Tickets

By TOM STAIK

As for the orchestra, Miller said the Hardee County School Board approved the first reading of the contract negotiations. The board had met previously on Oct. 12 in the closed-door session for 57 minutes, according to meeting minutes approved this week. The panel — that included all board members with the exception of Thomas Tavares — was updated on negotiations, with discussion on the union’s third proposal and the district’s fourth proposal.

Under Florida’s Public Records Act, detailed minutes and audio recordings of executive sessions remain sealed after contract negotiations have been completed. It was not immediately clear how long the Oct. 27 meeting lasted.

The union and district officials have struggled to come to terms on new contract language since before the start of the school year. (Contracts expire on June 30 of each year.) An executive session Aug. 3 — that lasted 63 minutes — yielded no agreement.

An executive session Oct. 27, the School Board approved supplemental pay for Personnel Director George Kelly, and Information Systems Director Todd Markle for participating on the district’s collective-bargaining negotiation team.

Included with the personnel recommendations on the board meeting’s Consent Agenda, the documentation provided to the board did not provide any information on the amount of the supplemental pay.

The Hardee Education Association represents Hardee’s public school-related employees.

Superintendent of Schools Bob Shrum has repeatedly declined requests to comment on the status of the ongoing contract dispute.

Wildcat Runner Making Strides

By TOM STAIK

“I was a basic science study for first graders in Megan Poreda’s class at North Wauchula Elementary, but Marjory Strickland seems to be learning an unintended lesson. Working on the pumpkin along with her are (from left) Jamie Roeder and Valerie Juarez.”

Yellow caution tape blocks the front porch of a home on North Florida Avenue that burned Sept. 17.
The Lions Club meets every Thursday at noon at Java Cafe. Over 200 nations and geographic areas.

The Lions Club motto is “We serve.” It’s better to serve, than be served.

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Three in 10 adults in the U.S. have prediabetes, and 90 percent do not know they have it.

If you have diabetes, you are at risk for complications because of the high blood sugar level. However, diabetes can be controlled. You can delay or prevent complications by eating a balanced diet, getting regular exercise, checking your blood sugar, and taking your medicine as prescribed by your doctor.

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According to head cross country coach Rob Beatty, Durastanti’s success stems from dedication in and out of season.

“I tell my runners that champions are made in the summer,” Beatty said. “Basically that means what you are doing in the off-season is what sets you apart. That is Zack. I am not sure what his total summer or winter off-season mileage is, but he is actively pursuing his craft.”

Durastanti is not one to rest on laurels.

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A standout for the Wildcats, runner Zack Durastanti rounds a corner at the head of the cross country pack.

HC FR Will Revive Its Pre-Fire Plan Program

You know your Fire Department can prevent your home from burning down, but do you realize that its overall quality and performance can affect the cost of your home insurance? Fire departments are monitored and rated closely, and for good reason, says Peter Masington, a spokesperson for the Insurance Information Network of California.

According to the Insurance Information Network, about one in 265 insured homes has a property damage claim related to fire and/or lightning. Often, homes go beyond direct damage from the fire. Your home may have smoke damage or mold that results from the water used to douse the fire. Insurers also have to pay temporary housing costs while damaged homes are being repaired, says Masington.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) rate communities on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 representing exemplary fire protection. The ISO provides improved services to the public.

A community’s fire protection number from 1 to 10 reflects the community’s fire suppression capabilities, including fire hydrants and fire training,” says Masington. “The resulting advisory PPC classification is also provided to participating insurers.”

With this addition of tactical and Pre-Fire Planning, HCFR will become familiar with high fire-risk areas and create a Community Risk Reduction plan for those within this corridor, starting with the area on U.S. 17 throughout the county.

Better knowledge and pre-fire planning, this will aid the department in providing improved services to the public.

Learning how to spell camouflage isn’t much fun, but wearing it is! Wearing the word on Camo Day at Hilltop Elementary School are (top photo, from left) Antonio Molina, Alondra Reyna, Sydnie Martinez, Jasmyn Badillo, Johnathan Molina and (back) Joshua Gannon and Karina Rodriguez in Amanda Crawford’s class; (middle photo, from front left) Gabriel Reyna, Sylvia Martinez, Jasmyn Badillo, Johnathan Molina and (back) Joshua Gannon and Karina Rodriguez in Amanda Crawford’s class; and (bottom photo, from front) Alondra Reyna and (middle) Ayden Nils, Brody Hines, Hayden Breton, Chloe Norris and (back) Agustin Solis, Asiyah Walker, Brycen Holton, Bryan Conneras in Ella WoltzGall’s class.

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The business has been in operation since 2000 and expanded in 2014 to provide services for other crops like watermelons and blueberries. Johnson said 70 percent of the business’s clients are still citrus growers.

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**Rankings**

With sports write-in DeSoto County ranked the first-county for citrus production during the last decade, Hardee County ranked fifth for the second consecutive sea-son. In between were Volusia County as sec-ond, Hendry County as third and Highlands County as fourth.

The number of boxes for each county, including all forms of citrus as are follows. DeSoto produced 185,991,495 million boxes, Polk 114,577,500 boxes, Hendry 10,947,000 boxes, Hillsdale 9,912,000 boxes and Hardee 7,916,000 boxes.

Last season, Hendry County was the top producer while DeSoto was second and Polk third. Highlands was fourth and Hardee fifth. Up until last year, Polk County "had been the top producing county for many, many years," said Hardee's multi-county agent Steve Futch. Hendry's citrus production has never been that high in the ranks simply because it doesn't have a large amount of grove acreage.

