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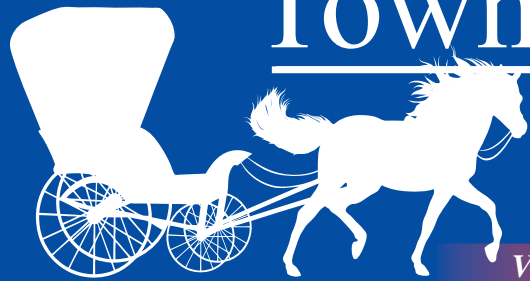
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## NEW LISTING



**2 BEDROOM 1 BATHROOM** mobile home located in a 55+ community! Well maintained home with new siding and metal roof. Plus additional enclosed lanai that could easily be air conditioned and turned into additional square footage. Paved driveway off street with 2 additional storage sheds locate on the property. This home comes with a 1/23 share of Shady Oaks of Arcadia Association with no lot rent! Monthly co-op fees of \$112 include taxes, water, sewer and park maintenance. Florida living at its finest located near golf courses, public waterways and a short drive to town!

Listed at **\$34,000**

## FEATURED LISTING



This stunning 17 acre country estate invites you in through the custom front door where you will be captivated by

the sprawling rock fire place and open floor plan. The kitchen features solid hickory cabinetry and granite counter tops. A jack-and-jill bath compliments the guest bedrooms which have two closets each. The home features an office with a custom built in wood desk, an oversized utility room with granite counters, and a custom half bath. The master suite, separate from the other bedrooms, features a custom tray ceiling, French doors opening onto the screened back porch, and walk in closets. A large walk in shower stands in the master bath along with a private water closet, granite counter tops, and copper sinks to compliment the his and her vanities. Your outdoor needs will be met with a 2,000+ square foot concrete block workshop, along with pipe stalls and a feed room for your livestock. The property features beautiful grazing grass and is fenced/cross fenced. This home offers country living at its finest, yet still provides a central location to Arcadia, Sarasota/Bradenton, Port Charlotte, and more! Bring your family and animals to bask in the beauty of this immaculate country dream home.

Listed at **\$699,000**



## ACTIVE LISTINGS



**REDUCED!** 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom concrete block home sitting on a half acre nestled near the end of a quiet street.

Listed at **\$175,000**



**NEED SPACE?** This spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom fenced in home sits in the city of Arcadia.

Listed at **\$139,000**



**COUNTRY HOME!** 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 1.3 acres North of town! There are 2 sheds and fruit trees scattered on the property. Com home to the country!

Listed at **\$135,000**

## YOUR HOMETOWN TEAM REALTORS



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Horse lovers retreat sitting on 5+/- acres this is a large 3/2 ready for immediate showing

**\$315,000** C7421235

### BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH LOG HOME ON 5 ACRES

The home has Yellow Pine walls throughout and large beams made of Douglas Fir. All the closets are Cedar lined and spacious. Great room, dining room and kitchen are open and with high beamed ceilings. Home features a large master suite with adjoining office upstairs along with a spacious bath and cedar lined walk-in closet. The bath has a large tiled shower and a jetted tub. All interior and exterior doors are solid wood. You will love the front and back porches for swinging or rocking while enjoying the great outdoors. There is an additional small refrigerator and full sized freezer on the back porch. The property is set up for your horses or other farm animals as it has a nice 24x35 carport barn and water to pasture. Additionally there is a 20x30 metal garage/workshop and a 8x10 storage shed. This is a move in ready and must see property.

**\$359,900** C742559



4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bathroom with 2 car garage awaits new owners!

**\$590,903** C7421457



**We have agents ready to assist you SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!**

Located in the Historic District of Arcadia, this building is truly one of a kind! Surrounded by antique shops, a restaurant, and other retail businesses, you will notice that the location is prime!

**\$219,000** C7416639



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# Peace River SHOPPER

DeSoto County's Weekly Publication

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

## NEW YEAR NEW SHOPPER!

First, we'd like to thank all of our loyal readers. Without you we would not still be growing, today. One of the main goals of the Peace River Shopper is to provide a true community-based publication that allows our readers to discover great local businesses and find out more about the fantastic things that make DeSoto County wonderful. Throughout this year we will be updating our look and content to be even more community-centric than ever before.

Don't forget that your opinion and feedback matter. Always know that we value your thoughts. You can always email or call us and let us know what you think and any new ideas that you may have.

**Once again, thank you from your Peace River Shopper family.**

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Standard weekly cutoff times for ads apply to the week prior to each issue's release day. Printed issues are released each week on Tuesday:

- Space reservation: *Wednesdays, 5pm*
- Camera-ready ads: *Fridays, 5pm*
- Copy and graphics for ads requiring design: *Wednesdays, 5pm*
- Classified Ads: *Thursdays, 5pm*



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Collins  
Realty, Inc.

