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A DECADE FROM DISASTER

Hurricane Charley Devastated Hardee County On Aug. 13, 2004

By **JOAN SEAMAN**
Of The Herald-Advocate

Damage which totaled millions actually began long before Hurricane Charley hit Hardee County.

Although the 2004 fall hurricane trio took the biggest toll, it was the cumulative effects which finished off most of the

residents, businesses and public structures around the county.

Hurricane Charley hit on the eve of Aug. 13 with 140-150 mph winds. It was followed by hurricanes Frances on Sept. 5 and Jeanne on Sept. 26. The lat-

est two were more in the 100-110 mph range but brought heavy rains to already saturated ground and buildings which had lost roofs in the heavy winds of that first hurricane.

But, it all began on June 22,

2003, when the county issued a declaration of emergency due to weekend floods. Following on the heels of 11.39 inches of rain in one week, weekend rains of 5.17 inches on Saturday and 2.9 inches that Sunday forced clo-

sure of many roads in hard-hit western Hardee County. The Peace River was nearly two feet over the flood stage of 16 feet. Charlie Creek went from its nine-foot level to 16 feet.

When assessments were com-

pleted, estimated damages under the federal disaster declaration exceeded \$1.8 million.

The woes continued in June 2004 when the no-name storms brought tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, drenching rains causing flash flooding, and power outages from toppled trees devoid of soil to keep them steady. Those storms added more damage, an immediate estimate not available.

Hurricane Charley entered the picture barely two months later.

Once expected to go up the See **DISASTER 6A**

Union, HCSB Settle

By **JOAN SEAMAN**
Of The Herald-Advocate

With the blessing of the union and School Board, the 2014-15 employee contracts should be in place by Friday.

Members of the Hardee Education Association/United cast their votes at the HEA/U office on Carlton Street in Wauchula between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. this Wednesday. The School Board meeting to vote on the tentative contract is today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at its board room at 230 S. Florida Ave., Wauchula.

As HEA/U President Heather Lane noted in her memo to union members, "If employees ratify the contracts and the School Board does, it will be the earliest settlement of negotiations for new contracts between HEA/U and the board in nearly everyone's memories."

"Both teams worked hard and collaboratively to come up with tentative agreements that best met and balanced the interests of students, community, the board, the administration, HEA/U and the employees its represents. Both teams recommend voting 'Yes' on the question of ratification," she said.

The contracts will be for three school years, and are limited to reopening them for only one or two items per year.

First changes were simply semantics: working days will now be work days; School See **UNION 2A**



FILE PHOTO BY RALPH HARRISON

Downed power lines, bent poles and tree limbs, even whole trees, blocking streets were common scenes all over the county after Hurricane Charley hit Hardee County on Aug. 13, 2004. Note fence at left at entry to the old Hardee Junior High School is so stuffed with wind-driven debris it looks like a brick wall. See additional scenes form the hurricane days and today inside.

VIVID MEMORIES

Coach Recalls The '2004 HurriCats'

2004 HURRICATS

Aug. 13, 2004, was a day that 50 Wildcat football players and 11 coaches will remember for the rest of our lives.

I remember addressing the team on Aug. 12 about the upcoming "possibility" of a storm. "Gather up loose items in the yard, fill coolers with ice, and get gas and water. Make sure you have signed the player phone number sheet, and I will give you a call when it is all over. We need to get ready for Immokalee."

Well, Immokalee never made the trip up from South Florida. Instead, a 120+ mph hurricane

showed up at our field.

We were a team of individuals at that point. Coaches discussed every day how "individual" we were. I remember having many conversations with staff about the real struggle anticipated in the upcoming season to just have a winning season. We were coming off of two undefeated regular seasons and district championships: 2002, 11-2; 2003, 10-1. Our community expected us to have another winning season. Our team was very young and I was not sure they understood what success was.

Then, Charley came to town ...

I remember looking at a locker room missing part of its roof, a football stadium with a light pole busting through the reserved section, a blue punt blocking landing mat in the top of an oak tree, and a beautiful green football field peppered with shingles and roofing tacks.

We went to practice quickly after the storm. We held two practices a day. Not to make up for lost days, but to make sure that most of our players would get to practice at least once that day. The other time was spent with family working on roofs or helping a neighbor.

I remember hearing the sound

of generators humming over the sound of players calling out formations. That struggle, that fight, every day just to show up, was felt by every one of us. We were a bunch of individuals with different goals before Aug. 13. On Aug. 14, we all had the same goal: Get our families safe, and play football again.

We did exactly that. Each player, down to the last man, understood his role. We practiced every day that year at a condemned Wildcat Stadium and watched it being rebuilt. Our team didn't need to be rebuilt; it was solidified by a storm.

We played every game that year on the road.

See **MEMORIES 8A**

Woman Wins State Honor

By **CYNTHIA KRAHL**
Of The Herald-Advocate

A local woman has received a statewide honor in recognition of her work in support of the beef industry.

Wendy Petteway was named Outstanding CattleWoman of 2014 at the recent Florida CattleWomen's convention held in Marco Island.

She is the first Hardee County to earn that award.

Petteway is co-owner of Petteway Citrus & Cattle, a wide-ranging enterprise which raises purebred Angus bulls for sale, maintains a herd of Angus cattle,

operates a citrus nursery and owns and services citrus groves.

Her daily responsibilities span from office duties to working cows to tending young citrus.

She does it all from a fifth-generation, 100-year-old ranch in Popash with husband Roy and son Ramon Roy.

Petteway's path to state recognition has been equally challenging and honed with the same hard work and dedication.

"Wendy has a love for the beef industry that goes back to her youth, and she has enjoyed giving back to the youth of this industry in many ways," Florida

CattleWomen Inc. said.

As a 4-H leader for 13 years, she and her husband put on fitting, showing and nutrition clinics for this area's youngsters along with assisting in prospect shows. She participates in the Youth Field Day each year at the Ona Research Station, and has served as a judge for Florida Beef and Farm Bureau contests.

In an earlier first for Hardee County, she was selected as Florida CattleWomen Inc. president in 2011. In that role, she established three new scholarships for ag and veterinary students See **STATE HONOR 8A**



Petteway

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Did Anything Happen With FEMA Plan For Recovery?

By **JOAN SEAMAN**

Of The Herald-Advocate
Yes, a lot has happened since Hurricane Charley on Aug. 13, 2004.

The four-laning of U.S. 17 is in its final stages, the Hardee Commerce Park is up and running well, all school facilities have been repaired and some had renovations since 2004, there's new housing available, higher education has been expanded for four-year degrees and many other goals have been accomplished.

That devastating hurricane of 2004 was preceded by the no-name storms of June 2003 and June 2004 and was followed by hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, leaving Hardee County reeling under the repeated blows.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency came to the county and provided funding for cleanup and some recovery. But, it also sponsored an eight-week process involving hundreds of residents, business owners and community leaders to develop a "Long-Term Recovery Plan," which was finally issued in December 2004.

Reviewing the 31 most-wanted projects, it is clear that many of them have or are being accomplished. A few have not yet been done and some will never happen.

Projects were divided into high-value essential projects, moderate-value need but expected to take longer, and community-interest projects worthy of pursuing as time and funds allow.

Let's look at a few:

Telecommunications

The mandate was to develop a plan to provide broadband, wireless technologies and enable residents, schools and businesses to compete within the global marketplace. That See **WHERE 7A**

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
08/06	94	72	0.19
08/07	93	72	0.00
08/08	91	71	0.09
08/09	91	71	0.03
08/10	92	73	0.00
08/11	92	72	0.00
08/12	91	70	0.02

TOTAL Rainfall to 08/12/2014 - 31.61
Same period last year - 25.84
Ten Year Average - 47.79
Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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Kelly's Column

By Jim

Aug. 13 is the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Charley, which slammed Hardee County hard followed by Hurricane Frances Sept. 5 and Hurricane Jeanne Sept. 26. Thus Hardee was hit by three hurricanes in 2004.

Hurricane Donna struck Hardee in 1960. That was the last one until 2004. I know of no one anxious for another.

In case we do get another one, damage can be minimized by having oak trees trimmed, roofs secured, and air-conditioning units on ground level secured to slabs instead of on roofs.

Charley damaged our business building because of an unsecured AC unit on the roof. A falling oak limb punctured the roof on our house.

Cities and power companies should have a preventive maintenance program current on tree trimming near electric lines. In a few years trees can grow limbs over power lines.

In St. Lucie County, Digital Domain Media Group received state and county money promising to open an information studio there and a film school in West Palm Beach, creating 500 jobs. The company filed for bankruptcy in 2012, shutting down and laying off 280 employees.

The state has filed a lawsuit trying to reclaim \$20 million in seed money, saying the company misrepresented its debt problems. The company also received \$62 million in funding from St. Lucie and Palm Beach counties, reported the Lakeland Ledger recently.

A new historical fiction novel entitled "Florida Gold" has been written by Robert Allen Morris. It is a story about one man's incredible success in the birth and growth of the Florida orange juice industry against overwhelming odds, reports Morris, a Florida native with over 30 years experience in the citrus industry.

He will have a book signing at Florida Southern College in Lakeland on Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.

Peter Jaret recently wrote for AARP that one in three cancers can be prevented by eating right, keeping a healthy weight and exercising.

Among the foods and drinks he recommends to fight against cancer are tea, coffee, curry, tomatoes, dark and leafy greens, red grapes, whole grains, apples, nuts, beans, lentils, garlic, onions, milk and broccoli.

Tony Gangelosi, a retired New York City police officer and Hardee County real estate salesman, used to advise young men to eat a lot of broccoli if they wanted their wives to bear them sons.

Holly St. Lifer recently wrote for AARP 7 ways to reduce the risk of diabetes: give up soda, move after meals, eat more good fat such as fish and olive oil, don't sit for long periods of time, bulk up with strength training, eat slowly and in smaller portions, and reduce stress.

She wrote that nearly 26 million Americans have diabetes.

The U.S. national debt is about \$17.6 trillion, but fortunately interest rates on that debt remain low, making it more affordable plus the nation's economy is growing.

USA Today last year ran a chart of the debt under presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

For the last five years of the Clinton presidency the national debt rose from \$5.1 trillion to less than \$6 trillion. In eight years under Bush the debt rose to \$10 trillion. President Obama inherited a serious recession and in his 5 1/2 years the debt has reached \$17.6 trillion.

The U.S. government is able to print more money, unlike local and state governments which are generally required to pass balanced budgets, often with borrowed money. Wonder what the debt will be by 2020?

Dan Shetterly of Lakeland recently wrote in the Lakeland Ledger that IQ (intelligence) is the main culprit in economic inequality. "If you got that, then you can overcome almost any other disadvantage you have in life."

"Someone born poor but smart will out-compete someone born rich but stupid most every time. A general intelligence, that person who is a jack-of-all-trades but master of none, will always do well in life."

Shetterly said a person also needs luck or intuition. Other factors are personality, looks, a strong back, family support and school in achieving success. "Most people get rich by turning wage income into investment income." Exceptional people invented computers, cars and other things.

UF research has proven that panthers are killing some calves in southwest Florida.

It is estimated at one time Florida had over 1,300 panthers. In the 1880s the state offered \$5 for panther scalps. In the 1990s the population dwindled into the 20s, but the state brought in western cougars to stop the inbreeding and the population has grown to 100 to 180 panthers, wrote Jason Dearen of the Associated Press.

Cattle are expensive, and the landowners want restitution for calves killed by panthers. Panthers hide their prey, and exact calf losses are impossible to document. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering a program to pay ranchers for preserving acres of panther habitat.

The panther project over the last 20 years has cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars. Is it really that important to build up the panther population in Florida.

Man Accused Of Hiring Someone To Kill Wife

By CYNTHIA KRAHL

Of The Herald-Advocate

A man who allegedly gave a "hit man" a down payment to kill his wife has been jailed following information stemming from Bowling Green police.

"It's very troubling and disturbing," Capt. Brett Dowden of the Bowling Green Police Department said of the sequence of events leading to the arrest.

Vincent Abraham Madhavath, 43, of Winter Haven, was arrested at 11 a.m. on Wednesday of last week by agents with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement during a meeting in Fort Meade.

Madhavath, they allege, had just given an undercover officer \$5,000 as the down payment on what was to be a total of



Madhavath

\$15,000 to kill his wife.

It was his third meeting with the "hit man" in a two-month period. A plan was devised, calling for a home invasion at Madhavath's house, where he was to be assaulted but his wife would end up killed.

After handing over the \$5,000 and leaving the meeting, officers moved in and Madhavath was arrested.

He currently is being held in the Polk County Jail on charges of attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit murder and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

In a court hearing last Thursday, a circuit judge denied him any bond.

Bowling Green's Dowden explained that Madhavath is the former owner of Sellers Market in that city.

He said his department became aware of Madhavath's interest in finding someone to kill his wife "back in May."

Bowling Green police investigated the tip they had received,

determining if it was of any substance. Believing the allegation had merit, city police contacted the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Dowden said it was apparent the case would cross county lines and jurisdictions.

Agents from the FDLE Lakeland and Sebring field offices worked the case, as did deputies with the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

"This was a very serious, troubling allegation," Dowden said.

"We are very concerned for the safety and well-being of the citizens in our community and in other communities, and we all will cooperate to protect them," he said.

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Related Personnel (SRPs) are now Educational Support Professionals (ESPs) and will be under the newly coined ESP Master Contract; and the teacher contract is now the Teachers Master Contract.

Verbiage aside, there are only a few changes to the contracts' provisions.

Newly hired teachers will begin at \$35,500.

If they come with experience, an additional \$250 will be added for each year of prior successful teaching experience, up to a 20-year limit. So, a beginning teacher in the Hardee School System could start at anywhere from \$35,500 to \$40,350.

Current teachers who were on the "grandfathered" salary schedule will be placed at the closest step and formula of base salary \$35,500 plus \$250 per year of experience.

Other teachers are on a Performance Pay Salary Schedule of annual contracts, which includes a formula of increases, \$800 if the overall rating is Highly Effective, \$600 if the overall rating is Effective. There is no additional salary for any-one rated less than Effective.

Teachers who meet certain conditions shall get additional salary increases already noted in the Teachers Master Contract, including those teaching in critical shortage areas. Teachers of higher-level math, Algebra I at the junior high, Algebra II, Advanced Math, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology and Forensic Science will get a \$125 supplement per class per semester.

Similarly, intensive reading teachers at the high school, junior high or Pioneer Career Academy will receive these

supplements, as well as those who teach any Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment class. Those who write 25 or more Individual Education Plans for students will get an annual pay supplement of \$200.

In no case shall supplements be more than \$20,000.

A joint evaluation committee will monitor and make recommendations for procedures for evaluating teachers and ESPs.

All eligible ESPs will advance one step on their respective salary wage scale. Each step will be increased by one percent. Every ESP and teacher will receive a one-time signing bonus.

The second major area of clarification under the new contracts is insurance. For new employees, there is a 60-day waiting period for pre-existing conditions under the Affordable Care Act limit.

New employees can choose between Health Savings Account A or B. Current employees may continue on the traditional health insurance plan.

The School Board will pay 100 percent of the single-user plan premiums for vision care and dental insurance.

Other changes in the insurance plan specify premiums and coverage under Plan A, Plan B or the traditional plan for individuals, spouses and children.

An insurance review committee made up of two union members, two members appointed by the schools superintendent and one School Board member will oversee the district insurance plan and make recommendations for any changes to it.

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Annual Back-To-School Tailgate Party This Friday

By **MARIA TRUJILLO**
Of The Herald-Advocate

There are still a few weeks of summer left, but summer vacation is over.

By Monday, school buses will be cleaned, fueled up and ready to pick up students for the first day of school.

Yet there is still time for students to go out and have fun on a "school night." Main Street Wauchula is hosting the annual Back-to-School Tailgate Party tomorrow (Friday), where all Hardee Countians can go and enjoy a family night out.

Different types of vendors will be located on Main Street selling food and other items. Non-profit organizations will have booths laid out with information, while other booths will have information about the schools.

As it is an election year, some of the political candidates will

be at Heritage Park introducing themselves to members of the community.

While parents are speaking with candidates, kids can take part in some of the games going on that night. Or they can just jump until they can't jump anymore on the inflatables.

Throughout this party, live music will be heard throughout the park from Crush. In between breaks, performances can be seen from Hardee County cheerleaders. The cheerleaders come from Pop Warner, Hardee Junior High and the junior varsity and varsity girls from Hardee Senior High.

As always in these types of events, some of the downtown area businesses will remain open a little while longer than normal. Some will also have back-to-school specials going on.

Another important thing to do for kids before they go back to

school is have their eyes checked. Parents can also get this out of the way, as Sevigny Associates Eye Care is offering free vision screening tests to students at Java Café, thanks to the sponsorship of the Wau-chula Lion's Club.

Jessica Newman, director of Main Street Wauchula Inc., says, "This event is always a favorite. The Tailgate is a perfect place to decompress and get excited for the coming school year."

Those not attending this event should keep in mind that West Main Street will be closed to vehicles from Eighth Avenue to U.S. 17. East Main Street will also be closed from U.S. 17 to Fifth Avenue.

The Back-to-School Tailgate Party will begin Friday at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

HARDEE HEALTH

It's Hurricane Season; Don't Be Complacent

By **VIVIAN HARTZELL**
Special To The Herald-Advocate

Hurricane season began June 1 and lasts until Nov. 30. The Florida Department of Health in Hardee County encourages Floridians and visitors to keep their health concerns in mind as they prepare to have a healthy and safe season.

"Now is the time to prepare your family for hurricane season," said state Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "Prior to a disaster, create an emergency plan for your family and pets, identify locations of special needs shelters and prepare an emergency supply kit with First Aid, healthy meals and water."

Before a disaster happens, build an emergency supply kit that includes healthy, nonperishable foods and supplies that meet your family's and pet's health and medical needs.

Talk with your health-care provider and pharmacist about receiving emergency medication supplies. Under a federally-declared emergency, you can get an extra 30-day supply with no price increase, even for recently filled prescriptions.

Other items to include in your emergency supply kit are:

- Water, at least one gallon



Hartzell

Make your hurricane survival list and purchase a few extra canned goods or items from your list each time you go to the store to spread out the expense over time. Place your items on a hurricane shelf or in an emergency box. This will help ensure you have adequate supplies in case of a storm. Rotate your supplies and you will be prepared each year.

If you or someone in your family requires daily medical assistance like routine nursing care, help with medication, oxygen therapy or electricity for life-supporting medical equipment, be sure to pre-register for a special needs shelter. Contact the Hardee County Emergency Management at 773-6373 to learn more about special-needs shelters and to pre-register.

For more suggestions on medical-related items to include in your emergency supply kit, and for tips on how to prepare for an emergency, get a copy of the Florida Department of Health Emergency Preparedness Guide at www.floridahealth.gov.

Vivian Hartzell is a preparedness planner with the Florida Department of Health in Hardee County.

per person per day for a minimum of three days.

- Healthy foods like canned vegetables, fruits and nuts. Store at least a three-day supply of foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water.
- Prescription medications and required equipment/supplies like syringes, coolants, alcohol wipes, etc.
- First Aid kit.
- Glasses, hearing aids and medical devices with extra batteries.
- Special items for babies and the elderly.
- Radio, battery-operated and NOAA weather radio.
- Cash, as banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods.

Byron Stickle Was A Good Man

By **JIM KELLY**
Of The Herald-Advocate

Byron Stickle, 57, of Wauchula passed away July 31 at Hardee Manor.

Since the age of 18 months he had contended with a rare genetic condition called neurofibromatosis, which causes tumors to form on the nerves anywhere in the body at any time.

He lived with his mother Frances Crews Stickle, 90, at 327 Diana Ave.

Years ago Stickle stopped having the tumors removed because several would grow back in their place.

He was a pleasant, nice man who once worked for a power company in Texas and climbed power poles. Most of his life was in Hardee County.

His family lived in Marshall, Texas, from 1976 to 1989. After later being unable to work, he lived on a modest Social Security check.

His father Joe Stickle in Texas bought Byron a good used car for his Hardee High School graduation in 1975. He would not accept the gift until his father came by to visit his mother, who was living in Wauchula. The couple had divorced.

By that time Joe Stickle had overcome an alcohol problem, and the couple remarried in early 1976. They were first married in 1956.

Frances' first husband was Olin Crews. They were married in 1946 and had four children. Olin was a bartender in Wauchula but had the willpower to quit drinking. "Olin was 40, and I was 22 when we married. He died of leukemia in 1954 at Dr. Miles Collier's hospital in Wauchula.

Frances has now lost both



COURTESY PHOTOS

Frances Crews Stickle lives in Wauchula.

husbands and three children to death. Her son Elton Cowart was a Wauchula policeman. He died of a heart attack in Alabama at age 57.

Son Harvey Cowart, 15, drowned at Rock Lake in Pioneer Park while fishing. His lure got caught in some water hyacinths and he waded out to retrieve the lure, stepping into a 30-foot deep hole and getting tangled in the hyacinths.

Frances loved being a wife and mother. She loves all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, "my babies." She en-

joys making dresses for dolls. She has arthritis, diabetes and pinched nerves in her back. Her favorite colors are red and purple.

She is not able to cook much but still drives her car. Neighbor Ethelene King often cooks chicken for her. Other neighbors are extremely helpful and kind to her.

Son Byron was at Hardee Manor for three months. He got good care there. His mother visited him every day but one and sometimes twice a day.

Frances loves her dog, an affen pinscher/cocker spaniel mix. The dog is also having to adjust to life without Byron.

Frances is getting by on a modest Social Security check and a small food stamp allotment. Her house is paid for.

The home in Wauchula used to be owned by Roger Green. It was purchased from Lawrence and Margaret Roberts.

Joe Stickle worked for REA for about 25 years and died of cancer in early 1991.

Byron "love the Lord and helped other people." He also worked for a hospital in Texas for years and as a youth at The Herald-Advocate. He was a licensed pentecostal minister. Byron's son has invited his grandmother to live with his family when she is ready. Frances' father was Finis Crews, a farmer who grew strawberries and oranges. He ran a community canning plant in Popash.



Byron Stickle, her son, passed away July 31.

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Random Hurricane Charley Scenes



FILE PHOTOS BY RALPH HARRISON

Long lines of utility trucks went foot by foot removing downed limbs and trees and restoring power lines. People came from all over, willing to lend a hand to put Hardee County back to normal.



A crew from Georgia were among those who came to help Hardee recover.



There were distribution points where people could get emergency supplies of water and other essentials. National Guard staff and volunteers helped people find and load what they needed.



When the 140-150 mph winds stilled, all that was left for some folks was a pile of debris and a long clearing/rebuilding project.



The fire tower at Pioneer Park was blown down and has not been restored or replaced.



Some mobile homes and RVs were still standing, relatively untouched; others were blown in pieces around the neighborhood.



This house was cut in half by a huge oak tree which was uprooted and dropped on it.