**History**

Of course, when you look back to the late 1990's, the number of boxes produced totalled 198,895,391 million boxes. This total is steadily stag-gering and is mostly blamed on citrus greening; or HLB which stands for the scien-tific term, Huanglongbing. Futch said that the late 1990's, 2000's and 2010's saw citrus were produced in the state of Florida, while unfortunately, with just a very small number of them only 78,313 boxes of citrus were pro-duced.

For Hendry County specifically, all boxes produced in the 2016 season numbered 17,777,674 boxes, while in 2016-17, only 7,916,000 boxes were produced. Over the course of nearly two decades, the number of citrus production in Hendry County dropped. This drop is because of a decrease in requests from growers, said including herbicide, fertilizer and sprayers. As for how much these services cost, he explained there is no definitive answer be-cause they're diagnosed with the disease? Do they get removed and/or replaced? Smith said, "No. It's impossible to re-move them because of the percentage. We just try to manage it (greening) with higher nutriments."

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The possibility that greening could have been enhanced in these areas because of greening was first discovered in Hardee County, the highest elevation point of the citrus groves, is around 135 feet. As for the ground elevation, Sanders explained there has not yet been an official report yet as to what the numbers are in citrus production loss but he esti-mated probably about 15 percent of citrus loss in the county. In past years however, his estimates for citrus loss jumped to 40 to 50 percent. Again, these were just his rough estimates.

On Oct. 12, the monthly forecast report was released by the USDA National Agricul-tural Statistics Service regarding the predicted production for the 2017-18 season. Although there was no report for citrus groves, orange, grapefruit, tangerines and tan-gelos have been provided as listed.

The production of all oranges dropped 21 percent, an estimated total of 54 million boxes. Grapefruit production dropped 22 percent, amounting to 4.9 million boxes, while the tangerine and tangelo production dropped 38 percent, numbering 1 million boxes.

One of the forecast components relating to hurricane consequences, is the percent-age of fruit droppage. For oranges, drop-page for the early-midseason fruit is 48 percent while the drop page for navels is 49 percent and Valencia. 45 percent. Drop-page for white grapefruit is 53 percent while the mid-grapefruit had a droppage of 54 percent. There was no report of forecast component numbers for the tangerines and tangels.

Percentage of fruit droppage of course, affects the numbers of how much fruit is on each tree, as well as each box. For or-anges, fruit per tree amounted to 741 mid-seasons, 252 navels and 501 valencias. In this same order for fruit per box, there were 289 mid-seasons, 139 navels and 237 valen-cias.

These numbers for the grapefruit are 396 per tree for the white and 385 per tree for the Red. Fruit box per box is 112 for the white and 117 for the Red. Again, there was no report on any of these numbers for tangerines and tangels.

For the western producing area alone (Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee and DeSoto counties), the citrus production and parted forecasts are listed as follows. Normally oranges are produced for the area amounted to 8.3 million boxes while Valencias amounted to 7 million boxes.

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**Production**

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HUNTERS: Zone C Deer Season Opens Saturday

Florida’s Zone C general gun deer season begins Saturday, Nov. 4. Some of the new rules: • Zone C is the state’s largest hunting zone, encompassing the central and northern part of Florida, including Hardee County. • The general gun deer season runs Nov. 4-21, giving private land hunters the chance to cut out from their busy schedules to go afield. It’s also a good opportunity for nongame hunters to try their hand at deer hunting. Sharing the huntsite with a friend or family member now is as easy as hunting the main season. • The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission has developed online resources to make it easier for mentors and new hunters to get started deer hunting, including a list of wildlife management areas that allow public land hunting without a quota permit.

HOMER CHARLES SMITH
Homer Charles Smith, 89, of Wauchula, died Oct. 26, 2017, at a local hospital. He was a resident of Hardee County for the last 52 years, coming to Wauchula from Missouri when he was 23. Homer was a member of the Bowling Green Church of Christ for 54 years. Homer worked as a laborman in citrus groves. He was preceded in death by his father, George Washington Smith, his mother, Susie Motley Wiggins Smith, his brother-in-law, William Elwood Jones, and three sisters and one brother-in-law.

JAN EVERT PARKER
Jan Evert Parker, 71, passed away on Friday, Oct. 27, 2017, in McAllen, Ga. He was born on Dec. 6, 1945, in Montgomery, Ala., to Jan and Betty Parkers. Jan was a graduate of Wauchula High School and has been employed with the Santa Fe Railroad for 37 years. He was married to Linda Parker, and they had three children and five grandchildren. Jan was a member of the Wauchula Church of Christ and known for his kindness and friendship to many people. Services are pending. The family requests that contributions be made to Hospice of Hardee County.

RICO RINTO REYNA
Ricardo Reyna, 54, of Wauchula, died on Monday, Oct. 16, 2017, in Sebring. He was born on July 26, 1963, in Texas, to Sept. 29, 1963. Ricco has been a resident of Hardee County since 1966 coming from Texas. He was a Catholic by faith.

Ricardo was preceded in death by his parents, Ricardo and Electa Gonzales.

Ricardo is survived by his wife, Esperanza; one son, Daniel Hernando; one daughter, Victoria Sosa, of Wauchula; Robert Chestnut, of Brandon; and two nieces, Victoria and Benjamin

About Obituaries
Obituaries are free of charge by The Herald-Advocate as a public service, but must be submitted through our website. A color-consult photo of the deceased may be added for $15.

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Inside Hollywood

Chris Pine, fresh from the $311 million "Wonder Woman" grosses, has completed the science-fiction film "A Wrinkle in Time," opening March 9 with Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, Mindy Kaling and Zach Galifianakis. Pine currently is shooting the Netflix historical action film "Outlaw King," in which he plays Robert the Bruce, opposite "Nocturnal Animals" Oscar-nominee Aaron Taylor Johnson. Sadly, you’ll have to wait until December 2019 for the "Wonder Woman" sequel.

