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NEW LISTING



You'll love this 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home! Freshly painted with updated kitchen and bathrooms makes this home move in ready. The oversized indoor laundry room/mud room could also be used as a 4th private bedroom with a large closet. The living spaces are open and inviting for entertainment and every dayliving.

Do not miss the opportunity to own your own home for under \$100,000!

\$99,000

BACK ON THE MARKET

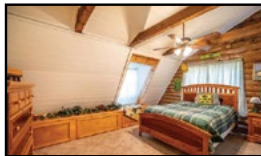
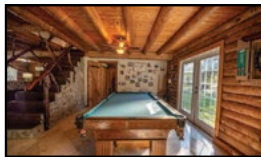


2 bedroom 2 bathroom home featuring over 1500 sq ft of living space on just under an acre of land with 2 rear porches, a shed, fresh landscaping, and a metal roof!

\$132,000



NEW LISTING



This spectacular 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom log home is a dream! Nestled off the paved road, this home features a gated entrance and circle drive that boasts the beauty of this property. Enter through the front door to be greeted by the open kitchen with granite counters, stainless appliances and a wood burning fireplace. Downstairs also features a large living room, dining room, family room/bonus room, bedroom/office, laundry room and half bathroom all covered with travertine. The second story offers two very spacious guest rooms, a guest bathroom and the large mastersuite with ensuite bathroom and laundry chute. The beauty doesn't end inside with this pine log home! Also sitting on this 10 acre parcel is a barn with concrete floors, workshop space, a roll up door, and boarded paddock that opens to the pasture for your livestock. The sprawling oaks, palmettos, pond, and peacefulness this property provides is sure to capture your attention. This property is centrally located between Arcadia, Punta Gorda, and Ft. Myers offering loads of convenience for all. **Call today to schedule your showing!**

\$449,000

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Over 2 acres of beautiful oak trees, corner lot with highway frontage, ready to build

\$49,000 C7436121



Country setting 3 bedroom, 2 bath with a 50x50 steel building on over 4 acres

\$280,000 C7435531



Come build your dream home on this over 25+ acre parcel with 11x24 workshop

\$349,900 C7435177



Half acre lot ready to build your dream home

\$39,9000 C7430281



10 acres with culvert, electric and irrigation well

\$125,000 C7433081



Corner lot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath fenced back yard with a shed

\$175,000 C7433888



2 city lots being sold together, quiet street

\$13,000 C7401466



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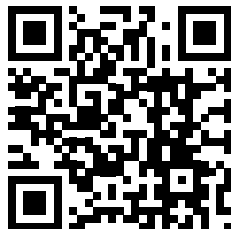
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INVESTOR ALERT!

If you want to invest in a rental property that is turnkey, this is it!

ASKING \$175,000 MLS# C7434249

There are 3 houses, all tenant occupied. There are a total of 5 lots included. One house is concrete block and two houses are wood frame. These homes are on a small quiet street in the City. An appointment is required to view these homes so call in advance for your day and time.



Jean Lee Vitali

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C7415594 & C7217374)



ARREST REPORT 1/3/21 - 1/9/21

DESOTO COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

KELLY BRUCE ACREA:

Failure To Appear-
Written Promise To
Appear.

SEDNEY GEORGE

CADIEN: Aggravated
Battery-On Person 65
Years Of Age Or Older.

SHANE FICK:

Vehicle
Theft-Grand Theft Of
Motor Vehicle.

EMILIO GOVEA:

Homicide-Murder
Dangerous Depraved
Without Premeditation.

FRANCISCO OLGUIN

JR: Homicide-Murder
Dangerous Depraved
Without Premeditation.

JUAN DANIEL

OLGUIN: Homicide-
Murder Dangerous
Depraved Without
Premeditation.

FRANCINE MARRIE

OLSON: Battery-
Touch Or Strike, Resist
Officer-Obstruct Without
Violence.

ELIZABETH JEAN

PEREZ-TROXELL:
Arrest On Warrant (Use
For Out Of County
Warrant).

BRANDON TYRONE

REDDEN: Nonmoving
Traffic Violation-
Drive While License
Suspended.

JOHN JOSEPH RILEY:

Drug Equipment-
Possess-&/Or Use.

DAVID GABRIEL

ROBERSON: Arrest On
Warrant (Use For Out Of
County Warrant).

URI ERIK ROWENKO:

Failure To Appear-
Written Promise To
Appear, Carrying
Concealed Weapon-
Firearm, Weapon
Offense-Deliver/
Possess/Sell Altered
Firearm, Probation
Violation, Failure To
Appear-Written Promise
To Appear.

FRANCHESKA

MICHELLE SANTOS:
Larceny-Petit Theft.