This homeowner lost some roofing and an entire wing of the house parted company with the rest of it.

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west coast of Florida, the Category 5 storm instead turned in at Charlotte Harbor and proceeded up the Peace River in a path of total destruction later termed much worse than the effects of Hurricane Donna in 1960.

Over 1,400 homes, three out of four, were badly damaged or destroyed by the first major hurricane to hit Hardee County in 40 years. A survey of the 7,550 residential units in the county showed 75 percent, about 5,600, were damaged.

This included 897 single-family homes destroyed or heavily damaged. An additional 2,845 of the 5,010 single-family homes in the county needed repair or replacement.

When it came to mobile homes, there were 522 destroyed or with major damage and another 1,900 or so needing some repair. Most of Hardee County was dubbed "Blueville," for the plastic tarps covering those roofs that could be repaired.

Initially, there were no estimates on the citrus, cattle, horticulture and other agricultural damages.

Help poured in from all over the state and nation. Truckloads of supplies came from as far away as Tennessee. Power companies from several states and other areas of Florida stood in a row on many roads and streets as trees were removed from downed lines and power lines were replaced.

It would be weeks before residents in the outlying areas of the county had electricity restored.

Law enforcement officers came from all over, eventually more than 270 from Dade and Duval counties and lots of places in between. They set up a command center at the State Farmers Market with trailers and equipment visiting officers brought with them.

Just when it seemed some sense of normality would return — most people had electricity, debris was being cleared, the restart of school was scheduled and people could get gasoline again — Category 4 Hurricane Frances loomed on the horizon.

Hurricane Charley passed through in one evening and was gone, leaving behind its legacy. In contrast, Frances spent three days deluging the county, closing over 50 roads, including portions of U.S. 17 and state roads 66, 64 and 62.

Fire-Rescue boats were sent to rescue people cut off by the floodwaters. The Peace River, placid at under 16 feet, climbed to an all-time high of 22.5 feet. Charlie Creek was up to 16.84 feet, Payne Creek was up to 18 feet and Horse Creek peaked at 23 feet.

When Hurricane Ivan bypassed Hardee County, residents breathed a sigh of relief.

That didn't last long. Hurricane Jeanne only visited for 24 hours but added even more damage. "Hurricane Jeanne had the intensity of Charley, the wind and rain of Frances, but the worst damage was in the amount of water," said then Emergency Management Director Bill Muhlfeld.

Eight inches of rain in short order closed 11 roads, put 15 more under water and damaged a pair of bridges.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, along with hosts of volunteers, covered over 1,000 roofs before Hurricane Jeanne, but had to return to redo many of them after that final storm of 2004.

The effects of the unusual storm season lasted for months.

A major one, which concerned residents, was the championship Wildcat football team.

Coming off a trio of district champion seasons, Wildcat foot-

ball Coach Derren Bryan and his players faced some hard times when a light pole fell into the stadium seating, tearing welds loose. The field house was also badly damaged. It would take a few months and over \$700,000 to repair all the damages. Since that time, there have been more renovations, with one currently underway to refurbish the stadium with new paint and design and an upgraded press box.

Meanwhile, the Wildcat football team played the entire 2004 season on the road, and won all 10 games and another district championship, also improving the team's regular season win streak to 32 games. That probably did more to bring the community together and improve morale than any other happening.

Churches from Limestone to Zolfo Springs to Wauchula had steeples torn off, windows gutted and interiors damaged. All have recovered.

Debris cleanup seemed a never-ending challenge. Landfill fees were waived even as crews there had to repair their own buildings. From nine to 15 crews were out daily collecting mounds of trees, limbs, branches and shrubs torn apart by the repeated hurricanes.

After a time it became difficult to tell what was storm-related debris, such as shingles or other roofing blown off a building, soaked carpet or broken glass removed immediately after the storms. A halt was called to debris pickup after Oct. 18.

A final count of debris management costs in March 2005 just for vegetative, stumps, construction and demolition, and other debris totaled over \$7.6 million, most of it reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Contractors demolishing and rebuilding a home or business were responsible for the proper disposal of roofing, metal, block, wood, and other reconstruction debris.

Total damages on public buildings were extensive.

In the county, there was extensive damage to the courthouse and both annexes, the Agri-Civic Center Complex and Cattlemen's Arena, Pioneer Park, the Sheriff's Complex, Resthaven, and the list went on and on.

Add to that, roads and bridges and many other facilities. Each was covered by a FEMA work order, which was written, rescinded and rewritten for damages from each new hurricane. Eventually, it would climb to millions of dollars.

Wauchula's list was equally long. The Garden Center was beyond repair and was moved to the old Ausley Memorial Library building at Eighth and Palmetto. The Oak Street and Riverside parks had damages, as did Historic Wauchula City Hall, in which the seating had to be removed while extensive floor repairs were done.

In Bowling Green, the Public Works barn was destroyed and has been replaced by a metal barn and six-vehicle open storage area. A FEMA trailer used by the Fire Department at Zolfo Springs was obtained as a Public Works office.

In Zolfo Springs, wastewater plant damages resulted in a disaster management area and new wastewater plant. A special grant allowed the town to replace six homes for residents.

The biggest school damage was at Bowling Green Elementary School, which lost a dozen classrooms. They have since been replaced with a new two-story building.

For these and other changes from the 2004 hurricanes, see the related story on the FEMA recovery plan.



Wauchula Plaza on U.S. 17 South was gutted by the 140-150 mph winds of Hurricane Charley. Today, the plaza has been restored to a normal shopping plaza appearance.



The Benny Hash Plumbing building and storage building behind it on U.S. 17 South were blown apart. Although Hash has moved his business farther south on the highway, the restored buildings stand strong and ready for employees.



The packing house at the Farmer's Market was a pile of rubble when Hurricane Charley passed through the county. Today, it waits for next crew to sort and grade fresh produce.



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has been accomplished. Since late 2010, Hardee County has broadband high-speed Internet service available to everyone in the more than 600 square miles of the county.

A plan to coordinate with the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance to utilize a \$22 million federal grant to expand such service to 15 other rural Florida counties has fallen apart and is still under litigation.

Commerce Park

One of the mandates was to enhance long-term economic development by expediting the opening of the Hardee Commerce Park to create jobs, attract new employers and foster partnerships between businesses.

The 160-acre site three miles from downtown Wauchula and in the vicinity of South Florida State College was deemed an asset.

According to an Economic Impact Statement completed by John Scott Dailey and staff at the University of South Florida, a six-year study of the economic effects of the Commerce Park shows it opened in 2005 as the county was designated a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern.

The study said the direct and indirect effects of the Industrial Development Authority's project at the Commerce Park was \$161.3 million, with 133 permanent jobs and 181 indirect and induced jobs affecting 392 workers for construction, purchase of materials, transportation, their housing needs, their purchase of groceries, gas and other materials and contributing to sales-tax revenue.

Present park tenants include Scosta, Pacer Marine, Howard Fertilizer, KeyPlex, Nutrapure (originally called Organix), PFMan and, in the process, Florikan.

Affordable Housing

The mandate was to create housing and repair the estimated 500 homes lost to the hurricanes and develop a wide range of housing options.

The Best Western Hotel had been completed in 2004 shortly before the onslaught of the three hurricanes.

A massive reconstruction/renovation of housing utilized federal and state allocations, grants and other housing to restore the majority of those damaged during the hurricanes.

Forest Glade and River Chase had been completed and to this, over the next few years, were added Chatham Point on Stenstrom Road, Valencia Gardens on Fifth Avenue (U.S. 17 North) at the south end of Wauchula, Country Walk off Maxwell Road, The Palms on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Country Manor off SR 62 and the farmworker housing off SR 66 in Zolfo Springs.

In Wauchula, there was a series of duplexes and triplexes added on South Eighth Avenue and on Bell Street.

Higher Education

The mandate was to provide dual-enrollment for high school and college, vocational and agricultural training, workforce development and expansion of the educational choices available to residents.

High school students regularly can take advantage of Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes, enabling many to start their post-high school careers well on their way to their goals.

The high school offers construction, auto mechanics, agricultural and other undergraduate programs. South Florida State College on U.S. 17 South of Bowling Green, in conjunction with the main campus in Avon Park, offers a variety of practical one- and two-year programs and now offers four-year degrees as well.

Residents can get advanced education to be an electrical lineman, paramedic or emergency medical technician, long-distance truck driver, cosmetologist, nurse and many other specialties.

Highways

The mandate was to expedite the construction schedule of U.S. 17, critically needed to increase mobility for people and freight from Charlotte County north through Hardee County.

Upgrading U.S. 17 from a pair of two 12-foot lanes to four 12-foot lanes with medians and five-foot paved shoulders is nearly complete.

Work is underway to complete it within a couple of years as right-of-way acquisition and engineering on the final two portions continues. The last portion

of Sweetwater to the DeSoto County line and the realignment through Zolfo Springs may be completed by 2017.

Plans for a new east-west corridor to pass through Hardee County have stalled.

Parks

The mandate was to develop new open space and park facilities with improved ramps, restrooms, lighting, picnic tables and parking.

Hardee Lakes Park had officially opened in early 2004 for bank and boat fishing, hiking and other primitive activities. By last month, the park had 62 RV camping sites and is now open seven days a week.

There are many smaller parks and recreational activities available for residents and visitors. Peace River Park east of Wauchula offers primitive camping and nature hikes, and there are several canoe-launching opportunities along Peace River.

Unfortunately, in Oak Street Park at the tennis courts, the downtown Heritage Park, Magnolia Manor and others, restroom availability is limited because of repeated vandalism and theft. These are unlocked when there are specific scheduled community activities at these parks.

Heritage

The mandate was to create tourism opportunities.

One of the biggest assets has been renovation and reconstruction at the historic Wauchula Train Depot, where there is now an art gallery, gift shop and visitor information center. It provides tourists with information on fossil hunting, bird watching, biking and other activities.

There is a similar plan being considered for the restored Bowling Green depot.

Upgrade Public Safety

The mandate was to create and improve countywide public safety for emergency medical and fire services, 911 communication and law enforcement operation.

Communication is now handled through the Hardee County Sheriff's Office E-911 system, with dual coordination with municipal and county law enforcement as well as all fire or rescue services.

The main Hardee County Fire-Rescue station in Wauchula is renovated and fully staffed with newly hired Fire Chief James Stillwagon and Deputy Chief Dale Deleacaes.

The Zolfo Springs station, which was completely destroyed in the hurricanes, was reopened as a combined police and fire station. The Sheriff's Office now provides patrol and response through that outpost.

In Bowling Green, since the station there was destroyed by the hurricanes, Fire-Rescue continues its two-man operation out of the "temporary" FEMA trailer at Pyatt Park, but plans are underway to construct a new station there.

Finished Business

Each of the communities has done significant upgrades to their water/wastewater systems. In the county, Vandolah and Wauchula Hills Wastewater plants operate and the Wauchula Hills system has included replacement and water/sewer systems to residents negatively affected by nitrate infiltration.

Wildcat Stadium and other athletic facilities have not only been repaired but improved. The new Wildcat Den at the junior high campus provides opportunities for youth football players and cheerleaders.

The Cattlemen's Arena, as well as the rest of the Agri-Civic Center Complex, was rebuilt and amenities added.

Resthaven, the community adult living facility/retirement home east of Wauchula, was closed for over six months for repairs and air quality issues but reopened and continues to serve area residents.

The Nickerson-Ullrich building at Pioneer Park, which was flattened by the storms, has been rebuilt, along with repairs to the nearby Wildlife Refuge and other park buildings. One plan, only in the consideration stages, is to replace the old pool area with a water slide or similar activity for children.

Unfinished Business

Tentative plans for a regional cargo airport fell apart with the national economic crises of the past few years.

While Florida Hospital has become one of the best, nationally recognized community hospitals for its excellent care, plans to build a new facility at its property off REA Road east have been put on the back burner.



The OK Tire Store on U.S. 17 North lost its roof and was filled with scattered debris. Today, the refurbished building is ready for customers.



The Subway Sandwich Shop at U.S. 17 and Stenstrom Road was torn apart by the hurricane. It later moved north to the Wal-Mart Plaza and has been replaced by the modern Dunkin' Donuts and nearby water dispenser.



County Commission Pulls Proposed Raises

By MICHAEL KELLY

Of The Herald-Advocate

In an effort to make up for nearly \$1 million from a budgeting error and unexpected shortfall in cash carry forwards, the Hardee County Commission has decided to pull the proposed two percent raises for all employees to help balance the budget.

A \$500,000 contribution from the mining fund was counted twice and \$250,000 in expected revenue from the sale of a tower easement — which has been put on hold temporarily — have been pulled out of the proposed 2014-15 budget and must be offset with reduced spending.

Various changes made during the fourth days of budget workshops in July also increased

spending by about \$250,000.

Cutting the raises out of the budget will save the county \$282,000 next year. The remainder of the cuts will come from contingency funds and fund balances.

Previously the budget had a five percent contingency level and an 11 percent fund balance, both of which were on the low end of recommended levels.

Pulling money out of reserves and moving it into operating expenses for next year will result in just under a nine percent fund balance and only 2.5 percent in contingency funds.

Commissioners could only cut expenses to balance the budget instead of raising taxes because the TRIM tax notices had already been mailed out and

the proposed mileage rate of 8.8991 can only be lowered at this point.

Commissioner Mike Thompson said he was hoping to lower the mileage rate but was out of ideas of where the budget could be cut at this point.

Chairman Rick Knight commended the staff for making the necessary cuts to balance the budget. He said he wanted to give employees the 2 percent raise but felt it had to be taken out of the proposed budget to offset the decreased revenue.

The 2014-15 budget, for the fiscal year which begins Oct. 1, must first pass two public hearings in September before it is adopted.

The proposed budget is at \$48

million versus the current budget of \$51.8 million. Most of the reduction is because the county does not expect to receive as many grants in the coming year. Taxable values were also down 3.5 percent on average across the county.

Commissioners are proposing using the roll back rate for Ad Valorem or property taxes, which will assess a 4 percent higher mileage rate to offset the decrease in taxable values but will collect the same amount of revenue.

Commissioners Sue Birge and Grady Johnson did not attend the workshop last Wednesday.

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White ribbons hold the hard-earned pins of new dental assistants (from left) Erika Sullivan, Ashley Norton, Carmen Molina and Itsel Miranda.

Pinning Ceremony Honors Radiography Graduates

Twelve graduates of South Florida State College's Associate in Science degree in Radiography program were honored in a traditional pinning ceremony on July 23 in the University Center Auditorium on the main campus in Avon Park.

The graduates were Ashley Hughes and Paulino Sergio of Hardee County and Courdey Atmore, Sabrina Keckler, Yesenia Alvarez, Carie McGarity, Heather Bass, Lizbeth Marin, Caliandra Figueiredo, Alex Torres, Kristin Johnson and Beatriz Vargas.

Manuel Colon, a 2010 graduate of SFSC's radiography program and a certified radiologic technologist and clinical instructor at Florida Hospital Heartland, was the keynote speaker. He shared his pride in

completing his degree at SFSC and commended the graduates on their accomplishment.

During the ceremony, graduates accepted their radiography pins from Rebecca Sroda, dean of health sciences programs at SFSC. "We are very proud of the 12 students honored at the pinning ceremony," Sroda said. "They worked and studied very hard, persevered during times of adversity, and truly earned the right to wear their professional pins."

"After jumping over the last hurdle of passing the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists certifying exam, they will have achieved their goal of joining the ranks of the highly employable health-care force," she said.

Special awards were presented by Junior Gray, director of radiography at SFSC, to Sabrina Keckler for Academic Excellence and Lizbeth Marin for Clinical Excellence.

"All of the program's graduates displayed excellence in all technical areas, placed great emphasis on cooperation, and performed all tasks with confidence," Gray added.

SFSC offers a two-year Associate in Science degree program in radiography. Graduates can become certified radiologic technologists by passing the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national certification examination.

For more information about SFSC's radiography program, contact Gray at (863) 784-7347 or junior.gray@southflorida.edu.

New Dental Assistants 'Pinned' At Ceremony

Seven graduates of South Florida State College's Dental Assisting program were honored in a traditional pinning ceremony on July 17 in the SFSC University Center Auditorium, Highlands Camp-us.

The graduates were Ashley Norton of Ona, Itsel Miranda of Wauchula and Lavette Coleman, Temikia Jones, Patricia Lopez, Carmen Molina and Erika Sullivan.

Keynote speaker Dr. Marc Sander, a local dentist, complimented the students on their commitment to the field of dentistry and expressed how proud he is of the graduates.

"The impact that you all can have as a dental assistant goes far beyond chair-side assisting and sterilization," Sander said. "Few professions can improve not only the physical health of patients, but can emotionally and psychologically change a patient's life for the better. Not only will you be helping to restore a patient's dental health, but you will be helping to give

your patients new-found self-confidence."

During the ceremony, graduates accepted their dental assisting pins from Dr. Deborah Milliken, chair of SFSC's dental education program. Bob Sconyers, dental education instructor, then delivered the dental-assisting oath to the graduates.

"Dental assisting is an exciting and ever-changing field," Milliken said. "With all the new products and techniques coming out of dental research, it takes a well-trained assistant to be ready to adapt and prepared to work with new materials and techniques that the dentists want to use. One of our primary goals for our students is to learn how to modify proven techniques to new situations."

"This year's dental assisting students had a great year," instructor Sconyers said.

"Every student in the dental-assisting program passed the Orthodontic Expanded Duties Competency exam and will receive certification. Also, the

prospects for employment this year are great. This is the first year that we have more jobs being offered than students to take them."

SFSC offers an 11-month occupational certificate program in dental assisting. Upon completing the program successfully, graduates can become Certified Dental Assistants by passing the Dental Assisting National Board exam and can qualify for Expanded Functions Dental Assisting Certification as well as Orthodontic Assistant Certification.

SFSC also offers a two-year Associate in Science degree program in dental hygiene. Upon completing SFSC's dental hygiene program, graduates become dental hygienists by passing the National Dental Hygiene Board examination and the Florida State Clinical Licensure examination.



Twelve graduates officially became radiologic technologists by accepting their radiography pins in a July 23 ceremony. Shown (from front left) are Sabrina Keckler, Courdey Atmore, Paulino Sergio, Carie McGarity and Lizbeth Marin; (back) Ashley Hughes, Beatriz Vargas, Alexandra Torres, Heather Bass, Caliandra Figueiredo, Kristin Johnson and Yesenia Alvarez.

Register Now For SFSC Fall Term

Registration for South Florida State College's 2014 fall term continues through Aug. 21.

Classes for the regular 16-week session will meet Aug. 22 through Dec. 17, classes for the first eight-week flex session will be Aug. 22 through Oct. 17, and classes for the second eight-week flex session are Oct. 20-Dec. 17.

New students may apply for admission to the college by clicking the "Apply Now" button at the top of the college's website at www.southflorida.edu. They may also visit the Welcome Center at the Highlands Campus or stop in at the Hardee or DeSoto campuses or Lake Placid Center.

Returning students may register and pay for classes through the college portal, Panther Central. The SFSC fall 2014 Sched-

ule of Classes also is available online.

SFSC offers two-year Associate Degree programs and numerous occupational training programs for people who wish to enhance their employability skills through shorter courses of study.

The college also is launching its Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree programs as well as a bioenergy program.

Financial aid is available to those who are qualified. For more information about financial assistance and scholarships, contact the Financial Aid Office at (863) 784-7134. For further information about registration, call the Hardee Campus at 773-3081.



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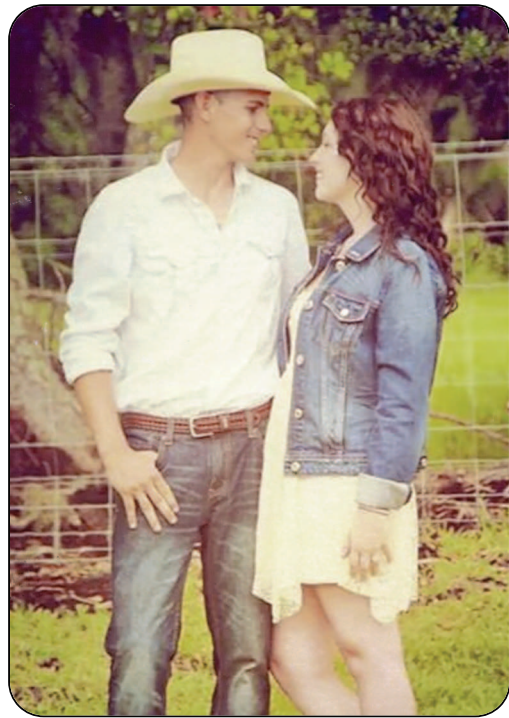
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Taylor Barlow and Christa Earls

Christa Earls To Wed Taylor Barlow

Christa Earls of Wauchula, has announced plans for her marriage to Taylor Barlow of Wauchula.

The bride-elect is the daughter of D. R. and Shannon Masten of Lake Placid. She is a 2013 graduate of Trauss Vocational Technical School.

The prospective groom, the

son of Bubba and Cindy Barlow of Wauchula, is a 2011 Hardee High graduate.

The couple are parents of Grace Lynn Barlow, born April 4, 2014.

Plans are being made for an Oct. 25 wedding at Luptors Boggy Bottom Ranch in Plant City.

LDS Wauchula Branch Welcomes Missionaries

Adapting to life in Hardee County shouldn't be too difficult for newly arrived Emily Yoshikawa, a native of Aurora, Colo. She has lived in six states as her family of eight has moved around the United States.

But this is a special 18-month assignment in Florida, and her mission is very important to her. She is serving in the newly formed Wauchula Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with her companion, Danielle Lauricella.

Danielle Lauricella, is from Agua Dulce, Calif., a town a lot like Wauchula. She is the fifth

of seven kids, and she used to like to run in the back trails of her hometown.

Now, however, she doesn't have time to run, as she is working with the Hispanic congregation, using her newly honed second language, Spanish. "I love being able to communicate with a wider range of people. Spanish is a beautiful language. The gospel of Jesus Christ is for everyone, and I love being able to share that with the Hispanic community."

Sister Lauricella goes on to say, "It's hard to leave everything behind for 18 months, but

we do it because we know the message we share is true. It helps strengthen faith in Christ, it helps us have stronger family ties and, ultimately, it brings peace and happiness into our personal lives."

Back home, Sister Yoshikawa was very involved in wrestling and was a competitive golfer. Third of six kids, she loves to try new things, including trying to learn Spanish to accomplish work in a bilingual congregation.

"Despite the language barriers, there's an unmistakable feeling of peace and love within the

walls of church, which is God speaking through us through the language of the spirit," she says. "It is amazing to see everyone come together with diverse backgrounds and allow Heavenly Father to speak to them all individually this way."

"We work with a bilingual congregation. It's challenging, but we work together in unity. We walk a lot around town. If you ever see us, feel free to stop and say, 'Hi,' and ask us questions! We are here to help and invite people to come and see!"