MLS #  
C7420789

**Mark Your Calendar!**



**Saturday, February 22nd  
10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

**11346 SE Shelfer Ave., Arcadia  
Reduced to: \$390,000**

- ◆ 3 Bedrooms
- ◆ 2 Bathrooms
- ◆ 4 Level Home
- ◆ 2,746 Sq. Ft. Under Air
- ◆ 15 Acres Fenced
- ◆ Barn with 7 Stalls
- ◆ Bar-B-Que Area
- ◆ Huge Oak Trees
- ◆ Tack Room
- ◆ Office with Bathroom
- ◆ Gun Room
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*Real Estate Sales & Service*  
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Arcadia, FL 34266

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**TO SEE ALL DESOTO**



ARREST REPORT 2/9/20 - 2/15/20  
**DESOTO COUNTY**  
 SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**REBECCA LOUISE AVANT:** Larceny-Petit Theft, Resist Officer-Obstruct Without Violence.

**MAURICE AARON BROWN:** Marijuana-Possess-Not More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equipment-Possess- &/Or Use, Failure To Appear-Written Promise To Appear, Out Of State Jurisdiction Felony Arrest.

**ANDREW LUCAS CRITES:** Probation Violation.

**JOHN KEITH DAVIS:** Failure To Appear-Written Promise To Appear, Writ Of Bodily Attachment (NON Criminal Arrest).

**CHARLES ANGUS FERGUSON:** Kidnap-Inflict Bodily Harm Or Terrorize Victim Or Other, Sexual Assault-Sexual Battery 18 Or Older By Person 18 Years Or Older, Battery-Commit Felony Battery, Battery, Resist Officer-Obstruct Without Violence.

**RYAN BRINCE HAGAN:** Kidnap-False Imprisonment-Adult Or Child Under 13 Years Of Age, Battery-Commit Domestic Battery By Strangulation.

**EUGENE JAMES HOFFER III:** Larceny-Petit Theft.

**KARMA ERIN KOLB:** Probation Violation.

**CHRISTOPHER GEORGE MONTGOMERY:** Failure To Appear-Written Promise To Appear, Drugs-Possess-Controlled Substance Without Prescription, Resist Officer-Obstruct Without Violence.

**RUDY CARRILLO PEREZ:** Failure To Appear-Written Promise To Appear.

**CHASE ANTHONY RIVERA:** Arrest On Warrant (Use For Out Of County Warrant).

**DALLAS DUVON SKINNER:** Aggravated Battery-On Officer/Firefighter/EMT, Etc., Resist Officer-With Violence, Resist Officer-Obstruct Without Violence, Marijuana-Possess-Not More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equipment-Possess- &/Or Use, Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Drive While License Suspended, Probation Violation, Writ Of Bodily Attachment (NON Criminal Arrest).

**JESSE JAY STOCKLEN:** Probation Violation.

**ANTHONY TYREL BOONE:** Shoplifting-Petit Theft From Merchant.

**SARANA CHAVEZ CANO:** Probation Violation.

**STEVEN CHRISTOPHER CARAWAY:** Battery-Touch Or Strike.

**KEVIN EDWARD CASSELL:** Writ Of Bodily Attachment (NON Criminal Arrest).

**JOSHUA XAZIER COLLIER:** Probation Violation, Marijuana-Possess-Not More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equipment-Possess- &/Or Use.

**GERARD GOMEZ DELACRUZ:** Burglary-Occupied Dwelling Unarmed, Disorderly Intoxication-Public Place Cause Disturbance.

**RUDOLFO DELAGARZA JR:** Larceny-Petit Theft.

**RICHARD LEE GANDY:** Shoplifting-Petit Theft From Merchant.

**DEVONTREY GRIFFIN:** Battery-Touch Or Strike, Disorderly Conduct-Brawling/Fighting/Corrupt Public Moral Decency.

**ANNA MARIA HALL:** Shoplifting-Petit Theft From Merchant.

**MONICA KAY JACKSON:** Damage Property-Criminal Mischief-\$200 & Under, Trespassing-Fail To Leave Property Upon Order By Owner.

**JASON LEE KELLER:** Drug Equipment-Possess- &/Or Use.

**ARTHUR THOMAS MAZE:** Arrest On Warrant (Use For Out Of County Warrant).

**CEDRIC LORENZO NELSON:** Battery-Touch Or Strike.

**JOSE ALFREDO OLVERA:** Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Operate Motor Vehicle Without Valid License.

**RENE SANCHEZ RAMOS:** Drugs-Possess-Controlled Substance Without Prescription, Drug Equipment-Possess- &/Or Use, Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Operate Motor Vehicle Without Valid License.

**DANIEL HERNANDEZ REYNALDO:** Disorderly Intoxication-Public Place Cause Disturbance.

**DASHON JAMAR RIVERS:** Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Drive License Suspended Commercial Vehicle.

**LYNETTE MARIE ROGERS:** Public Order Crimes-Misuse 911 Or E911 System, Resist Officer-With Violence.

**ANITHA SUJITH:** Battery-Commit Domestic Battery.







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# HOT NEW LISTINGS!



