six ways, you'll spend about two or three times as much for a day of fishing — but you should expect to have a

considerably better fishing experience on a private charter than you would from a head boat. I was able to find several outfitters with a simple Google search: Venice Florida offshore fishing.

— Josh Olive, WaterLine Publisher

JOSH:

I have been reading WaterLine since about 2008. For a long time, you, Josh Olive, were the editor, then you were the publisher and a different person (I think his last name was Anderson) was the editor. Now you appear to be the publisher AND the editor. I thought I read your magazine thoroughly, but if you answered that in the magazine I must have missed it. Is that other person gone or just not mentioned anymore?

— Bob Blank

BOB:

Lee Anderson was the WaterLine editor for a while, but due to some internal changes he's now part of the team that builds the daily newspaper. I'm currently functioning as both publisher and editor. It's a lot to do, but at least I know who to blame when something gets done wrong.

— Josh Olive, WaterLine Publisher

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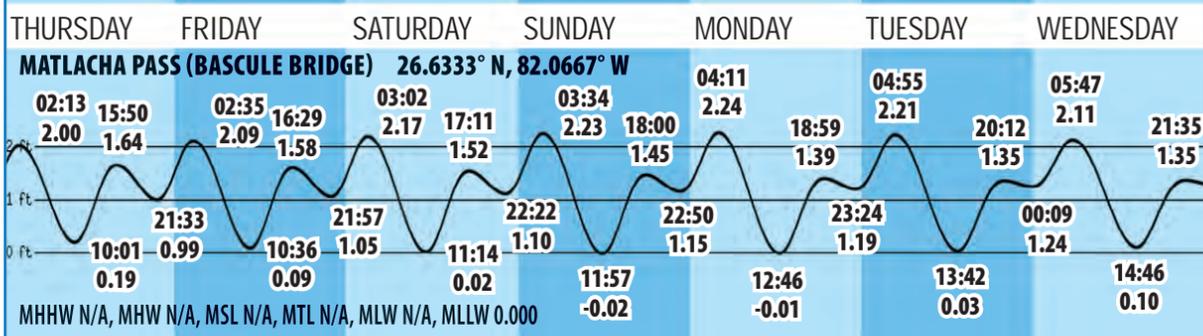
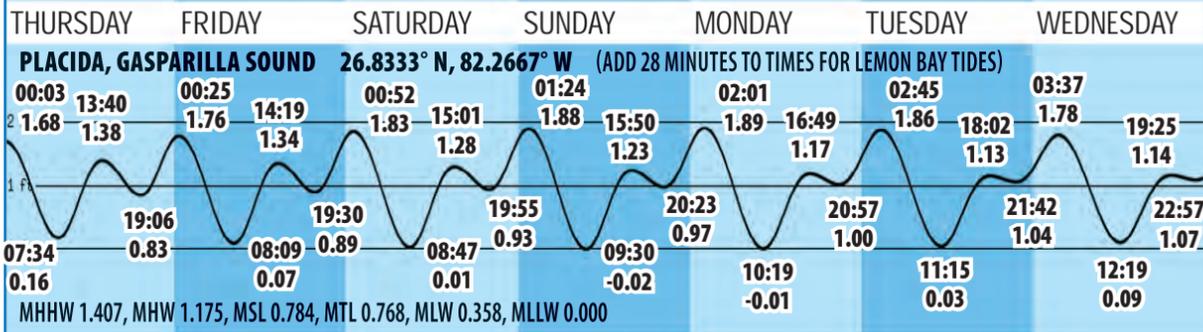
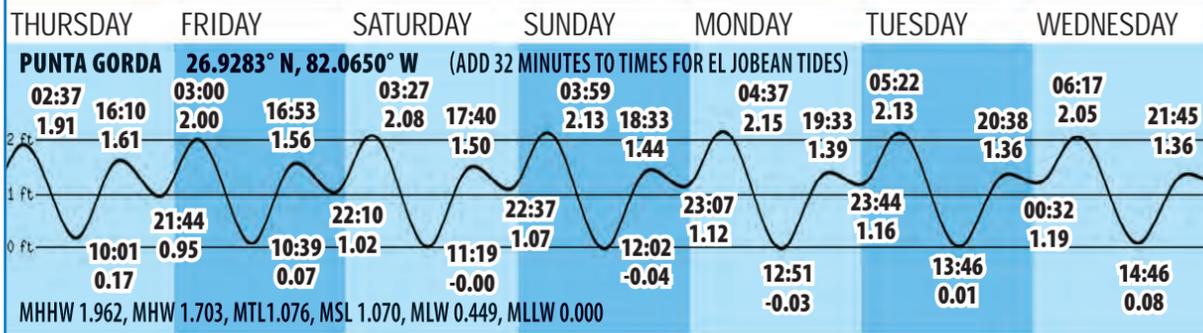
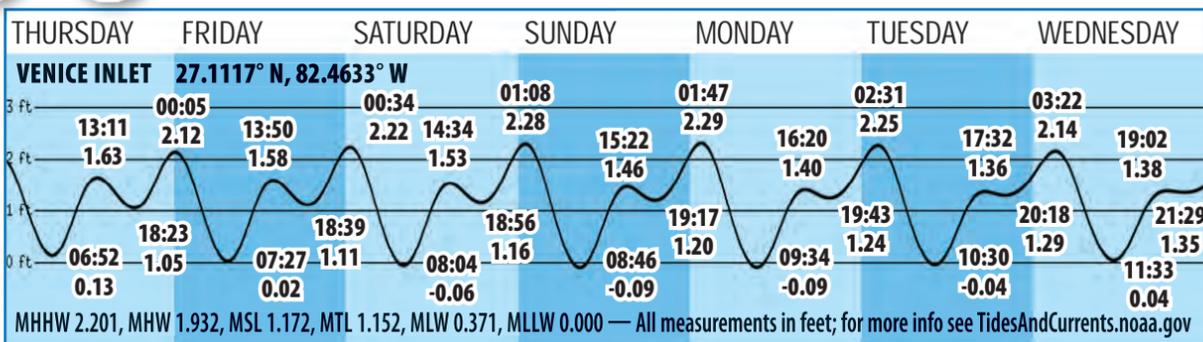
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There are **snook** everywhere, but the vast majority are under or over the slot. The inshore **mangrove snapper** bite has slowed a bit but is still decent. Fish to 14 inches have been taking live shrimp around dock pilings.

Red grouper are closed in federal waters but still open inside of 9 miles, and there have been some good keepers taken in state waters at about 50 feet. While you're out there, you'll probably pull up decent numbers of **lane snapper** and **grunts**, and you can use smaller baits for tasty **squirrelfish**.

The flats of Lemon Bay have been a great spot for **redfish** at low tide. They'll be happy to eat root beer Mirrolure Lil Johns and other dark soft plastic baits.

JIM

FISHERMAN'S
 EDGE
 Grove City
 941-697-7595

There have been great schooling **redfish** reports from Whidden Creek; whitebait is the top producer if you can get it. Watch them once you hook one or you'll lose the school. Big **snook** to 40 inches plus are taking whitebait around docks and mangroves where the water is moving. Scattered **pompano** are in the channels and passes; Boca is always good. The best **flounder** reports are coming from Boca Grande Pass as well.

Flag **yellowtail snapper** and some very nice **mangroves** are coming in from 33 miles out. Blitzing **bonita** and **Spanish mackerel** have been within a mile of the beach tearing up threadfins.

Good **kingfish** 35 to 40 inches are hitting trolled 5-inch Yo-Zuris just outside Boca Grande — even Jim caught one, so it's just about a sure thing.

ROGER

FINE BAIT &
 TACKLE
 North Port
 941-240-5981

Both juvenile and large **tarpon** are moving up into the Myakka and will hit topwater plugs. **Largemouth bass** are hitting shiners in the North Port canals. **Tilapia** are taking cut shrimp or red worms.

Kingfish and **barracuda** are hitting trolled spoons or other flashy lures 5 to 7 miles out. Anglers are using diamond jigs to catch **grouper** and **kingfish** on the deeper reefs.

The Myakka from North Port to El Jobean is full of **snook** and **redfish**. Bomber topwaters and trolled Rapala X-Raps are hooking a lot of fish.

JEFF

CAPT. TED'S
 TACKLE
 Port Charlotte
 941-627-6800

Good **redfish** schools with lots of overslot fish are cruising Pine Island Sound. The east wall fish are scattered from fishing pressure. **Trout** reports are getting better in the upper Harbor on suspending plugs, swimbaits and shrimp under a cork. The cooler weather has **snook** feeling spunky and hungry. Big ones are on the bridge pilings, especially if there's a light source at night. The afternoon bite has been better than chilly mornings.

Mangrove snapper are taking shrimp or whitebait. Light leader and plenty of chum will improve your chances. Keeper **gags** are coming from nearshore rocks and micro-reefs. **Cobia** are spotty but should improve soon.

Get out in the Gulf for some **kingfish** if you can. You don't need to get out far; 2 to 5 miles should do it. Troll Bomber or Rapala lipped plugs at a depth of 5 to 15 feet. If you see them hitting bait, switch to a spoon.

ROBERT

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

The south end of the east wall and the ICW are holding scattered small schools of **redfish**. Big ones from offshore are starting to come in. **Snook** are in the same spots, but the bite's much better at night. **Mangrove snapper** are still on the flats but there are more around the passes. **Pomps** are showing up on the beaches; a few are even in the Harbor. **Spanish macks** are moving in and out with the tides. Small **sharks** are plentiful on Cape Haze.