COURTESY PHOTO

Danielle Lauricella and Emily Yoshikawa are Spanish-speaking missionaries assigned to Wauchula for 18 months.

Underwood Earns Dual Degrees

Former Wauchulan Thomas Carlton Underwood recently received a pair of bachelor degrees.

The son of the late John Thomas Underwood, and Carissa Underwood Timmons and her husband Joel Wayne Timmons, Thomas received his bachelor degrees in nuclear engineering and physics from the University of Florida at its graduate ceremonies on May 3.

He is also the grandson of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Underwood of Wauchula.

Currently doing a summer fellowship with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Langley, Va.,

in September Thomas will begin his graduate work at Stanford University, a private research and teaching institution in Stanford, Calif.



Underwood

BG Couple Celebrates 62nd Wedding Anniversary

Edward L. "Lee" and Annie Farmer of Bowling Green celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary with a family trip to the famed honeymoon destination of Niagara Falls.

The couple were wed on June 3, 1952.

Lee Farmer said of the trip, "If you have never been there, you are missing a great wonder of the world! You can spend a lot of time there for there's a lot to see."

Farmer noted the falls have moved seven miles "since they have been keeping up with it."

The Farmers viewed Niagara Falls from both sides, traveling into Canada, where they also visited Montreal and stayed in a lodge.

"We toured Quebec, and it was wonderful," Farmer said.

The Farmers said most people there spoke French, but can converse in English as well. Road signs are in French, and the money exchanges at a rate of 92 cents to the U.S. dollar.

They enjoyed cool weather, and attending church were the service was translated into English.

In all, the trip with one of their sons and daughters-in-law was a grand anniversary celebration.

Lee Farmer is 83 and Annie Farmer is 78. All of their children have given them four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



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Lee and Annie Farmer on their anniversary travels to New York and Canada.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Kintner, Zolfo Springs, an eight-pound, 15-ounce son, Joshua Barrett Kintner, born June 14, 2014, Florida Hospital, Sebring. Mrs. Kintner is the former Crystal Magee. Maternal grandparents are David and Wanda McGee of Zolfo Springs. Paternal grandparents are Chuck Kintner of Winter Haven and Marcia Hulsey of Fort Meade. Paternal great-grandmother is Joan Fennell of Auburndale.

Birth announcements will be published free of charge within three months of the date of birth. A photo of the infant—as a newborn only—may be added at no cost. Any other photo of the baby will cost \$15.

Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green!

There was so much talk on television about the big full moon that I'm sure you all went to your porches last Sunday night to enjoy the sight. I could not really tell much difference!

It is always great to see Gary and Ginny Oden at church. They are truly a remarkable couple.

My sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Cox. Mary made her final journey last week. We attended the First Christian Church when Jimmy was the pastor. They were our "young married" teachers and we spent many a night at someone's home around the old piano singing or playing games after a delicious meal. They were just a part of my young adult life and good memories.

My sincere sympathy is also extended to the family of Adam Hash. His Mother made her final journey and she will be missed.

And the last sympathy is extended to the TJ Waters family. His life was snuffed out to early and I truly feel for his parents and family. His services were held at Fort Green Baptist and the church was full. There were a lot of teenagers there and it was a sad time for them.

My granddaughter, Kaylee Hogenauer, turned 15 on Aug. 4 and she was down at the driver's license getting her beginner's license that afternoon. Probably next August she will be just as prompt wanting the "real thing." Sherman is recuperating from

his surgery. He said this was worse than his cancer surgery.

Last Thursday, Tom, Rita and Melissa Plummer stopped to spend the night at the Sasser home. They had been to Disney and wanted to visit with their Wauchula family on the way home to Miami. Todd Silverman, Rita's dad, came up from Miami to have supper with us all. We had a full table of over 10 relatives and it was very good to see them. I had not seen Rita in at least 12 years and possibly more. If you are fortunate enough to have family, you need to spend as much time with them as possible.

Sandy Hash brought us some home-made delicious chicken noodle soup last week and delicious banana bread. I can go by the same recipe that Sandy uses and my banana bread does not taste like hers. She is a good friend and good cook. When I know of someone who is under the weather, I just usually think what I will do for them and end up doing nothing!

Sandy and I worked together at Gardinier Big River. My Mama always said after you got out of school you made your friends at work or at church and as usual, "Mama is right!"

Happy birthday wishes go to Ashlee Harrison this week as she and my Mama shared the same date, Aug. 12. I don't know if other people remember the dates that were always important to you when they come around like I do or not.

Courtney Alexander said she would be going to college soon.

I am sure this is an exciting time for her. I've been told that young people face many trials at college even though it is a fun time in their lives.

Tina Owens is still out sick and is taking rehabilitation. Earl Bargeron had cataract surgery last week and is anticipating the other eye this week. All went well for him. He and Mary enjoyed going to the Gulf State

Quartet sing last Saturday with Charles and Lynda Abbott. Earl is getting where it is hard for him to see at night and he hesitates to venture into other cities. He can see well enough around here to go places at night. Of course, the singing was good and they said the pastor of that church was on fire for the Lord.

Walter Olliff is still under the weather and I understand he en-

joys company on the days he does not get treatments.

There are plenty of comments on whether the U.S. did right in bringing the Ebola patients here or not. I just think the disease is a sign of the times, all the pesticide and diseases we can anticipate.

Please pray for one another and our nation.

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Mosaic Company recently donated \$100,000 to The American Red Cross to support its "Prepare Florida" campaign. "Prepare Florida" is a statewide campaign that will mobilize communities to be better prepared in the face of disaster. Pictured from left are: Richard Ghent, Mosaic public affairs; Linda Carbone, CEO of Florida's West Coast Region American Red Cross; Bo Davis, Mosaic Sr. vice president of phosphate operations; Martha Monfried, Mosaic vice president public affairs -- phosphates; Ann Marie Welty, American Red Cross major gifts officer and Diana Youmans, Mosaic manager of public affairs.

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Cornelius Adds Master's Degree

Miranda Dawn Cornelius has created an exciting future in recently completing her master's degree.

The 2007 Hardee Senior High graduate, the daughter of Jeff and Beverly Cornelius of Wauchula, will enter the fall semester at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y. to participate in an interpreting apprenticeship.

She received her master's in American Sign Language/English Interpreting on Aug. 1 from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville in a graduation ceremony attended by her family and friends at the North Florida Arena.

She had previously earned her bachelor's in communications sciences and disorders interpreting training in 2010 from the University of South Florida in Tampa. She immediately began

freelance interpreting and became a collegiate professor at Daytona State College in Daytona Beach.

While working toward her master's degree, she was also employed as a sign language interpreter at Universal Studios for its yearly concert series.



Cornelius

Way Back When

This week in history, as researched from the archival pages of The Florida Advertiser, the Hardee County Herald and The Herald-Advocate ...

75 YEARS AGO

Most of the delay in the payment of "Jobless" benefits is due to a lack of Social Security account numbers on the wage reports of employers, according to Fred B. Bradshaw, director of the State Unemployment Compensation Division.

Final details of a suggested 1939-40 advertising program on Florida's fresh citrus fruits are being worked out this week by Arthur Kudner, Inc., advertising agency of the Florida citrus commission, in preparation for a meeting next Tuesday, Aug. 22, at which the agency will present its proposals for the first time.

Considerable uncertainty relative to the WPA and certification seems to exist in the public mind so that a statement from Clayton C. Codrington, welfare commissioner, seems necessary in order that the people of Florida can be apprised of the facts.

50 YEARS AGO

Wayne Gibson 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gibson of Fort Meade, was killed instantly Monday afternoon in a tractor accident in a grove owned by Albert Carlton, west of Wauchula

Wauchula's Explorer Scouts voted last week to give their prehistoric mammoth fossil to the Smithsonian Institution in return for a fiberglass casting of the animal.

Airman First Class Grady W.

Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Daniels of rural Wauchula, has graduated from the technical training course for U.S. Air Force dental laboratory specialists at Gunter AFB, Ala.

25 YEARS AGO

The Wauchula City Council Monday night discussed the controversial issue of closing down the city police department and buying law enforcement service from the county sheriff's office.

The Hardee County Commission on Thursday approved Tuesday, Oct. 24, for a county-wide referendum for a one-cent sales tax for 15 years to be used to build a new county jail.

The Hardee County Commission by a 3-2 vote Thursday approved partial rezoning to allow a new shopping center to be built north of Wauchula.

10 YEARS AGO

Noon Thursday was the first sign of Hurricane Charley. Tor-

nadoes were reported touching ground in the southeast section of Hardee County, following along the Highlands Ridge and up U.S. 17.

As soon as Charley blew out of Hardee County, helpers came flooding in. Help has come to Hardee County in many forms. Local residents and county and municipal employees have outdone themselves in nearly in round-the-clock service.

Hurricane Charley severely damaged the Hardee County citrus industry, in some groves knocking off 50 to 80 or 90 percent of the green oranges. In many groves along the hurricane's path up to 50 percent of the trees were damaged.

Hardee cattleman J.A. Clark said Monday the Hardee cattle industry sustained miles of downed fences from fallen trees from Hurricane Charley.

Corey Lambert A Finalist For Ag Achievement Award

A Hardee Countian is among three finalists selected for Florida Farm Bureau's 2014 Achievement in Agriculture Award.

Local Corey Lambert will compete against Trevor Bass of Alachua County and Doug and DeAnne Carter of Suwannee County for the top statewide honor.

The Achievement in Agriculture award recognizes members of Florida Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers program who excel in their involvement in agriculture, leadership abilities, and involvement in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations.

Applicants are between the ages of 18-35 and apply as individuals or as couples.

"We are proud to recognize the young farmers and ranchers

who go above and beyond in making a positive impact on Florida agriculture," said Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.

The Achievement in Agriculture award finalists will prepare a 120-minute presentation to showcase their operation during Florida Farm Bureau's 2014 Annual Meeting at Sawgrass Marriott Resort in Ponte Vedra Beach on Oct. 29-31.

The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting, and will receive a brand new 2015 Chevrolet Silverado courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance. The recipient will also receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2015 national Annual Meeting set for Jan. 11-14, 2015, in San Diego to represent Florida in the national competition.

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Letter To The Editor

Heavy Industry, Mining Harm A Rural Lifestyle

Dear Editor:

There is theory and there is reality. Phosphate mines own about a third of Hardee County. They regularly buy more productive farm land to be mined. National Public Radio plays cheery promos for Mosaic Corp in return for donations. Sarasota's Marie Selby Gardens feature Mosaic as a prominent sponsor.

According to Mosaic's CEO, they feed the world and leave the strip-mined land better than they found it. This is theory.

In my county, Humpty Dumpty fell from the top of a huge dragline (one of five or six) that digs up pastures and orange groves down to 70 feet. About 25 percent of my county is railed to chemical plants in other counties (the fertilizer plants are not hard to find — look for toxic gypsum stacks resembling super-sized white landfills).

What is left is pumped as a slurry of clay, sand and unknown chemical reagents back into square-mile holes called slime pits. Despite claims of making land better than naturally formed over 70 million years, smiling billboards are about all mining has to show for 100+ years of plunder.

In 2010 Hardee County officials changed over 7,000 acres of mined land from agricultural to heavy industrial land-use.

They also put mining overlays on private property making them targets for strip mining. Officials with mining conflicts have tried repeatedly to open regional garbage dumps and stick stinker industries on mined land.

The question is simple, if billboards of smiling faces canoeing down streams on mined-out Mosaic land are reality and promos sponsored by NPR and Marie Selby are reality, why the great effort to stinkerize rural Hardee County?

Humpty Dumpty fell into a slime pit. All the king's horses and all the king's men could not put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Now that is reality.

Hank Kuhlman
Fort Green

Editor's Note: Mining is going to be a fact of life in Hardee County for the next several decades. The companies purchased the land for phosphate mining and to produce fertilizer to help grow crops to feed a growing world. The Hardee County Commission about 20 years ago or more decided no chemical plants would be permitted in the county. In 1975 the state passed mandatory reclamation after mining. The old days of strip mining without reclamation are over. Today, before mining begins on a large parcel of land, a reclamation plan is in place, approved by the

County Commission. There are state and federal guidelines to meet. The phosphate industry engages biologists, botanists and environmental engineers in this reclamation process. Mosaic says finding the ideal balance between the needs of global agriculture and Florida's eco-systems is good business and essential to our quality of life. The state requires 80 percent of mined area to be covered by desirable vegetation within three years. Mosaic's goal is 100 percent vegetation within two years. Reclaimed mining land uses include uplands, agriculture such as sod, ornamentals, citrus and cattle pasture, scrub habitat, wildlife corridors, creating wetlands and stream flows, land and lakes for recreation, housing developments, golf courses and parks. Mining is often 70 feet deep, and this alters the natural shallow water system. Mining companies often hold back some rainfall to use in the mining process to reduce deep well water pumping which lessens the natural rain runoff. Modern mining often stores the topsoil and muck layers from wetlands to assist and improve reclamation. Gopher tortoises must be saved and relocated during mining. Clay settling areas no longer take decades to reclaim but can be dewatered in years. There are 16 public parks in west central Florida on formerly mined land: Balm Boyette Scrub Preserve Mountain Bike Trail in Lithia, Christina Park in Lakeland, Curtis Peterson Park in Lakeland, Dover District

Park in Dover, Edward Medard Park in Plant City, Hillsborough County Fairgrounds in Dover, Loyce E. Harpe Park in Mulberry, Mary Holland Park in Bartow, Mosaic Fish Management Area in Fort Meade, Mosaic Peace River Park in Bartow, Saddle Creek Park in Lakeland, Sanlan Ranch Campground in Lakeland, Alafia River State Park in Lithia, the 1,260-acre Hardee Lakes Park west of Bowling Green, the 8,329-acre Tenoroc Fish Management Area east of Lakeland, and the Bunker Hill Community Park in Duette. Mining isn't pretty. The county and the state need to do a good job of monitoring mining and reclamation. I believe Mosaic is interested in profits and in being a good neighbor. It is in Mosaic's best interests to reclaim its land so it has valuable uses. The old days of some mining companies being obsessed only with the bottom line are over. Henry Kuhlman is a recently retired UPS airline pilot and captain who built a nice retirement home near Hardee Lakes and does not want

heavy industry in his area. He also has a home on the Outer Banks in North Carolina. He has been critical of most local economic development decisions but is not against all development. He is a strong supporter of the environment. He says he stands for Justice, Truth, Honesty, Integrity and Skepticism. His home is in "beautiful Fort Green, home of many fifth generation residents who enjoy a nice, quiet rural life." Capt. Kuhlman is against such projects as fertilizer, garbage and entry level jobs. He is against funding start-up companies but favors expanding companies with a good track record. "Surrounding counties have brought in some good companies, like Amazon, companies you would not mind in your back yard." The county needs good jobs to help make up for the loss of opportunities on land mined for phosphate, he says. A lot of land devoted to parks does not provide many good jobs, he adds. Kuhlman also believes Hardee needs a larger, stronger mining department not funded by min-

ing fees that will keep phosphate companies on their toes. He does not think state or federal agencies can do a strong job of monitoring mining in Hardee. That responsibility rests with the county.

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TRIVIA TEST
By Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What sport was featured in the 2009 movie "Invictus"?
 2. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition known as hemophobia?
 3. MUSIC: Which well-known 1979 song contained the lyrics, "It's better to burn out than to fade away"?
 4. GEOGRAPHY: Which two countries surround the Dead Sea?
 5. ANIMALS: How many muscles does a cat have in each ear?
 6. MEDICINE: What does the old-fashioned medical term "apoplexy" refer to?
 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: When did U.S. Sen. John Glenn make an unsuccessful bid for the presidency?
 8. CARS: Which car manufacturer had a hit with the 1955 Thunderbird?
 9. GAMES: What color is the \$20 bill in the game of Monopoly?
 10. FOOD AND DRINK: What are the chief ingredients in a White Russian cocktail?
- ANSWERS**
1. Rugby
 2. Fear of blood
 3. "My My, Hey Hey," by Neil Young
 4. Israel and Jordan
 5. 32 muscles that control the outer ear
 6. Stroke
 7. 1984
 8. Ford
 9. Green
 10. Coffee liqueur, vodka and cream
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SENIOR NEWS LINE
by Matilda Charles

5-MINUTE DAILY RUN?!
I wonder about some of these studies. A new one out claims that if we run five minutes a day, we'll live a longer life. The 55,000 participants in the study (which went on for many years) ranged in age from 18 to 100. Runners had much lower risk of cardiovascular mortality, with a bonus three years tacked on to their life span. Even runners who ran approximately 51 minutes a week had this same reduced mortality. Their conclusion: Running five to 10 minutes a day results in this reduced mortality. Despite its conclusion, the research doesn't actually say "five minutes per day." The study also

didn't say why it has to be running. I wonder, too, about the people who participated. If they were healthy enough to run for a half hour, maybe they were already in a health category that would give them a longer life. In terms of impact on the body, I don't understand why a five-minute run multiple times a week is as good as a half-hour run when it comes to cardiovascular strength. This is one time I'm going to give a thumbs-down on research study suggestions, at least for us, and point to another study (2011) that calls for 15 minutes a day or 90 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity ... like walking. A brisk 30-minute walk a few times a week has benefits. Or spending time on a treadmill or stationary bicycle, or swimming in a pool. Best bet: malls that open their doors early for morn-

ing walkers. That environment is warm/cool (depending on the season), has a level surface and is safer than being out on the streets. *Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com.*

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Sports Quiz
By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2012, Texas' Yu Darvish became the fourth first-year pitcher to win at least 16 games and strike out 220 batters in a season. Name two of the first three.
 2. Of three Yankee managers who guided the club at least 10 seasons, who had the best winning percentage: Joe McCarthy, Casey Stengel or Joe Torre?
 3. Who is the only football player in NCAA Division I FBS history to surpass 4,000 yards rushing and 10,000 yards passing for a career?
 4. Two NBA players since the 1985-86 season have had six consecutive games of at least 20 points, 50 percent shooting overall and 50 percent on 3-point field goals. Name them.
 5. In how many NHL seasons has Jarome Iginla tallied at least 30 goals?
 6. Who was the first American soccer player to reach 100 international caps?
 7. Since 1900, which post position has had the most winners of the Kentucky Derby come?
- ANSWERS**
1. Pete Alexander (1911), Herb Score (1955) and Dwight Gooden (1984).
 2. McCarthy (.627 percentage), over Stengel (.623) and Torre (.605).
 3. Colin Kaepernick, at the University of Nevada.
 4. Larry Bird and Detlef Schrempf.
 5. Twelve times in 17 seasons.
 6. Marcelo Balboa, in 1995.
 7. The No. 5 post has had 13 winning horses through 2014.
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Florida Crop Update

Week Ending: August 10, 2014

High Temperatures, Scattered Rainfall

Weather Summary: According to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 3.8 inches this past week. Umatilla (Lake County) received the most rain with 3.8 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) with

3.42 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 82 percent drought free this past week. The highest temperature was 96 degrees at six locations in the State. The lowest temperature in the State was 69 degrees at three locations in the State.

Field Crops: There was an average of 6.4 days suitable for field work that was down slightly from 6.5 days the previous week. Hay continued to be cut in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida as weather permitted. Army worms caused damage in hay, pastures, soybeans, and peanuts. Peanut pegging was behind the previous year but ahead of the 5-year average. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State. Corn and corn silage harvesting continued in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida.

Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and generally heavy. All stations received some precipitation. Eighteen stations received more than an inch and ten received more than two inches. Umatilla (Lake County) received the most at 3.80 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) with 3.42 inches. Citra (Marion County) recorded the least with 0.06 inches of precipitation recorded. Daytime high temperatures were warm, reaching the low to mid 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated Aug 5, 2014, the entire citrus producing region in Florida remains drought free.

Next season's crop is progressing well. Growers and caretakers are applying summer oils, fertilizing, irrigating, and in some cases resetting new trees.

Fruit and Vegetables: Bradford County farmers were harvesting okra and southern peas (black-eyed, pink-eye, purple hull). Farmers in southwest Florida had a wet week, with scattered showers most days. They continued preparing land for fall planting and began to lay plastic. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included okra, boniato; harvested included okra, boniato, bitter melon, and malanga.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good. Pastures in the Panhandle suffered due to damage by army worms. Pastures throughout the State have received significant rain and were generally in good condition. In southwest Florida, water levels were beginning to rise in ponds, wetlands, and standing water was evident in low lying areas.

The Squeezin's

By LeAnna Himrod
Peace River Valley Citrus Growers



COMBATING THE NEGATIVITY

It is very disheartening to me to see how the main stream media portrays the Florida citrus industry to the everyday public.

To the average person, it might seem as though Florida is no longer going to have a citrus industry. I can tell you, that while times are tough right now, Florida will always have a citrus industry and here is how I know why.

Reason #1 is the passion of its people. Our growers are not going to let it dissipate. I interact with our citrus growers on a daily basis and I can assure you that they are not giving up. The majority of them are the ones spearheading the research and discovering management practices that are aiding in their production. PRVCGA's membership remains at the highest it has ever been and our members are as active on the issues as ever.

Florida Citrus Mutual's annual citrus conference hosted over 700 attendees, setting a new record of industry members in attendance. The people of our industry are not going anywhere and I am still a firm believer that a cure for citrus greening is going to come from one of our growers, because our growers are some of the most intelligent people and they know better than anyone how to grow citrus.

While the industry might be different in the future, it is still going to be intact. Growing citrus has indeed become more difficult these days and it has truly turned into a farming operation. The days of just spraying a few times a year and turning the pumps on and off are gone.

There is strong evidence that the future of our industry might consist of a large combination of growing and management techniques, such as the use of greening-tolerant rootstocks, psyllid control, antimicrobials, heat therapy, soil and water quality management, hedging and topping techniques, etc. Our growers will find a way to successfully grow citrus in an era that is continuously plagued with pest and disease.

Our industry not only counts on our growers to grow orange trees, but it involves making sure every family continues to put a carton of Florida orange juice in their refrigerator. There has been quite a bit of recent media coverage about negative health benefits from drinking orange juice and declining orange juice sales.

The Florida Department of Citrus is working hard to combat these reports with their newly developed marketing and public relations campaigns. "Florida Orange Juice: There's Amazing Inside" and "The Amazing 6: Flavor, Vitamin C, Potassium, Folic Acid, Hesperidin, and No Sugar Added" will be used to promote Florida orange juice sales in retail markets and through FDOC promotional events. Florida orange juice is not only a staple of our state, but it is part of our American culture. As Floridians, it is important that despite recent negativity, that we continue to believe in our growers and keep on drinking Florida orange juice!

2014's Best & Worst For Fun

As summer increases public use of parks, it points out how much natural and/or recreational spaces contribute to better community cohesion, property values and public health.

Consequently, WalletHub, the personal finance social media network, took an in-depth look at 2014's Best & Worst Cities for Recreation.