Hugh Jackman, who shed his body to make nine "Wolverine" films and returned to his musical roots in "The Greatest Showman," with Zac Efron, Michelle Williams and Zendaya (opening November 2), is now shooting "The Front Runner," directing Jason Reitman, who gave us "Juno" and "Up in the Air," Jackman is playing 1988 presidential candidate Gary Hart, who dropped out when the scandal around his extramarital affairs made headlines.

Steve Carell became a TV star playing Michael Scott in "The Office" (2005-2013) and began making films such as "Bruce Almighty" (2003), starring Jim Carrey, and the sequel, " Evan Almighty" (2007), in which he became the star. Carell rose through the ranks in "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" (2004) and "Bewitched," then dropped out when the scandal around his extramarital affairs made headlines.

By Tony Rizzo

Fire Facts

The kindergarten classes at Zolfo Springs Elementary have been learning about fire safety. To help answer questions and to show them a firefighters duties, Hardee County Fire-Rescue visited with the kids on Monday. Checking out rescue vehicles was great fun!
ZSE Recognizes Its ‘Cool Cats’ For The 1st Quarter

Kindergartners receiving praise for their classroom behavior were (front, from left) Ryan Carrion, Raelyn Witherington, Tyler Salas, Emmett Graham, DaWhite McCafferty and Honor Vue; (back) Leo Morales, Jalyin Castillo, Savannah Master, Eliseo Deleon, Carter Mead and Hayleigh Vargas. Not pictured: Vanessa Garcia.

Zolfo Springs Elementary held Spirit Day on Friday, Oct. 20. The day included a ceremony recognizing the school’s Cool Cat award winners for the first nine-week grading period. First graders who won the award were (front, from left) Uriel Manriquez, Elena Rodriguez, Troy Gilliard, Elisa Hernandez and Ryleigh Plumley; (back) Josh Workman, Kylee Lane, Alyson Johnson, Tatiana Dominguez-Santiago and Anthony Beckham. Not pictured: Daniel Rodriguez and Milly Sustaita.

Receiving the Cool Cat award for their outstanding efforts in the second grade were (from front left) Ethan Byrd, Emily Arana, Kaidance Workman, Gabriel Garcia Gonzalez and Victoria Josic; (back) Leigha Salazar, Jade Olmos and Shooter Norris. Not pictured: Karla Menendez-Gahain and Danny Diego-Santibanez.

Third graders displaying good classroom habits at this halfway point in the semester were (front, from left) Reese McClintock, Fernanda Jimenez-Bartolon, Jesselyn Tinoco and Adela Manriquez; (back) Nevaeh Rivers, Jesus Delia-Granado, Teagan VanSickle, Jesus Castillo-Gabriel, Kylee Workman and Jeovanni Vera-Sosa.

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Fourth graders setting a good example were (from front left) Jodi Salas, Lori Panapapa, Paris Mitchell, Jonathan Ohlinger, Kiara Ayala and Alan Gonzalez; (back) Trigo Juarez, Nissi Salas, Ivan Martinez, Brian McCallum, Jake Harvey and Jocelyn Espinosa.

Cool Cat winners for the fifth grade, in honor of their achievements, were (front, from left) Yanette Fuentes, Emily Villalva-Moreno, Noe Hernandez, Emily Tish, Josephina Perez and Gavin Prescott; (back) Bryan Vera, Jasmine Diaz, Makayla Hardin and Caylin Abritton.

Project Graduation 2018 Presents the Inaugural FISHING TOURNAMENT Saturday, Nov. 4 – Sunday, Nov. 12 Hardee Lakes Park Cost: $25

Catch the tagged fish and win a cash prize. One fish will be released into a lake inside Hardee Lakes Park before the park opens on Nov. 4. Fish must be caught before Nov. 12. First person to email a picture of themselves with the tagged fish and their entry receipt will be awarded half of the money collected from entries (award will be minimum of $250.00). Please fill out entry form below and drop off with entry fee to “We Buy Timber” at 319 S. 6th Ave., Wauchula, FL (Tuesday, Thursday or Friday).

Entry Form
Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:

AG DISASTER RELIEF

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently held a disaster-relief workshop in the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center. About 19 people were in attendance. A table display offered a variety of information on agriculture disasters and available relief and loan programs, including applications for each. Matthew Wiltins of the USDA is shown here discussing crop insurance. He was one of several speakers covering such topics as citrus, cattle, crops, forage restoration and more.
Public Library Hosts An Artistic Evening

By NAOMI EREKSON
Herald-Advocate Intern

For a place that is typically quiet, the Hardee County Public Library was filled with music and chatter on Monday evening of last week.

An “Evening of the Arts” event was held, and about 10 local artists put multiple pieces of work on display for people to enjoy.

Displaying artwork were Nancy Collins, Deborah Maldonado Sosa, Katie Taylor, Linda Cassels, Donna Parks, Meagan Albritton, Mackenzie Burch, Abigail Erekson, Hannah Rast and Oneita Revell.

Although most of the art consisted of paintings or drawings, there were also some unique collages and models constructed of various materials, including such items as stainless steel and metal, paper, velvet hats, glass, ribbons and glitter.

Adding to the artistic talent portrayed in the library that evening was live bluegrass music performed by the Gospel Jubilee of First Baptist Church of Wauchula.

Refreshments were provided by the Pink Pineapple from Sebring, featuring vegetable plates, meat and cheese skewers, stuffed mushrooms, sliders and cupcakes. Water was the beverage.

During the event, the public had the opportunity to vote on their favorite name for the mural that recently was painted on the outside wall of the library. Name suggestions had been submitted several months ago, and mural artist Meagan Albritton narrowed them down to her five favorites for voting.

Guests also had an opportunity to guess the number of candy corns that were put in a jar.