**NEW**

One of the most loved and maintained buildings in the historic district of Arcadia! This free standing building is 11,000 square feet which includes 6 apartments, a lobby/waiting area, an elevator, an entire retail store, and the 3rd floor is vacant space. There are plenty of places to park in the private parking lot and along the street.  
**\$499,000**



**NEW**

Lovely two bedroom, two bathroom home. This property has a trendy kitchen, spacious living room with views of the front yard, a nice sized guest bedroom, luxurious bathrooms, master bedroom with walk in closet. The property includes two extra lots and a over-sized carport.  
**\$159,900**



**NEW**

Gorgeous three bedroom, two bathroom, two car garage home located in Sunnybreeze. This property includes a master bedroom with a huge walk in closet, galley kitchen with a breakfast bar, flowing kitchen into the main living area with a bright dining room, family room and a screened in lanai.  
**\$219,000**



**NEW**

Great 1.2 acres of land with beautiful trees. Most of the property is wooded but can be cleared to build a dream home on. Includes a well and septic tank.  
**\$8,000**



**REDUCED**

**\*OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE\***  
Totally renovated and redesigned four bedroom, two bathroom home. This property includes new luxury vinyl plank flooring, new carpet in bedrooms, stylish countertops and brand new appliances.  
**\$149,999**

**FOR RENT**



**Two bedroom, one bathroom home w/ bonus room.**  
**\$850.00 per month**

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# PRS *Community* CALENDAR

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18

#### Senior Friendship Center

Daily Coffee and Conversation 9am - 1pm | Movie Day 9:30am - 11:30am | Lunch served at 11:30am  
917 N. Arcadia Ave. (Tidewell Hospice Building)

#### Ladies Golf League

9am Tee Time. Arcadia Municipal Golf Course,  
1769 NE Livingston Street, Arcadia

#### [CITY GOV] City Council Meeting

6-8:30pm, Council Chambers, 23 N. Polk Avenue, Arcadia, FL 34266

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19

## NO SCHOOL FOR DESOTO COUNTY

Professional Development Day

#### Senior Friendship Center

Daily coffee and conversation 9am - 1pm | Low-Impact Exercises start at 9:30am., | Weigh-In Healthy Eating and Recipe Sharing 10:00am | Lunch served at 11:30am  
917 N. Arcadia Ave. (Tidewell Hospice Building)

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20

#### [SPORTS] Boys Basketball Regional Tournament

7pm - 10pm, DeSoto County High School, 1710 East Gibson Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266

#### Senior Friendship Center

Daily coffee and conversation 9am - 1pm | Crafts 9:30am,  
2nd and 4th Thursdays Free Blood Pressure Screenings by DeSoto Memorial Home Health. | Lunch served at 11:30am  
917 N. Arcadia Ave. (Tidewell Hospice Building)

#### LIST YOUR UPCOMING EVENT IN OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR FREE!

Email your event information to Jackie Bierman at:  
jbierman@dancollins.biz or call 863.491.6420

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21

#### Senior Friendship Center

Daily coffee and conversation 9am - 1pm | Low-Impact Exercises start at 9:30am | BINGO 10am | Lunch served at 11:30am  
917 N. Arcadia Ave. (Tidewell Hospice Building)

#### Leadership DeSoto Fundraiser - Vintage Carnival

6 PM – 10 PM, Lou's Banquet Hall, 121 S.Desoto Ave

#### [SPORTS] Spring Season Opening Day

9am, Miss DeSoto Fastpitch Softball

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22

#### Monthly Antique Fair

8am. Downtown Arcadia, Florida

#### Premia Fitness Arcadia Grand Opening

8am - 12pm, 2713 SE Highway 70, Arcadia, FL 34266

#### Open House at The Ranch

2pm - 6pm, The Ranch at Arcadia Palms RV Resort. 1847 NE Fiveash Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Join us from 2 - 6 for an open house party with a bbq, drinks, and live music from the Tru Kountry Band. Come pick out your site for 2020/2021 and join us for a good time!

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 24

#### Senior Friendship Center

Daily Coffee and Conversation 9am - 1pm | Low-Impact Exercises start at 9:30am | Lunch served at 11:30am  
917 N. Arcadia Ave. (Tidewell Hospice Building)

#### Six-man Scramble Shotgun Start

1pm. Arcadia Municipal Golf Course, 1769 NE Livingston Street, Arcadia  
12 noon .Welcome new members. 2288 NW American Legion Dr, Arcadia

**“Don't Let Yesterday Take Up Too Much  
Of Today.” – Will Rogers**





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On the first floor there are 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. The second floor has 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, bonus room, and a kitchen area.

You could use the home as a single family home, or use the private entrance and create rental income! There is plenty of storage and a private in ground pool!