The **mangrove** and **lane snapper** bite is incredible at 10 to 15 miles. A few spotty **sheepshead** and **flounder** are starting to show up on the reefs but it'll get a lot better soon. **Spanish mackerel** are from the passes to 15 miles. The **kings** are coming, but right now there are only a few small ones around.

Tarpon in late October? Oh, yeah. There are smaller fish in the rivers and canals, but the bigger ones are from the 41 bridges to Cape Haze Point. Ladyfish and Hogys will get 'em.

CHUCK

LAISHLEY MARINE
 Punta Gorda
 941-639-3949

Two-pound **tilapia** are biting red wigglers or corn in the Port Charlotte canals. **Trout** up to 20 inches are biting as far up as the U.S. 41 bridges. **Redfish** are good on the east wall from Colony Point south and scattered on the west side. But west wall **snook** action has been better. **Pompano** and **flounder** are haunting the channel edges. The **mangrove snapper** are still thick on the flats. There's a good **blacktip shark** bite around Cape Haze Point.

Kingfish are here but still spotty. **Spanish mackerel**, though, are all over, from Alligator Creek Reef to 15 miles out. You'll find lots of **mangrove snapper** at 3 to 5 miles, but for some whopper 5- and 6-pounders, head out to 120 feet of water. For **gags**, troll a big lipped plug in 45 feet.

Tarpon are still here. Start looking at the U.S. 41 bridges or the deep holes in the mouth of the Myakka. They'll whack whitebait, ladyfish, Hogys or DOA Bait Busters. The afternoon bite has been best.

JESSE

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

There are massive schools of **Spanish mackerel** just off Lighthouse Beach on Sanibel; cast or troll spoons. **Trout** really haven't picked up yet, but there are a few on the flats hanging around the **mangrove snapper**. A handful of good **sharks** have been caught despite the cold fronts rolling through. The Matlacha Bridge has been producing a few **cobia** and some very nice **black drum**.

Gags are turning on in deeper water at 60 miles, along with a ridiculous number of catch-and-release **red grouper**. Closer in, look for big **kings** 3 to 4 miles out eating live baitfish, or check the stone crab trap floats for **tripletail** and the occasional **cobia**.

Redfish and **snook** are hanging out together under the mangroves. Throw a 4-inch topwater (the Bomber Badonk-A-Donk in mullet is hot) to get them to bite.

FISHING TIP OF THE WEEK: Using artificial lures can be far more challenging when baitfish are abundant and easy to capture — pretty much the situation we have right now. Scaled sardines and juvenile threadfin herring are plentiful, and gamefish are gorging themselves on these swimming protein nuggets. So what's an angler to do? First, try matching the hatch. Throw white soft plastic shad lures, white bucktail jigs, and silver or white spoons. And you should have these available in two or three sizes because baitfish right now range from 3 to 6 inches long. If that doesn't get the results you want, a little scent appeal might. Soaking soft plastics in menhaden oil for a few hours (or days) will impregnate them with a smell you will find disgusting but that the fish will find irresistible. You can also dip a bucktail jig in the same smelly stuff. If you still get no bites, but you know the fish are there, your best option is to go with the flow and break out the cast net.



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WaterLine FISHING RULES

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

LICENSES

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

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

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

SALTWATER FISH

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

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

Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish
Slot 14" to 22"; aggregate bag limit 5; notes: 1,4,5,9

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

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

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

Blue runner
Bag limit 100

Bonefish
Harvest prohibited.

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

Dolphin (Mahi mahi)
Bag limit 10 per harvester or 60 per vessel, whichever is less; notes: 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grouper, Snowy & Yellowedge
Bag limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10

Grouper, Warsaw & Speckled Hind
Bag limit 1 per vessel; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10

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

Grouper, Coney, Graysby, Red Hind, Rock Hind & Tiger
Bag limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10,12

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Snapper, Vermilion (beeliner)
10" min. size; bag limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,9,11

Snapper, Blackfin, Dog, Queen, Mahogany, Silk & Yellowtail
12" min. size; limit 10 per harvester; notes: 2,4,5,9,13

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

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

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

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

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

Wahoo
Bag limit 2; notes: 1,5

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

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

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

NOTES

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

FRESHWATER FISH

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

Sunfish(excluding crappie)
Aggregate limit 50

Crappie
Limit 25

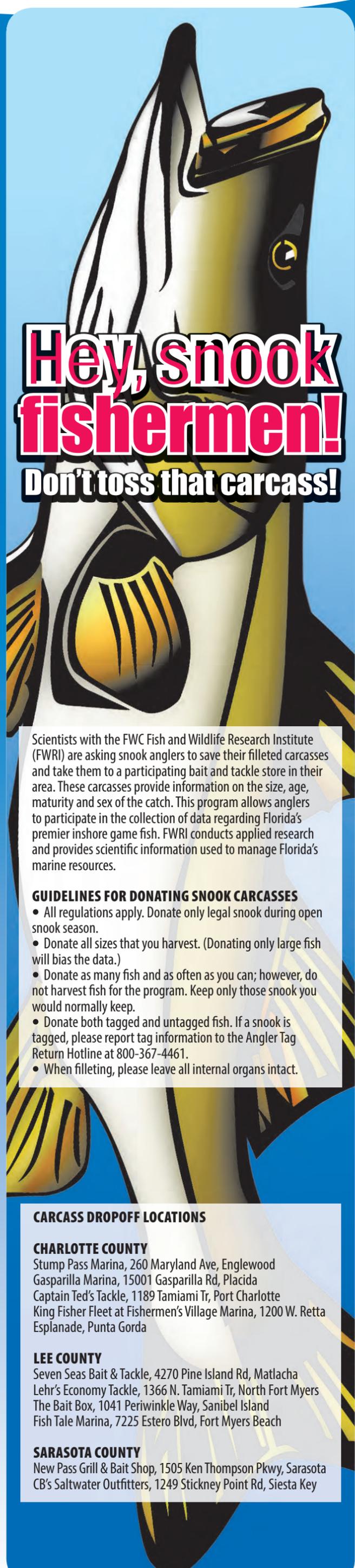
Butterfly peacock bass
Max. size 17", limit 2 (may possess one over 17")

Grass carp
Must be released immediately

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

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

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



Hey, snook fishermen!
Don't toss that carcass!

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

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

- CARCASS DROPOFF LOCATIONS**
- CHARLOTTE COUNTY**
Stump Pass Marina, 260 Maryland Ave, Englewood Gasparilla Marina, 15001 Gasparilla Rd, Placida
Captain Ted's Tackle, 1189 Tamiami Tr, Port Charlotte
King Fisher Fleet at Fishermen's Village Marina, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda
- LEE COUNTY**
Seven Seas Bait & Tackle, 4270 Pine Island Rd, Matlacha
Lehr's Economy Tackle, 1366 N. Tamiami Tr, North Fort Myers
The Bait Box, 1041 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island
Fish Tale Marina, 7225 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach
- SARASOTA COUNTY**
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CB's Saltwater Outfitters, 1249 Stickney Point Rd, Siesta Key

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HAUNTED WALK

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

REDSNOOK TOURNAMENT

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

STONE CRAB FESTIVAL

Come celebrate the start of the stone crab season with fresh, locally harvested stone crab claws, fish and shellfish, live music, events of all kinds, art, vendors and lots of fun activities for the entire family. It's all happening Oct. 24-26 on the historic Old Naples Waterfront, including Tin City, Bayfront and Port O'Call Marina. Free admission; \$5 parking at the former Grand Central site and Port O'Call Marina. For more info go to StoneCrabFestival.org or call 239-430-7020.

YOUTH OUTDOOR FUN DAY

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

FALL FLY FISHING CHALLENGE

Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers and the Sarasota Chapter of Coastal Conservation Association will hold the 10th annual "Fall Fly Fishing

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

FRIENDLY FOREST

Calling all friendly ghosts and goblins up to age 10: You're invited to the Friendly Forest at Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium (3450 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers) 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 & 26. Dress up and visit for candy, crafts and games for a friendly version of Halloween. There's nothing to fear in the Friendly Forest, just fun to be had. Free with paid museum admission. Call 239-275-3435 for more info.

MOMS & TOTS IN NATURE

Bring the wee ones (ages 3 to 5) to Cedar Point Environmental Park (2300 Placida Road, Englewood) for a play day in nature. This free one-hour program allows moms, dads, grandparents and other caregivers a chance to experience the natural world of Florida with guided walks, puppets, crafts, stories, songs and more. Scheduled for Oct. 27, Nov. 24 and Dec. 29. Registration required; call 941-475-0769. Sponsored by Mosaic Company Foundation.

BIRDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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

FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

Native plants installed and properly cared for can provide long-term benefits to coastal yards and neighborhoods. Urban landscapes and yards impact coastal habitats and water quality. This talk addresses how to create low-maintenance Florida-friendly landscapes and plant buffers in order to protect critical habitat. Tom Becker from University of Florida/IFAS Extension will present

this informative program from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 28 at Cedar Point Environmental Park (2300 Placida Road, Englewood). Free; registration is advised. Call 941-475-0769 to reserve your spot.

LET'S GO FISHING COURSE

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

FAMILY NATURE HIKE

Come join CREW for a fun family walk on the CREW Marsh Trails (4600 Corkscrew Road, Immokalee) from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1. More than just a hike, this event is complete with games and activities that will get you dirty, inspire you, and engage all your senses. This is an active walk for the whole family to get involved and enjoy nature at its best. Call 239-657-2253 for more info.

BIRD ROOKERY SWAMP WALKS

Join the volunteer staff at CREW Bird Rookery Swamp Trails (1295 Shady Hollow Blvd. W, Naples) for a free entertaining and informative 2.5-hour guided walk. Learn the history, see wildlife and enjoy the views. Walks are scheduled for 1:30 to 4 p.m. Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5. Call 239-657-2253 for more info.