Three of the best are in Florida.

WalletHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities and highlighted those with the most diverse opportunities for recreation, sports and culture. It used 24 key metrics to explore a number of factors — from the cost of movie tickets and parkland acreage to the affordability of food prices and spending on parks per resident — that contribute to the overall quality of each city's offerings.

Best Cities For Recreation Worst Cities For Recreation

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Cincinnati, Ohio | 91 Irving, Texas |
| 2 Orlando, Fla. | 92 Fresno, Calif. |
| 3 Omaha, Neb. | 93 San Antonio, Texas |
| 4 Minneapolis, Minn. | 94 Houston, Texas |
| 5 Tampa, Fla. | 95 Jersey City, N.J. |
| 6 St. Petersburg, Fla. | 96 Charlotte, N.C. |
| 7 St. Louis, Mo. | 97 Fremont, Calif. |
| 8 Boise, Idaho | 98 Chula Vista, Calif. |
| 9 Buffalo, N.Y. | 99 Laredo, Texas |
| 10 Sacramento, Calif. | 100 Newark, N.J. |

Key Stats

- Madison, Wis., has 88 times more park playgrounds per capita than Laredo, Texas.
- The percentage of population with walkable park access is 3.6 times higher in San Francisco than in Charlotte, N.C.
- Hialeah, Fla., has 36 times less parkland (as a percentage of the city area) than Anchorage, Alaska.
- Washington, D.C., spends 30 times more on parks per capita than Detroit.
- Anaheim, Calif., has 94 times more coffee shops per capita than Laredo, Texas.
- Scottsdale, Ariz., has 41 times more music venues per capita than Laredo, Texas.
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• Each serving equals: 44 calories, 0g fat, 3g protein, 8g carb., 39mg sodium, 1g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1/2 Fruit.

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Good Housekeeping

HOT FRUIT SALAD

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- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, loosely packed, thinly sliced
- 1 medium pineapple, cut lengthwise into 6 wedges, with leaves attached
- 2 large bananas, each cut diagonally into thirds
- 3 medium plums, each cut in half
- 2 medium nectarines or peaches, each cut into quarters

1. In cup, stir together honey, lemon juice and 1 tablespoon mint leaves.
2. With tongs, place all fruit

pieces on grill over medium heat. Grill fruit 10 to 15 minutes, until browned and tender, turning fruit occasionally. Brush fruit with some honey mixture during last 3 minutes of cooking.

3. To serve, arrange grilled fruit on large platter; drizzle with any remaining honey mixture. Sprinkle grilled fruit with remaining mint. Serves 6.

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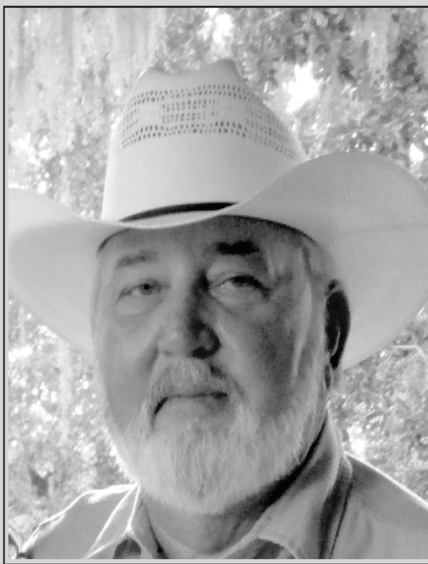
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To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: For the past eight months, I have had a twitch in the inside of my right ear. I can hear it twitching, and I can feel it. It seems to get worse when I talk on the phone (it's my phone ear), but sometimes I wake up with it twitching.

It feels like when your eye twitches, only it's inside my ear. I could liken the movement to a snapping of fingers. It's more a vibration than a crunch. I do hear a sound when it happens, similar to when you get water plugging up your ear. So it plugs/unplugs with each twitch.

I have gone to my general practitioner for help. He referred me to an ear specialist. They did a hearing test, which I passed with flying colors. Other than that, they didn't have any solution to my problem. It is very bothersome and seems to be getting worse. I think it may be stress-related, but I don't know what to do to make it stop. Can you help me?

you can have a spasm or twitch in your eye muscles — or indeed any muscle — these muscles cause a unique sound sensation in the ear when they repeatedly twitch with high frequency. The plugging/unplugging sensation is likely the Eustachian tube, which controls the pressure in the ear, opening and closing.

The bad news is that I don't know of anything to make it stop. The good news is that it won't affect your hearing. Very rarely, it can be a sign of a nerve or muscle disease, but it is likely a normal phenomenon that many people have but few notice and articulate it as well as you have.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My mother, 88 years old, recently switched her medicine for hypertension from timed release, which she has been taking for 10 years, to one that is not timed release, because the timed release was too expensive. I'm worried. Has she compromised her health by doing this? Her cardiologist gave her the go-ahead.

greater degree with the regular-release formulation. However, it does depend on the medication, and her cardiologist knows more than I do about her particular situation.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Because of my knee replacement, I am recommended to have four amoxicillin 500-mg tablets before a dental procedure. I am concerned about taking 2,000 mg every time. Is it too much?

ANSWER: Amoxicillin is a very safe medication, and a single dose of 2,000 mg is standard for people who require treatment to prevent infection. The major concern is allergy, so anyone with a documented history of reaction to penicillin-like drugs should get an alternate medication.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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—P.C.
ANSWER: This sounds like a spasm of one of the muscles that control the tension of the eardrum, the tensor tympani and stapedius muscles. These muscles protect our ears, to some extent, from loud noises. Just like

—J.R.
ANSWER: In my opinion, timed-release versions for high blood pressure are preferable to non-timed-release because the level of the medication in the blood can go up and down to a

Pages From The Past

From The Herald-Advocate Of Thursday, Aug. 15, 1968

Front-Page Headlines:

- County Hospital Ready In 1969, Chairman Says
- School Officials Seek To Buy City Land For Road
- Hardee School Board Fills About 50 Positions
- Third Rabid Coon Found In Hardee



Symbol of Bygone Era

Wauchula almost returned to the horse and buggy days this week when these two youngsters rode their Shetland pony down Main St. Bobby Lowe, 7, (front) and Jerry Criswell, 13, rode Trigger to the Hardee County Health Center where Jerry received a shot. The 3-year-old pony is owned by Bobby and his brothers, Frankie, 10, and Tommy, 11, sons of Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Lowe of Wauchula. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Criswell of Wauchula.

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Hunting Zones Change This Fall

If you hunt in Zone D, this year there are several major changes to fall hunting regulations that you need to know about. And, if your hunting spot was in the northern portion of Zone A, you might be hunting in Zone C now.

If you hunt in southern Manatee County, Sarasota County, southwest DeSoto County, west Charlotte County, southeast Okeechobee County, south St. Lucie County, Martin County or north Palm Beach County, you now have later fall hunting season dates than what you're used to, because the boundary line between the two zones has been adjusted.

The boundary line used to be State Road 70, but hunters had noted, and recent biological surveys have confirmed, that deer living in the above-mentioned areas have a breeding period that occurs later than that of most of the deer in Zone A. These deer actually have a breeding period more in line with deer living in Zone C.

It is because of this that a number of local hunters asked the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission to move the boundary line, so that all or parts of these counties would instead be included in Zone C, which has the later hunting season dates that better align with when the rut occurs in these areas.

The new boundary line between hunting zones A and C begins at the Gulf of Mexico and runs northeast through Charlotte Harbor and up the Peace River until it intersects with SR 70. The line then follows SR 70, running east until it meets U.S. 441 north of Lake Okeechobee. It then follows U.S. 441 south,

where it proceeds around the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee. The line then turns off U.S. 441 and onto SR 80 and runs just a few miles before turning east and following County Road 880, running just a few miles before joining back up with U.S. 98/441/SR 80/Southern Boulevard until it reaches the Atlantic Ocean.

This new line separating hunting zones A and C affects only the fall hunting seasons. Spring turkey season dates remain unaffected and will continue as they have been. In other words, spring turkey season south of SR 70 will continue to open the first Saturday in March, while north of SR 70 in the rest of the state, the season will continue to open the third Saturday of March.

The daily bag limit for turkeys during the spring and fall hunting seasons has been increased to two on private lands. However, you may still take only one turkey per day on wildlife management areas, and in Holmes County, the daily and season limits remain one turkey during the spring, with no fall season. In the rest of the state, the fall and spring season bag limits have not changed and are still two.

If you hunt in the Panhandle in Zone D, that zone has now been divided into two deer management units, each with its own unique set of antler regulations and antlerless deer harvest days.

This new change is part of a larger, statewide project aimed at managing deer on a more local level and providing hunters, landowners and other stakeholders a greater say in deer management.

As a result of this outreach

process and ideas provided, the FWC passed rules for both public and private lands in both of the newly created Deer Management Units in Zone D, with Interstate 10 being the dividing line between the two DMUs. North of I-10 is DMU-D2, and south of I-10 is DMU-D1.

The new regulations require that bucks harvested north of I-10 in DMU-D2 must have antlers with at least three points on one side or have an antler with a main beam length of at least 10 inches.

South of I-10 in DMU-D1, the minimum antler requirement is now two points on one side. The antler regulations in each DMU are intended to protect most 1-1/2-year-old bucks from being shot, while allowing the harvest of most 2-1/2-year-old and older bucks. Since antler development is different within the units, different antler regulations were needed to accomplish this goal.

However, youth (15 and younger) are exempt from these new antler requirements in both DMUs, and they may continue to harvest bucks that have an antler that is at least five inches long. This was important to hunters who indicated they wanted to encourage youth to hunt. These new antler regulations and youth exemption apply to both private lands and wildlife management areas within Zone D.

There are also changes to the antlerless deer season ("doe days") on private lands within Zone D.

In DMU-D2 (north of I-10), antlerless deer season is now

eight days distributed across four weekends. These weekends are the Saturday-Sunday after Thanksgiving, the first weekend of muzzleloading gun season, the third weekend of general gun season and the weekend after Christmas.

In DMU-D1 (south of I-10), the antlerless season is now four days consisting of two weekend after Thanksgiving and the one after Christmas.

The purpose of modifying the antlerless deer season is to spread out the hunting opportunity, so that more hunters could participate without reducing deer populations.

There are differences in the current deer density between the two DMUs, and that is why there are fewer days to take antlerless deer south of I-10. These changes will be monitored to measure any impacts they may have on the deer harvest and hunter satisfaction within each DMU.

The FWC's Deer Management Program has been working with the public in zones A, B and C to get preferences for DMUs within these hunting zones. Be on the lookout for proposals as a result, and you may keep up with any proposed changes at MyFWC.com/Deer. Tony Young is the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. You can reach him with questions about hunting at Tony.Young@MyFWC.com.

Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My border collie mix, "Rex," was difficult to houstrain when he was a puppy, but things smoothed out for several years. Now suddenly he's pooping all over the house again. I scold him, he looks ashamed and whines, but then it happens again. How do I retrain an old, stubborn dog?

—Clark in Kansas City
DEAR CLARK: Take Rex straight to the vet. When an adult dog that had no issues with houstraining for several years suddenly develops issues, it's not a problem of stubbornness. Something else is going on.

Incontinence is a somewhat common problem in senior dogs, as they develop various physical problems with bladder, kidneys or muscles. In adult dogs that haven't reached their expected senior age, eliminating in the house can signal an infection or other disease. In both cases, pets need to be evaluated by a veterinarian.

Working out an appropriate treatment may take additional testing and, depending on Rex's diagnosis, a bit of time to work out the right medications to give, if any. You'll also need to accommodate his problem, hopefully on a temporary basis, by setting up disposable pee pads appropriate to his size in each room he frequents.

A side anecdote: When my mother's aging German shepherd became incontinent, she rolled out spare carpet strips wherever he walked or rested. These she could clean or dispose of when he had an accident.

Train Rex to use the pads similar to his original houstraining outdoors.

It's important to keep up his routine as much as possible: Take him for his walks at the same time as usual and feed him at the same time (unless otherwise directed by the vet).

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- Top 10 Pop Singles This Week Last Week**
1. MAGIC! No. 1 "Rude"
 2. Iggy Azalea feat. Charli XCX No. 2 "Fancy"
 3. Sam Smith No. 3 "Stay With Me"
 4. Nico & Vinz No. 5 "Am I Wrong?"
 5. Ariana Grande feat. Iggy Azalea No. 4 "Problem"
 6. Maroon 5 No. 7 "Maps"
 7. Disclosure feat. Sam Smith No. 9 "Latch"
 8. John Legend No. 6 "All of Me"
 9. Sia No. 11 "Chandelier"
 10. Calvin Harris No. 10 "Summer"

- Top 10 Albums**
1. 5 Seconds of Summer new entry "5 Seconds of Summer"
 2. Soundtrack No. 5 "Frozen"
 3. Weird Al Yankovic No. 1 "Mandatory Fun"
 4. Sam Smith No. 6 "In the Lonely Hour"
 5. Kidz Bop Kids No. 4 "Kidz Bop 26"
 6. Common new entry "No-bodys Smiling"
 7. Crown the Empire new entry "The Resistance: Rise of the Runaways"
 8. Various Artists No. 8 "Now 50"
 9. Jason Mraz No. 2 "Yes!"
 10. Ed Sheeran No. 7 "X"

- Top 10 Hot Country Singles**
1. Jason Aldean No. 42 "Burnin' It Down"
 2. Florida Georgia Line No. 1 "Dirt"
 3. Kenny Chesney No. 2 "American Kids"
 4. Dierks Bentley No. 3 "Drunk on a Plane"
 5. Lee Brice No. 5 "I Don't Dance"
 6. Lady Antebellum No. 4 "Bartender"
 7. Joe Nichols No. 7 "Yeah"
 8. Florida Georgia Line feat. Luke Bryan No. 8 "This Is How We Roll"
 9. Miranda Lambert/Carrie Underwood No. 10 "Something Bad"
 10. Sam Hunt No. 12 "Leave the Night On"
- Source: Billboard

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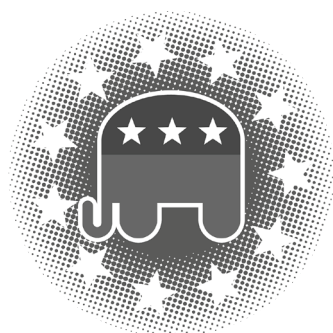
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By ALONZO HERNANDEZ
Special To The Herald-Advocate

Q: What is your full name?
A: Vincent Roger Simonetti.

Q: When were you born?
A: January 27, 1929.
Q: Where were you born?
A: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On Being Catholic At A Baptist University ...

For 25-year-old singer-songwriter Tori Harris, attending a Baptist university was the best thing that ever happened to her Catholic faith.

Though Harris grew up attending Catholic schools and seeing her parents as models of the faith, she acknowledged during a recent interview that college forced her to confront the rationality of her belief in God. She found that the worldview presented by Christianity in general — and Catholicism in particular — seemed the most truthful and consistent.

Harris recalled, "Going into a Baptist environment, there's such a historical conflict and friction between the two faith identities. It was a time in my life where I was being asked really hard questions, and had to take ownership and step up."

"And it was a boon to my friends, too. The discussions that we had were really fruitful, though we don't all agree theologically on which expression of Christianity that we identify with. My closest friends are Southern Baptists, so there's definitely disagreement there. But at the same time, we've never had more respect for each other. And there's a great love and devotion on both sides for the pursuit of truth."

Harris has chosen to pursue and share that truth through a music career that takes her around the country to speak and perform at LifeTeen camps,

parish conferences and colleges. Her latest album, "Sweet Dolor," is now reaching audiences with messages of faith, hope and healing.

Though the words "sweet" and "dolor" (translation: suffering) may seem incompatible at first, Harris noted that they've been vital to her own growth as a person and an artist. By facing her fears and carrying her cross, she's learned to trust God with everything, which can make the suffering she experiences on the road to transformation seem "redemptive and sweet."

Still, there were certain experiences in which it was a struggle to find anything redemptive: specifically, the death of her friend, Melanie, due to cancer. After Harris received the devastating news, she cried out to God, demanding consolation. The results made their way into her song "Fields of Gold."

Harris said, "The image that I got, that consoled my heart, was Christ in the Eucharist, Christ at His throne in Heaven — this knowledge that wherever Christ is in the Eucharist, so are all the Seraphim that surround the throne, so are all the angels in Heaven, and so are all the saints of the past and the present — meaning, so was my friend

Melanie. "So in this song, 'Fields of Gold,' I'm talking about being at Mass, closing my eyes in prayer, and knowing in a spiritual sense, that there were angels in the Book of Revelation. We're dancing in this field of bar-seen

ley, we're feasting on the hidden manna which is the Eucharist. We're around the throne of God. The song is talking about how, even in death, we're still not separated from those that we love because Heaven does exist. It's something that we ... can experience in the Mass," she said.

The song "King of Kings" builds on that idea because it was inspired by the part of the Mass where everyone sings "Holy, Holy, Holy." Harris explained, "That's what Scripture says the angels are singing around the throne of Heaven. So that's the point where, every time I'm at Mass, I feel most united to the communion of saints."

Winning souls for that communion of saints, especially among teens, remains a goal that Harris seeks to accomplish through her music.

For a free copy of "Practicing Patience," write: The Christophers, 5 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10004; or e-mail: mail@christophers.org.



Light One Candle

By Tony Rossi
The Christophers

We're dancing in this field of bar-seen

Q: What was your first car?
A: A 1934 Ford two-door sedan.
Q: How did you get around town?
A: In a streetcar, that is like a train.
Q: Were there any electronics as you were growing up, and what were they?
A: A cash register and a radio.
Q: Where did you live as a child?
A: In a single-family home in Minneapolis.
Q: Was your family wealthy?
A: No, it was a middle-class family.
Q: Where did you learn how to drive and at what age did you learn?
A: His father taught him at the age of 15.
Q: Were you ever bullied at school?
A: He never was bullied at school.
Q: At what age did you get your license?
A: At the age of 15.
Q: Did you go to college, and what college did you attend?
A: Yes, and he went to St. Thomas

College.
Q: What was your first job and how much did you get paid?
A: General labor at the University of Minnesota, and he got paid 60 cents an hour.
Q: Did you like going to school and why or why not?
A: Yes, he had a great time and had lots of friends.
Q: What career job did you have?
A: He had an administrative position at a national company.
Back In Time
Back In Time is the result of a class assignment given to ninth graders at Hardee Senior High School. Each student is asked to interview an older person. Selected interviews are published here as an encouragement to the students and for the enjoyment of our readers.

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About me:

Sue Green Birge. Raised in a strict, Christian environment with a family of nine, (parents Jesse and Mildred Green). I was taught early in life the importance of a good work ethic. Growing up in a large family makes you a survivor. We learned responsibilities early!

Three things were very important:

- Work
- School
- Church

If you wanted to prosper and do well you didn't miss any of them! All three of these influences taught me to be a **builder**. I was expected to **foster goodwill** and advancement in our government, **believe** in our leaders and our workers and challenge each other to do more each day.

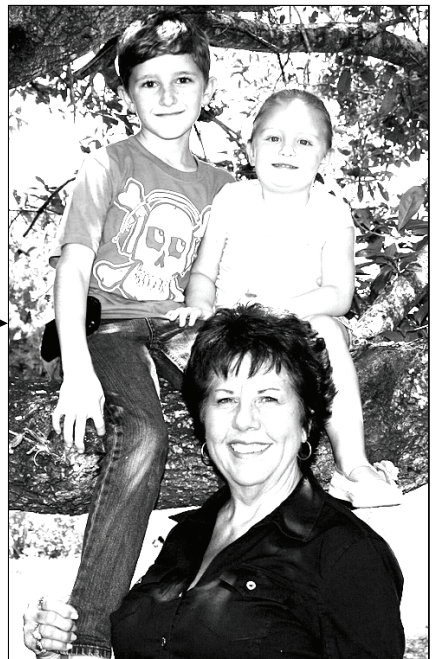
My daughter, Joya and my son Bryan have given me four wonderful grandchildren. My sisters, all five of us known as the Green Sisters live and have worked right here in Hardee County. Our Christian heritage and this county remains a very important part of our lives.

A snapshot of my community involvement:

- Florida's First Assembly
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- A mom with a heart for our children and their future
- A woman of faith who seeks higher counsel



Thank You! Sue Birge, Hardee County Commissioner District Two.

Men's Softball Continues Play

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

There's just a couple of weeks left in the regular season for the 2014 Men's Community Softball League.

Teams were able to get games in last week despite the afternoon and evening showers. Little has changed in the standings. Mosaic continues undefeated at 11-0 and Gilliard Fill Dirt is in a strong second place with a 10-1 record.

Behind them are III Ranches, R&G Labs/New Era, Peace River Electric Cooperative Inc. (PRECo), Barbaro Calves Drafting, Bayside Community, Hardee Motor Co. and the Disciples.

In the 6:45 game on Field 4 last Tuesday, Mosaic downed Hardee Motor 23-8.

Jason Johnson paced Mosaic with four trips to home plate. Austin Helms, Michael Carte and Jerry Albritton joined in with three runs apiece. Dominic Allen, Will and Silverio Gambo had twin tallies for Hardee Motor, with Jose Lucho and Mike Davila adding solo scores.

In the Field 4 game at 8:15, III Ranches won 16-6 over Bayside.

Kyle Cobb, Seth McGee, Jake Bolin, Chris Johnson and Caleb Saunders had dual scores and Fred Hodges, Lincoln Saunders, Will Tyson, Mark McGee, Bobby Caraway and Tyler Alder

added solo tallies for III Ranches. Willie Gilliard, Dalton, Travis Simpson, Sam Rivera, Daniel Garcia and Jermaine King scored for Bayside.

Meanwhile, on Field 3, Gilliard and Barbaro were locked in a battle in the early game, with Gilliard coming out on top 22-18.

Brent Gilliard topped his team with four trips around the base paths. Maria Tamayo, Ruben Rivas, Tim Murphy and L.P. each added three scores. Elias Rivera had the heavy bat for PRECo with five hits and five trips to home plate. Ricky Wiggins and Roy Rodriguez each added three runs.

In the Field 3 nightcap, PRECo nipped R&G/New Era 10-8.

Kyle Long circled the bases three times for PRECo. Leadoff batter Brian Alexy added two runs. Yogi Mendoza and Kody Porter each had twin tallies for R&G, with Brandon Holton, Mikey Retana, Vally Vasales and Colton Mills adding a run apiece.

Last Thursday, Barbaro outlasted Hardee Motor 26-25 in the opening game on Field 3.

Rivera and Rodriguez were each four-score batters for Barbaro. Brandon Franks and Wiggins added three scores apiece. Gambo, Lalo, Will, Allen, Lucho and Lee Criswell were all three-hit batters for Hardee

Motor.

In the Field 3 late game, III Ranches won 35-19 over PRECo.