**MLS# A4456535**

**\$139,900.**

# CROSSWORD

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Yields Manila hemp
6. A type of gin
10. Japanese ankle sock
14. Swiss city
15. Applied to
17. Achievements
19. Japanese title
20. Possesses
21. Belgian city
22. Child
23. Great delight
24. Petty quarrel
26. Gathered
29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
31. Path
32. Legendary hoops coach Riley
34. A citizen of Denmark
35. Flat
37. Upper-class young women
38. Payment (abbr.)
39. Distort
40. Affirmative! (slang)
41. One who has a child
43. Without
45. Workplace safety agency
46. Political action committee
47. Period of plant and animal life
49. Swiss river
50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
53. State of being kept secret
57. Hobbies
58. One-time Korean ruler
59. Sudden attack
60. Born of
61. Assists

## CLUES DOWN

1. Ancient Greek sophist
2. Famed composer
3. Spore-bearing fungi cells
4. Chief executive officer
5. Defunct Syrian political party
6. Thin wood
7. Polynesian garlands
8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)
9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas
10. Multi-leveled
11. Influential diarist
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16. Current unit
18. Illumination unit
22. Tantalum
23. Steps leading down to a river
24. Kids love him
25. Before
27. Fencing swords
28. Mountain range in China
29. Payroll company
30. A way to pack together
31. Business designation
33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)
35. Forage fish
36. Greek temple pillars
37. Internet mgmt. company
39. Rouse oneself
42. In a way, covered
43. Elaborate silk garment
44. Cooling unit
46. Riley and O'Brien are two
47. \_\_ fide: genuine
48. Ancient Incan sun god
49. Poker stake
50. Trigonometric function
51. Interesting tidbit
52. Adieus
53. U.S. Treasury position
54. Midway between east and southeast
55. Doctors' group
56. Women's \_\_ movement

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**SOLD**

SHORT SALE, 4 BR 1.5 BA HOME, HARDWOOD FLOORS, ENC FT PORCH, CARPORT, 2 LOTS, .35 ACRE LOT, CITY SERVICES, OAK TREES. \$85,000, H-2325

**SOLD**

BIG MOBILE HOME, 1782 SF LIVING AREA, 4 BRS 2 BA, SPLIT BRS, FAM RM PLUS LIV RM, DINING RM PLUS LARGE EAT IN KITCHEN. HALF AC LOT WITH TREES. \$124,900, M-475

**SOLD**

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The upcoming March 17th Presidential Preference Primary is a closed primary in which only voters registered with either the Democratic or Republican parties are eligible to participate. The deadline to change your political party affiliation for this upcoming election is February 18, 2020.

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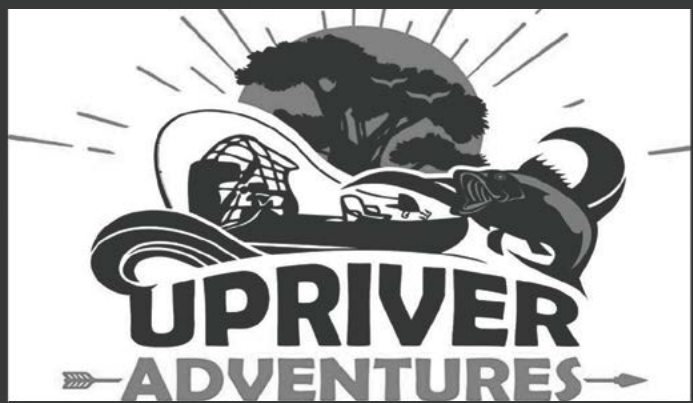
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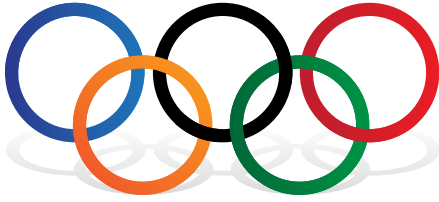
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# DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!



**STEVE "BIG DADDY" KNAPP**  
PRS Sports Writer

The DeSoto County basketball team stormed their way past the Tenoroc Titans to claim the district championship with a 72-67 win. It is the first district championship for the program since 2007 when current Head Coach Darrel Nicklow was an assistant on the team to Kip Rhoten.

Rhoten's Port Charlotte team also won their district championship on the same night as Nicklow and the Bulldogs. In the DeSoto win over the Pirates Rhoten

gathered the Bulldogs together and told them that if they played like they did against his team then they would win the district championship- and they did.

It was the first time the Bulldogs have won the title on their home court in nearly 3 decades. "That would have to be since 92, my team" said Nicklow. (The 2007 title was won on the road at Hardee.)

The game started poorly for Desoto as a couple of turnovers put the Titans on top 6-0. DeSoto came back to take a 7-6 lead on Keimar Richardson's steal and layup. Richardson put the final touches on an 8 point period with another layup with 3 seconds left as the Bulldogs took a 20-15 lead at the end of one.