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ONGOING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER AT SHAMROCK PARK: Shamrock Park Nature Center (3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice) holds its monthly volunteer work mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. on the third Friday of each month. As abilities and interests allow, volunteer tasks may include trash collection along trails and within vegetated areas of the park, light trimming along paved multiuse trail, organization of storage areas, exotic plant removal and other maintenance tasks. Long pants, closed-toe shoes, sun protection, and plenty of drinking water are recommended. Park staff will provide trash collection buckets/bags, pickers, gloves, and other tools as necessary. Meet at the Shamrock Park Environmental Center. For more information, call Jennifer Rogers at 941-861-5000 or email her at jrogers@scgov.net.

FISHING CLUB MEETINGS: The Gulf Cove Fishing Club meets on the second Monday of the month October through May at the Hope Lutheran Church in Gulf Cove (14200 Hopewell Ave., Port Charlotte) at 7 p.m. At each meeting, a speaker will talk on a timely topic. In addition to the meetings, the club holds a monthly fishing tournament and a monthly picnic. For more info, call 941-698-8607.

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

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

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

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

but keep up the pace. Wear appropriate workout clothing, including good walking shoes, and bring your water bottle. Meet in the pavilion near the playground. Call 941-861-5000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

lunch and a shady hat. Call 941-423-2713.

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

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

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

KAYAK SHELL CREEK: Paddle the longer route of Shell Creek, up to the shallows and the Cypress Knee Garden, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 2 or Dec. 29. Our guide will be Master Naturalist Rick Fried, who knows this creek intimately. Participants must provide their own watercraft and be able to swim. Call 941-637-8805.

HIKE SHELL CREEK PRESERVE: Join us Dec. 4 for a guided nature walk in this protected preserve of pine flatwoods and scrub habitats. Florida Master Naturalists Jamie Reynolds and Jim Knoy will identify and explain the plants and animal life as we walk along. Call 941-637-8284.

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BRIT & THE YANKEE REAL ESTATE AND FISHING NEWS

By Mark Davison & Ryan Boley

Costa Rica or Florida?



Mark's Costa Rican jack looks a lot like the ones we catch, only bigger.

Ryan and I thought we would check out the real estate market in Costa Rica. Actually, that's not the whole truth — my daughter is living there, and it was a good excuse to go and see some of the most incredibly stunning scenery in the world. And to get this West Virginia boy out of the country for his very first international trip (and boy did he fight).

We had a full week of fun, fishing for roosterfish (a great-fighting Pacific game fish) and some of the biggest jack crevalle I've ever caught. Then we were zip-lining and four-wheeling through the rain forest mountain terrain. If you could think of it, we did it!

We made our home base in Quepos, on the Atlantic coast. It's a quaint, rustic town, full of warm and friendly people. Its growth was influenced by the banana plantations in the area. We never felt unwelcome by the villagers at any time. The mountain Manuel Antonio is a few miles up the road from Quepos, which offers up breathtaking views from every angle. We never tired of these scenic vistas and would go back again in a heartbeat.

We did take a break from sight-seeing to visit one of the local real estate brokers and see how their housing market was doing. Some of the agents there told us that they did not suffer price drops like we did here in the states. Their market just slowed down a bit but has taken off again, with Americans and Canadians coming into the country to purchase

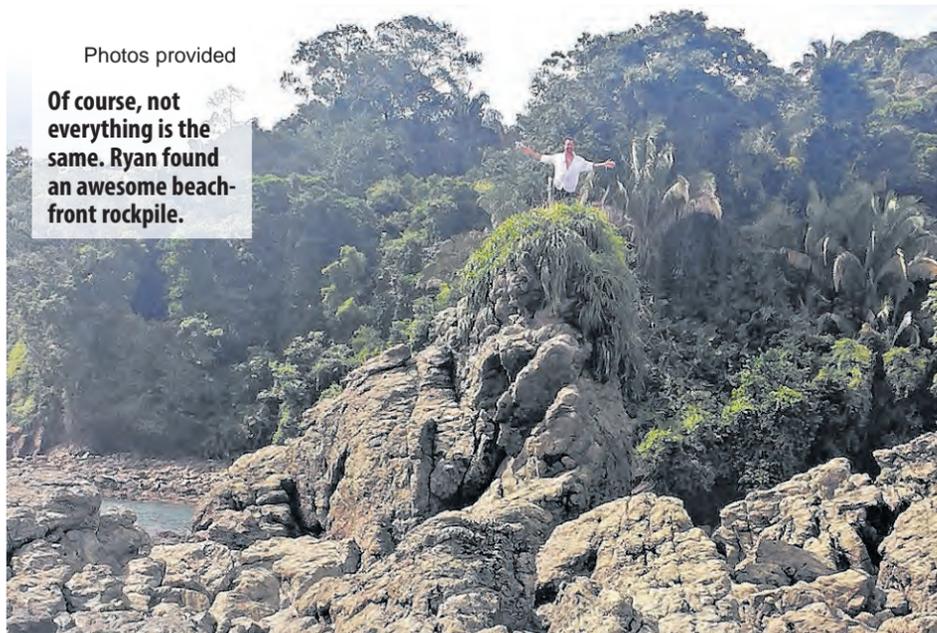
real estate. Buyers are flocking to Costa Rica for waterfront property — very similar to the influx of people that we are experiencing here in Southwest Florida.

Charlotte County's market was strong in September, with 467 units sold. October certainly looks to be similar or maybe a little busier. Inventory is low, but buyers still like our prices here in Southwest Florida even if they are going up. We may not have the spectacular mountain views here, but we do have the beautiful barrier islands, Gulf of Mexico, and Charlotte Harbor with views to die for. The fishing here is phenomenal. Saltwater Sportsman magazine recently named Port Charlotte one of the top 20 snook and redfish havens in the world. We also have world-class tarpon fishing and sailing — and yes, it is truly world-class.

Our inventory is a strong factor currently affecting the local housing market, and it's certain to be a factor experienced nationwide. The current demand for waterfront properties is high. Traffic has already started to pick up the pace in our area. With snowbird season right around the corner, I predict a strong surge in buyer interest for waterfront real estate. Our community has many extraordinary things to offer, and buyers can still find a fairly priced waterfront home to purchase. I would consider that very impressive, wouldn't you?

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Of course, not everything is the same. Ryan found an awesome beach-front rockpile.



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Jim Klausung broke in a new reel on this Charlotte Harbor redfish.



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ANGLING 101 • ROBERT LUGIEWICZ

Most anglers have a favorite fish. Sure, we're happy to see something put a bend in the rod, but there's generally something we'd really rather be catching. What's yours? Tarpon? Redfish? Snook? Trout? Cobia? Kingfish? Sharks?

Whatever your answer is, I've got some great news: They're biting right now. We're in that magical time of the year when Florida's weather is transitioning from tropical to temperate. The fish of summer are still here (but not for long) and the fish of winter are starting to arrive.

Now for the bad news: There's still a lot of fresh water coming out of the rivers, and that's messing with where the fish are. For example, the schools of redfish aren't hanging out where they were a couple weeks ago. But make no mistake, the fish are there. You just might spend more time looking than you want to.

Have you ever watched one of those boring bass fishing shows? Those guys usually don't devote a lot of time to fishing one spot. They make a few casts and move on. Normally I wouldn't advocate that method for our saltwater fish, but lately that's been kind of the way it is. The fish are moving around a lot. A whole lot. By hunting around, you'll give yourself a better chance of coming across them, which means you have a better chance of catching them.

OK, enough generalities. Let's look at what your favorite fish are doing right now and what you can expect from them in the coming weeks.

Tarpon don't like chilly water, so most of the big ones will be moving out soon, headed for the Keys and points south. But it takes energy to migrate, so they're feeding heavily in the river mouths and open waters of the Harbor. That activity is happening mostly on the incoming tide — time of day doesn't seem to matter to them. How long it lasts depends on the weather. If we see a fairly strong front come through, kiss them goodbye. If I were placing a bet, I'd say two to three weeks.

'Tis the season for schooling redfish, and I think we probably have a lot of that still ahead of us because there are still big redfish being caught incidentally offshore on trolled plugs. The west wall is usually a good spot, but the east wall has been doing much better lately because the water is saltier (the rivers flow much more down the west side of the Harbor — look at a map and you'll see why). I'd hunt from just north of Pirate Harbor to Two Pine, then skip over to Pine Island Sound and keep heading south.

In the short term, reds will keep doing what they're doing. Schools, both tightly packed and loosely associated, will be on the flats and under the mangroves. Whitebait are still here, and they'll be the hot bait. Pinfish will work if you can't find whitebait. The party usually breaks up in the last half of November, and then you won't find anything but shorts for a few months.

Snook move to the beaches to spawn in summer, and a lot of them are still there right now. There's been a lot of bait out there and it's been keeping good numbers of snook in the surf. But not every snook enjoys beach life, and there are more of them moving into the upper Harbor every day. The best bite is probably in the passes and the nearby Intracoastal, and the fish will be on the move, not staying in one place for long. As with the reds, whitebait are the top choice as long as they're around.

By this time next month, we'll see fewer (maybe a lot fewer) snook on the beaches and more (maybe a lot more) moving into the river mouths and deeper canals. Usually they're reaching their largest numbers at El Jobean and the U.S. 41 bridges just about the time season closes for the winter.