At the conclusion of the event, the winning name for the mural was announced. The winner was “Come Find Your Story,” submitted by Vanessa Hill.

After the announcement of the winning mural name, Meagan Albritton was presented with a children’s picture book that was signed by all the guests who attended the event. She is pictured here with the library’s services manager, Dee Shackelford.
Paintings by Oneita Revell are on display for enjoyment.

Katie Taylor stands next to a table with a small collection of paintings she shared at the event.

Linda Cassels stands by a collection of steampunk-themed models that she created.

A pair of velvet hats with the science fiction steampunk theme is displayed on a chair in the gallery. They were created by Linda Cassels.

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**Comfort Foods Made FAST AND HEALTHY!**

**By Healthy Exchanges**

**CHILI RICE SOUP**

Is meat taking a hit on your grocery-store budget? Give this meatless chili a try. It has so much flavor, you won't miss the meat.

** Ingredients **

1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
1 (14.5-ounce) can Hunt's diced tomatoes
2 cups reduced-sodium vegetable broth
1 (15-ounce) can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon chili seasoning
1 cup cooked rice
3 tablespoons (3/4 ounce) shredded Kraft 2 Percent Milk Cheddar cheese

** Directions **

1. In a large saucepan sprayed with olive oil-flavored cooking spray, sauté onion and green pepper until tender. Add diced tomatoes, tomato juice, kidney beans, garlic and chili seasoning. Mix well to combine.
2. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add rice. Mix well to combine. Continue simmering for 15 minutes.
3. When serving, evenly sprinkle Cheddar cheese over top of bowls. Serve 6 ( scant 1 cup).

** TIP:** Usually, 2 1/2 cups uncooked instant or 1 1/2 cups regular rice cooks to about 1 cup.
- Each serving supplies: 112 calories, 3 g fat, 9 g protein, 20 g carbs, 724 mg sodium, 381 mg calcium.

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**STRANGE BUT TRUE**

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th-century American journalist, editor and writing teacher Brenda Ueland who made the following sage observation: “Inspiration does not come like a bolt, nor is it kinetic, energetic striving, but it comes little by little and quietly and all the time, though we may not recognize and every day give it a little chance to start flowering, press it into a little salutary and influence.”

- If you hear the word "pantophobia," you might (logically) assume that it means a fear of pants. You’d be only partially correct, however; those who suffer from pantophobia are, presumably, afraid of pants — but that’s just because they’re afraid of everything.

- You might be surprised to learn that the first Model T Fords weren’t black — they were green with red stripes.

- If you’re thinking of starting a business and want to get up and running right away, there’s a company ready to help you get started. Nevada, a branding firm based in Farnborough, England, can provide you with a unique name and its matching .com domain — even your choice of three logos for your fledgling venture. For less than $700 you can brand your company as Aquinique, Spiranti or Fenmarch. Have a more generous budget? Try Mupkin, Cubexis or Zeqon, all in the $5,000 range. If you really want to go all-out — and are in the right industry — try Motaway for $25,727, or even InvestEtc, which is going for nearly $40,000.

- You might be surprised to learn that if you add up all the deaths that are caused worldwide by tuberculosis, malaria and AIDS, the total would be less than a third of those attributable to pollution, which accounts for 36 percent of all global deaths.

** Thought for the Day:** “Truth-tellers are not always palatable. There is a preference for candy bars.”

— Gwendolyn Brooks

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**CHILI RICE SOUP**

Is meat taking a hit on your grocery-store budget? Give this meatless chili a try. It has so much flavor, you won't miss the meat.

** Ingredients **

1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
1 (14.5-ounce) can Hunt's diced tomatoes
2 cups reduced-sodium vegetable broth
1 (15-ounce) can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon chili seasoning
1 cup cooked rice
3 tablespoons (3/4 ounce) shredded Kraft 2 Percent Milk Cheddar cheese

** Directions **

1. In a large saucepan sprayed with olive oil-flavored cooking spray, sauté onion and green pepper until tender. Add diced tomatoes, tomato juice, kidney beans, garlic and chili seasoning. Mix well to combine.
2. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add rice. Mix well to combine. Continue simmering for 15 minutes.
3. When serving, evenly sprinkle Cheddar cheese over top of bowls. Serve 6 ( scant 1 cup).

** TIP:** Usually, 2 1/2 cups uncooked instant or 1 1/2 cups regular rice cooks to about 1 cup.
- Each serving supplies: 112 calories, 3 g fat, 9 g protein, 20 g carbs, 724 mg sodium, 381 mg calcium.

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The herald-Advocate, November 2, 2017

Courthouse Report

Robert S. FITE Jr., the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for tax lien delinquency, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed.

COURSE OF TITLE

The certified tax roll for 2017 has been delivered by the Hardee County Property Appraiser to Jacki Johnson, Hardee County Tax Collector for collection. The 2017 tax roll is now open for payment at the Tax Collector’s office at 110 W. Oak St., Room 102, Wauchula, Florida beginning Wednesday November 1, 2017 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:45 P.M. After April 1st – 3% penalty is charged.

You will not receive a receipt unless you send a self-addressed stamped envelope with payment or pay at the Tax Collector’s office.

If you are presently paying by the Installment Method, your account will be automatically renewed for 2018, unless you advise the Tax Collector to remove your account from the Installment Program.

This APPLICATION DOES NOT APPLY TO 2017 TAXES.

Atty:

Jacki Johnson C.F.C Hardee County Tax Collector 110 W. Oak St., Room 102 Wauchula, FL 33897 (863) 797-0144

non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the District on the property within consist of all activities to be undertaken for the purpose of obtaining for financing Qualifying Improvements from the District.