Desoto built a ten point lead in the second period to watch it melt to just 5 points before Richardson scored the final bucket of the half



The team and fans celebrate the district championship. Coach Nicklow said, "We couldn't have done it without our fans. They've been with us all year and we thank them for their support."

for a 36-29 lead at the break. The second half was much of the same as the lead stayed between 5 and 10 points.

The Bulldogs had a chance to put the game away in the second half when they went to the free throw line 19 times but converted on just 8 of them after shooting 60% in the first half. The fourth quarter alone DeSoto was just 7-15 from the charity stripe.

Speedy Gilchrist who is like money in the bank from

the charity stripe was just 5-10 in the final quarter. "I kept thinking, wow, how can I be missing these free throws but we came out with a win so that's all that matters," said Gilchrist.

Ethan Redden led the team with 19 points and said, "this is the first championship I've ever won in sports and it feels good. We're going to come back again next year and do it again."

Tyrese Prince had 15



DeSoto leading scorer Ethan Redden celebrates the Bulldog win. The clock tells the rest of the story.

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Teammates and fans swarm Ethan Redden who holds the District championship trophy.

points with both Richardson and Gilchrist adding 14 each. Mari Redding just missed making it 5 Bulldogs in double figures with 8 points.

Over the past four years the Bulldogs have a tradition of starting the season slowly. They have averaged a 2-9 start with just 7 wins and 36 losses to begin the season over the last four years. This year was no different as they started just 2-8 but turned it around with an 11-3 run since then.

“I’m so proud of the boys. They started believing in what I was trying to teach them, that they can be a great team and not like the mediocre teams from the past few years. They started believing in themselves and see what it got them? I told them that when that (championship) banner goes up on the wall, they can proudly tell everyone that they were a part of that team. They were on that special team and for the rest of their lives nobody can take



Seniors Quae Burroughs and Tyrese Prince leave the court and point to the scoreboard as the game ends and the Bulldogs become district champions.

that away from them,” said Nicklow.

The Bulldogs host their first regional game this Thursday at 7 pm against the Astronaut War Eagles.

The only thing lost in the game last Friday was assistant coach Brandon Windsor’s mustache. Darrel Nicklow shaves it off as the promise to shave if the Bulldogs won the district championship.



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# DESOTO COUNTY BASKETBALL MAKEOVER



A new era of DeSoto county girls basketball started this season with Ta’Nyah Smith, Genesis Goldwire, Zeri Tyler, Tamia Randolph and Trenty Morales leading the way.

**STEVE “BIG DADDY” KNAPP**  
PRS Sports Writer

I don’t think many DeSoto basketball fans expected the Lady Bulldogs to be a very good team this season. They had just one returning starter and a player who was the first one off the bench last year. They had another starter that didn’t even play for DeSoto last year and then two untested freshmen with questions as to if they could adjust to the game at the varsity level.

Over the past decade the team has averaged a 4-13 record including just five years ago when they were

2-18. They were under the guidance of a new coach with Ardine Primus at the helm and the season was a big question mark as they began practice.

I was one of the skeptics too. However this team has proved all of the doubters wrong as they have jelled and worked together and have shown a lot of improvement since the beginning of the season.

You can’t say enough about Ta’Nyah Smith the DeSoto County Athlete of the Month for January. She was the glue that kept this young team from falling apart during the rough patches of a game and she was definitely their leader. The team could count

on her to hit a three pointer or make a big defensive play to keep the Bulldogs from getting into trouble.

She had that role last season even though she was a junior among 4 seniors. She wasn’t named to the All Area team probably because none of the writers saw a DeSoto game and didn’t know about her. She was one of the top 7 or 8 players last season and in the top five this year. Surely those that choose the team can’t over look her again!

Genesis Goldwire probably improved the most. She was the “enforcer” under the net and gobbled up a lot of rebounds on both ends of the court. Suddenly the freshman starting putting back up those shots that were missed by her teammates and became a threat to score in double figures in every game.

Another big surprise was Trenty Morales. The sophomore lefthander could not only find the bottom of the net, but could also handle the ball very well too. She was scary on defense with her quick hands taking many balls away from their opponents. She wasn’t even on the team

last season, but Bulldog fans will have the opportunity to watch her for two more years.

Morales’ best friend is Tamia Randolph. She was the first player off the bench last season for the Bulldogs. The sophomore has blossomed into an outstanding ball handler and field general. She is the straw that stirs the drink as Randolph puts the ball into the right hands for the best opportunity to get points.

The final starter is Zeri “Butta” Tyler. The freshman started the season hitting over double figures in each game and never stopped. She has a soft touch on her shots which were primarily from in the paint.

The DeSoto “bread and Butta” play early this season was to feed Tyler underneath and watch her bounce it off the glass for a couple of quick points.

The Bulldogs had a small bench, but with a very good crop of 8th graders moving up next year, there will be a lot of competition for playing time. The seasons of going 4-13 are over with a very strong looking future for the Lady Dogs.