As long as the water temperature keeps dropping, the trout bite is about to explode. Right now, they're on the flats, but in 3 to 5 feet of water and not schooled up yet. They're catchable, but it's hit or miss. The best chances will be in Lemon Bay, Gasparilla Sound and Pine Island Sound over deeper grass. By mid-November, they ought to be forming gangs and moving up into shallower water. More of them will move up Harbor, showing up around Alligator Creek and Port Charlotte Beach. They'll also get more aggressive about feeding as the temperature drops.

Some years we get a great fall cobia season. This hasn't really been one of those years. There certainly have been some fish caught, but most of them have been short of keeper status. Still, it pays to be ready any time the boat is anchored or drifting, because these fish have a habit of showing up when you least expect them and vanishing as soon as you get a bait ready. The guy who's set to cast at a moment's notice is the guy who catches these brown ghosts.

King mackerel are pretty specific about the water temperatures they like — 72 to 75 degrees suits them best. It's about 80 now and dropping, so we're seeing the first wave of fish coming in. Good schools of smaller fish (5 to 10 pounds) will be showing up in a week or three from 3 to 25 miles offshore. But the big ones — those 30- to 50-pound smokers — will be much closer to the beach, usually within a mile or so. If you're after big ones, you might fish all day for just one bite — but what a bite! Since they're temperature-sensitive, the window of availability might be two weeks or two months.

Sharks keep the same calendar as tarpon, mostly. The little (fun-size!) blacknose and sharpnose sharks move offshore into deeper water about the time the tarpon disappear. Sandbar sharks are winter visitors, and they like Spanish mackerel and bonita, so when they're here, the sandbars are here. Bull sharks will also hang out around those delicious fishes, as will big blacktips and spinners. Macks usually stick around for a while, so we should have

some good sharks around until maybe January.

Actually, bait is really the deciding factor for sharks. The big tarpon-munching hammerheads are long gone, but their teenage kids (the 5- to 8-footers) are available because they follow the kingfish migration. As the kings pass us, so will the hammers. By the time it gets chilly, we'll be left with mostly juveniles of several species and of course bonnetheads, which love to cruise the flats in winter pretending to be their bigger cousins.

So many fish, so little space! Mangrove

snapper, pompano, tripletail, flounder, gag grouper — oh, well. Keep checking the fishing reports (or I could do a part two of this column, but you've got to ask). Just get out there and fish, because if you let all this action pass you by, it really would be a bad thing.

Robert Lugiewicz is the manager of Fishin' Frank's Bait & Tackle, located at 4425-D Tamiami Trail in Charlotte Harbor. Call 941-625-3888 for more information about the shop or for local fishing info, or visit them online at FishinFranks.com.



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AROUND CHARLOTTE HARBOR • CAPT. RALPH ALLEN

WaterLine photo by Ralph Allen

This red grouper's stomach is protruding from its mouth as a result of barotrauma. Sticking a needle into the exposed organ only makes things worse.



Fish get gassy, too

When a person has gas, it's an inconvenient and sometimes embarrassing condition. For most species of fish, though, having a little gas is a good thing.

Most bony fish have a swim bladder, an internal buoyancy organ which contains just enough gas to keep the fish very close to neutrally buoyant. For most fish, this is a good thing. A fish that's neutrally buoyant can stop swimming and remain perfectly motionless without sinking to the bottom like a rock or popping to the surface like a party balloon. If a predatory fish can freeze in position and remain stationary, then it can lie in wait for prey. If a prey fish senses a threat, it can freeze in position and might go unnoticed by the lurking bad guy who wants him for supper.

But not all fish are neutrally buoyant. Sharks and stingrays lack swim bladders and are negatively buoyant all the time, meaning that they tend to sink to the bottom. Stingrays spend a great deal of time on the bottom anyway, so being a sinker isn't an issue for a ray. Most sharks are mid-water fish, but since they have no swim bladder they sink if they stop swimming. Have you ever seen a shark that wasn't actively swimming? If so, it was either sinking or already on the bottom. Nurse sharks and a few other species do spend much of their time lying motionless on the sea floor. There are other fish which are sinkers: Toadfish, scorpionfish, blennies, gobies and most other fish which tend to sit on the bottom.

Most of the fish we encounter are neutrally buoyant, but maintaining neutral buoyancy is more complicated than it might appear. For example, if the swim bladder of a fish contains just enough gas to achieve neutral buoyancy, and the fish then eats a crab or some other heavy prey, the fish suddenly becomes heavier and tends to sink. The fish compensates for this by chemically producing more gas in its swim bladder until the balance is returned. Then, as the prey is digested and the remains eventually pooped back into the water, the gas bubble in the swim bladder gets smaller and smaller as needed to maintain neutral buoyancy. The size of the gas bubble in the swim bladder of any fish is constantly being tweaked as the fish eats, digests food, burns calories, rises or falls in depth, encounters warmer or cooler water, and as a host of other conditions change.

For the most part we don't think too much about the swim bladders in fish, except when we're cleaning our catch and our fillet knives get bogged down in the rubbery membrane which lines the swim bladder, or when we catch a fish in very deep water. When a fish is pulled to the surface after being hooked at depth, the decrease in pressure as the fish nears the surface can cause the gas in the swim bladder to greatly expand in volume. If the expansion is great enough, the fish can be injured and/or immobilized when the suddenly enlarged swim bladder either displaces

internal organs or inflates to such a large size that the fish floats like a cork and cannot swim back to the bottom. When a fish is so afflicted, it's said to be suffering from barotrauma, or trauma related to pressure.

Most grouper fishermen have seen fish that are "blown up," suffering from barotrauma. In mild cases, the fish may simply appear bloated. In more serious cases, the swollen swim bladder may cause the stomach of the fish to be pushed out the fish's mouth, and in extreme cases the eyeballs might bulge out of the fish's skull. In today's world of ever-increasing restrictions on the harvest of many popular fish species, anglers often find themselves releasing fish that are suffering from the effects of barotrauma. Many of us have watched helplessly as a released fish drifts away on the surface, unable to swim back to the bottom. Such immobilized fish might eventually recover enough to survive. Or they might die, either because they are extremely vulnerable to predators or because the displacement of their organs eventually proves fatal.

In 2008, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council required that anglers harvesting reef fish carry and use a venting tool — basically a hollow metal needle that could be poked through the side of a fish to release the gas from the swim bladder prior to release. The FWC soon followed suit with a similar requirement for reef fish taken in Florida waters. It was thought that a fish with a hole poked through its side and into the swim bladder would have a better chance of survival than an intact fish drifting away helplessly at the surface.

While it is true that venting of fish probably does increase the odds of survival in some cases, there are problems with this technique. The first and possibly the greatest problem is the tendency for anglers to stab the fish in the wrong place. Many, many anglers thought that poking a hole in the portion of the fish's stomach that was everted out the mouth was the way to go. In reality, this causes serious injury to the stomach lining. Other anglers jabbed the fish too far forward or too high or low on the side. Another issue is that modestly inflated fish can often survive just fine if they're able to swim directly down to the bottom upon release, and the requirements for the use of venting tools resulted in many fish being sent overboard with venting holes needlessly poked in their sides.

A few years ago, Florida Sea Grant recognized that there were problems with the use of venting tools and began searching for alternatives that would both increase the survivability of released fish and be accepted by recreational anglers. If a blown fish can be physically carried down towards the bottom, the increasing pressure as the fish descends will decrease the effects of barotrauma with

no need to poke venting holes in the fish, so research focused on equipment that could be used to descend the fish manually. Various contraptions were tested and discarded as too cumbersome or too difficult to employ, and eventually a handful of workable tools were developed. Sea Grant agents took the results of their research to the Gulf Council and the FWC and were able to convince those agencies to remove the regulations requiring the use of venting tools, giving anglers more latitude in deciding what to do with blown

fish. Take a look at the Sea Grant website CatchAndRelease.org to learn how you can help your released fish survive.

Let's go fishing!

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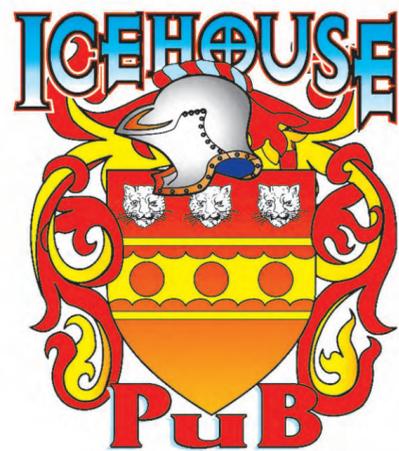
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WaterLine photo by Abbie Banks
A great blue heron stalks his supper in a ditch near the Laurel Landfill.

Smells like birds to me

Don and I were awakened by the alarm clock. I knew the snooze was on so I was a bit lazy and did not jump out of bed. When the snooze alarm went off, that was the countdown as we had to be on the road real soon. Max, our Maltese, got some breakfast and Don walked him and then we gathered our birding gear and we were off. As I walked out to the car, I spotted a catbird and palm warblers. This is the sign of the return of fall birds for us. As we drove down the road, we saw a great horned owl just around the corner, sitting on a wire searching for his breakfast. We had no time to stop.

Each October, one of the first Venice Area Birding Association expeditions of the year is a field trip to the Laurel Landfill. Lou and Jan Kovach have led this trip each year. This year was a full trip. We had a caravan of cars riding through the roads at the landfill. Immediately as we entered the landfill, everyone was treated to the sight of several turkeys trying to get over a barbed wire fence. The gals in our car were getting upset for the turkeys, as the birds were having difficulty spreading their wings to fly over the fence.