Alden and Caraway were five-hit batters for III Ranches. Hodges had four trips to home plate. Jamie Holcomb and Long led PRECo with a trio of tallies apiece while Brian Alexy, Vent Crawford, Brian Pohl and Van Crawford chipped in with two apiece.

Over on Field 4, Gilliard won the 6:45 game over Bayside 25-11.

Lamar Gilliard paced his team with five scores, while Jessie Rivera had four runs and Cody Gullatt, Brent Gilliard and Brek McClenithan each added three more. Jesus Rodriguez and Dalton each had three runs for Bayside, with Andrew Hinojosa, Travis Simpson, Emmanuel Rivera, Greg Juarez and Jeremy adding a run each.

In the 8:15 game on field 4, R&G/New Era won 17-10 over the Disciples.

Jeremy Mendoza, Josh Rickett, Yogi Mendoza, Will, Howie Mathews and Matt Grugle each crossed home plate twice for R&G, while Porter, Holten, Retana, Vasales and Mills added solo scores. For the Disciples, it was Rich Taylor, Eli Herrera and Ricky with twin tallies and Aaron Briones, Keith Simpson, Michael Dixon and Brandon with solo scores.

Softball Women Start Tourney

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

As the season winds down, the 2014 Women's Church Softball League is ready to start its single-elimination post-season tourney.

Although it didn't play last week, Reality Ranch has dominated play all season and is still undefeated.

New Hope Baptist, which had been in second place, split its games last week and is at 4-2, along with Wauchula First Methodist, which was also idle last week.

Behind the top quartet are San Alfonso Chapel, First Christian Church and Florida First Assembly.

New Hope was in a double-header last week. In the opening game last Tuesday night, New Hope lost to San Alfonso 24-4.

San Alfonso opened with five runs and added 10 more in the third inning, three in the fourth and a final half dozen in the fifth inning. Kourtney Henderson had the heavy stick with four hits and four runs. Lori Henderson added three runs.

For New Hope, it was Taylor Storey with a first-inning tally and Tammy Norris, Kaylee Barberee and Kim Benavidez with runs in the fourth inning.

New Hope bounced back to win the Tuesday nightcap 26-6 over First Assembly.

Leadoff batter Joy Gilliard circled the bases four times for New Hope. Melanie Henderson, Morgan Norris, Krystin Chapman and Kaylee Barberee each chipped in with triple tallies.

Senida Garcia and Brooke each crossed home plate twice for First Assembly, with April Lozano and Caylah Coker adding a run apiece.

The only game last Thursday night was a barn-burner marathon, with First Christian cavorting past First Assembly 46-38.

Amber Franks, Penny McGuire and Brooke Tyson each put a half dozen runs on the board for First Christian. Sarah Leimeister and Selle Benavidez added five runs apiece.

First Assembly countered with five runs by Ally Simpson and four apiece by Rachel Coker, Lozano, Melinda Nickerson, Gemi Saunders and Garcia.



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FWC Hosts Public Workshop On Snapper

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission is hosting a Gulf of Mexico red snapper workshop Aug. 11 in St. Petersburg for recreational stakeholders.

The purpose is to discuss state and federal management of recreational red snapper. The workshop will also explore potential future approaches to managing this fishery in an effort to ensure optimal access for Florida's resident and visiting anglers.

Anglers who would like to share their ideas and help improve management are encouraged to attend.

The meeting is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fish & Wildlife Research Institute, third-floor conference room, 100 Eighth Ave. S.E., St. Petersburg.

Red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico off Florida are managed by the FWC in state waters (from shore to nine nautical miles) and by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council in federal waters (beyond nine nautical miles).

These snapper are largely harvested in federal waters, but also occur and are harvested recreationally in state waters off Northwest Florida.

Because of management con-

straints, the federal season has consistently been shortened for several years in a row, even though the recreational quota, or total poundage of fish that could be caught by anglers, has increased and the red snapper population has improved.

This year's federal season was the shortest yet, at nine days. Florida's state season was 52 days.

The FWC is seeking input from recreational anglers about how to better manage recreational harvest of this species at the state and federal level while continuing to rebuild the fishery.

Several management options are being considered. Options include sector separation, which entails dividing the federal recreational red snapper quota into separate private-angler and for-hire quotas; an individual fishing quota program for federally permitted charter and head boats, similar to the existing program for commercial vessels, which allots a specific portion of fish to individual vessels; and regional management, in which the recreational fishery in federal waters could be managed on a state-by-state basis.

These workshops offer members of the public an opportunity to share their expectations for the red snapper fishery and their ideas on potential management options for state and federal waters.

Call (850) 487-0554 or e-mail Marine@MyFWC.com for more information.

Depot Gets Tourism Grant

Peace Rivers Explorations is combining work on a visitor's guide and planning for an Aug. 28 Open House.

Jessica Prescott, executive director for PRE, which is located at the historic Wauchula Train Depot, announced late last week that the tourism group has received a grant, will be kicking off new hours of operation and is busy with much more planning.

The Train Depot houses an art gallery, gift shop and visitor information center operated by PRE and volunteers. PRE seeks to promote Hardee County and the Peace River through education, advertising and events.

The open-house event from 5 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 28 will feature an old-fashioned soda shot

theme, complete with free hand-made shakes and malts served from the vintage Bee-son's Drug Store counter that is on display at the Depot.

VISIT Florida, the state's official source for travel planning, has awarded a 2 cultural, heritage, rural and nature marketing grant to PRE for the 2014-15 fiscal year which began July 1.

"We were pleased that VISIT Florida selected us from among a large number of grant applicants during their most competitive grant cycle to date," said Prescott.

"The purpose of these grants is to help non-profit entities and local governments stretch their tourism marketing dollars in an effort to expand cultural, heritage, rural and nature tourism

activities in Florida," said Will Secombe, president and CEO of VISIT Florida.

"These funds will be used to produce a comprehensive Hardee County Visitors Guide and help us better position and market Hardee County and the Peace River as a desirable destination," explained Prescott.

The work has begun by surveying and photographing Hardee County businesses to be included in the visitor's guide.

PRE seeks to promote the county and Peace River through education, advertising and events, including a variety of classes. Check out the facebook page, email peaceriverexplorations@gmail.com or call Prescott at 863-767-9999 for more information.

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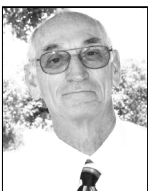
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Crime Blotter

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

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Aug. 10, Marina Lucero Villafranca, 18, of 1922 Stansfield Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Ryan Abbott and charged with battery.

Aug. 10, a vehicle stolen on John Holt Road and thefts on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and on U.S. 17 North were reported.

Aug. 9, Gilbert Carmona, 22, of 1211 SR 64 W., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Cesar Medina and charged with battery, criminal mischief — damage to property, burglary with assault or battery and violation of probation.

Aug. 9, a tag stolen on Reynolds Avenue was reported.

Aug. 8, a residential burglary on Deerwood Drive, and thefts on East Main Street, Fourth Street West and Riverside Drive were reported.

Aug. 7, Jermaine Edward Adams, 31, of 802 Heather Noel Court, Brandon, was arrested by Capt. Andrew Rigney on a charge of withholding support of children.

Aug. 7, Robert Aulthora Gallegos, 25, of 803 Pleasant Way, Bowling Green, was arrested by Capt. Andrew Rigney on a charge of failure to appear in court.

Aug. 7, Ronald Kilpatrick, 34, of 202 Walton Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by the Drug Task Force (DTF) and charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Aug. 7, Michael Edward McCoy, 41, of 720 Avon St., Bowling Green, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aug. 7, Lacy Kay McCoy, 36, of 4677 Starke Ave., Bowling

Green, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aug. 7, thefts on Seventh Street West and on Murphy Road were reported.

Aug. 6, Kari Lynn Richardson, 45, of 124 W. Grapefruit St., Wauchula, was arrested by Capt. Andrew Rigney on a charge of failure to appear in court.

Aug. 6, Conzuelo Valdiviez, 35, of 1300 East Ave., Carrizo Springs, Texas, was arrested by Capt. Andrew Rigney on two counts of failure to appear in court.

Aug. 6, criminal mischief on Lake Branch Road, and thefts on Rigdon Road, Heard Bridge Road, Finch Drive and River Road were reported.

Aug. 5, Marcel Louis Melton, 30, of 694 Honeysuckle St., Wauchula, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine, two counts possession of New Legend drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and withholding support of children.

Aug. 5, Malaycia Rivers, 21, of 510 South Road, Wauchula, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine, two counts possession of New Legend drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aug. 5, Mamoun Ghasoub Abdel Halim, 37, of 1526 Dena Circle, Wauchula, was arrested by the state Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement and charged with dispensing prescription drugs without a prescription and possession of drugs with intent to sell without a prescription.

Aug. 5, Richard Wayne Gonzales, 53, of 4810 Sally Blvd., Bowling Green, was arrested by Probation Ofc., David Potter and charged with violation of probation.

Aug. 5, Gabriel Lopez Ledezma, 20, of 4715 Bryan Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Sgt. Lyle Hart and charged with violation of probation

Aug. 5, a residential burglary on SR 62, and thefts on Tall Oaks Trail and on U.S. 17 North were reported.

Aug. 4, Nathaniel Keith Toothman, 23, of 6024 Sherman Ter., Sebring, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

Aug. 4, Wendall Kinard, 27, of 316 E. Palmetto St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Alice Simandl and charged with contempt of court.

Aug. 4, thefts on Riverside Drive, Shaw Road, Georgetown Loop, Edison Avenue, Oak Street and on Raccoon Road were reported.

WAUCHULA

Aug. 10, a robbery/holdup on West Oak Street was reported.

Aug. 9, Dora Margarita Jacobo-Prieto, 61, of 5712 Seventh Street East, Bradenton, was arrested by Ofc. Frank Yodanis.

Aug. 9, a theft on North Ninth Avenue was reported.

Aug. 8, Omar Rosario, 29, of 214 E. Main St., Avon Park, was arrested by Ofc. Jonathan Corwin and charged with larceny.

Aug. 8, thefts on South Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) and on North Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) were reported.

Aug. 7, criminal mischief on North Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) was reported.

Aug. 6, thefts on South Sixth Avenue (U. S. 17 South) and on West Palmetto Street were reported.

Aug. 5, Casey James Simmons, 31, of 3858 Creek Road, Bowling Green, was arrested by Sgt. Justin Wyatt and charged with unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and criminal mischief — damage to property.

Aug. 5, residential burglaries on La Playa Drive and South Seventh Avenue and thefts on Louisiana Street and on Orange Place were reported.

Aug. 4, a theft on South 11th Avenue was reported.

BOWLING GREEN

Aug. 10, criminal mischief at West Banana Street was reported.

Aug. 9, Waylon Coe Chester, 21, of 5008 Chester Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Sgt. Edward Coronado and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation.

Aug. 8, Juan Francisco Mendoza, 27, of 4521 South Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Capt. Brett Dowden on an out-of-county warrant.

Aug. 7, a residential burglary on East Banana Street was reported.

Aug. 6, criminal mischief on West Palm Drive and a theft on West Jones Street was reported.

Good Housekeeping

STEAK SANDWICH WITH GRILLED ONIONS

This is the ultimate steak sandwich — marinated, grilled flank steak mingles with hefty slices of grilled onion, ripe tomato and peppery arugula leaves.

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 (1 1/4-pound) beef flank steak
- 1 medium (8-ounce) red onion, cut into 4 thick slices
- 8 slices sourdough bread, toasted on grill if you like
- 2 medium ripe tomatoes, sliced
- 1 bunch arugula, tough stems discarded

1. In large sealable bag, mix soy sauce, vinegar, sugar, thyme and pepper. Add steak to marinade, turning to coat. Seal bag, pressing out excess air. Place on plate; let stand 15 minutes at room temperature or 1 hour in refrigerator, turning several times.

2. Prepare charcoal fire or pre-heat gas grill for covered direct

grilling over medium heat.

3. Remove steak from marinade; pour marinade into 1-quart saucepan. Heat marinade over high heat; boil 2 minutes.

4. Place steak and onion slices on hot grill rack. Cover grill and cook steak and onion 12 to 15 minutes or until onions are browned and tender and meat is medium-rare, brushing both with marinade occasionally and turning both over once. Transfer steak to cutting board; separate onion into rings.

5. Thinly slice steak diagonally across the grain. Arrange onion rings and steak on 4 slices of bread; spoon any meat juices from board over onion and steak. Top with tomatoes, arugula and remaining 4 slices of bread. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 210 calories, 3g total fat (1g saturated), 5mg cholesterol, 815mg sodium, 38g total carbs, 4g dietary fiber, 9g protein.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gomorrah in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In Matthew 24, heaven and earth may pass away, but Jesus' "what" shall not? Life, Children, Love, Words

3. To what type person did Saul seek relief when an evil spirit tormented him? Harpist, Sorceress, Madman, Soldier

4. What two weapons did David use to kill Goliath? Spear/Rock, Sword/Mallet, Sling/Stone, Axe/Knife

5. The grain of what seed did Jesus liken to the kingdom of heaven? Mustard, Barley, Apple, Corn

6. What daughter of Leah was defiled by Shechem? Bathsheba, Dinah, Elisabeth, Anna

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Words; 3) Harpist; 4) Sling/Stone; 5) Mustard; 6) Dinah
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Wauchula News

By Jan Wilkins

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As the teachers and staffs at our different schools finish their first week and the parents and their students prepare for the opening of the 2014-15 school year on Mon., the 18th, please keep in mind that the traffic will increase in the morning and afternoon hours and how important it is to be alert. Also remember to slow down in all the school zones and to watch for buses that will be loading and unloading their precious cargo, our children.

I am the youngest of three children, with my two brothers, Bob and Irvin (Brooks) Kuehl, having several years in age difference from me. Irvin, now deceased, was twenty-one years older than me, while Bob is six years older. The two of them have given me three nephews - Lynn, Rob, and Mick. Needless to say, I am proud of each of them.

Irvin, Lynn's father, worked for many years with the Boy Scouts of America in their staff office in California. He has been my mentor in the area of writing, as he wrote gardening and special interest columns for newspapers in the Oakland and San Francisco area.

Lynn gave me the honor of being an aunt at the age of eight. Because Irvin, worked for many years with the B.S. of A., it was only natural that Lynn would become an Eagle Scout in his earlier years. Becoming an adult, he developed an interest in books, just like his father and his mother, Arrell, who, also deceased, was a school teacher.

Lynn and his wife, Cheryl Kline, are celebrating a most unique anniversary on the 23rd of this month, the 10th year of their bookstore in Oakland, Calif. It is called Berkshire Books. The bookstore's name

comes from the University of California at Berkeley where Cheryl worked for many years in the school president's office. (An offside, Cheryl has also written several books). Needless to say, I am one proud aunt. For a business to last this length of time in our present economy takes stamina and much hard work.

Just a short note about Rob and Mick also. Rob has what I deem an unusual job — that of delivering hot meals to all the different schools in the Valparaiso, Ind. school district, while Mick and wife, Crista, are both teachers in the surrounding area.

One more thought about family and I will move on. My father, Wes Kuehl, and my uncle, Clifford Pierce, worked as custodians at Lake County schools. Bob's wife, Janice (AKA-Jinx), was a tutor at the local schools until her retirement a few years ago. So you see, being involved with the local schools comes naturally. It has become a family tradition. I often tell the students, while volunteering that "I am a wanna be teacher."

My grandson, Christopher Wilkins, and his fiancée, Zykeria Dawkins were able to take a break from work in Sebring to come for the day to visit family in the area. Chris always is a help to me when he is here. The three of us were able to travel to my son, Samuel Jeremiah's wreck site and replace the flag and flowers, and to go on to the Fort Green cemetery to do the

same there on Samuel's and my husband's, Jack, Sr.'s gravesites and to place a rose in honor of what would have been our 56th wedding anniversary on the twelfth.

From there we drove to Bowling Green to visit my youngest son, James and his family for just a few minutes. He was in the yard with his dogs, some which were just tiny pups a few weeks ago, but have grown considerably.

James bought what is known as an Olde English Bull Dogge several years ago. This is Chief, who is at least eighty pounds. The one with the real story, though, is Charlie. Ten years ago after Hurricane Charlie had passed through, James and his wife, Gretchen found a tiny white bulldog puppy on the County Line Road North near where they live. They took him home and tried to locate the family to which he belonged. It turned out that the storm had picked his little body up and dropped him about three miles from his home. During the time they were trying to find the owners, the family became attached and made arrangements to purchase him. The sad part is that this breed occasionally has a gene deficiency which left Charlie deaf. Over the last 10 years he and the family have developed special ways of communication, and he is much loved.

After Chris, Zykeria and I left James' home, we headed back toward Wauchula. The further we came the heavier the rainstorm became, causing even semi-tractor trailers to pull off U.S. 17. I believe I pulled off at least four or five times between Torrey and the REA Road. Every time we thought it safe to

move on, another onslaught would pour down. From the spotlight to Riverview everything began to go over and calm down — at last!

I checked my rain gauge and here on the hill in Riverview Heights we received four inches, with a bit more forecast on the lighter side within the next week. At least we can be happy that Bertha decided to take another route.

The Football National Leagues began programming last Thursday, the 7th, so now all of you die-hard fans can watch your favorite teams. As far as pro-football goes, I really don't have a favorite. My favorite football is at the high school (of course, our Wildcats) and some college level games.

Monday, the 11th was the beginning of early voting for our local elections. Be sure to make your vote count because many believe, this election is one of the most important ones in recent years.

Heartfelt wishes go to the family of young Travis Waters. May those of us who also have lost family members in similar situations at an early age be of comfort to you and your family. Most of all, may the Lord bring peace and many loving memories to you at this time.

Last week I wrote about the Sunshine Sunday school class and how much they have come to mean to me. On Thursday, the 7th, several of my classmates put their special love into action when they went to visit Pat Shackleford as she has been a bit under the weather. Since it was also Pat's birthday last week, Charlene Nubern, Helen Lather, Freda Robinson, Annie Smith, Jackie Barker and Mary Jane

Albritton took strawberries and cake for dessert to celebrate with her. The ladies spent time in fellowship and letting Pat know they cared.

It was good to see that Freda Robinson had made it back from her vacation and that and Shannyn Robertson, after several weeks of being unable to attend any worship services, was also back.

The Tampa Bay Rays and the Chicago Cubs really put on a three game show for their fans last weekend with the Rays taking the first two games and after a twelve inning battle the Cubs were able to keep the Rays from a total walk-off. With two of my favorite teams in battle it was a most interesting series.

As I say "So long for now" to Michael Hill, the Hardee Senior High School Brigade's former band master as he moves on to teach at Kathleen Elementary School in Lakeland and to go on to earn his next educational degree, may I say, "Welcome" to our new band master, Lindsay Carlson.

Amanda Abbott requests that anyone interested in participating in the new Women's Bible Study - "Nehemiah: A Love That Never Lets Go", which will have two classes each week and will begin on Sunday, Aug. 17th and on Wed., Aug 29th at New Hope Baptist Church, please contact her at (863) 245-5139.

Birthday greetings this week go to Allison Farr, Sheena Newman and Brannon New-man.

Special wishes go to my brother-in-law and his wife as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Congratulations — James Henry and Faye Wilkins.

Until next time, God bless!

Celebrity Extra

By Cindy Elavsky



Q: I had been watching this new show on the CW network called "Seed," and I really liked it. Now I can't find it anywhere. Can you tell me what happened to it?

—George S., via email

A: The Canadian comedy (to which the CW bought the rights) is about a 30-something ne'er-do-well — and previous sperm donor — who becomes acquainted with the offspring he never knew he had. It didn't do so well in the ratings and was canceled after two shows. The CW has not said whether it plans to air the remaining episodes in any form (either online or via DVD or Video On Demand).

This truly is a shame for American audiences, because "Seed" really is a delightful show. Hmmm ... maybe TBS could pick it up? In Canada, "Seed" has aired a full first season and already has been renewed for a second, so the episodes are out there if you are interested in continuing to watch.

I recently interviewed series star Adam Korson, who is one of the nicest people you could ever meet. In Adam's words: "This is a show for those who want a half-hour to laugh and escape from your everyday life. You're going to watch it, and you're going to relate to it. I remember as a kid I would tune into 'Seinfeld' because I knew for that half-hour, I was going to be laughing and be taken on a crazy journey. I think that's good television, and that's what our show is."

Q: I've loved Portia de Rossi ever since "Ally McBeal," and especially in "Arrested Development," but I haven't seen her in anything lately. What can I see her in next?

—Kellie Y., Bowling Green, Ohio

A: The gorgeous and talented actress — and wife of Ellen DeGeneres — will be hitting the small screen this fall when she appears in a multi-episode arc of the hit ABC political drama "Scandal." And what better way to announce your next project than by your wife "accidentally" letting it slip on Twitter? Ellen recently announced to her millions of Twitter followers: "So annoying when people brag on Twitter, and that's why I'm not tweeting that Portia just signed on to do a top-secret arc on Scandal. Oops." "Scandal" returns for its fourth season on Sept. 25 at 9/8c. (Note the time change from last season.)

Q: Will my favorite show, "Fargo," be back for another season?

—Paul R., via email

A: You betcha! FX has renewed the critically acclaimed drama — which is based on the Coen brothers' hit movie of the same name — for a second season, especially after it racked up 18 Emmy nominations! Season two, which will consist of 10 episodes, most likely will air in fall 2015, although no specific date has been set.

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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CITIZENS for ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY and SERVICE of Hardee, INC



Last week, we told you about our group and that we have endorsed two candidates for County Commission. CATS asks you to consider the following:

We Support Commissioner **Grady Johnson**. He began the quest for accountability in 2010. However, the issues concerning management, legal counsel, finances, disaster spending and budgeting still persist. His numerous motions "died for lack of a second" so, no discussion, no vote and no accountability/transparency by our BOCC! However Commissioner Johnson's persistence in promoting accountability exposed a number of questionable acts. For example:

- After years of denial the County Manager admitted to improperly diverting over \$1 million in insurance disaster funds. Serious questions still remain about these funds as well as an additional \$3 million in repairs to Rest Haven and the Civic Center!
- Commissioner Johnson was one of several voices exposing the technology project wherein 3 state elected officials were awarded over \$ 2.6 million dollars for a business that did not exist, with a cumulative total of \$7.25 million promised.
- Commissioner Johnson traveled to Tallahassee to speak before the Joint Legislative Audit Committee regarding the Auditor's Report findings on the IDA, the EDA and the BOCC. Out of the 12 findings, 10 were concerning the IDA.
- Commissioner Johnson has long advocated that a conflict of interest exists with Attorney Ken Evers acting as attorney for the BOCC, the IDA, the EDA and the EDC. When asked by Senator Ring of the legislative audit committee about the conflict, Evers again denied a conflict exists. Senator Ring appeared shocked and stated to Mr. Evers "what do you do, you're negotiating with yourself?"