The notice is hereby given that the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) will hold a public meeting to which all interested parties are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.021, Florida Statutes, and an intergovernmental agreement among Citrus County, Florida; Hernando County, Florida; Hardee County, Florida; Pasco County, Florida; and Pinellas County, Florida. The November 16, 2017 meeting will not be held in a public place, but rather will be held via conference call.

The Notice of Proposed Rule – Matters.org. If you are hearing impaired or have a speech or language impairment, contact the agency using the following procedures.

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The Vickerses Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary


They started dating at that time. A year later they decided to get married, and did so on Oct. 14, 1967.

He worked on a ranch at the time and she was going to school and working in a bank.

The couple decided to become parents, and five years later, in February of 1972, their first son, Joseph Wayne “Jody” Vickers, was born. Another five years later, in February of 1977, their second son, Joseph “Scott” Vickers, was born.

The family moved to Okeechobee and Fort Pierce before moving their family to Hardee County in 1978. After moving here, Wayne worked for a grove service for many years.

Becky remained a housewife raising their two sons.

Years passed and the boys grew up, having children of their own. Wayne and Becky now have nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Tragedy struck in 2004 as Hurricane Charley came through and took their home and all the belongings they had collected over the years.

They bought another home and started to rebuild their lives and memories. At that same time, Wayne started a new job and has been employed there for 13 years.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, the couple celebrated 50 years of marriage surrounded by family and friends at Hardee Lakes Park.

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Church News

Reality Ranch will hold Cowboy Church on Sunday at 11 a.m. and will feature Jay C. Harold, a Christian country music star, who will share his testimony of survival, restoration and healing.

Everyone is invited to share this experience by coming to the Ranch at 8900 SR 86, about three miles east of Zolfo Springs. For information, call Randy at 863-781-1578.

The deadline for Church News submissions is Thursday at 5 p.m. for the next edition.

Roundup

Two Driving Courses Set

South Florida State College is offering two driving education courses on Nov. 4. Both are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They both require pre-registration. Cost of each is $55. Call 863-773-3881.

One course is ADAPT (Alcohol Drug Accident Prevention Training) for first-time driver license applicants. The second is SDAPP (Safe Driving Accident Prevention Program) for drivers ordered by the court, received a traffic citation or were in an accident and issued a ticket.

The Vickerses today, as they celebrated 50 years of marriage.
Greetings from Fort Green!

October is one of my favorite times of the year but you can please some of the people some of the time if you can please all of the people some of the time by doing nothing for all of the people all of the time.

I love how my church folk say they just live this weather! It is cold to me and even to my little dog, Rascal. He loves his coat on in this type of weather. Thank goodness we don’t live up North.

I don’t usually mention football but these “Gators” were on the ball last Sunday. My older brother always went to the Georgia game, so it brought back good memories to me. He made his final journey when we were younger.

My sincere heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Calvin Smith, who passed away on Oct. 13. I am sure everybody could not understand why we did not hear about it as church the following Sunday, but that is the way things go sometimes.

I don’t think and retype the way my computer would not covet it or it would have been too much for me then, but when writing you cannot correct it or change your originally written. As it was, I had to retypew Monday morning. As it is a paragraph, I am saving.

I heard his HBS Class of ‘79 set together at the funeral. No so, and that is nice. Calvin worked at Presidio Inves- tance in Jacksonville at the same time I did back in the ’60s. We did not know each other but you never know, and did know some of the same people. Small world.

I don’t know how we get so lucky but denim jeans have been picked up and only left three trailer loads later! The Methodist Church Breast Cancer Walk was great but there are a lot of heroes on it; and on one hand, and there is only one with a big pile of de- bris.

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By NAOMI EREKSON
Herald-Advocate Intern
Hardee County’s agricultural heritage is celebrated each year in the Hardee Living Community from dawn till dusk in beautiful scenes for farmers and residents alike. The community of agriculturists, who are primarily farmers or farm owners, have proudly exhibited their produce in the county fair. The Hardee Living Community has been recognized by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as a “Florida Living Community.”

The Hardee Living Community is a group of farmers and residents who come together to celebrate the agricultural heritage of the Hardee County area. The community includes farmers, farm owners, and agricultural workers, who are dedicated to the production of food and fiber for the community and for the world. The community is a place where people come together to share their knowledge and resources, and to celebrate the importance of agriculture in the Hardee County area.

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HILLTOP ELEMENTARY’S KINDERGARTEN
FIELD TRIP TO HEARTLAND EVENTS
My younger sister was one of the most wonderful people I have ever met. She was full of life and never let anyone bring her down. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She could light up a room with her presence and brighten everyone’s day. She was always there for her family and friends, always ready to lend a helping hand or a listening ear.

She was a nurse and dedicated her life to helping others. She values her patients and always put their needs first. She was a true caregiver and always went above and beyond to ensure her patients received the best care possible. She was also a constant source of support for our family and always was there when we needed her.

She was a fantastic dancer and loved to dance. She was always very active and enjoyed playing tennis. She was a good student and always maintained a high GPA. She was a member of her school’s dance team and played tennis for her high school.

She will be missed deeply and will always be remembered for her kindness, her laughter, and her love. She will be forever in our hearts and memory.
LUCKY LUNCHEON

The Parent Teacher Organization at Zolfo Springs Elementary School recently treated staff members to a lunch- eon. Teachers dined at decorated tables on a se- lection of foods provided by Alan Jay Automotive. Also shown here (middle photo, from left) are As- sistant Principal Leigh La- Jeunesse and Principal Tammy Pohl with a “thank you” card for Alan Jay, signed by the lucky lunch- eon recipients.

LEI LADEN

These little islanders in Ella Wogast’s class at Hilltop Elementary School are cele- brating Hawaiian Day in style. In colorful garb and accessories are (up front) Bryan Contreras; (middle, from left) Brody Hines, Chloe Norris and Hayden Breton; and (back) Abigail Spires, Brycen Holton, Brian Garcia and Aaniyah Walker.