Then suddenly they ran out on the road. Cars were coming and I had visions of turkey dinner, but turkeys must be a tad smarter than we give them credit for. They came out on the road to get a bit more room to spread their huge wings so they could fly over the fence. This was just in the nick of time, as a big truck was tooling down the road certainly exceeding the speed limit. We all cheered for the gobblers and started to move on but Lou spotted several deer on the side of the road. We had to pull over for a minute to see Bambi's beautiful cousins.

We pulled into the landfill office to sign in and register our group. Lou informed us all that evidently a new rule exists — we have to call when a large group comes through. Last year they installed a gate and one must punch a code in to access the refuge area and dumping areas. I did not realize that trash was so precious.

Well, we finally were on our way into the refuge area. Immediately we all spotted a beautiful red-shouldered hawk hunting from the top of a telephone pole. The hawk did not seem to be concerned about the group of people watching him and taking his photo. We spotted one male bluebird. I was very happy for this sighting. There used to be many bluebirds at the landfill. When they cut the trees down and did

major burns, the bluebird numbers diminished.

Lou and Jan picked a beautiful day for this field trip. It was not humid and the sky was a magnificent cerulean blue. A nice breeze kept our band of VABAites cool. We moved on down the road, driving slowly and stopping to get out when we spotted some birds. We enjoyed sighting palm warblers, great egrets, sandhill cranes, many fish crows and some American crows. Several more red-shouldered hawks were sighted high on poles. Mockingbirds, a loggerhead shrike and several anhingas flew overhead and also were in the trees. We stopped to see a bald eagle resting and preening on a branch. We see eagles many times but never tire of sighting these magnificent birds.

The landfill has a very high mound which we refer to as Venice Mountain. Above this mountain are always hundreds of black vultures, turkey vultures and laughing gulls flying in circles. Lou also sighted ring-billed gulls. Suddenly we noticed an immature eagle peering over the top of the mountain. I think he was observing our little VABA group. Mr. Eagle probably writes columns about birders for some other magazine.

One of my favorite sightings of the day was a green heron. He was fishing in a canal along the side of the road. Although he was well-camouflaged, we all managed some great looks at him. Another neat sighting was a quick look at one of Don's favorite birds, a belted kingfisher. This one had caught a huge insect and we watched as he downed it . . . pure protein.

We stopped at the pond, anticipating seeing the large group of wood storks that are usually feeding on the bank. They were not there, but we did spot great egrets, cattle egrets and a cormorant with a large fish he was trying to gulp down. We had to stay and watch this feat. He finally was successful and we cheered as we watched it go down his gullet. As we were leaving, one lone wood stork flew in. We never saw his buddies.

Thank you to Jan and Lou Kovach for leading this fun trip. Won't you join us next time?

Abbie Banks is a member of the Venice Area Birding Association, a group of folks who want to enjoy the environment and nature without the cumbersome politics of an organized group. For more info on VABA or to be notified of upcoming birding trips, visit AbbiesWorld.org/references.html or email her at Amberina@aol.com.

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If red snapper are worth fighting over, they're probably worth finding a solution that works for everyone.



Learn and understand

A LIFE ON THE WATER • CAPT. VAN HUBBARD

This week our Gulf Council is meeting in Mobile, Ala., and is expected to approve the sector separation recreational for-hire and private anglers today. Whatever they decide, it's a done deal. The Council and its advisory panels and committees try to address the concerns raised in their deliberations. So if we don't like the way it's done to us, why don't you do something about it? The only way our management is going to change is if we get involved and steer it in a new direction. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. That's just reality in these systems.

Several events that could help us learn more about the processes and problems are coming up in St Petersburg soon. The Blue Ocean Film Festival & Conservation Summit starts Nov. 2. There are world-famous conservation, scientific and Hollywood celebrities available to share their knowledge and passion to preserve and protect our oceans. A rare opportunity! The University of South Florida's St. Pete College of Marine Science has brought this unique world organization to us. Great job, folks.

USF is also bringing the Guy Harvey Fisheries Symposium to St. Petersburg Nov. 13-15. Again, world leaders in marine fishery management gather to share knowledge and experience while exploring networking opportunities.

We are becoming a focal point in the understanding and management of world fisheries.

The Florida Marine Research Institute already wrote the book on aquaculture and stock enhancement protocols (literally) with major contributions from Mote Marine Lab and our state's stock enhancement advisory board. This took decades of dedicated work by board members, FMRI staff, Mote staff, and the best experts available all working together to address the need for thought-out aquaculture guidelines. Stakeholders invested the time and energy to understand the challenges and solutions to enhancement and aquaculture issues. They are ready to start on the first full-blown example for a fish hatchery near Pensacola, paid for with BP oil spill funds. It's a shame these important accomplishments receive very little press. Apparently junk is more newsworthy than these events and accomplishments. Who cares what crazy celebs are doing?

The local fishing is awesome, just like our recent weather. I can't tell you how long it will last, but I did try to pump you up to be ready. Enjoy this window, however long or short it may be. I also understand all too well that even the best-laid plans backfire. I make it a point to try to keep my equipment in top

shape, but unseen things catch us off guard.

An unavoidable fluke failure shut me down, but we got it fixed. I got it back and started off strong. We did a lengthy test ride and one trip before it developed a new problem — the upper switch for my engine bracket failed. No big deal and I was able to idle home. So we fixed it and discovered a tiny pinhole leak in the pump housing. It didn't fail until the switch kept the system under pressure longer and forced out fluids. So I was off the water over this beautiful fall weekend. Stuff happens.

Well, just as I expected, I'm hearing all kinds of exciting catching reports from our area. Spanish and king mackerel are showing up as the waters clear up. I got several good reports from Venice to Boca Grande. Spanish are mixed with a few tarpon in upper Charlotte Harbor. Inside action from snook, reds and trout has fired up with fair weather. There are plenty of baitfish, and it's time to fish now.

It's impossible to guess how long the hot action will last. It depends directly on if our weather cooperates. Fishing inshore and near shore will usually hold up until we get our first very windy cold weather sometime in November. In 40 years, I've seen this come considerably earlier or later. Milder fronts can actually help concentrate fish, improving

action. Inside fish are moving shorter distances so we still have good action on these windy days. Outside gets rough and waters are stirred up by westerly winds. Migratory Gulf fish are looking for specific water temperatures and leave as it gets too cold.

One other thing to consider: If you like mullet, it's time to enjoy them now. They are fat and plentiful. Many of us like them fried; others may prefer them smoked. Try them barbecued or baked with Italian bread crumbs. Season to taste. If you like blackened fish, you need to try mullet! Because they are so moist, they are the best fish ever to blacken. They are as good as ever right now. By Thanksgiving, they will roe up and lose that tasty fat layer. Be sure you break the necks and bleed them out, then ice well immediately. The limit is only 50 fish, but that should take care of a dinner or two. Mullet are best fresh, so don't be stingy — share with friends and family.

Enjoy this special time. It won't last.

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DINING ON THE WATER

Sunset at the Gulf View Grill



She-crab soup.



Stuffed mushrooms.



Seafood Neptune.



Hogfish with crab stuffing.

It was in the fishing report, so it had to be true: Flounder on the beach on Manasota Key! There's not much better than fresh flounder, so we headed up to give it a shot.

Well, there were flounder, but our self-imposed size limit is 14 inches and none quite measured up. We caught a couple short pompano as well, plus a bunch of ladyfish and one snook that chased down a silly jig at Mach 3. With nothing in the cooler and the sun sinking fast, we needed a dinner plan.

Enter the Gulf View Grill. We'd had dinner there once before (family birthday a couple years back) and remembered it was pretty good. Plus it was close and the parking lot wasn't jammed to overflowing. Win-win-win!

We took the elevator up and were quickly seated near the back. The dining room layout allows for good views of the Gulf of Mexico from just about every table. Naturally, those with a window seat get a better look (call ahead).

A quick perusal of the menu showed a good variety to choose from. I had just about settled on a piece of red meat, but the server had a special that quickly changed my mind. We ordered and waited for nature's show.

The sunset was just starting to color up as our soup landed on the table. She-crab soup is a low-country treat that has become popular in recent years. Gulf View's version is thick, rich and hearty, very much like a bisque but with a more intense crab flavor. It also had chunks of tender potato and minced pieces of crab meat, which did not detract from the silky-smooth mouth feel. I like crackers in my soup, so I was glad to see it was served with a huge pile of quality oyster crackers, which I crushed and poured in.

Up next were the stuffed mushrooms. Have you ever eaten an undercooked stuffed mushroom? It's one of my pet peeves, but fortunately these had been baked to full tenderness. The breadcrumb stuffing was intensely flavorful, fairly bursting with sweet red pepper, onion, garlic and shreds of crabmeat. They came swimming in a decadently creamy cheese sauce. It's a good thing there was bread on the table, because I might have been a bit embarrassed slurping the sauce straight from the dish (not that it would have stopped me, though...).

She ordered the Seafood Neptune, a mix of bay scallops, tailless shrimp and white fish topped with flavorful crumbs, drenched in melted butter and baked to a slight crunch. Sometimes in these type of dishes the shrimp come out overdone and rubbery, but apparently this chef knows how to avoid that because everything was cooked without being Vulcanized. The casserole was served with delightfully crispy fries and a baked tomato slice covered in melted cheese and chopped basil (one must have *some* vegetables, after all).

And then there was the irresistible special: Hogfish with crab stuffing. If you've never eaten hogfish, it's a mild and sweet white fish that's just about perfect. The fillet had been sautéed very simply and topped with generous chunks of sweet crab meat, sun-dried tomato and a tangy cream sauce. What a fantastic piece of fish. I could eat this every night for a month, maybe two. The interplay between the caramelized fish and the delicate crab, with the sauce to mingle the flavors, was simply excellent. The garlic mashed potatoes were good, but I can hardly recall them because the fish was so memorable.