Challenger Russell Melendy

- As the Vice Chairman of the IDA, he voted to deny a true audit as well as a forensic audit of \$7.25 million, half of which he voted to hand out. This same \$7.25 million, which includes the \$2.6 million, is currently under State Attorney Investigation.
- Pictured on the front page of The Herald Advocate paper, 11/13/08, representing the Melendy family is Russell Melendy. The City of Wauchula had just purchased the Coker Fuel building, using \$375,000 of CRA public funds. This building was later condemned and demolished and is now a parking lot.
- After serving 17 months on the IDA board, he resigned to attempt to take the commission seat currently held by Commissioner Johnson.

We Support **Judy Wilson**. She has a plan as well as the necessary commitment to fully carry out Florida Statute 125.01, County Commissioners Powers and Duties, which in part, says; "make investigations of county affairs". **Her PLAN calls for accountability as well as transparent ethical behavior of your BOCC.**

Sue Birge's voting record In part:

- Voted for a GAG order to quell discussion of disaster fund spending and personnel issues by all citizens.
- Voted to "Shelve" discussion of the Auditor's Report that dictated twelve material findings to be addressed That report still sits on the "shelf" today!
- Voted to single out one IDA member denying a BOCC evaluation of the entire IDA board.

We are certain that **Grady Johnson** will continue with his proven due diligence on the behalf of Hardee County. **Judy Wilson** has a Plan. She will challenge with fortitude all efforts to defy actions that would deny accountability involving county business.

Accountability and transparency for Hardee County are possible. But only with elected officials who will fight for us.

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Adults: Take Action Against Bullying

By **MARIA TRUJILLO**

Of The Herald-Advocate

In movies, the bully is always portrayed as an older boy who towers over the wimpy younger kid and steals his lunch money.

By the end, the wimpy kid turns into a hero and the bully is now reformed.

But this is real life, and bullying has become a much bigger issue and topic of discussion. Today, bullies don't only come out in the school hallways, now they also exist online and even on cellphones.

Technology has advanced significantly in the last few years and great things have come from it. But it's only natural that with the good, comes the bad. Technology has made it easier for bullies to torment someone without having to look her in the face.

Before, bullies would have an audience of a few dozen people, depending on where they would harass a student at school. Now, on social media, that audience can grow to a few hundred depending on how many Twitter followers the bully has.

In order to keep up with the ever-changing technological world, the local school district must also stay informed on what students are doing online. This means they have to continue to look at their policies and update them, one of which is the policy against bullying.

The policy, which also includes cyberbullying and harassment, states that the board believes "all students and employees are entitled to a safe, equitable and harassment-free school experience."

It then goes on to better define bullying.

Bullying is referred to as systematically and continuously inflicting

physical or psychological harm to one or more students or employees. It may involve but does not limit to teasing, social exclusion, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, theft, sexual, religious or racial/ethnic harassment, public or private humiliation and destruction of property.

Cyberbullying can be done "through the use of technology of any electronic communication."

The policy was updated to say that bullying will not be tolerated during any school-related or sponsored educational activity hosted by the school district or on any school bus. It also prohibits bullying through the use of any computer, data, software or computer network associated with the district.

The policy further states that bullying of any student or school employee is also prohibited when the bully uses data, computer software or technology that is not associated, owned or located within the school district.

If bullying of any kind does occur, a report must be made to the school's administration, which is then responsible for creating a report on the incident. All district faculty and staff are also required to make a written report of any allegations of bullying.

A thorough investigation by the administrator or another designated person will then begin within two school days of receiving the complaint. Interviews with the victim, the accused and any witnesses will be conducted separately, in private, and will be documented. The victim and the accused will at no time be interviewed together.

Some of the facts the investigator will seek include a description of the incident, how often the incidences occurred, the identity and number of

people who also bullied and/or harassed the victim, and whether the conduct adversely affected the student's education.

The Florida Department of Education requires that parents of both the accused and the victim be noti-

fied when an act of bullying has occurred.

During the investigation, the investigator may take any action necessary to keep the victim safer. Within 10 days of the complaint being filed, a written decision must

be made regarding the investigation.

To see the full anti-bullying policy, go to the district website at Hardee.k12.fl.us. Anonymous reports of bullying can also be made by filling out a report on the district site.

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Are You Ready For i-Ready?

There's An App For That!

By **MARIA TRUJILLO**

Of The Herald-Advocate

The district is ready for i-Ready. i-Ready is a reading and math program that was purchased for every elementary school in the district. It is a computer-based program that will help students focus on the new Florida Standards, and also prepare them for the Florida Standards Assessments in language arts and mathematics.

i-Ready uses advanced technology to provide a customized evaluation of each child based on the responses given. It will also track each student's growth and performance consistently and continuously throughout his elementary career, starting in kindergarten.

Once each lesson is completed and students are assessed, easy-to-read reports will be provided for teachers. The reports contain detailed information about how each child is doing in each area.

As soon as teachers have pinpointed what each student's needs are, they will then be able to find a better way to help a struggling child

by offering more instruction in a certain area. Or if a student is doing very well in an area, they will then be able to push him a little further.

The reports are also used to help district and school leaders allocate resources and support teachers to provide more effective instruction for students. The results can give administrators "a clear indication of overall performance and the extent of intervention needed in the district," says the i-Ready website.

Being able to see the results immediately also allows for quick and effective course corrections.

These lessons are designed to not only help students succeed but to also keep them engaged and having fun while learning. Some of the skills taught in the lessons use characters and real-world scenarios.

At home, parents can help their children with reading and math by simply downloading an app. There are two i-Ready apps that can be downloaded, called "World's Worst Pet" and "Door 24." Both apps are free.

From The Superintendent . . .

As the 2014-15 school year for Florida public schools begins, Hardee County schools are ready to welcome back students, teachers, and support staff.

Over the summer, principals, assistant principals, teachers, support staff and district administrators diligently planned and prepared for a new and more productive school year. Many teachers, as well as administrators, have been involved in professional development workshops and other trainings to help better meet the needs of our students.



As we begin the new year, we say goodbye to our ever-faithful retirees. They helped make Hardee County schools the best in the Heartland. Fortunately, new dedicated employees are here to perpetuate academic excellence.

I am extremely proud of our Hardee County School District's achievements in 2014. The positive achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our teachers, students, parents, faculties, support staff, administrators, churches, civic organizations, business partners, and School Board.

Hardee County School District surpassed the state in numerous areas. Hardee County elementary schools beat the state in third-grade reading and third-, fourth- and fifth-grade math FCAT. Third-, fourth- and fifth-grade reading and math were also the highest scores in the entire Heartland. Hardee Junior High eighth graders beat the state on the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam. The eighth graders were also tied for third best in the state. Hardee Senior High 12th graders beat the state on the geometry End of Course Exam.

Hardee County schools continue to outperform other Heartland counties. All three of DeSoto County Elementary Schools earned Fs. Bowling Green, Hilltop and Wauchula Elementary ranked in the top 36 percent in the Heartland. Hilltop Elementary had the highest point total in the Heartland!

The Hardee County School District's mission statement is: "Building learning partnerships with home, school, and community to ensure personal and academic excellence." This statement is our clear vision for the success of Hardee schools. My priority goal is to continue the learning and achievement gains our students have achieved and to narrow the achievement gap between the lowest-achieving students and the highest-achieving students in a safe and orderly learning environment. As a result, graduation rates are increasing.

We are working to prepare our students for readiness in life after high school in an ever-changing society and economy. Our objective is to graduate students ready for college or other post-secondary training, careers and life after high school in an increasingly competitive global society. Students have nine opportunities to earn industry certifications, with eight academies at Hardee Senior High and one academy at Hardee Junior High.

The School Board members and staff of Hardee County School District continue our commitment to excellence as we all face new beginnings.

Parents and members of the community are invited to join us by volunteering in the schools and becoming involved in partnerships to support our students. Schools need the help of parents and community members to be successful. By working together in the spirit of cooperation, we have well managed the challenges brought about by new regulations and financial constraints brought on by these troubled economic times.

I very much appreciate the support and dedication of the citizens of Hardee County. We all want the best and will strive to provide the best for our children.

We anxiously await our new beginning and look forward to an outstanding school year!
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WES: Building A Strong Foundation

By MARIA TRUJILLO
Of The Herald-Advocate

Grades are up at Wauchula Elementary, but administrators are looking for even better grades this year.

Principal Sonja Bennett is proud that the school was able to boost its grade from a C to a B this year, and is now focusing on the school's weak points to bring that grade up even higher.

"We demonstrated an increase in six out of the eight cells graded. Math learning gains and math lowest quartile are the two areas where we saw a decrease from the previous year," said Bennett.

Some areas students increased in were writing performance, which went up 13 points to 65 percent, and reading gains, where the lower quartile went up 12 points to 68 percent.

Students aren't the only ones trying to bring those grades up. Teachers from first through fifth grades will attend two-day workshops concerning the Florida Standards.

Some of the things teachers will review during the workshops include getting ready for what they

will encounter on the new tests, content limits and what they should focus on and overall clarifying the Florida Standards for the teachers.

Teachers will also receive i-Ready training, which is a program all elementary schools in the district will use this year. This online program helps identify the areas where students need a little more help. After pinpointing the area, teachers know what to work on to bring that student to the right level.

Bennett says this year the school will be increasing rigor in the structure. She wants to build a strong foundation for students before they move on. Bennett says she and Assistant Principal Jessica Gray will go to classrooms throughout the year and observe, making sure all students stay focused on the new standards.

WES also bought workbooks that go along with i-Ready. Bennett says she hopes to blend the two programs to have a more cohesive and complete remediation program.

Working on i-Ready on the computer will also ready students for taking other tests online. This year

fifth graders will take the new Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts on the computer.

By the 2017-18 school year, math and reading FSA tests for all grade levels from third through 11th grade will be taken on the computer.

To be able to better prepare students for the upcoming changes, Bennett asks that parents make sure students are in school and on time every day, and that they aren't signed out early.

Bennett urges parents to encourage their children to think positively about school and to support the school. She also asks that parents set a time every day to do homework or read with their child, and to set expectations at home.

Bennett hopes to purchase another lab and to have more student and teacher iPads soon.

New teachers at WES this year are Shana Bassett in kindergarten, Chelsea Bond in first grade, Dena Patterson for second grade, Leigh Souther in fourth grade, Kirbi Deaton in fifth grade and Jamie Rewis as a para-media specialist.

Open house is tomorrow (Friday) from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Wauchula Elementary Supply List BOOK BAGS

Rolling book bags are NOT to be used in Kindergarten or First Grade. It is not necessary to use these bags in lower grades. Our younger students do not take home books that are too heavy for a backpack. Also, rolling backpacks are difficult to store in the classroom and they are a hazard that can cause tripping. Please refrain from purchasing the rolling book bags for your younger child.

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Box of pencils (no mechanical pencils, please)
- 1 Package of My First Pencils
- 1 Pair of scissors (Fiskars are the best!)
- 1 Pencil box (large, double-decker, or a soft lunchbox work great!)
- 2 Boxes of crayons, 16 colors (twist-ups are great!)
- 1 Towel, blanket or mat for rest time
- 1 Refill pack of baby wipes
- Girls bring in 1 gallon size Ziploc bags
- Boys bring in 1 quart size Ziploc bags
- 2 Glue sticks
- 2 Large bottles of glue
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 Primary journal
- 6 Fat, pink erasers

Optional items:

- Covered pencil sharpener
 - Pencil pouch with 3 holes
 - Magic markers
 - Colored pencils
- Please label all items with your child's name and sharpen all pencils/colored pencils before the first day of school!*

FIRST GRADE

- 1 Red plastic folder with 3-prongs
- 1 Blue plastic folder with 3-prongs
- 1 Pack of Crayola markers
- 1 Pair of blunt-tipped scissors
- 2 Packs of 4 glue sticks
- 2 Composition notebooks (Not Spiral)
- 1 Box of gallon size Ziploc bags
- 1 Box of quart size Ziploc bags
- 4 Boxes of 24 pencils
- 4 Boxes of crayons
- 1 Pack of highlighters
- 1 Bottle of Elmer's glue
- 2 Packs of baby wipes
- 2 Packs of baby wipes
- 1 Small pencil box
- 3 Packs cap erasers

NOTE: First grade classrooms are sharing communities. Please send in these supplies to be dispersed in our classrooms as needed throughout the year.

SECOND GRADE

- 2 Large pink erasers
- 1 Pack cap erasers
- 1 Box Crayola crayons, markers and colored pencils
- 1 Pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2 Plastic folders with 3 prongs
- 1 Pack of highlighters
- 1 Ruler (inch and centimeters) non-bendable
- 1 Pack of baby wipes or Lysol/Clorox wipes
- 1 Class size hand sanitizer with pump
- 1 Pair of student scissors
- 2 Packs of glue sticks
- 2 Boxes of pencils
- 1 Glue bottle
- 1 Pencil box or pouch
- Backpack

Optional Items:

- Markers and/or color pencils (optional)
- Girls bring in 1 gallon size Ziploc bags
- Boys bring in 1 quart size Ziploc bags

THIRD GRADE

- 2-12 Pack of pencils
- 500 sheets wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper
- 1" 3 ring binder with pockets
- Ruler (inch/centimeter)
- Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Last name A-M—Quart size Ziploc bags
- Last name N-Z—Gallon size Ziploc bags
- Large pencil pouch
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Hand sanitizer
- Sticky notes
- Colored pencils
- Glue

FOURTH GRADE

- 6 packs of pencils- #2
- Highlighter (4 any color)
- Ruler (standard and metric ruled)
- 5 Three-prong/2 pocket folders (red, blue, orange, yellow, green)
- 4 Packs loose leaf wide-ruled notebook paper
- 4 Dry erase markers (any color)
- Last name A-H—Sandwich size Ziploc bags
- Last name I-P—Quart size Ziploc bags
- Last name Q-Z—Gallon size Ziploc bags
- Colored pencils
- Crayons (24 or less)
- 2 Glue Sticks or glue bottles
- Scissors
- Pencil pouch (not box)

FIFTH GRADE

- 48 #2 Pencils
- Red pens
- 4 Packs loose leaf wide-ruled notebook paper
- Pencil pouch—no crayon/pencil box
- Multi-colored highlighters
- Last name A-M—Quart size Ziploc bags
- Last name N-Z—Gallon size Ziploc bags
- 5 Three-prong/2 pocket folders (red, blue, orange, yellow, green)
- Erasers
- Scissors
- Post-it notes
- 1" Binder
- Crayons
- Glue sticks



PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

Teachers at Wauchula Elementary School are already getting classrooms ready to receive students. New fourth-grade teacher Leigh Souther (left) sits with Principal Sonja Bennett during a break from organizing her new classroom.

BGE: 60 Million Words & More Grasshoppers?

By **MARIA TRUJILLO**

Of The Herald-Advocate

Bowling Green Elementary is waiting to have kids back in the classrooms.

Students are in for a change this year as new reading and math programs are now in place. Not to mention they have to prepare for the new tests replacing FCAT 2.0 this year.

To help with the new Florida Standards, the program i-Ready was purchased. Although this reading and math program is computer-based, BGE has purchased workbooks that go along with the program for second through fifth grades.

Workbooks have also been purchased for kindergarten through fifth graders for the series Go Math! Updates for Everglades math have been made for second through fifth grade and Stars and Cars for reading has also seen adjustments.

Other updates at BGE involve computers. Now, each class has at least six student stations and will be equipped with Windows 7.

Programs such as Saxon Phonics, Think Central, Math Facts in a Flash and Renaissance Reading and Math have proven to work at BGE

and will continue to be a part of the school's curriculum.

According to Principal Kathy Clark, "Teachers, staff and students worked very hard to make impressive gains in the areas of reading and math." Although BGE remained a C school, there was an increase of 75 points from the previous school year.

Clark attributes these gains to a dedicated staff that is constantly making adjustments to boost the school's performance. "I am honored to work with such an amazing faculty and staff," she said.

One of the things done to help kids in reading was restructure the Accelerated Reader program. A committee set a school-wide goal for students to read 25 million words for the year. Not only did they meet that goal, students read more than double that amount. They set the bar at 53 million words read.

To celebrate this grand achievement and students who met the AR challenge, prizes and rewards were given to the hardworking readers. One of the rewards was watching the administrators and some teachers eat chocolate-covered grasshoppers.

The committee has created a new goal, 60 million words. Clark says

she can't wait to see what the students will want the staff to do next year.

One area which Clark says the school will have to focus on is implementing the Florida Standards and making sure all children get the proper education they deserve. As the curriculum used to teach these standards is demanding, third through fifth grades will departmentalize for the upcoming year.

This will help teachers focus on one area at a time and will give them more flexibility in covering all the material.

BGE does not want any students to fall behind, therefore it will continue to hold after-school programs for students who need extra help in reading and math.

Clark asks that parents be involved with their children's education and have material around the house for them to read. She says kids mimic their parents, and that parents should read as well as explain books and other printed material to them.

This year there were two new hires, Hannah Spinks for second grade and Carey Crawford will become the guidance counselor.

Open house is tomorrow (Friday) from 1 to 3 p.m.



PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

Principal Kathy Clark proudly stands in front of the school's data wall, which is located in the newer building at Bowling Green Elementary. This wall shows graphs and reports on the progress students at BGE have made over time.

Bowling Green Elementary Supply List

KINDERGARTEN

- 2 packages of pencils (plain yellow or orange)
- 1 pair blunt end scissors
- 4 boxes of 8 or 16 count Crayola crayons
- 1 supply box (not Zipper case)
- 1 backpack (large enough to hold a notebook)
- Boys – 1 box gallon Ziploc bags
- 1 composition notebook
- Hand sanitizer
- 2 large pink erasers
- 4 or 6 glue sticks
- Girls – 1 box quart Ziploc bags
- Large towel
- 1 pack Expo markers

FIRST GRADE

- 1 box of 16 crayons
- 1 pair blunt tip scissors
- 1 pack cap erasers
- 1 pack Expo markers
- 2 boxes of #2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 composition book
- Hand sanitizer
- 1 supply box
- 1 backpack

SECOND GRADE

- 6 packs of #2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 5 folders (3 prongs with 2 pockets)
- 1 box Crayola crayons (24)
- 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)
- Girls – 1 box quart Ziploc bags
- Boys – 1 box gallon Ziploc bags
- Scissors (blunt)
- 1 pack pencil top erasers
- 2 composition books
- 2 highlighters
- Hand sanitizer
- Glue sticks
- 1 pack Expo markers

THIRD GRADE

- 2 pack of #2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 5 plastic pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green, orange)
- 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)
- Blunt tip scissors
- Girls – 1 box quart Ziploc bags
- Highlighters (1 yellow)
- 1 composition notebook
- Colored pencils
- 1 pack pencil top erasers
- Hand sanitizer
- Boys – 1 box gallon Ziploc bags
- 1 box crayons
- 1 pack glue sticks

FOURTH GRADE

- 5 folders (3 prongs with 2 pockets) (red, yellow, blue, green, orange)
- 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)
- Hand sanitizer
- 1 pack pencil top erasers
- 1 pack of #2 pencils (no mechanical)
- Hand sanitizer
- 1 subject notebook
- 1 pack of Expo markers
- Highlighters 4 pack

FIFTH GRADE

- Pencils (no mechanical)
- 4 folders (3 prongs with 2 pockets) (1-red, 1-blue, 1-yellow, 1-green)
- Crayons or colored pencils (no markers)
- 2 packs loose leaf paper (wide ruled)
- Hand sanitizer
- 2 composition notebooks
- 1 pair blunt tip scissors
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1" 3-ring binder
- 1 pack Expo markers



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- 1 box of colored pencils
- 2 bottles of Elmer's glue
- 1 — 1 inch 3 ring binder
- 1 pack of copy paper
- Box of Ziploc bags
- 1 pack of index cards
- Small Fiskar scissors (blunt tip)
- 24 #2 pencils
- Pencil pouch
- 2 — 2 pocket folders (no prongs)
- Hand sanitizer
- 1 box of Kleenex
- Clorox-type wipes

FIRST GRADE

- Backpack (non-rolling)
 - Large zipper pencil pouch (no crayon boxes, please)
 - 1 box of #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
 - Scissors (blunted end)
 - 1" binder with pockets/rings and plastic front cover
 - 2 primary writing journals (NOT composition books)
 - 2 plastic folders pockets
 - 1 yellow highlighter
 - 2 large Elmer's glue sticks
 - 1 box of (24) crayons
 - 1 pack cap erasers
 - 2-3 large pink erasers
 - 1 wooden clip board
- Wish List: Ziploc bags, color paper, card stock, sentence strips, Clorox wipes, Kleenex, large hand sanitizer*

SECOND GRADE

- Backpack (non-rolling)
 - 24 #2 pencils (NO indiv. Pencil sharpeners)
 - Scissors (blunted end)
 - 2 large pink pearl erasers
 - 1 — 3 ring binder (1") — (no trapper keepers)
 - 1 red spiral notebook
 - 1 package wide-ruled notebook paper
 - 1 box of crayons (24 or less)
 - 4 glue sticks
 - 1 pack cap erasers
 - 5 paper folders with prongs
 - 1 blue spiral notebook
- Wish list: snack, quart and gallon Ziploc bags, white board markers, Clorox wipes, Kleenex, large hand sanitizer*

THIRD GRADE

- 1" clear view 3-ring binder (clear front packet)
- Backpack (no rolling backpacks)
- 4 packs of wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 large zippered pencil pouch
- 72 — #2 pencils (2 for each week of the year)
- Pencil erasers
- 1 ruler with inches and centimeters
- Boys: 1 box of quart Ziploc bags
- Clear sheet protectors
- 4 dry erase markers
- Yellow highlighters
- (1) large bottle of hand sanitizer
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Girls: 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags
- 3 spiral notebooks (70 pages each)

FOURTH GRADE

- 1 one-inch binder
- 4 packs of notebook paper
- Pencil sharpener
- 2 notebooks (composition or spiral)
- 1 roll of scotch tape
- Boys: 1 bottle of Germ-X
- Scissors
- Highlighter
- 10 pencils
- 1 set notebook divider tabs
- 2 Expo markers
- Post it notes
- Germ-X
- Protractor
- Girls: 1 sandwich size Ziploc bags

FIFTH GRADE

- 1 sturdy black 1-inch binder
- 1 package of 5-tab dividers
- 2 composition books filled with lined paper
- #2 pencils (NOT mechanical)
- Crayola Twistables colored pencils
- Zippered pouch (to keep in binder)
- 2 dry erase markers (skinny black)
- Girls: 1 box of Ziploc baggies
- 1 sturdy white 1-inch binder
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- Scissors
- 1 package colored pencils
- 2 large glue sticks
- Skinny highlighters (5 colors)
- 1 pair of ear-buds
- Boys: 1 pack of 3X5 index cards

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NWE: Confident Pupils Can Meet New Standards

By **MARIA TRUJILLO**
Of The Herald-Advocate

With new tests in place for all students this year, North Wauchula Elementary will be working hard to get its students ready.