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At Mosaic, we’re putting science to work right here in the community. From volunteering at science fairs to providing grants for educational programs, we work closely with local schools to provide students with innovative learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). We are dedicated to preparing the next generation for rewarding careers in a 21st-century economy. Justine, Mosaic engineer, and George, a retired Mosaic employee share their expertise as volunteer judges for Hard Lee Junior High School’s Science and Engineering Fair.

To learn more about Mosaic’s support of STEM education, visit Science.MosaicCo.com.
Hardee Wildcats Whip DeSoto Bulldogs

By MICHAEL KELLY

Clinching their second consecutive 5A-District 11 Championship made the 34-0 victory over their longtime rival DeSoto Bulldogs that much sweeter for the Wildcats.

Hardee improved to 6-3 and will now most likely host Fort Myers Dunbar in the opening round of the playoffs, which begin Nov. 10 after the Wildcats’ regular season finale Friday night against Naples Barron Collier, which is 5-4 on the season.

Hardee jumped out to an early 7-0 lead following an interception by Hardee’s defense on the Bulldog’s opening possession.

Kai Washington picked off Malcom Smith in the end zone and returned it out to the Hardee 45.

Randy McLeod ripped off a 17-yard gain to start the drive followed by a 15-yard run by Washington.

Two plays later Damar Harris ran around the left end for a 21-yard touchdown.

Leo Duarte made the PAT and Hardee led 7-0 with 6:17 to go in the first quarter.

The teams then traded punts on their next possessions before the defense forced another turnover, one of five committed by the Bulldogs Friday.

Harris intercepted Smith on a third-down pass attempt to set up a short field for the offense at the Bulldog’s 26.

Hardee picked up one first down before settling for a 27-yard field goal by Duarte to take a 10-0 lead with 11:04 left in the half.

DeSoto was forced to a quick three-and-out after Smith was sacked by linebacker Isaac Moreno, who had four sacks in the game.

Hardee then punted back to the Bulldogs before the defense made a stop and forced another Desoto punt.

Harris took over at the Bulldog’s 45-yard line after the short kick and McLeod broke loose on the first play for a 45-yard touchdown run.

Duarte’s PAT made it 17-0 with 6:12 left in the second quarter.

Hardee gets to retain the Buck Carlton trophy for another year. The trophy is given every year to the winner of the Hardee/Desoto game, which at 96 years, is the longest running rivalry in the state.

Players of the Week

DeSoto

99 Randy McLeod

42 Matt Tyson

817 Leo Duarte

878 Hardee Pace

419 Isaac Moreno

Wildcat

Game Statistics

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Linebacker Isaac Moreno blocks a Desoto punt attempt. Moreno also racked up four sacks against the Bulldogs.
The Pee Wee cheer squad was on hand to root on the pint-sized Wildcats.

The Hardee squad shake hands with the boys from Wesley Chapel.

Hardee beat the Cowboys of Wesley Chapel last Saturday.

Members of the Pee Wee football and cheer squad are preparing to battle for a league title.

Pee Wee Football Team Headed To League Finals

Hardee prepares to snap the ball during the semifinal round of tournament play.

Hardee County’s Hometown Coverage

Pee Wee Football Team Headed To League Finals

Herald-Advocate, November 2, 2017

The Pee Wee team from Hardee Youth Football is will play in the final round of the Pee Wee Football Playoffs (Nov. 4) at Bradenton.

Under the leadership of head coach Adam Montes, the pint-sized Wildcats will play at 4:30 p.m. at UT Bay Park on Manatee County.

Assisting with this year’s team are Dale Carlton, Gerry Lindsay, Will Curtright, and John Sharp.

The squad will be playing in Division 3.

The Pee Wee squad defeated the Wesley Chapel Cowboys in the semifinals in Tampa last Saturday (Oct. 28) to earn their spot in the next round of D3 finals playoff for the central Florida region.

Hardee won the match with a final score of 20-13.

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Travon Thomas holds up the ball after recovering a fumble, one of five turnovers his second touchdown of the night.

By Tom STAIK
25 times Around

Zack Durastanti became the only Wildcat runner to advance to regional competition following last week’s Class 2A District 9 cross country championship at Pioneer Park in Zolfo Springs.

Setting a personal record, Durastanti finished fifth place overall in the boys’ competition with a time of 17:47.49. Team scoring in cross country events does not follow typical point allocations. The fewer points a team accumulates, the better it ranks. Third from Harmony Senior High School finished seventh overall in the right way with 145 points. Lake Wales High School, the district champions, took only 34 points.

The Wildcats had an average time of 19:43.00. Lake Wales, by comparison, had an average time of 17:17.49.

A second Hardee runner, Ivan Rodriquez, missed scoring a regional bid by mere seconds.

“He just missed out of top 15 by 12 seconds for the boys, but dropped over 45 seconds from a week ago,” noted coach Rich Beatty.

Jose Romero dropped below 20 minutes for the first time this season, and Noah Timms also made gains, according to Beatty.

Gage Camacho, who “was off his best” due to injury, would have been a contender for advancing, Beatty added.

The Lady Wildcats finished the day in fifth place overall with 140 points. McKeel (Lakeland) Academy took the district title with 33 points, while Lake Placid won the third place title with 64.

Kaila Smith of McKeel finished in first place with an average time of 26:12.22. McKee finished second with a 27:58.43. Lake Placid’s Junie Garcia took third with an average time of 28:00.25.

Durastanti was expected to finish sixth, according to Beatty, but Wednesday morning at the Class 2A Region 2 tournament at Lakeland’s Holloway Park.