After so rich a meal, I felt guilty taking the elevator back down (*really* should have done the stairs), but then we went for a moonlit walk on the beach. Perfect.

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THE MAN ON THE PIER • MATT STEVENS



Reviving a snook after an intense battle and watching it swim away is one of the most personal moments you can have with a fish in the wild. There is something very rewarding about supporting a large linesider in the water, with your thumb and forefinger of one hand gripping its mouth, and the other hand supporting its belly from underneath.

Whether you're wading the flats or the surf, leaning over the side of your boat or the side of the seawall, it's just you, the snook and sound of the water. You admire the fish, recalling the fight this worthy contender has just put up: The jumping. The head-shaking. The drag-peeling runs.

You look at it and wonder what it's thinking. Does it know you're trying to help it, or is it scared to death? You note the size of its eyes, its color, the thick black line running down its side, its hulking shoulders, sloping forehead and protruding lower jaw.

You marvel at this powerful yet streamlined predator, near the top of the saltwater food chain. You want it to survive.

Sometimes revival is a quick process and the fish starts to kick within 30 seconds. But other times, when over-slot giants have completely worn themselves down, it can be a drawn-out ordeal that leaves you wondering if the fish is going to make it.

At first the snook may seem quite lifeless, barely able to keep itself upright and rolling onto its side in the water. Revival seems hopeless, out of reach. But you persevere.

You turn the snook's head into the current, letting the water flow over its gills to provide the oxygen that is the lifeblood of these fish. You slowly guide it back and forth, waiting for it to give you that telltale sign of life.

Finally, after what seems like an eternity — three minutes, maybe five? — you feel the fish's lips clamp down gently on your fingers, snook language for letting you know it's fighting to stay alive. Then it starts to kick;

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- Don't "play" the fish while you're fighting it to tire it out. In other words, reel it in as quickly as possible.
- Never pick a large snook up by the lips alone; always support it underneath its belly as well.
- Keep the pit stop — the time from when you remove the fish from the water until you get it back in — to a minimum. Shoot for less than a minute.
- Always have a pair of needle-nose pliers handy for deep-hooked fish.
- Extract the hook or hooks as carefully as possible. Use a slow, steady pressure with your pliers, not a quick jerking motion.
- When a large fish is obviously fatigued from the fight, plan on reviving it for as long as it takes to get it healthy enough to swim away; this can take anywhere from 30 seconds to five minutes. The bigger the fish, the longer this usually takes.
- To revive a snook, point its head into the current. Keep the thumb and forefinger of one hand on its lower (or upper) lip and the other hand underneath it. You can gently move it back and forth, too.
- Wait until you see obvious signs the fish is ready — biting down on your fingers or starting to kick noticeably — before letting it swim away.

subtly at first but then with increasing power, telling you it's time for release.

With a final gentle push, you send the snook out of your world and back into hers, watching intently as her back and then her tail slip silently below the surface and out of sight.

While we anglers have a tendency to get caught up in the catch, sometimes it's the release that we've been craving.

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

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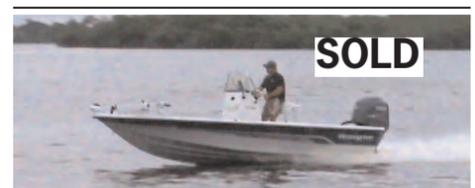


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AT THE RANGE • BILLY CARL

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Pen-raised quail just aren't the same as their wild counterparts.

Quail rehab

Last time we talked a little bit about quail hunting in our area. Let's start off with some opportunities in our area to hunt quail even if you don't have a lot of equipment or bird dogs.

There are some young fellows in Fort Ogden that have a hunt service called Locklear Hunting and Guide Service (863-244-1010). These are local guys who grew up around here and know their way around the flatwoods palmetto and piney-woods scrub. They offer several hunt options, but quail hunts are a specialty. If you have dogs, you can use your own; if not, they supply dogs and pretty much everything else that is necessary. They use some pen-raised birds but also have a pretty good number of wild birds on their hunt property. The feedback I have gotten on these guys so far is very positive. If you want to travel a little ways and try a taste of real high-end quail hunting, you can also contact Quail Creek Plantation located over by Okeechobee and check out their program.

Back in the old days, quail were quite plentiful in most areas of the South. Nobody back in the '50s or '60s gave much thought to quail management. Didn't need to — there were a lot of birds, a lot of untouched habitat, plenty of food, and everything was happy, happy, happy.

Well, times have changed. Nationwide, bobwhite quail numbers have fallen more than 80 percent since 1967. Hunters have mostly turned their attention to other types of quail hunting, such as pursuing pen-raised birds on shooting preserves — or, more recently, managing local wild populations and adding in some pen-raised birds released early in the season. But pen-raised quail, no matter how conditioned to the wild, don't act like wild birds. They don't challenge a bird dog anywhere near as much as wild birds, don't run like wild birds, don't fly like wild birds, and certainly don't flush like wild birds. Don't get me wrong; there's



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nothing wrong with hunting pen-raised birds, but the dogs and the hunters and the handlers all know the difference.

Quail management was nonexistent back in those days of old when the birds were virtually everywhere. It's not like that anymore, due mostly to loss of habitat for development, agriculture, timber harvesting and a host of other things. It took a while, but finally people started realizing we were losing a valuable part of our southern hunting heritage with these severely declining numbers of Gentleman Bob White. Just like in many of our other hunting and fishing declines, there's more than one thing to blame, but the fact remains that by the 1980s and '90s bobwhite were fast becoming an endangered bird. What to do?

In our area we are fortunate to have a cooperative hookup between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Quail Forever, a group dedicated to saving the wild quail. After my last column, I was contacted by Scott Ford Sr., president of Quail Forever's Southwest Florida chapter. He put me into touch with a fellow named Nigel Morris. He also gets a lot of help from his sons, both of whom are guides and avid hunters, and another gentleman named Jack Waterworth. Not only do these guys enjoy the thrill of hunting wild quail, they are totally dedicated to helping maintain the stock of wild birds in our wildlife management areas. Another guy that I hunt with named Henry Shakeshaft has also been very active and helpful with data gathering over the years.

We in this area are extremely fortunate that the cooperation between Quail Forever and the FWC has led to a very healthy wild quail population in the Babcock/Webb Wildlife Management Area. This hasn't been easy. Great results are never experienced quickly — they take a lot of time and effort and resources. Mike Kimmer and his troops from FWC care for this 65,000 acres of undeveloped Florida heritage and are the driving force in what keeps this treasured land nearly like it was when our forefathers experienced it in times gone by. Mike is the head honcho (not his real title) who makes things happen in this management area. Along with the help from Quail Forever, his staff handles the controlled burns and planting of sesbania plants that help carry the baby quail through the hard times. The quail feed not only on the plant's seeds but also the insects that eat the foliage.

What factors are important in maintaining a healthy wild quail population? A place called Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy has been in existence for a long time and is pretty much the source of guidelines that organizations across the South use in their struggle to maintain and increase wild quail populations. And they've got it down to a science.

To have quail you must grow quail, and to grow quail you must grow quail food. Tall Timbers recommends 2- to 5-acre patches of protein-rich plants like partridge pea, ragweed or gallberries. The Webb's extensive patches of sesbania are planted in strips about 10 feet wide. While I was out on a quail counting expedition with Nigel, he showed me several other plantings I was not aware of, such as lopsided Indian grass, which produces a berry that young quail love. Nigel says that

when the birds eat the seeds, they turn a grayish color and look like the birdshot that you fired at them.

Many private plantations involved in quail restoration work feed the birds directly in areas that quail are known to frequent. In some situations, state laws forbid this, but on private plantations it's pretty much up to them and birds are fed year-round.

Quail do not flourish in hardwood forests or thick pine vegetation. The area must be burned regularly. Controlled burning clears out young hardwoods and allows a flush of seed- and insect-laden grasslands and brambles to thrive. Some of the hardwoods are very persistent, however, and sometimes herbicides are required to knock them down.

With the land kept relatively open and the numbers of quail, turkeys, rabbits, and other grassland species on the rise, egg predator numbers skyrocket. Predator control is a very important piece of the puzzle. Most of your ground varmints like raccoons, possums and armadillos prey on the young quail or quail eggs. Just last year, about 70 coyotes were removed from the Webb during hunting season. Good thing. Small-game season allows a harvest of many of these other small predators that are a real detriment to quail population.

The Webb's quail hunting areas are separated into zones. With the quail counting operation, by the time season opens FWC and Quail Forever will have a very good idea of how many quail are on the property and the density in each of the separate zones. In this way, they can control the amount of hunting pressure that is allowed in each of these zones. They also will then be able to provide a total quota that will allow a good hunting season but ensure enough birds survive to maintain and grow the population.

Many hunters prefer certain zones. Prior success, rumors and other reasons sometimes cause them to want to hunt a particular zone all the time, but in reality, all zones hold good bird populations. If a hunter is assigned one of the zones that he's not happy with, studies have proven that he won't do as well in these areas — not because there aren't birds, but because he won't work it as hard as he would if he was in his happy zone. Many of the bird locators and trackers watch this happen and chuckle when a hunter pulls some supposedly good bird dogs off of an area that he doesn't like when the bird locators know that there are sufficient coveys in this singular area. You must learn to be patient and let the dogs do the job.

Just being allowed to accompany Nigel on an early-morning bird count was very educational to me. I've hunted quail in Florida for least 30 years, and in this one morning I learned a lot of things that are crucial to being a good quail hunter. It takes years to acquire the wealth of knowledge about this little bird that people like Nigel have. When you have a chance, check into Quail Forever and see if you may be able to be part of the solution to conserving this part of our southern hunting heritage.