RONALD LEE

HERBERT SCHIEMER:
Probation Violation.

FELIPE ENRIQUE

TORREGROSA: Drugs-
Possess-Controlled
Substance Without
Prescription, Failure To
Appear-Written Promise
To Appear.

JAMES CURTIS

WORLEY: Battery-
Touch Or Strike.

CLAYTON SQ

KERSEY: Flee/Elude
Police-Fail To Obey
LEO Order To Stop,
Nonmoving Traffic
Violation-Drive While
License Suspended
Habitual Offender.

SIERRA DOLORES

AIKEN: Failure To
Appear-Written Promise
To Appear.

WYATT ALLEN

BOATRIGHT: Battery-
Touch Or Strike.

LAZARO CAMARGO-

OSORIO: Traffic
Offense-DUI Alcohol Or
Drugs.

OSCAR CHAVEZ:

Failure To Appear-
Written Promise To
Appear.

SHAWNNA KAYE

CONERLY: Drug
Equipment-Possess-&/
Or Use.

SHARON LOUISE

CRUCE: Failure To
Appear-Written Promise
To Appear.

FREDERICK LAMAR

FIELDS III: Failure To
Appear-Written Promise
To Appear.

JONATHAN WILLIAM

JONES: Battery-Touch
Or Strike, Battery-On
Person 65 Years Of Age
Or Older.

JORGE LOPEZ: Failure
To Appear-Written
Promise To Appear.

JAMIE LEANN

MCKINNEY: Vehicle
Theft-Grand Theft Of
Motor Vehicle.

DEBRA LEE MORRIS:

Failure To Appear-
Written Promise To
Appear.

LEONARD ANDREW

RAMIREZ: Drugs-
Possess-Controlled
Substance Without
Prescription, Drug
Equipment-Possess-&/
Or Use.

ALEJANDRA

VALENZUELA: Battery-
Touch Or Strike.



Vote for your favorites of 2020!



Let your voice be heard!

Vote for your favorite local businesses in the 2020 Peace River Shopper DeSoto Choice Award contest.

Cast your vote and ENTER TO WIN A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD!

SERVICES

Accountant _____
AC/Heating _____
Appliance Repair _____
Auto Body Shop _____
Auto Repair _____
Bank _____
Barber Shop _____
Carpet Cleaning _____
Caterer _____
Check Cashing _____
Child Care _____
Computer Repair _____
Electrician _____
Event Decorator _____
Flooring _____
Florist _____
Funeral Home _____
Graphic Designer _____
Hairstylist _____
Hair Salon _____
Hotel/Motel _____
Insurance Agency _____
Law Firm _____
Lawn Care _____
Mail/Shipping _____
Mortgage Lender _____
Nail Salon _____
Painter _____
Pest Control _____

Pet Grooming _____
Plumber _____
Real Estate Office _____
Realtor _____
Signs/Banners _____
Tanning Salon _____
Veterinarian _____
Window Tinting _____

HEALTH & FITNESS

Assisted Living _____
Chiropractor _____
Dentist _____
Doctor (eye) _____
Doctor (family) _____
Doctor (pediatrician) _____
Doctor (specialty) _____
Exercise/Gym _____
Hearing _____
Home Health Care _____
Massage Therapy _____
Pharmacy _____

SHOPPING

Antiques _____
Appliance Store _____
Auto Dealership _____
Electronics _____
Feed/Ranch Store _____
Furniture Store _____

Grocery Store _____
Hardware Store _____
Jewelry Store _____
Produce _____
Storage Sheds _____

EATS & DRINKS

Bakery _____
Barbecue _____
Breakfast _____
Buffet _____
Chinese _____
Coffee _____
Dinner _____
Fast Food _____
Fried Chicken _____
Hamburger _____
Ice Cream _____
Lunch _____
Mexican _____
Seafood _____
Steak _____

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Artist _____
Bar _____
Camping _____
Canoeing _____
Golf Course _____
Photography _____

CONTEST RULES: All nominations must pertain to businesses, services, places or people located within DeSoto County. The ballot must be at least 50% completed or it will be disqualified from voting or entering the gift card giveaway. **Only one ballot per person.** Submitting more than one ballot will result in complete disqualification. Winner of each category will be determined by highest number of votes. Gift card winner will be selected by random drawing. **All entries must be received by January 29, 2021 by 5:00pm.**

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail completed ballot to: 223 E. Oak Street Ste. 1 • Arcadia, FL 34266 or enter online at: www.peacerivershopper.com

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CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Every Thursday, 5pm

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CARS & VEHICLES

ATVs
Bikes
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SUV
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Vans
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Computers & Electronics
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Clothing-Children
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Guns & Ammo
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Lawn & Garden
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Produce
Sewing & Crafts
Sports Equipment
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Livestock
Pets
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Services

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Auctions
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Yard Sales

Michelle Williamson
BROKER

Brandi Long
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NEW YEAR, NEW YOU & NEW HOME?