Individual Results
Boy’s Varsity: 1st, Lake Wales, 34; 2nd, McKeel, 73; 3rd, Fort Greer, 85; 4th, Ave Maria, 104; 5th, Deltona, 129; 6th, Mulberry, 127; 7th, Hardee, 145; and 8th, Lake Placid, 218.

Girl’s Varsity: 1st, McKeel, 33; 2nd, Fort Greer, 40; 3rd, Ave Maria, 53; 4th, Deltona, 104; 5th, Hardee, 146; 6th, Lake Placid, 146; and 7th, Lake Wales, 185.

Zack Durastanti finished fifth overall in district competition to advance to the regional competition.
The journey was more important than the destination for the Wildcats.

Trey Stephens, Hugh Pate, Oren Crawford, and Cole Wilson competed for Hardee in the boys’ 400M freestyle relay and bested district rivals Sebring and Avon Park.

photo-ops with Gator stand-out and world champion Caeleb Dressel was a high-light of the excursion. “They all loved meeting the fastest swimmer in the world Caeleb Dressel,” Pate said.

Dressel is a two-time Olympic gold medalist and currently holds American records in 50-meter and 100-meter freestyle and the 50-meter butterfly, as well as the world record in the 100-meter freestyle and medley relays (long course). He won seven gold medals at the 2017 World Aquatics Championships in Budapest.

Former Wildcat swimmers Levi Lovett and Wyatt Zeigler were on hand to support Hardee’s swim team at regional competition. Zeigler is a student at UF and three-time record holder for Hardee. Lovett is a student at Florida Southern and a four-time record holder for Hardee. “The meet was a great experience competing at the UF pool,” Pate said. “I can’t wait for next year.”

Individual Results


Trey Stephens, 24.74.


Girls 200 Freestyle: 19th, Renell Herrera, 2:34.64.


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Girls 200 Freestyle: 15th, Hugh Pate, 2:01.70.

Girls 200 Freestyle: 24th, Abby Dukes. 3:04.88.

Girls 200 Freestyle: 21st, Morgan Hellein, 2:54.64.


Girls 200 Freestyle: 23rd, Morgan Hellein, 2:27.57.

Girls 100Y Breaststroke: 15th, Morgan Hellein, 1:19.36.

Girls 100Y Breaststroke: 16th, Morgan Hellein, 1:03.54.

Boys 100Y Breaststroke: 15th, Morgan Hellein, 1:19.36.

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Girls 100Y Breaststroke: 18th, Morgan Hellein, 1:19.36.

Girls 100Y Breaststroke: 22nd, Morgan Hellein, 1:24.62.

Boys 100Y Breaststroke: 15th, Morgan Hellein, 1:19.36.
The federal disaster assistance filing deadline for individuals who are not covered by insurance or another form of recovery assistance is December 18, 2017.

Individuals in all 48 disaster-designated Florida counties can register for Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance Friday, Nov. 24.

The previous deadline for individual assistance was Nov. 19.

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In the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit In and For Hardee County, Florida

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3. Texas at TCU – Horned Frogs were embarrassed before losing to Iowa State. They should have lost to West Virginia but the horrible calls gave them a win. Mike Tice on Sportscenter even called the officiating "atrocious". Texas 27 — TCU 24

4. Kansas State at Texas Tech – Red Raiders have lost three straight games. Kansas State may be vulnerable on the road. Texas Tech 38 — Kansas State 30

5. Western Kentucky at Vanderbilt – Commodores face a solid CUSA Team but should overcome any challenge at home. Vanderbilt 34 — Western Kentucky 20

6. Synchro at Florida State – FSU is a 5 point favorite. Orange has won four games at home but has lost all four road games. FSU 31 — Synchro 24

7. Iowa State at N.C. State – State has won four times this season but lost to the unbeaten one ends today. The Hokies do the Hokie Pokie at home? This is a good matchup in ACC play. Virginia Tech 27 — Miami 24

8. South Carolina at Georgia – Dawgs continue their drive to Atlanta and the SEC title. They have moved in behind Alabama. South Carolina 46 — Georgia 45

9. Oklahoma at Missouri – Sooner State. Has there ever been a game between these two teams with both having quarterbacks this good? It could determine the Heisman Trophy as well as the Big 12 title. Oklahoma 55 — Missouri 16


11. Virginia Tech at Miami – Canes have had a good season but the unbeaten one ends today. The Hokies do the Hokie Pokie on the Canes. Virginia Tech 27 — Miami 24

12. Sussex at UConn – Bulls saw their unbeaten hopes die last week but they bounce back with a win this week. Sussex 44 — UConn 20

13. UCF at SMU – In a frost beaked north to Gainsville? Look for him to take an unbeaten team on his resume with him if UCF 49 — SMU 17

14. Missouri at Tennessee – To add more to the Gators troubles, Missouri is a two point favorite. Do the Gators pull together and finish strong or do they ruin the season in? Florida 24 — Missouri 16

15. LSU at Alabama – Tide gets a test but rolls along to Atlanta. Alabama 31 — LSU 24

16. Buffalo Bills at New York Jets – Bills are having a solid year and the Jets are better as well. Bills get the best of them this time. Buffalo Bills 34 — New York Jet 26

17. Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New Orleans Saints – Remember 1997 when Tampa won its first ever game at New Orleans? Nostalgia seems to be the only thing going right now. New Orleans Saints 31 — Tampa Bay Buccaneers 20


19. Oakland Raiders at Miami Dolphins – Fisk send the Raiders packing with another loss. Maybe they will target Amzer Cooper more this week though? Miami Dolphins 35 — Oakland Raiders 22

20. Kansas City Chiefs at Dallas Cowboys – Chiefs invade the Big D for a big game with the Cowboys. Maybe a win for KC away. Kansas City Chiefs 35 — Dallas Cowboys 34

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Leading Lions setting the example through the first quarter were second- and fourth-graders (front, from left) Jamari Mosley, Maribel Nulles, Janel Flores, Daisy Carle-Jimenez, Karla Gamez, Javier Bermudez, Edgar Ramirez and Jose Ramirez; (back row) Steven Lawson, Tiara Ray, Elyon Cao, Erick Luceteto, Yareli Duarte, Christine St. Louis, Anthony Gonzalez and Reaul Lopez.