See you at the range. Safe shooting.

Billy Carl is an NRA-certified firearms instructor and is available for individual instruction in firearms safety and concealed carry classes. Contact him at 941-769-0767, jcarl1@embarqmail.com or through Sportrap Gun Shop at 941-629-7775.

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

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

AUDUBON WALKABOUT
Join the Peace River Audubon Society at 8 a.m. Nov. 4 for a walkabout at 8-acre Audubon Pennington Nature Park (1153 Alton Road, Port Charlotte). This peninsula-shaped parcel of land is a jewel of nature supporting oak hammock, pine flatwoods, and cypress swamp, the park surrounded on two sides by canals. The different seasons provide an ever-changing landscape of wildflowers, stately oaks, red maples, bald cypress, buttonbush, a variety of vines, fungi, butterflies, ferns, mosses, water inhabitants such as turtles, and, of course, song birds and water birds. For more info, contact Larry Behrens at 941-204-1708.

FAKAHATCHEE MOONLIT TRAM
View Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park under the illumination of a full moon from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 or Dec. 6. The two-hour tours start as the sun is setting, prime time for spotting some of the mammal residents of the Strand as well as birds settling in for the evening. An experienced naturalist leads each tram tour and will demonstrate communication with denizens of the night, including fireflies, bats and owls. The 24-passenger tram is wheelchair accessible and some

seats face backwards. The tour leaves from the ranger station at 137 Coastline Drive, Copeland, off Janes Scenic Drive. To register, go to FOFReservation.Eventbrite.com.

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

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

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

STA-5 BIRD TOUR
Through a partnership with Hendry-Glades Audubon, the South Florida Water

County park. Meet at San Casa entrance.

WALK AT AMBERJACK ENVIRONMENTAL PARK (6450 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., Rotonda West): Nov. 5; Dec. 17. The unique scrub, pine flatwoods and marshes of this 217-acre Charlotte County park are home to Florida scrub jays, roseate spoonbills, bald eagles and beautiful seasonal wildflowers.

WALK AT BILL COY/BUCK CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL PARK (5350 Placida Road, Englewood): Nov. 9 & 20; Dec. 7 & 28. This 80-acre Charlotte County preserve is comprised of scrubby and mesic flatwoods that transition into coastal hammock and mangrove swamp along Buck Creek. Meet at the parking lot.

BIRDING WALK AT AMBERJACK ENVIRONMENTAL PARK (6450 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., Rotonda): 8 to 10 a.m. Nov. 11; Dec. 9. Hike through this 225-acre Charlotte County park in search of some of the many bird species found within. Many wading birds may be seen along the shores of Lemon Lake and the endangered scrub jays call the rosemary scrub home.

WALK AT TIPPECANOE II MITIGATION PARK (16259 Joppa Ave., Port Charlotte): Nov. 12 & 30; Dec. 23. The scrub habitat of this 380-acre Charlotte County park is home to the threatened Florida scrub jay as well as gopher tortoises, indigo snakes and beautiful scrub wildflowers.

WALK AT TIPPECANOE ENVIRONMENTAL PARK (2400 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte): Dec. 15. Habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh and wetlands occur in this diverse 380-acre Charlotte County park. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park.

CHEC OUTINGS

The following free guided outings will be conducted by the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center. Walks are held from 9 to 11 a.m. unless otherwise noted. You should wear sturdy shoes and bring drinking water for all outings. Call 941-475-0769 for info or directions.

PLANT WALK AT BILL COY/BUCK CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL PARK (5350 Placida Road, Englewood): Oct. 25. Join the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society on this plant identification walk. This 80-acre preserve is comprised of scrubby and mesic flatwoods that transition into coastal hammock and mangrove swamp along Buck Creek. Meet at the parking lot.

SEAGRASS ADVENTURE WADING TRIP AT CEDAR POINT ENVIRONMENTAL PARK (2300 Placida Road, Englewood): 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 29; Nov. 12 & 26; Dec. 10, 26, 30 & 31. Get wild and wet in Lemon Bay, searching for marine organisms such as seahorses, crabs and juvenile fish. Registration is required and space is limited. Sponsored by The Mosaic Company Foundation.

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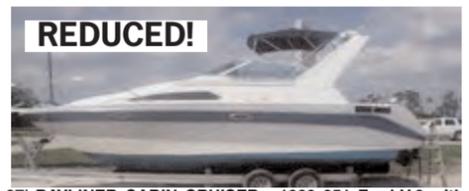
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CHARLOTTE HARBOR NATURE FESTIVAL

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

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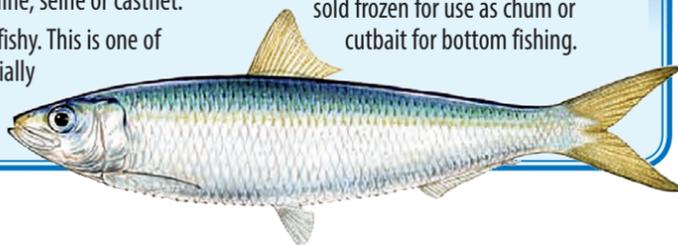
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FISH PROFILE • SPANISH SARDINE

- SIZE LIMIT:** n/a
- DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 100 lb per harvester
- AVERAGE SIZE:** 3" to 6"
- STATE RECORD:** n/a; maxes out about 12"
- HABITAT:** Open waters of the Gulf. Rarely found in brackish water.
- LEGAL GEAR:** Hook and line, seine or castnet.
- FOOD VALUE:** Good but fishy. This is one of the species sold commercially as sardines. When about 6 inches or less, they

can be gutted, fried and eaten whole. Bigger sardines are very good smoked.
FISHING METHODS: Usually chummed and castnetted. Spanish sardines can also be caught on a sabiki rig.
NOTES: Great as live bait for almost any predatory fish. Spanish sardines are also commonly sold frozen for use as chum or cutbait for bottom fishing.



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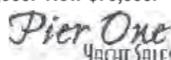
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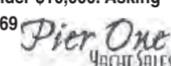


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When you fish in team tournaments, you're always thrilled when your back-boater is catching

bass. In my case, it's a double-edged sword. My partner in the team tournaments is my wife Missy, and when she puts it on me, I have to live with that for a month until the next event comes around.

She did it to me again this past tournament. Did you catch that? Again. This was not the first time she has put a beating on me from the back of the boat. She outfished me six to one this past event, and she was throwing the same bait in the same areas that I was. All I can say is, good for her. We were fishing heavy cover using Gambler Big EZ swimbaits, and that was tough sledding. She handled it like a champ and made the most of her opportunities.

I, on the other hand, couldn't get a bite to save my life. While I was up front, wearing out my rotator cuff chucking my swimbait around, my lovely wife was snatching bass after bass out of the hydrilla. That was a tad humbling right there. I love that type of fishing and have always thrived on it in the past. But not this time. I managed one bite over the course of three hours. That was a little disappointing.

Every time we moved the boat a little bit or hit a new area, Missy was setting the hook on another bass. I made numerous casts into the same areas but just never got bit. I have to admit, she has gone through a tough stretch in our tournaments, so it was truly rewarding to see her boat some decent bass over the course of those morning hours.

I had one golden opportunity to really help our cause. At about 11 a.m., we moved to a stretch of cattails at the far side of the lake and started pitching baits in the scattered clumps of cattails on this stretch. I pitched my worm into an open area and felt a bass pick it up just as it settled out of sight, but before it hit the bottom. I so badly wanted this bass that I started to swing the rod and set the hook. As

I was swinging the rod, the reel was not yet engaged. Unfortunately, I made a huge rookie mistake — I missed the reel handle with my right hand. So while I frantically grabbed at the reel handle and attempted to keep the line tight, the bass was moving at me.

Needless to say, I did not get the hook set on this fish. To make matters worse, we were pitching shallow at the time, so I got to see the bass swimming just below the surface of the water with my bait before he decided he didn't need it any longer. It wasn't a giant, maybe 4 or 5 pounds, but it would have made a dent in the standings if I could have gotten the job done. Call it a lack of preparedness on my part. After receiving so few bites throughout the morning, I simply wasn't ready to catch that bass.

But I was really happy for Missy. I had to step out of the boat and leave my lovely partner to finish the tournament on her own (yeah, I had to go coach soccer — long story for some other time). While the bite had slowed considerably by then, she had a limit in the boat already and handled the rest of the day like a true champ. She needed a little assistance getting the boat back on the trailer, but my buddies from the club knew the situation and my son came down to the ramp to help her out. All in all, a great day for her.

I feel very fortunate to have a wife who loves fishing and boating as much as I do. It gives us a chance to get away and spend some time together for long hours in a day or over a weekend. Not every couple wants to spend this kind of time together. Some see it as a chance to take a break, a time to do something for themselves. There is nothing wrong with that line of thinking, but for me, it's just fun to have her along because we are so much alike and love the same things.

I would be happier with a few less beatings, however. The hurt from this one will take some time to go away.

Greg Bartz is a tournament bass fisherman based in Lakeland. Greg fishes lakes throughout Florida's Heartland with his wife and tournament partner, Missy Snapp. Contact him at Greg.Bartz@SummitHoldings.com.