**5 PROPERTIES
SOLD**



\$429,999

JUST LISTED

Custom built three bedroom, two and a half bathroom home on five acres. Interior features include soaring ceilings, impressive tile flooring and super soft carpet throughout the home, tons of natural light flowing through the many windows, an open floor plan ideal for entertaining, a grand kitchen with breakfast bar, granite countertops and plenty of cabinetry, a spacious inside utility room with laundry shoot from master bathroom, a lovely master suite, the most luxurious master bathroom with soaking tub, and two other comfortably spaced bedrooms! The living space is expansive and also includes an office along with a separate living/entertaining/storage space right off of the garage! You will love the enormous two car garage, a perfect pond, your own gated entrance and private winding driveway!



\$5,950

JUST LISTED

Great property in the city ready for development or just to have for investment purposes. This lot is mostly cleared and has paved road frontage. This would be great land to build your home on since there are public utilities directly on that road!



Congratulations to the Purkis family on the sale of their property!



Congratulations to Ms. Ussery & Mr. Hallman on the sale of their property!



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Young on the purchase of their property!



Congratulations to Mr. Montes on the purchase of his home!



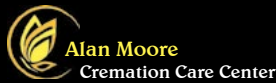
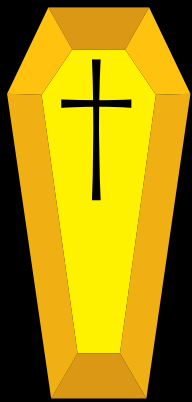
Congratulations to the Maick family on the sale of their property!

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DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands & Charlotte Counties

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For more info

CARS & VEHICLES

BIKES

Multiple Bikes

Bikes for sale. \$20/each
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BOAT

16ft Aluminum Boat

20hp Godevil motor, trolling motor, and trailer. \$3200.
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BOAT

16ft Boat and Trailer

Moving Sale - 16ft boat with trailer, no engine. \$500.
Also, 2 boats and a mold for 14ft. flat bottom canoe with electric motor. \$300. 239-478-6761

BOAT

1874 Glastron Boat

Moving Sale - 1974 Glastron Fishing boat, seats 6, 6 rod holders. \$2500.
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CAR

1997 Grand Marquis

155k miles. Well maintained. Moving late March. Have to sell. Not available until then. Some body damage. White 4 door. \$800. New tires. 863-244-3882

CAR

1993 Subaru Impreza

1993 subaru impreza 1.8l 400k runs. \$650. 239-595-9317

CAR

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HEAVY EQUIPMENT

2019 Mahindra Tractor

2019 Mahindra 2665SC Tractor. 180 hours. Cab with AC, industrial tires, loader, bucket, extra hydraulics added to front, Nocatee. 813-299-1635

MOTORCYCLE

1996 Honda Goldwing

Full dresser, interstate, 27k miles, metal flake green, garage kept, 2 way radio, Satellite. \$4,500 obo. 540-272-6742
Motorhome
2006 Winnebago View 24ft motorhome for sale. 2006 Winnebago View with diesel engine. 716-640-5843

PARTS & ACCESSORIES

Trike Rack

DOUBLE DECKER TRIKE RACK by ,HITCH RIDER call or text for Tom in Arcadia, FL \$600. 419-674-8355

PARTS & ACCESSORIES

RV Surge Protector

For, Sale RV 50 amp surge protector \$50. Call Dick 863-491-0920 or 863-558-3079

PARTS & ACCESSORIES

RVI-2 Towed Vehicle Brake Light Weight

RVI-2 Towed Vehicle Brake Lite weight, easy 30 sec setup. all parts, monitor-antenna-breakaway switch. New - \$1299. My price \$700. Sold motorhome no longer need it. Call Dick. 863-491-0920 or 863-558-3079

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Bike Rack

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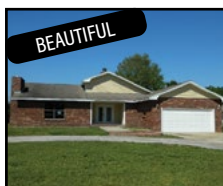
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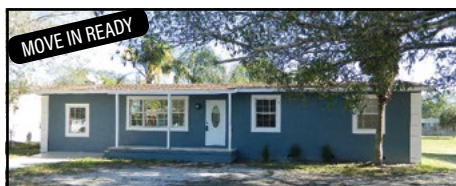
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2 HOMES
MAIN HOUSE PLUS GUEST HOUSE. 5 ACRES. MAIN HOUSE 2 BR 1 BA, SPACIOUS KITCHEN WITH ISLAND, DIN RM, 13X22 LIV RM, LANAI, 24X38 COVER DECK, GUEST HOUSE 1 BR 1 BA, EAT-IN KITCHEN, 17X19 RM NOT FINISHED, FENCED, TREES, PASTURE, STG SHED. \$284,000. H-2343