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# NEXT STOP-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

**STEVE "BIG DADDY" KNAPP**  
PRS Sports Writer

After two big games last week with a win on Senior night and a big upset over Port Charlotte, the Desoto County boys basketball team could have a natural drop in their intensity in the semi final 67-51 win over the McKeel Wildcats.

As they faced the Wildcats for the first time this season, there were times when the Bulldogs just didn't play as they were capable of playing. They built up a 9 point lead at the break and appeared to have the game under control despite playing some pretty sloppy ball in the first half.

The first two Bulldog possessions in the second half both resulted in turnovers without even getting off a shot and resulted in a quick 4 points for the Wildcats. The Wildcats scored six of the first seven second half points to get them back into the game 28-24.

Speedy Gilchrist got the

fire back for DeSoto with a trey from the corner and then another bucket. On the next Wildcat possession Gilchrist picked the pocket of the Wildcat player and made a nice feed to Ethan Redden as the Bulldogs regained control of the game and took a 45-33 lead into the final 8 minutes of play.

The Bulldogs scored the first 6 points of the final quarter to build up an 18 point lead. The Bulldogs reverted to their sloppy play with bad choices of shots and turnovers while the Wildcats hit a pair of threes and cut the lead from 18 to 10 points with 5:02 left to play.

The Bulldogs needed to kill the clock so Gilchrist put on a dribbling clinic. Google Curly Neal from the Harlem Globetrotters to see what it looked like. As the Wildcats got frustrated they fouled Gilchrist and that was a mistake. Gilchrist hit on 9 of 10 free throw attempts in the game and was perfect in the

final period.

Tyrese Prince, the DeSoto County Athlete of the Week for the previous week, put the exclamation point on the game with a steal and a layup to put the game away 67-51.

Gilchrist led DeSoto with 21 points followed by Redden with 16 and Keimar Richardson with 15. Mari Redding also hit double figures with 10.

Desoto coach Darrel Nicklow wasn't real happy with the way the team played at times. "I'm proud of the way the team played some of the time, but this is the time of the year when we can't make so many mistakes and

expect to win our games. We won and that's all that matters tonight."



Freshman Mari Redding with 10 points and sophomore Nazir "Speedy" Gilchrist with a game high 21 points give the Desoto basketball program a bright future.

Nazir Gilchrist put on a dribbling clinic late in the game and went 9-10 from the charity stripe in the district semifinal win over McKeel 67-51.



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# OBITUARIES: IN OUR MEMORIES & IN OUR HEARTS

## Kathryn D. Cullipher

Kathryn D Cullipher, 98, passed away on Thursday, February 6, 2020 in Arcadia, FL. Kathryn was of the Christian faith, dedicating her life to the Lord. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Leesburg, and the Faithful Ruth Sunday School.

Kathryn was preceded in rest by her husband, George Cullipher; 3 brothers; 3 sisters; and her daughter Peggy. She leaves behind to honor her memory her daughter Kaye Miller (Ronald) of Leesburg, FL; her granddaughter Kimberly Bair of Zolfo Springs, FL; 4 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great- grandchildren; 3 nieces; 2 nephews; and many other cherished friends and family members.

**A memorial service will be held at a later date.**

**Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Homes have been entrusted with the arrangements.**

## Bonetta Neel Farley

( Apr 12, 1924 - Feb 10, 2020 )



Bonetta Neel Farley, age 95, passed away on February 10, 2020 in Arcadia, FL. She was born on April 12, 1924 in Arcadia, FL to the late Ben and Emma Williams Neel, Sr. She was a lifetime resident of Arcadia and a member of the Arcadia Church of the Nazarene.

Bonetta was a very loving, caring wife, mother and grandmother and will be sorely missed. She and her husband Edgel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November of 1991 before his passing. Bonita worked in the medical field for many years, both at G. Pierce Wood and for Dr. Calvin W. Martin.

She is survived by her granddaughters; Tammy (Buddy) Neal and Rebecca (Dewey) Rachel; great-grandchildren; Andrea (James) Ford, Brittany (David) Parker, William Neal and Kody Rachel;

great-great grandchildren Vivikah Ford, Damian Ford, Keaton Parker and Caleah Parker all of Punta Gorda, FL. Many nieces, nephews and cousins. Bonetta is preceded in death by her parents, loving husband Edgel Farley, brother Ben Neel, Jr. sister Neresia Reynolds, son Paul Farley, several nephews, a niece and her dearest companion Morris (her cat of 18 years).