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THURSDAY
Sunrise: 07:32
Sunset: 18:52
Moonrise: 07:13
Moonset: 18:52
Moon Phase
New moon
Major Times
00:42 - 02:42
13:05 - 15:05
Minor Times
07:13 - 08:13
18:52 - 19:52
Prediction: Best

FRIDAY
Sunrise: 07:33
Sunset: 18:51
Moonrise: 08:08
Moonset: 19:35
Moon Phase
1% waxing crescent
Major Times
01:29 - 03:29
13:54 - 15:54
Minor Times
08:08 - 09:08
19:35 - 20:35
Prediction: Best

SATURDAY
Sunrise: 07:34
Sunset: 18:50
Moonrise: 09:05
Moonset: 20:20
Moon Phase
3% waxing crescent
Major Times
02:19 - 04:19
14:44 - 16:44
Minor Times
09:05 - 10:05
20:20 - 21:20
Prediction: Better

SUNDAY
Sunrise: 07:34
Sunset: 18:49
Moonrise: 10:02
Moonset: 21:10
Moon Phase
8% waxing crescent
Major Times
03:11 - 05:11
15:37 - 17:37
Minor Times
10:02 - 11:02
21:10 - 22:10
Prediction: Good

MONDAY
Sunrise: 07:35
Sunset: 18:48
Moonrise: 10:59
Moonset: 22:03
Moon Phase
15% waxing crescent
Major Times
04:05 - 06:05
16:32 - 18:32
Minor Times
10:59 - 11:59
22:03 - 23:03
Prediction: Average

TUESDAY
Sunrise: 07:36
Sunset: 18:48
Moonrise: 11:54
Moonset: 23:01
Moon Phase
24% waxing crescent
Major Times
05:00 - 07:00
17:28 - 19:28
Minor Times
11:54 - 12:54
23:01 - 00:01
Prediction: Average

WEDNESDAY
Sunrise: 07:36
Sunset: 18:47
Moonrise: 12:47
Moonset: —
Moon Phase
34% waxing crescent
Major Times
05:56 - 07:56
18:24 - 20:54
Minor Times
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12:47 - 13:47
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BOATING SAFETY • MARK & LEIGH ANN LONG

Water, water everywhere ...

... nor any drop to drink! This line was penned by Samuel Taylor Coleridge in "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," an extensive ode of peril and nautical adventure. It was true for boaters then and still is today.

Drinkable water is a provision that should not be taken lightly, wherever you boat. Dehydration is as easy to detect and avoid as it is to ignore, if you choose. To clarify, it can be ignored only until it overwhelms you — which it will. Your body can go more than three weeks without food, yet a mere three to five days (a generous estimate) without hydration will kill you.

That time can be reduced significantly when heat and wind are a factor. When the wind is evaporating perspiration, you may not even realize you are losing significant amounts of body fluid. It is possible to lose more than a liter an hour.

Dehydration is uncomfortable at best and deadly at worst, and should be avoided if at all possible. There are multiple indicators of dehydration, thirst being the most obvious. But if it's windy or you're a mouth-breather due to sinus or allergy issues, you may not notice any difference from normal. Feeling no need to urinate is probably the most significant indicator. How long has it been since you drained your personal holding tank? If it's been a few hours, you've got trouble. Urine that is dark is also a sign, but urine color is difficult to assess if you aren't using an actual boat head. Other signs and symptoms of dehydration are palpitations (rapid heart rate) or dry eyes and lips.

The human body needs water to maintain adequate blood pressure. Therefore, dehy-

dration leads to decrease in blood pressure and increase in heart rate, light-headedness, disorientation and eventually unconsciousness. We also need sufficient hydration to maintain a normal body temperature. Perspiration is our best defense to overheating, but it ceases without water.

If you have any underlying health issues, you are even more susceptible to the physical impacts of becoming dehydrated. As a safety issue, being compromised physically or mentally while boating is risky for all aboard.

Prevention is so easy. Just drink plenty of water prior to going boating and be sure drink water regularly while you're out there. I make a point of drinking lots of water the night before and morning before we plan to be on the water, to assure I am leaving the dock adequately hydrated. I know this is a difficult task, especially for women on a boat without a head or porta potty. But it's better to go when you must than to become dehydrated. And don't forget to take all your cans and bottles home and recycle them.

Mark Long and his wife Leigh Ann are longtime boaters and active members in the Peace River Sail and Power Squadron. They can be contacted at PRSPSBoatSafe@gmail.com.



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A Miami man who has been arrested multiple times for having undersized lobster tails is behind bars once again and could have a tough time getting out after his bond was set at \$1.4 million. Jorge Vargas, 59, was arrested Saturday after he was caught with more than 200 undersized lobster tails near Fiesta Key Marina, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office said. A deputy spotted Vargas in a boat pulling traps and putting lobster tails into mesh bags, the sheriff's office said. When the deputy stopped him, Vargas had 267 wrung tails, with 246 of them undersized. Vargas was cited for possession of undersized lobster, possession of over the limit lobster and possession of wrung lobster tails. Authorities said Vargas has been cited twice in the past three years for possession of over 300 wrung tails and possessing stone crab out of season. The bond was set at \$1.4 million after a warrant was issued Monday for failure to appear in court for a previous case from 2011, authorities said.

SHARK FISHING BAN FAILS

Fishermen can still cast and chum for sharks off Melbourne Beach. By a 4-to-1 vote Wednesday, the Melbourne Beach Town Council tabled a proposal to ban fishing for or chumming for sharks within 300 feet of the beach, with no plans to revisit the issue. Mayor Jim Simmons, who had pushed for the ordinance, cast the dissenting vote. "I wanted to go on and move forward and tighten up the ordinance and come up with something we could defend," Simmons said. But the council balked on the ban after Police Chief Dan Duncan raised

concerns about whether it was enforceable. Simmons acknowledged shortcomings in the ordinance. "There were no definitions on what constituted shark fishing, so we needed to define that, and we needed to define what 'municipal beach' was," Simmons said. The proposed ordinance on Wednesday night's agenda also would have strictly prohibited use of shark lures and rigs within 300 feet of the beach. And all accidental shark catches would have to have been cut loose. Simmons says on several occasions he has witnessed anglers fishing for sharks near swimmers and surfers. Violators of the proposed ordinance would have faced fines up to \$500 and/or up to 60 days in jail per violation, said Paul Gougelman, the town's attorney.

'DON'T BLAME THE SHARK'



Australian teenager Kirra-Belle Olsson posted photos on Facebook of the injuries she sustained in a shark attack on Friday, as she made it clear it was not the shark's fault. The 13-year-old Rip Curl-sponsored surfer was bitten on the leg by a wobbecong shark while surfing at Avoca Beach, on the central coast of New South Wales. She was about 50 feet from shore when she said she "dropped in on" the shark, meaning she caught the shark's wave. "I took the wave and then I twice felt something grab my foot, and I thought it was a mate behind me trying to scare me," Olsson told ABC News. "Then the third time it

(the shark) swung me around and tried to pull me under." After that, she went into shock and started laughing while yelling at a friend to make sure he captured photos of the ordeal. Not long after the attack, the teen's Facebook account showed graphic photos of her wounds, with the caption "got attacked by a shark." Olsson, with a maturity well beyond her years that would put Shark Week out of business, followed up with a post telling people to respect the "amazing" sharks. She was admitted to Gosford Hospital where she underwent surgery on the deep wounds to her calf and ankle.

NO STONE CRAB BARGAINS

Florida stone crab prices could remain high even as there is some indication the harvest may be larger, the Tampa Bay Times reports. The lessened threat of a red tide-triggered blood disease may help boost harvests, as would lack of tropical storm interference during the harvest, Bill Kelly, executive director of the Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen's Association, told the news outlet. "If we don't have any storms, we are fairly upbeat that it will be a productive season," he said, noting that concerns about the blood disease have abated but still exist in the Panhandle (where he also said "there is a lingering question about whether there's any correlation in northern gulf (crab numbers) and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill"). Steve Crowley at Billy's Stone Crab Restaurant told the news outlet prices could be \$10 for a pound of medium claws off the dock and more than \$19 for large and jumbo sizes, a slight increase over last year.

EU BANS SRI LANKAN FISH

(Reuters) — The European Commission proposed a ban on imports of fish from Sri Lanka for not tackling illegal fishing properly and lifted a ban on fish imports from Belize following the reform of its vessel inspection practices. The Commission on Tuesday also lifted warnings on Fiji, Panama, Togo and Vanuatu, saying they had implemented concrete measures to combat illegal fishing. The four countries thus avoided being placed on the "red list" of nations that are not allowed to sell fish to the 28-nation European Union, the world's biggest fish importer. "Our policy of resolute cooperation is yielding results," EU Maritime Affairs Commissioner Maria Damanaki said in a statement. "Five countries receive today our appreciation for

getting serious on illegal fishing. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for Sri Lanka." Since 2010 the EU has taken action against countries that do not follow international standards to prevent over-fishing, such as policing their waters for unlicensed fishing vessels and imposing sanctions to ensure adherence to rules against illegal fishing. Damanaki said Sri Lanka did not even have proper legislation in place to prevent and fight illegal fishing, which led the Commission to put forward the import ban.

THE BIGGEST ... FOR NOW



The vessel that now holds the title of the world's biggest ship has taken to the seas for the first time. Called Pieter Schelte, the behemoth can lift oil rigs right out of the water and move them to new destinations. It measures a staggering 1,253 feet long and 407 feet wide, making it almost as long as the Empire State Building is tall and wider than the height of London's Big Ben. It cost \$3.1 billion to build and is powered by eight 11.2 megawatt engines connected to 13 Rolls Royce 5.5 megawatt thrusters, reports Gizmodo. The ship is designed to lift and transport both the top and bottom sections of massive oil rigs. The vessel, which will be operated by Swiss company Allseas, is expected to begin offshore operations next year. Pieter Schelte will only hold the title of the world's biggest ship for six years, though; by 2020 Allseas expects to have an even larger vessel in operation to install and move bigger oil rigs.

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