Third graders noted as Leading Lions for their excellent classroom habits were (front, from left) Linsey Bryan, Dakota McCoy and Jonathan Molina; (back) Dillon Jiang, Roby Garcia-Ruiz and Austin Reschke.

HES Awards ‘Super Lion’ & ‘Leading Lion’ Status

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Friday, October 27, 2017

**YOUR SCORE**

Go Wildcats!

34 Cade Alexy 10 RB/DB
50 Sebastian Estrada 12 FB/DL
34 Van Freischmidt 9 WR
52 Yovani Nunez 12 DB

**Opponent:**

Barron Collier

**Score:**

Ft. Meade 7

**Last Week’s Winner:**

Laney Mabe

**Winners will be picked Monday morning, notified by phone that afternoon and announced in next week’s paper. No Prizes Won? Be a Volunteer!**

**Wildcat Football Game Date:**

November 3, 2017

**To Win:**

Complete the score card below and place it in the mail box by 5 P.M. that afternoon. The Wildcat Football game ticket winners will be picked Monday morning. The gift certificate winners will be picked Monday afternoon. The Wildcat Football game tickets and gift certificate winners will be notified by phone that afternoon and announced in next week’s paper.
By JIM KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Southwester Tiny House Expo will be held Tuesday through Thursday, Nov. 10-12, at Hardee Park at 5-362 Gill Roberts Rd. southwest of Bowling Green. The theme for the event is “Live Large by Building Small.”

This Tiny House movement started out West and is moving throughout the U.S., said Long. A mission is to promote living a more personal, sustainable lifestyle. Tiny House owners and industry experts will share their information and experience with the public. Topics will include building and zoning regulations, insurance, sustainability, solar power, HVAC, aquaponics, hydroponics, permaculture, and food, among others.

Tickets are $20 per person ages 13 to 59, $15 for seniors 60 and over, and free for veterans and first responders. There is a $5 cash parking fee that goes to the county for all vehicles entering the park. Tickets are available online or at the park on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.; there will be a concert by the local band Crush, free to expo attendees and $5 each for those coming only for the concert, said Long.

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Annual Costume Parade Takes Off At Zolfo Springs Elementary

During the past week, sheriff’s deputies and city police officers investigated the following incidents and made the following arrests:

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Oct. 29, Mark Lawrence Atkinson, 46, of 717 Seminole St, Wauchula, was deputies with Joseph Austin and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Oct. 24, Boice Lee Jones, 36, General Delivery, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pleifker on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Oct. 23, Shari Smith, 40, of 611 Peacock Ln, Fort Meade, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pleifker on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Oct. 21, James Larry Matthews, General Delivery, Wauchula, was arrested by Det. David Drake and charged with possession of a gun after the Wauchula Police Department, two counts unlicensed burglary.

Oct. 20, an unsecured conveyance, unlicensed burglary of an unoccupied structure, theft of a check, theft of a check, theft of a check.

Oct. 19, a theft on U.S. 17 North and a theft on U.S. 17 North was reported.

Oct. 18, Tamara Suarez, 33, of 15 Radbil Rd., Zolfo Springs, and Angela Alber, 27, of 700 E. Townsv, Lake Wales, were arrested by Cpl. Chris Atteberries and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Oct. 17, Ruben Gonzalez, 35, of 1300 Makwood Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by Cpl. Bryan Lott and charged with violation of conservation rule LVI 2.

Oct. 16, a theft on South Sixth Ave. (U.S. 17 South) was reported.

Oct. 15, Julian Jermaine Williams, 32, of 2104 NE Ninth St., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Breanna Locke and charged with violation of conservation rule LVI 2.

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Oct. 2, a theft on South Sixth Ave. (U.S. 17 South) was reported.

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Notices of Application

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft permit, Permit No. FL002592 (PA File No. FL00325(101)-11-W1S/N1) to Mosaic Fertilizer, L.L.C., (mailing address: 13850 Circ Cross Drive, Lithia, Florida 33547-3798) for operation of its Wingate Creek Mine Facility. The operations at this site include phosphate mining, phosphatic clay settling areas, sand tailings disposal areas and a mine water reclamation system. The applicant does not certify that the permit renewal does not authorize any expansion of the facility. The applicant will not require the addition of phosphate mining, phosphatic clay settling areas, sand tailings disposal areas and a mine water reclamation system.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department’s proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing (proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, the petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 3, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3001.

Under Rule 05.110(10)(c)(1), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request an extension of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

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Pursuant to Sections 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department’s action is based must contain the following in- formation, as indicated in Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, any address, any email address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner; (c) A concise statement of the ultimate factual issues, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department’s proposed action; (d) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioning party believes require review or modification of the Department’s proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and

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STUDENT SUPER HEROES

Students in LeAnne Buzzard’s kindergarten class at Hilltop Elementary School are showing their super-hero status. Ready to take on any education challenge are (from left) Alondra Tharp, Corbin Pilkington, Ruben Maldonado, Gabriel Santos, Larissa North and Alejandro Martinez along with their leader, super hero Buzzard.

MEGA MAN

STICK TO IT!

All Honor Roll students at North Wauchula Elementary received a magnet for their family’s car or refrigerator, to make everyone who sees it aware of each youngster’s hard work and achievement. Pictured are some Honor Roll students from Maggie Santana’s first-grade class.