Principal Tracey Nix says the biggest change this year is the writing style for fourth and fifth graders. Before students were asked to do creative prompts, now there are more elements to the test.

Now with all students following the new Florida Standards, Nix is

looking at the standards, taking them apart and trying to figure out a plan to best help the students do well on the tests.

She feels confident students will be able to handle these new assessments, as she says the language arts portion is similar to what students have been doing for the Common Core Standards.

Nix says every year the focus becomes narrower, however they are all looking to have each child be on the level he is supposed to be on. As

a whole, the school is on the right path. NWE managed to boost its grade from a D to a C.

Something that may also help in boosting that score a little higher is i-Ready. Nix was actually looking at this program last year in the hopes the school would implement it soon. Now that all the elementary schools in the district have, Nix is looking forward to getting the kids started as well.

She says every child from kindergarten through fifth grade will have the opportunity to work on the computer-based program. This particular program was designed to help teachers pinpoint students' weaknesses so they can then focus on those areas and work harder on them.

This year, Nix hopes to have an art club meet once a month and is looking toward maybe starting a running club in the morning before school. She is also looking forward to getting a new playground, as the school won a Mosaic grant. The setup for the new play area should start in mid-September.

A few ways Nix says parents can help their children is by showing they are interested in what their child is doing. She urges parents to talk with the teachers and support them. She also asks that parents tell kids what they expect of them and to also read together.

NWE had to say goodbye to one retiree, Vickie Conerly, who was the literacy coach.

New staff at the school includes Megan Poreda and Chantelle Garcia for first grade, Kate Schafheimer for second grade, Kristifer Harden for third grade, Beth Brock for fourth grade, Laura Kramer in fifth grade, Karen Hale as an exceptional student education teacher, Amanda Outley as a paraprofessional and Krystin Chapman as the new guidance counselor.

Open house is tomorrow (Friday) from 4:30 to 6 p.m.



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When asked about her favorite place in the school, Principal Tracey Nix picked out a little garden near her office. She enjoys going out to the peaceful spot to think and occasionally join some students who also appreciate the peace and quiet.



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Sports Program Boasts Wide Variety

By **JOAN SEAMAN**
Of The Herald-Advocate

Do you prefer a team sport or to compete as an individual?

Of the more than two dozen sports in the Hardee County School System, there's some for those who like the camaraderie of group sports and some for those who like to excel as individuals, such as tennis or swimming.

Hardee claimed a half-dozen high school district championships last season as well as the sixth Heartland Conference Championship in football and first in junior high softball.

The high school variety starts with football, volleyball, golf, cross country, and swimming and diving in the fall. It ends with softball, baseball, tennis, boys weightlifting, and track and field in the spring.

In between are boys and girls soccer, boys and girls basketball and girls weightlifting. At the junior high, it is football and girls softball in the fall, basketball for both girls and boys in the winter and girls vol-

leyball in the spring when the boys begin play in their various baseball leagues.

Each of the sports has its own two-year level of competition, based on the school population in 2012 and number of schools competing in that sport. Most of the Hardee high school sports are in Class 5A, the same as last season, although soccer is in 3A, cross country, swimming and golf are in 2A and weightlifting is in 1A.

Fall football starts early, with the varsity playing in the Kickoff Classic at Auburndale as Coach Buddy Martin gets another season underway. JV football under Head Coach Rod Smith is right behind with its first opponent, Mulberry, on Aug. 28 on its own turf.

Other fall sports schedules are not yet available, but include a blend of new and old coaches. Stephanie Mier and Amy Monts De Oca will head up girls volleyball, and Tracy Pate and Tammy Pohl will take over boys and girls swimming. Don Trew will handle cross country, while

Byron Jarnagin and Val Patarini will do the same with girls and boys golf, respectively.

There currently are no known coaching changes in basketball, soc-

cer or girls weightlifting in the winter sports season, nor in baseball, softball, boys weightlifting, tennis or track and field in the spring.

Melissa Carlton and her staff, and

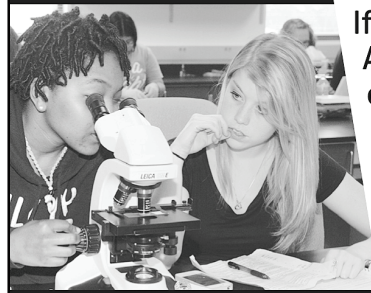
Mark Carlton and his staff hope to repeat as champions in the junior high fall sports, and girls volleyball hopes to start its dynasty soon.

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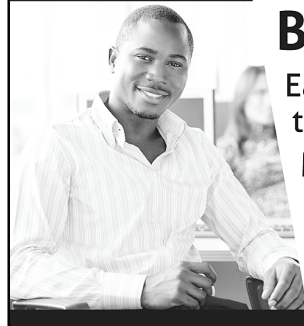
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ZSE: Planning For An Engaging Year Ahead

By **MARIA TRUJILLO**

Of The Herald-Advocate

This will be an engaging year for Zolfo Springs Elementary.

The staff at ZSE is motivated to get all students engaged in classroom activities and focused on learning. This year, teachers will go through two days of Kagan training. Kagan strategies are meant to help engage students in active learning.

Principal Melanie Henderson says "when students are engaged they pay attention, they're motivated, they learn more and the learning sticks. Engaged students also experience much more academic success and are less likely to 'fall

through the cracks.'"

The school's goal this year is for all students to experience academic greatness. Teachers will help promote having "students with academic greatness" by wearing "SWAG" shirts during open house.

Another way Henderson hopes to keep the focus on learning is by continuing with positive behavior support (PBS). She says this program has been highly effective in decreasing the amount of office referrals.

PBS is done by teachers encouraging positive behavior and even handing out "Cat Cash" to students who exhibit it. Teachers are urged to not just reprimand students who dis-

play negative behavior, but to reteach positive behaviors and actions. Henderson says the ultimate goal is for teachers to spend their time engaging students in academics rather than constantly correcting misbehavior.

This year, all students will have to be engaged in learning in order to be prepared for the new Florida Standards Assessment. All of the teachers at ZSE have been given the link to take the FSA practice tests. Many have already taken the tests in order to get a glimpse at what their students will be doing in the spring.

Henderson said she has also taken the assessments and found them to be challenging, but says students will be able to handle it.

To prepare students, i-Ready will be a useful tool. Workbooks that go along with the computer-based program, have been purchased for kindergarten through fifth grade. i-Ready apps will also be used for reading and math.

ZSE has continued to increase the amount of computers in classrooms. Every room has four to six work stations, and promethean interactive boards have been installed in all but one of the first- through fifth-grade classrooms. Also, three classrooms in the school are equipped with an iPad for every student.

Students will now get 40 more minutes of computer lab time to make sure they are receiving enough time in remedial and supplemental instruction.

Although Henderson is disappointed ZSE again received a D grade, she is proud and excited that the score increased by 39 points from the previous year. ZSE actually had enough points to receive a C, but did not make enough progress in the lowest quartile for students in math. This is an automatic one letter-grade penalty.

Henderson said, "Students and teachers worked extremely hard and are to be commended on their great achievements. We at ZSE see that trend continuing for the upcoming year."

Teaching can also be done at home. Henderson asks parents to spend time reading with their children every day. She also asks that parents show their support for the school.

Changes in staff have been made at ZSE, starting with the retirement of first-grade teacher Cathy Tish.

Seven other teachers were put in a different grade level or group.

New teachers include Samantha Berry and Erica Durrance, fourth grade; Debra Hussey and Regina

Ussery, fifth grade; and Jeanette Lunn, reading remediation. There is still one slot to be filled.

Open house will be tomorrow (Friday) from 1 to 3 p.m.

Zolfo Springs Elementary Supply List

***NO rolling backpacks *NO mechanical pencils
*NO pencil sharpeners *NO trapper keepers**
Please label all of your child's supplies with his/her name.

KINDERGARTEN

- 12 pencils (sharpened)
- 1 pair of scissors (blunt ended only)
- 1 box of 24 crayons — No twistable crayons
- 4 big pink erasers
- 6 big glue sticks—No glue bottles
- Small plastic school box — No zippers

Please see teacher for other supplies needed

FIRST GRADE

- 1 backpack
- 1 supply box
- 2 plastic student folders
- 1 box of crayons and colored pencils
- 2 big glue sticks
- 2 big erasers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 composition books
- 3 dry erase markers
- 24 pencils #2
- 1 bottle of Germ-X
- Boys — 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags
- Girls — 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags

SECOND GRADE

Please bring these supplies to Open House

- 1 box Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 30 sharpened pencils
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors for kids (pointed tip)
- 4 plastic pocket folders with prongs (pockets on bottom)
- 1 — red, 1 — yellow, 1 — blue, 1 — green
- 1 pencil box for storage
- Girls — gallon Ziploc bags
- Boys — quart Ziploc bags
- 1 ruler with inches and centimeters clearly marked
- 1 backpack
- 1 bottle of Germ-X
- 1 highlighter (any color)
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 large pink erasers
- 2 spiral bound notebooks
- 1 pack of index cards
- 1 pack of sticky notes

THIRD GRADE

- 2 glue sticks
- 24 #2 pencils
- Pencil bag
- 2 pocket folders with prongs (1 blue, 1 green)
- 2 packs of cap erasers
- 1 spiral bound notebook
- Boys — 1 box gallon-size Ziploc bags
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- Girls — 1 box quart-size Ziploc bags
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 packs wide-ruled notebook paper

FOURTH GRADE

- 2 packs of yellow #2 pencils
- 2" 3-ring binder
- 3 folders with prongs and pockets
- 2 glue sticks
- 3 spiral bound notebooks
- Clipboard
- 3 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 pair of scissors
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- 1 pack of cap erasers
- Boys — quart Ziploc bags
- Girls — gallon Ziploc bags

FIFTH GRADE

- 3 plastic folders with prongs and pockets
- Clipboard
- Continuous supply of yellow #2 pencils
- 1 pair of scissors
- Colored markers or colored pencils
- Dry eraser markers
- Pencil box
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of Germ-X
- 2 packs lined notebook paper
- 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags
- 3 spiral bound notebooks
- 1 pack of sticky notes



PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

Principal Melanie Henderson is putting the finishing touches on new books that have come in to the Zolfo Springs Elementary library. These new books are for the Accelerated Reader program.

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Wildcat Season Kicks Off Aug. 22

By **JOAN SEAMAN**

Of The Herald-Advocate

Nearly two dozen seniors will lead the Hardee Wildcats into grid-iron action in 2014.

The season starts with the Kickoff Classic at Auburndale on Aug. 22 and continues through Nov. 7 at home against North Port.

In between are a visit to Jesuit on Aug. 29 and another to Fort Meade on Sept. 5. After a visit from Sebring on Sept. 12, and an early break week, the Cats go to Frostproof on Sept. 26 and Booker in an unusual Thursday game on Oct. 2.

There's a trio of home games, Avon Park on Oct. 10, Bradenton Bayshore on Oct. 17 and Bradenton Southeast on Oct. 24.

The annual rivalry against DeSoto, the oldest in the state, in its 94th clash, will be in Arcadia on Thursday, Oct. 30 before the season finale against North Port at home.

Hardee remains in Class 5A football, for schools with a 2012 population of 1,049 to 1,573. The Wildcats are in Region 4, District 13, along with Bradenton Bayshore, Sarasota Booker, Bradenton Southeast and DeSoto.

Hardee finished the 2013 season with a 9-1 record and a district championship, its only loss early in the season to Fort Meade.

The Cats continued to win the regional quarterfinal and semifinal games before losing the regional final to American Heritage, the eventual 5A state champion.

Five players from the 2013 team are going on to play college ball: Keyon Brown with the University of Georgia; Luke Palmer at the University of Central Florida; Nelson Bethea at Warner University; and Timmy Steedley and James Greene at the Atlanta Sports Academy.

Fifth-year coach Buddy Martin has an equally adept team for the upcoming season, with a couple already getting good looks and offers from colleges.

While it will be junior Marco DeLeon and soph Hayden Lindsey providing the quarterback leadership, most of the help will come from the senior class. Wide receiver Derrick Graham and running back Keyonte Holley will be the go-to men, but expect help also from receivers Jordan Jones, Dalton Bethea, and Sahmaud Blandin and tight ends Deshawndre "Debo" McMillian and Roby Paris.

Seniors looking to step up to the task are Alex Clarke, Nick Johnson, Tomas Gomez, John Snell, Tyler Bragg and Omar Santiago.

Defensively, look for Graham, Holley, McMillian, Clarke, Santiago and a variety of underclassmen to stop the opposition from scoring.

Senior lineman expected to do their jobs offensively and defensively are Blaiaine Molitor, Robert

Varsity Schedule

Aug. 22	Auburndale (Kickoff Classic)	Away	7:30
Aug. 29	Jesuit	Away	7:30
Sept. 5	Fort Meade	Away	7:30
Sept. 12	Sebring (Mosaic Night)	Home	7:30
Sept. 26	Frostproof	Away	7:30
Oct. 2**	Booker*	Away	7:30
Oct. 10	Avon Park (Homecoming)	Home	7:30
Oct. 17	Bayshore*	Home	7:30
Oct. 24	Southeast* (Bradenton)	Home	7:30
Oct. 30**	DeSoto* (Battle For The Buck Carlton Trophy)	Away	7:30
Nov. 7	North Port (Senior Night)	Home	7:30

Torres, Jose Gonzalez, Ryan Ramirez, Randi Lopez, Devin Pearson, Blake Crawley, Hunter Bauknight and McMillian.

Pulling it all together with Martin are assistants Dale Carlton, offensive coordinator; Steve Rewis, defensive coordinator; Travis Tubbs, receivers; Chris Cook, running

backs; and Shawn Rivers, defensive line coach.

The junior varsity compiled a 5-3 record last season.

Head Coach Rod Smith and assistants Barry White, Lee Thomas, Uvaldo Sanchez and Justin English continue to prepare underclassmen to become varsity-level players.

Junior Varsity Schedule

Aug. 28	Mulberry	Away	7:00
Sept. 4	DeSoto	Away	7:00
Sept. 11	Fort Meade	Home	7:00
Sept. 18	Frostproof	Home	7:30
Sept. 25	Lake Placid	Away	7:00
Oct. 2	Sebring	Home	7:00
Oct. 9	Avon Park	Away	7:00
Oct. 16	Jesuit	Home	6:30

The JV season usually begins the last weekend in August and continues to mid-October when, hopefully, a number of them will be ready to join the varsity ranks.

The breeding ground for successful Wildcat football continues to be the Hardee Junior High Cats, which had their fifth unbeaten season in 2013, continuing a win streak now at 35 consecutive victories.

Along the way, they claimed the sixth consecutive Heartland Conference championship.

Head Coach Mark Carlton and assistants Jason Clark, West Palmer, Gerry Lindsey, John Sharp and Derren Bryan make sure their players have good basic blocking, tackling, running and catching skills to compete at the high-school level.

And, what would football be without cheerleaders?

Captains Rayna Parks and Dana Terrell set the varsity tone, with fellow cheerleaders Co-Captain Mariah Edenfield, Danielle Smith, Milli Jones, Cheyanne Skinner, Amy Davila, Caryssa Johnson, Nuneya Friedman, Kayla Albritton, Emily Bennett, Ally Dotson, Meagan McCullough, Kristian Judah, Joselyn Thompson, Jakayla Mosley and Brooke Fones.

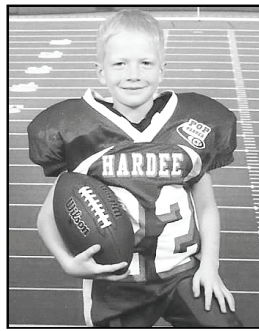
The JV cheerleaders are Kendall Winter, Cameron "Cammy" Burnett, Darby Farr, Faith Hays, Abby Clark, Brenna Parker, Holly Brown, Rajhay Clark, Andrea Crawford, Brianna Waters, Taylor Bone and Avery Bunch.



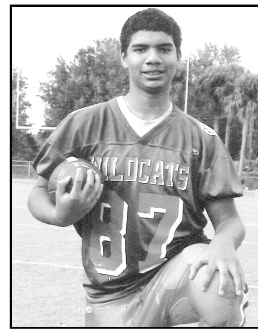
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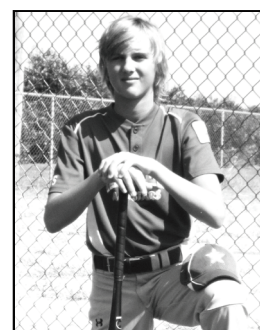
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HJH: An Earlier Start To Successful Careers

By MARIA TRUJILLO

Of The Herald-Advocate

Middle schoolers in the district will have to "rise and shine" a little sooner on the first day of school.

Hardee Junior High will start classes just a few minutes earlier this year. Principal Doug Herron says this move was done to benefit students by having all classes last the same amount of time, therefore increasing the time each teacher spends with her students.

The first bell of the school day will ring at 8:12 a.m., while the bell to indicate the start of first period is at 8:16 a.m.

The end of the school day will be at 3 p.m., same as last year. This means each of the seven class periods all students have will last 50 minutes.

These extra few minutes will hopefully help HJH continue to boost its school grade. Herron says that although the school isn't at a good grade, D, it is moving in the right direction as it managed to increase the grade from last year's F.

One way that will help students boost grades is the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. This is the second year AVID has been at HJH, and Herron says it went really well.

This system was meant to help

students focus on education and their lives after high school and college. AVID is intended to help increase rigor by using inquiry-based strategies to engage students in what they are studying.

The end result is for students to gain a greater understanding of more complex matters they will sooner or later be learning.

Because the program did well, AVID will now be offered to sixth graders. An AVID elective will be taught by Claire Thomas.

Other classes added this year include a geometry class for eighth graders and two new career and technology classes. In the career and tech classes, students will work on Microsoft Office and can obtain their industry certification if they successfully complete the course.

Herron wants all of the students to be prepared academically to move on to the next grade level. His focus is to teach the students at their appropriate level so they will successfully complete school and then go on to be successful in their careers.

In order for this to happen, Herron says he needs help from parents. He asks that parents communicate with the school and be proactive, which he says goes for teachers as well. He urges parents not to wait

for their child's teacher to get in touch with them and instead ask for a conference if they see their child struggling.

Herron says kids are more apt to do what they are supposed to if they know there is active communication going on between their parents and teachers.

There were no retirees at HJH, however there are several new teachers. Ready to start the year are Kim Davis in sixth-grade science, Mike Roberts in seventh-grade math, Maria Bina for seventh- and eighth-grade math and Kim Schraeder, Cynthia Marotti, Lucy Ringer, Brandie Cloud and Julie Hancock in language arts/reading.




Positions still needing to be filled

are a language arts/reading teacher, an exceptional student education teacher for math, a sixth-grade academic coach and a math academic coach.

Open house for seventh graders is

today (Thursday) from 1 to 3 p.m. and for eighth graders from 4 to 6 p.m.

For students entering sixth grade, it will be tomorrow (Friday) from 1 to 3 p.m.

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HES: Working To Stay On Top

By **MARIA TRUJILLO**
Of The Herald-Advocate

Hilltop Elementary School is still the best in the district.

It has been an A school for the past two years in a row, and has either been an A or B school since its opening in 2007.

Principal Doug Herron says the grades aren't just because of the students; they are also a product of the great teachers behind the students. He says the hard work and dedication the teachers put in is then reflected when the school grades

come out.

As a group, the teachers have high expectations for students. Herron says teachers always hold the students to those expectations and don't offer them excuses to be able to opt out of said expectations.

The school's focus this year will be to get all of the students prepared for the new tests. He says the exam has different standards and is rigorous, but teachers will work hard throughout the year to get the students ready by spring, which is when they take the new Florida

Standards Assessment tests.

In order to prepare the students for the year ahead, Herron asks parents to make sure their children go to school every day and that they come in well-rested and prepared to start the day.

There are a few new staff members at HES. Mary Lynn Driskell is the new guidance counselor, Theresa Rosenberg and Alisha Evans will teach third grade, and Blake Farrer and Joan Risner are new second-grade teachers.

Open house is tomorrow (Friday) from 4 to 6 p.m.

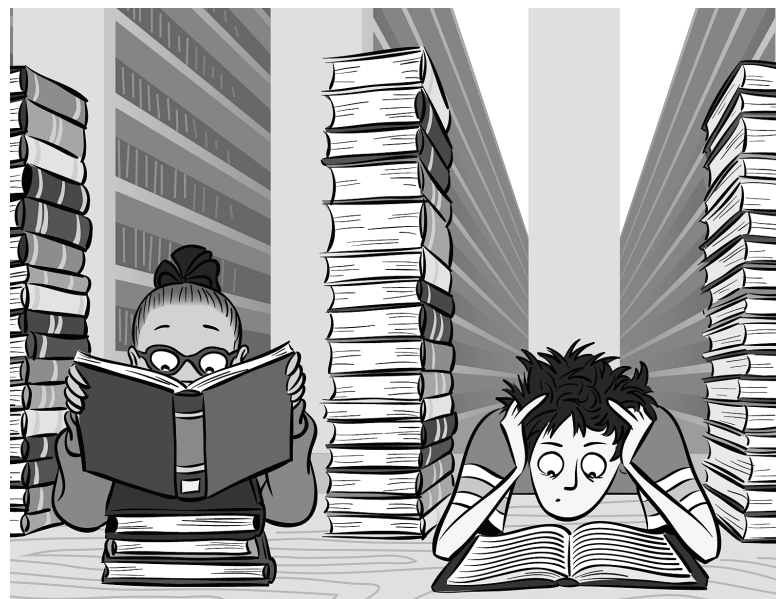


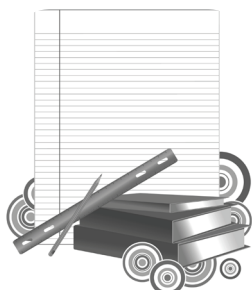
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Principal Doug Herron loves to visit Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten students. During this visit, little ones were busy learning about the letter W. Herron then expanded on their knowledge by letting them know about the one season that begins with a W, winter.

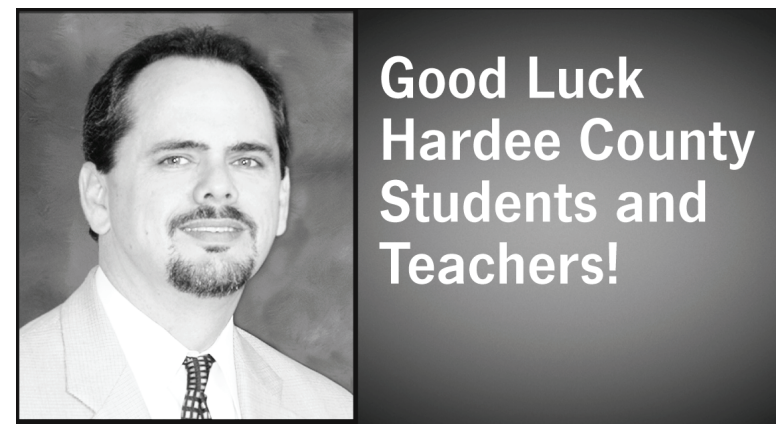
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HHS: Use Remind 101 To Be Informed

By MARIA TRUJILLO

Of The Herald-Advocate

Want a fast way to get information from Hardee Senior High?