A visitation of family and friends will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 2:00pm until 3:00pm at the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Homes, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia

**Funeral Services will follow the visitation on Saturday at 3:00pm in the chapel with Lester Rachel officiating. Burial will then be at Oak Ridge Cemetery.**

**In lieu of flowers the family request donations to one of the following: Church of the Nazarene, Habitat for Humanity or Salvation Army.**

**Online condolences can be made at [pongerkaysgrady.com](http://pongerkaysgrady.com) Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral & Cremation Services have been entrusted with the arrangements.**

## Kathy Florence

( Sep 07, 1963 - Feb 12, 2020 )



Kathy Florence, 56, of Arcadia, FL went to be with the Lord on February 12th, 2020. She was born on September 7th, 1963 to the late Ozzie Daniels and Catherine Florence in Arcadia and was a lifelong member of the community. She worked for many years as a short order cook, was strong in her worship of God, and a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to many.

Kathy is survived by her son, Calvin Florence, and one grandson; sisters Christine Crowther of Punta Gorda, FL, Theresa Wilson of Ft. Pierce, FL, Alice Faye and Cheryl Florence of New York, Donna Hough of Deltona, FL, and Sandra K. Robinson of Arcadia,

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FL; brother Johnny Wilson of West Palm Beach, FL; her very close and special nieces, Faye Robinson Daley and Chelsie Gordon Durham; her aunt Annie Ree Arnold of Douglasville, GA; Auntie Lois Heartfields and Auntie Queen Evans; special friends Vera Arnold Williams, Veronica Mobley, and Vanessa Christian; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents and her sisters Stacey Hill and Laura Ann Reden.

**A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266. A funeral will follow at 1:00 PM officiated by Bishop Frederick Woodard.**

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## Ralph Hamilton



Ralph Hamilton of Ft. Ogden and Ft. Myers, FL was born on September 5, 1923 passed away on February 10, 2020. Ralph was a WWII combat veteran and served in the Army in the Battle of the Bulge. Ralph married Sara Morris in 1946, and they made their home in Ft. Myers where Ralph was a General Contractor for over 40 years. Ralph was preceded in death by Sara and their son, Mark. He is survived by son Paul, daughter Sandee (Tim), grandchildren Chris (Katie), Steven (Beth), Andrew (Emily), and Julie (Jeremiah) and 3 great grandchildren Jordan, Emi, and Zoe.

**A Funeral Service will be held 1:00 PM, Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort**

**Myers, FL 33907. The family will receive friends for a time of visitation from 12:30 PM until the service time at the funeral home. Interment will follow the funeral service where the United States Army will be presenting Military Honors.**

**Arrangements by Fort Myers Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hope Healthcare (Hospice) in Fort Myers.**



## Shirley J. Baker Wineburner

Shirley J. Baker Wineburner of Arcadia, FL born July 12, 1934 at South Pekin, IL deceased February 8, 2020 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Retired from G. Pierce Wood after 26 years of service. Leaves behind husband of 68 years Donald Wineburner, daughter Donna Jo, three sisters Loretta Hindahl, Zoe (Corky) Buchanan both from Illinois, Betty Barrick of Arcadia, FL, one grandson Brian Stallard (Andi), and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by mother Hazel Baker, two sisters Mary and Clara, and one daughter Debbie Stallard (Sam)

She grew up in South Pekin, IL and graduated from Pekin Community High School in 1952, married and moved to Arcadia, FL in 1966. She was a very thoughtful, kind, and caring person who

worked closely with ARC, and Special Olympics.

**She will be greatly missed by many nieces and nephews and all friends. Memorial services will be held at 1:00pm on February 29, 2020 at New Day Baptist Church located at 3385 N.W. Hwy 70 Arcadia, FL 34266. Contributions can be made to donors' choice (no flowers).**



## J.L. Parrish

J.L. Parrish of Tifton, Ga passed away Saturday, February 15, 2020. He was 85.

Funeral Services will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at Pleasant Ridge Church in Jack, AL with Lester Rachel officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Ridge Church Cemetery.

J.L. was born September 28, 1934 to the late Forrest and Ruth Lott Parrish. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jerome Parrish and sisters, Betty Parrish Bates and Sue Parrish Crawley. He lived most of his life in Nocatee, Florida with his wife, Virginia. He worked and retired from the State of Florida as a maintenance supervisor for G. Pierce Wood Hospital after 22 years, retiring on October 30, 1998.

He is survived by wife, Virginia Parrish of Tifton, GA; children, Keith Parrish (Debbie) of High Point, NC and Carey Parrish (Carla) of Alapaha, GA;



grandchildren: Brian Parrish, Sarah Parrish, Karen Parrish Somday, Jason Parrish, Matthew Parrish and Jacob Parrish; and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to: Pleasant Ridge Church, 977 County Road 239, Jack, AL 36346 or Homestead Hospice, 110 E 10th Street, Suite A, Tifton GA 31794.



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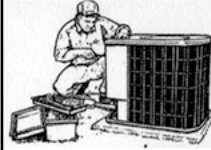
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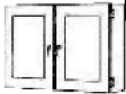
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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Indicates number of days
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13. Black (Spanish)
14. Expresses pleasure
15. Away from wind
16. Tech pros organization
17. Wile E. Coyote is familiar with it
18. Clean
19. Saints' signal caller
21. A way to hunt
22. Poetries
23. Automobile
24. Secondary school (abbr.)
25. Indicates before
28. Male parent
29. Short-billed rails
31. It pays to keep yours
33. On occasion
36. David \_\_, US playwright
38. Slang for cigarette
39. Vaccine developer
41. Returned to health
44. Toni Morrison novel
45. Period between eclipses
46. Veterans battleground
48. Gang

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49. A radio band
51. Jaws of a voracious animal
52. Elaborate garments
54. Chinese province
56. Checks
60. Horizontal passage
61. Steep hillsides
62. Fertility god
63. Dried-up
64. Signs a name
65. \_\_ Winger, actress
66. German river
67. Gov't lawyers
68. Take something somewhere

## CLUES DOWN

1. \_\_ Blyton, children's author
2. Colleague
3. "The African Queen" writer
4. Crater on the moon
5. Toward
6. Overhang
7. Identifies something close at hand
8. Sign language

9. Unbroken views
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Stretch out to grasp
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17. Long song for a solo
20. Barrels per day (abbr.)
21. City of Lights
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53. Type of sword
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56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
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61. A proposal to buy at a specified price
65. Unit of loudness

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9	8	1	6	2	7	4	3	5
7	4	9	3	8	2	6	5	1
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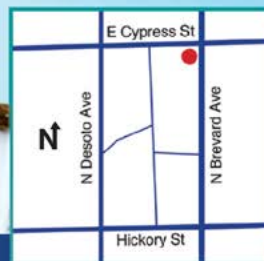
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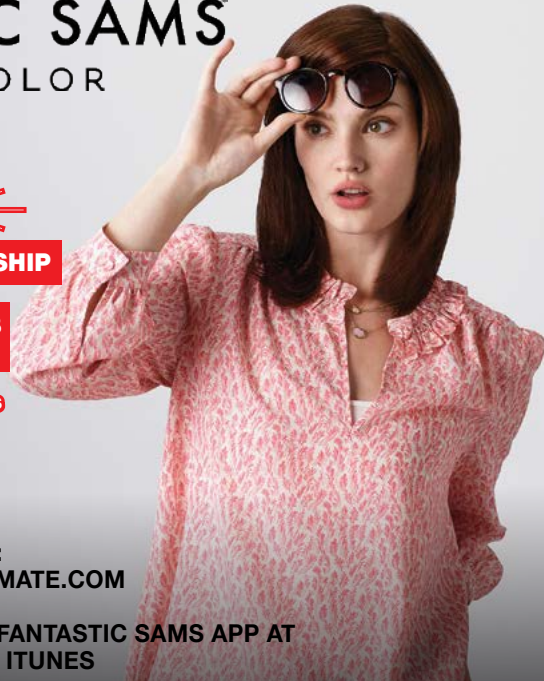
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## CHAPTER 35

After all that, were we to think it was over? Surely not. Sammy had made too much of the writing to believe that we would get away with one

attack. But for whatever the reason, nothing was happening. Everything was quiet. No noise, complete silence. Then, just as slowly as ever, Sammy opens his eyes. He looks over at me, but I feel sure he is communicating with us all. His tone is not as stressed as it was last time. For now, he says, we should be ok. I can't sense anything else anywhere near us at this time, but I know that this isn't over. That these things were not the ones that wrote the warning on the wall. What did give the warning, he is not sure. But these monsters were not capable of such a thing. Then he says, we should go. He closes his eyes and slowly turns his long neck back into his sleeping position and closes his big blue eyes. I keep looking at him for what I thought was just a minute, but when I turn around everyone is back to normal. Well, as normal as they were before. I am the only one still in "Warrior" size. Hanson picks right up where he left off and says to us, let's go.

Not too far up ahead, there is that opening in the ceiling of the cave. None of us even slow down this time. The twins jump up ahead and climb right to the top and right out the

hole. When they get through the opening, they look down and tell us that they will get us some red roots to help us get up there. That sounds pretty good to us, so we just sit there a minute and look around. All of a sudden both of the twins are back down on the ground in front of us, and they didn't look like they had jumped. It looked like they had been thrown down. The twins are shaken up pretty bad but seem to be alright. When they get themselves together a little, they look over at me. Whatever threw them back down that opening must have been really fast and really big. Then it came to me. I am the only one that can get through that opening. How did I know that? Don't know, but I knew it now. I turn to everyone and tell them to wait here and that I was going to go ahead and I would come back and get them. I grab ahold of some of the red roots that are coming down and begin to pull myself up. It didn't take long and I was on top of the mountain. Boy, was it beautiful up here. I did remember being up there now, but it was still a wonderful place with a sweet smell that I definitely recognized, big trees and high bushes all around me. It felt great to be up there, but as I stand up on top and turn to tell the others to come on up, I feel something breathing on the back of my neck.





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