Now you can. A relatively new text-messaging system, which started during this last school year, will allow anyone with a cellphone or e-mail to get instant messages on any important information parents, students and teachers need to know.

This messaging system is known as Remind101, or Principal's Updates. This one-way text messaging system lets the principal send out information to those who sign up.

Principal Dr. Michele Polk says it will be a good way to keep both parents and students informed. She also mentioned it will be a good tool to use with teachers if there were ever an emergency situation.

Anyone can sign up for these updates, to do so just text @hardeesr to (863) 448-9811. To unsubscribe, just text unsubscribe@hardeesr. Polk says this system is only set up for texting, therefore nothing will happen if a call is made to this number.

To receive e-mails instead, send an e-mail to hardeesr@mail.remind101.com. The subject line can be left blank.

Another relatively new program that will continue at HHS is the Advancement Via Individual Determination classes, which has expanded this year.

Before, classes were only offered to ninth and 10th graders; this year the program will include 11th graders. Another change is that now, all incoming freshmen and all AVID students will be required to have a three-inch, three-ring binder to be better organized with their courses.

"Teacher professional development will continue to focus on the implementation of AVID strategies and preparing all students for college and career readiness," said Polk.

Some classes have been added to HHS for the year. They include dual enrollment English, taught by Linda Shayman; DE American Sign Language, taught by Nancy Weems, who is also a new teacher; and forensic science. The big difference with the DE classes is that they will be offered at HHS instead of the local college.

Adding these two courses at HHS will give more students the opportunity to take more advanced courses. Polk hopes to have even more DE courses by next year.

With the new Florida Standard Assessment tests in place this year, all schools are trying to get their students and teachers ready.

Polk says she is "highly concerned" about the new expectations the state placed for math. This year, ninth graders are required to take and pass Algebra 1 End-of-Course exams at the end of the year.

"However, many students enter high school with deficiencies in math ... it's a big leap for our math teachers to take a student who scores level 1 or 2 on the eighth-grade FCAT math test and bring them to proficiency in Algebra 1 at the end of their first year in high school," said Polk.

Although students are able to retake the exam if they don't pass the first time, this is not the objective. The goal is for students to pass the first time.

In order to help students who are doing poorly in math, increased

math support will be provided for incoming ninth graders who scored a level 1 or 2 on eighth-grade FCAT math. Students who scored a 1 will get a full year of remediation support while students who scored a 2 will receive remediation during the second semester.

Polk hopes with the increased time spent on math, students will be more proficient and will more likely to pass the Algebra 1 EOC.

Another new thing HHS is doing is working with the Management Information Systems Department to start on a few pilot technology initiatives. Polk is looking to the future and knows that technology will play an even larger part in schools, and is therefore making subtle changes now to be better prepared for when that day comes.

Polk urges parents to talk to their children about school. She says parents should require their children to provide evidence of their grades on tests, progress reports, etc. and not just take their word for it.

She also says attendance is critical for students to be successful in high school, and tells parents not to be afraid to check on their kids. In fact, she suggests parents go to the attendance office and ask for their children's attendance records to make sure they are attending all of their classes.

HHS has several new staff members this year. James Adler will serve as the new school resource officer, Sandy Driskell will be a clinic nurse, Nikki Aubry and Sam Owens as English teachers, Nikki Graham as a science teacher, Karen Gustinger as a reading teacher, Mark Pryor as a social studies teacher, Karen Albritton is a com-

puter lab para-professional and Mark Garza and Melanie Henderson will be para-professionals.

Positions for one science teacher

and for the band director are still open.

Open house is tomorrow (Friday) between 1 and 4 p.m.

Hardee Senior High Supply List

All 9th grade students AND all AVID students:

- One 3-inch ring binder per semester
- 7 Dividers (one for each course in your schedule)
- Pencil pouch that clips into the rings of the 3-inch binder
- Notebook paper
- 2 packs of pencils

All other 10th, 11th and 12th grade students:

- Supplies will be determined by individual classroom teachers

Hilltop Elementary Supply List

KINDERGARTEN

- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons
- 1 pair of Fiskars blunt tip scissors
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer (boys)
- Towel or mat (for the 1st 6 weeks)
- 1 ½" 3 ring binder with clear pocket on front
- 1 container Clorox or Lysol wipes
- 1 box of Ziploc quart or gallon bags (girls)
- 4 Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 bottles of Elmer's glue
- 2 packs of pencils
- 1 large eraser

FIRST GRADE

- 2 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons
- 4 large pink-wedge pencil eraser
- Plastic supply/pencil box
- 24—plain yellow No. 2 wooden pencils
- 4—3 pronged folders with pockets
- 3 glue sticks (no glitter)
- Book bag (no wheels please)
- 2 composition books (not spiral)
- One pair of scissors

Optional

- 1—box of Ziploc bags (quart size)
- 1—8 oz. bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1—craft item (such as glitter, pipe cleaners, buttons, ribbon, yarn, stickers, etc. to help with special projects)
- 1—box of baby wipes

SECOND GRADE

- Small pencil bag or box
- 2 packs of crayons
- 4 packages of WIDE-RULED notebook paper
- 2 pocket folders with middle brackets (paper-solid colors)
- 2 highlighters
- Dry erase markers (1 pack)
- 1 pack of 4 large pink erasers
- No. 2 plain pencils (4 packs)
- Student scissors (small)
- 1 ½ inch binder
- 1 composition book
- Glue sticks (2)
- Dry erase board eraser
- Bottle of hand sanitizer

THIRD GRADE

- 4 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 pack of 4 Expo Dry erase markers
- 5 packs of 24 #2 pencils (NO mechanical pencils!)
- 5 composition notebooks
- 2—packs of big pink erasers
- 4 boxes of 24 crayons (NO colored pencils)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Highlighter
- Supply box

FOURTH GRADE

- 2—packs of pencils (NO mechanical pencils)
- 3—composition notebook
- 1—pack of colored pencils
- 4—pocket folders (solid color with prongs)
- One pair of scissors
- Hand sanitizer
- 2—highlighters
- 3—packs of lined paper
- Cap erasers

FIFTH GRADE

- Colored pencils (MUST)
- Highlighters
- One 1 ½- inch 3-ring binder
- Only glue sticks (No glue bottles)
- Pencil bag that can go inside a binder
- 3 composition books (if possible 3 different colors)
- Lanyard for student ID card
- EXPO markers (fine point) *
- Red ink pens to grade with
- Variety of Post-It notes
- 6 packs of notebook paper
- Pencils
- Cap erasers
- Plastic sleeves for paper *
- Binder insert dividers *

*Item is available for purchase from classroom teacher



PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

Here, Lt. Col. Anthony Hingle (left) and Cadet Capt. Jose Sanchez of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps talk to principal Dr. Michele Polk about the evaluation process members of JROTC go through. JROTC is ready to start the new school year with nice clean uniforms and brand new books.

Alane Academy: Teaching 7 Habits Of Effectiveness

By MARIA TRUJILLO
Of The Herald-Advocate

Reading and math aren't the only things being taught at Alane Academy.

The only private school in Wauchula doesn't focus just on the academic aspect of school, Alane also works toward having students with great character.

Alane's founder and principal, Julie Poucher Taylor, says it is the base of the whole school and actually has a direct impact on learning.

Taylor says the school doesn't really have discipline issues and she attributes that to character education and having well-behaved students. Character education is based on "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

These include: "be proactive," being in charge of one's own actions; "begin with the end in mind," meaning have a plan; "put first things first," work first, then play; and "think win-win," which means everyone can win.

Also, "seek first to understand, then to be understood," which teaches students to listen before speaking; "synergize," which means together is better; "sharpen the saw," balance feels best.

Academically, Alane follows the same standards as the state but does

not take many of the tests the local public schools do. However, Poucher says students do take a standardized test at the end of the year.

The regular curriculum consists of reading, writing, math, technology, science and social studies. The school's website says the "most important goal in regard to the reading curriculum is to foster a love for reading in every child."

Science and social studies will "flip-flop" this year, meaning one day students will have one subject and the next day the other.

New courses this year include a music appreciation program, a physical education program and now the school will formally add weekly science labs.

Although this school year has yet to begin, Alane is already planning for next year as well. Poucher says she is considering expanding and



PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

The founder and principal of Alane Academy, Julie Poucher Taylor, stands in front of the school's seven principles: be proactive, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek first to understand then to be understood, synergize and sharpen the saw.

adding pre-kindergarten to the school.

This year the school day has extended its hours slightly. The school day now begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m. Poucher says it was her teachers who requested the day to be longer, and thinks it will only benefit the students.

Alane Academy is accepting applications for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Admission to the school is determined by academics, conduct, work habits and attendance records.

To apply for Alane, schedule a meeting with Poucher to receive an admission packet or to apply for a scholarship. Meetings can be scheduled by calling 773-3192 or by going to alaneacademy.com.

An open house for students who are already enrolled at Alane Academy will be today (Thursday) in the evening.



Kick-off a Season for Learning

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Biking & Walking Safely

Does your child walk or bike to school?

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- While on a bicycle, ride in the same direction as traffic.
- While biking, obey all traffic signs, signals and lane markings.
- Always wear a bright vest or attach neon-bright flags.
- Pedestrians should use the sidewalk if there is one; if not, walk on the side of the road which faces traffic.
- Cross streets only where pedestrians are expected, such as at corners and in crosswalks.
- Be visible. Wear bright and reflective colors on your clothes, shoes and/or wristbands.



Hooray! No More FCAT! New Standards Bring New Assessments

By MARIA TRUJILLO

Of The Herald-Advocate

FCAT is no more!

Well, for the most part anyway.

In March, Florida Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart announced a new set of tests will be given to students this school year to replace FCAT 2.0. However a few students will still take FCAT 2.0 tests for the 2014-15 year.

Students who did not pass FCAT 2.0 reading the first time it was taken will need to retake the test and pass in order to graduate. Also, FCAT 2.0 science will still be administered to fifth and eighth graders.

The decision to do away with most FCAT 2.0 tests was due to the "new, more rigorous standards" to help Florida students succeed. According to Stewart, FCAT 2.0 no longer serves the purpose of measuring student's progress and achievement.

These new tests are supposed to assess student's knowledge of Florida Standards, "which will prepare them for success in college, careers and life," said State Board of Education Chairman Gary Chartrand.

The new assessments were made to measure every child's progress and achievements, and have an increased emphasis on analytical thinking. The tests are meant to show how much a student actually knows about a subject.

Although there are multiple-choice questions, students will also

have to create graphs, interact with some of the test content and write and respond in different ways than the traditional tests students have been taking.

These tests, known as the Florida Standards Assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics, will be administered by a non-profit organization called the American Institutes for Research.

With new tests, come new grades.

After students take the test for the first time in the spring, the "required standard-setting process" will take place during the summer. Expectations will then be set and a new baseline will be in place for school grading.

Stewart says this baseline "will more accurately reflect student performance on the new standards and assessments."

Some things will, for the most part, remain the same.

Students who are going into the third grade for the 2014-15 year will be expected to earn a certain score, to be determined in the spring, on the English Language Arts assessment in order to move on to the next grade.

Students going into 10th grade or taking Algebra 1 will also have to earn a certain score, on their ELA tests and the Algebra 1 assessment to meet graduation requirements. They will have the chance to retake the tests if necessary.

Gov. Rick Scott set out to have this new assessment meet eight

goals to "ensure the best outcome for Florida students." Some of those goals are that the results of the scores be prompt, there be no significant change in testing time, no significant increase in cost for the test, and to provide appropriate accommodations for exceptional students.

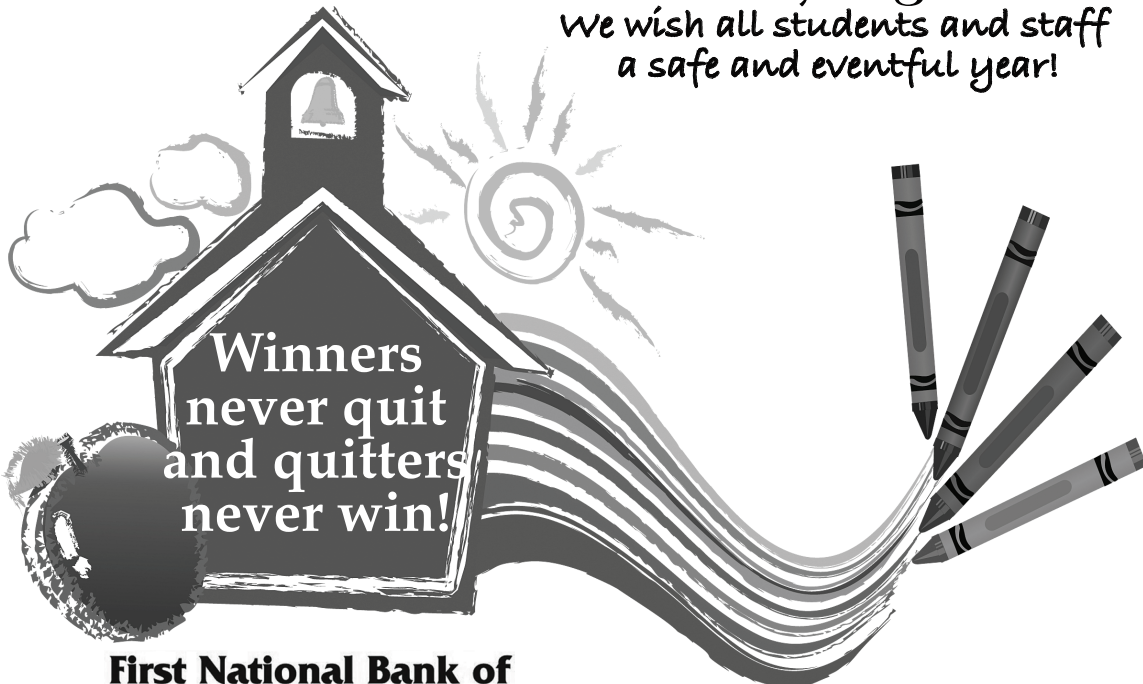
Stewart said this new assessment was developed with "an unprecedented amount of public input." She goes on to say this test gives teachers more flexibility in the classroom to make their own decisions and to be able to prepare students to analyze and think.

Parents or students who want to see what the new tests will be like can go online and take practice tests. Visit fssassments.org, click on "Training Tests" and then click "Take the Training Test." More information about the test can also be found on the above website.

Welcome Back

Monday, August 18

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Stop On Red, Kids Ahead!

Soon school will be back in session, and those bright yellow buses will be making their rounds.

Remember to give them plenty of space.

But, mostly, pay attention while driving.

Most drivers don't know where every school bus stop is, and that moment of distraction while answering a cellphone or adjusting the stereo can mean the difference in plowing into the back of a school bus or safely stopping.

Or, worse, hitting a group of children boarding the bus instead of sitting behind the wheel safely watching them and waiting for the all-clear.

Read and remember the following:

- Motorists are required to stop when approaching a school bus with its red lights flashing and "STOP" arms extended.

- The only time traffic does not need to stop is if there is a raised barrier, such as a concrete divider, or at least five feet of unpaved space separating the lanes of traffic — and you are on that other side!

- Motorists should be alert and watch for children, especially near schools, bus stops, school buses and in school parking lots.

- At bus stops, children should wait in a safe place away from the road.

- Children should be taught not to engage in horseplay, running, pushing or shoving while waiting for their school bus.

- Children should never walk behind a bus.

- Motorists should slow down around schools, and everywhere when buses are making their rounds.

- Remember, Stop on Red, Kids Ahead!

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Safety: Schools Train For Varied Events

By **MARIA TRUJILLO**
Of The Herald-Advocate

FCAT is no more!
Teachers worry about what they will do that day to grab every student's attention.

Today, this isn't the only worry teachers and principals have for their students.

The safety of schools across the country comes into question each time an attack on a school happens, whether it's a shooting, stabbing or another great act of violence.

Here in Hardee County, all principals have that thought in the back of their minds and have procedures in place not only for attacks but also for fires and other circumstances involving bad weather.

Wauchula Elementary recently had a mock shooting take place on

campus. Both of the administrators from that school took part in the scenario and were able to learn a lot.

Principal Sonja Bennett says one of the major things she noted was that officers responding to the shooting were taking longer in identifying some of the teachers on campus because they were not wearing identification.

She says this year all teachers and staff will wear ID badges that will properly identify them.

The school itself has two lockdown drill procedures a year, and all students practice being quiet. Bennett says she wants to provide a safe environment for students and is willing to talk to students if they do have serious concerns about being safe while in school.

At Zolfo Springs Elementary,

lockdown, tornado and fire drills are also done every year. One thing the school would use in case of an emergency involving the whole school is red and green cards.

Principal Melanie Henderson says teachers are instructed to put either a green card in the window if everyone inside is OK, or a red card indicating someone inside needs help.

At North Wauchula Elementary all outside doors to the school are locked, preventing anyone who hasn't checked in at the front office from going to any of the classrooms. All teachers are also instructed to keep their keys with them at all times.

In the past, "intruder drills" have been conducted, and Principal Tracey Nix said the students did very well.

At Bowling Green Elementary, every visitor must sign-in and show proper identification. Principal Kathy Clark says the school has monthly fire and tornado drills, and lockdown drills are in place and have been conducted.

At Hilltop Elementary and Hardee Junior High, the outside gates of the school are locked during school hours. One major change that was done recently was the school changed where the attendance department is. Attendance is now at the front desk of the school, meaning there is no reason for anyone who doesn't work at the school to go beyond that front desk.

Principal Doug Herron says they are always looking for the schools

to be safe and secure, but they don't want that to be the students' focus.

The principal of Hardee Senior High, Dr. Michele Polk, says any act of violence at a school "is every principal's worst nightmare."

HHS has lockdown drills in place

that involve the local Sheriff's Office. She says every student will know of proper procedures for lockdown, fire and tornado drills as the English classes will be in charge of going over that information with them.

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Hardee District Schools 2014-2015 Calendar

July 2014

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JULY

4 July Fourth Holiday

January 2015

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JANUARY

1 New Year's Day Holiday
 2 Jan Winter Break
 5 Records Day
 14 End of Second Quarter
 19 Martin Luther King Holiday
 21 Report Grades Due 3:30 PM
 26 Report Cards Issued

August 2014

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AUGUST

11 First day 10 Mth Personnel
 12 In-service Day
 13 In-service Day
 14 Professional Day
 15 Professional Day
 18 First day for Students

FEBRUARY 2015

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FEBRUARY

16 President's Day Holiday
 18 Progress Reports
 20 In service Day

September 2014

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SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day Holiday
 17 Progress Reports
 26 In-service Day

MARCH 2015

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MARCH

15-20 Spring Break
 27 Professional Development/Early Release Students Only
 30 End of Third Quarter

October 2014

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OCTOBER

10 Homecoming Early Release All
 21 End of First Quarter
 22 Professional Development/Early Release Students Only
 27 Report Card Grades Due 3:30 PM
 30 Report Cards Issued

APRIL 2015

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APRIL

3 No School student/staff
 6 Report Card Grades Due 3:30 PM
 9 Report Card Issued
 24 Progress Reports

November 2014

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NOVEMBER

24-28 Thanksgiving
 19 Progress Reports

MAY 2015

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MAY

25 Memorial Day

December 2014

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DECEMBER

19 Early Release
 22-31 Winter Break

JUNE 2015

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JUNE

3 Fourth Quarter Ends Last Day for Students/Early Release
 4-5 Post School
 5 Last Day for 10 month employees



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Hardee County school bus driver Lynn Roberts is happy to welcome students back to school on Monday.

Now's The Time To Immunize

The March of Dimes urges parents to immunize their children against infectious diseases before the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.

Influenza, pertussis (whooping cough) and measles are just a few of the serious vaccine-preventable diseases that still affect children and adults in the United States today.

"Immunizations are as important today as they were in the age of polio in the 1950s, when the March of Dimes funded the pioneering work that resulted in the vaccine that still is used today against this deadly disease," says Dr. Karen Harris, head of the Program Services Committee for the March of Dimes Florida Chapter.

"Back-to-school season is the time of the year when we especially encourage kids to get their shots to protect their health," she adds.

Even small groups of unimmunized people can quickly spread disease, Dr. Harris points out.

In the U.S., both measles and whooping cough are at epidemic rates.

According to the Florida Department of Health, the most recent school year (2013-14) immunization status reports for all 67 Florida counties indicate vaccination rates of:

- Kindergarten: 93.2 percent (State and National Goal = 95)
- Seventh grade: 96.6 percent (State Goal = 95; National Goal = 90)
- 2-year-old children (2013): 86.72 percent (State and National Goal = 90)

Buckle Up! It's The Law & It's Wise

Seatbelts and child restraint seats keep your young "cargo" protected.

Here are the facts:

- Buckle up. A seatbelt is your vehicle's most important safety feature, but it only works if you use it.
- Florida law requires the use of seatbelts by drivers of motor vehicles and all children riding in a vehicle under the age of 18.
- Keep children in the back seat, at least through age 12, if possible. Front seat air bags, when deployed, can be dangerous to children.
- A new law taking effect in January 2015 will require children 4 and 5 years of age to ride in a booster seat.

HARDEE WILDCATS

VARSITY

Aug. 22	Auburndale <i>(Kickoff Classic)</i>	Away	7:30
Aug. 29	Jesuit	Away	7:30
Sept. 5	Fort Meade	Away	7:30
Sept. 12	Sebring <i>(Mosaic Night)</i>	Home	7:30
Sept. 26	Frostproof	Away	7:30
Oct. 2**	Booker*	Away	7:30
Oct. 10	Avon Park <i>(Homecoming)</i>	Home	7:30
Oct. 17	Bayshore*	Home	7:30
Oct. 24	Southeast* <i>(Bradenton)</i>	Home	7:30
Oct. 30**	DeSoto* <i>(Battle For The Buck Carlton Trophy)</i>	Away	7:30
Nov. 7	North Port <i>(Senior Night)</i>	Home	7:30

* District Games ** Thursday

Head Coach: Buddy Martin



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Aug. 28	Mulberry	Away	7:00
Sept. 4	DeSoto	Away	7:00
Sept. 11	Fort Meade	Home	7:00
Sept. 18	Frostproof	Home	7:30
Sept. 25	Lake Placid	Away	7:00
Oct. 2	Sebring	Home	7:00
Oct. 9	Avon Park	Away	7:00
Oct. 16	Jesuit	Home	6:30

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