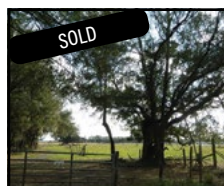
BEAUTIFUL
LAKE FRONTAGE, RED BRICK HOME, REMODELED EVERYTHING BRAND NEW, 2+ BR OFFICE 3RD BR, 2.5 BATHS, 2 FIREPLACES, LR, FAM RM, LARGE DEN OR CRAFT RM, WONDERFUL VIEW OF THE LAKE, CITY WATER, LANAI, DBL GARAGE. \$274,500. H-2313



MOVE IN READY
3 BR, 1 BA REMODELED HOME IN CITY. 1500+SF LIV AREA. NEW TILE FLOORS THROUGHOUT EVEN TILE BASE BOARDS. NEW KITCHEN, NEW GAS STOVE & SS REFRIGERATOR. NEW BATH RM WITH TILE SHOWER, 2 SINKS WITH SEPARATE CABINETS. FRESH PAINT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. FAMILY RM OR COULD BE A 4TH BEDROOM. \$159,900. H-2347



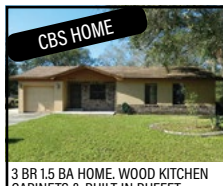
NEW LISTING
2 ACRES, PASTURE, FENCING, CORNER OF US17 AND CR660. TREES, WAS A HOME ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN REMOVED. OVER 700 FT OF HWY FRONTAGE. \$145,000. A-298



SOLD
5 ACRES, PASTURE, SOME FENCING, BEAUTIFUL TREES, CULVERT, DRIVEWAY, JUST MINUTES NORTH OF TOWN, US HWY FRONTAGE. \$200,000. A-299



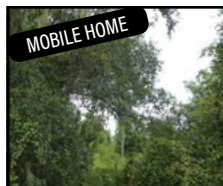
4.26 ACRES
ZONED AGRICULTURAL, ALL ANIMALS ALLOWED. 4.26 ACRES CLEARED LAND FOR YOUR NEW HOME. NORTH OF ARCADIA JUST OFF US17 ON CR 660 AND CUBITIS. \$100,000. A-297



CBS HOME
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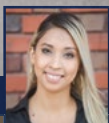


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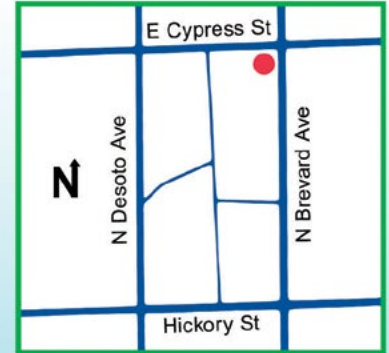


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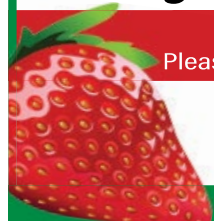
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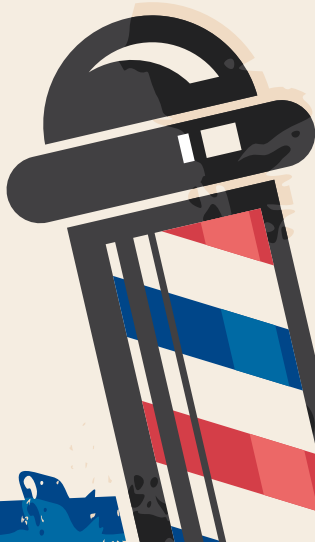
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BULLDOGS STAY HOT WITH 59-38 WIN

STEVE KNAPP
PRS Sports Writer

The DeSoto girls basketball team picked up right where they left off before the holiday break. The Bulldogs extended their winning streak to 4 with a 59-38 win over the Imagine Lady Sharks.

The first meeting was a mirror image of the latest contest. In the first contest, just 3 weeks earlier, the Bulldogs won 60-35. They led at the half 39-13 in the first meeting and had a 35-14 edge in the rematch.

The first time the two teams met, the Bulldogs jumped out to an 18-0 lead and coasted from there on out. In the rematch the Bulldogs used an explosive second quarter to score 22 points to be the difference in the game.

Both teams scored 24 second half points to maintain the 21 point gap that the Bulldogs had at the half. In the first game the Lady Sharks outscored the Bulldogs in the second half

by a point, so the early barrage of points were able to stand up in both wins.

Just a couple of hours before the game, and unknown by Lazaiya Kinville, she was selected as the DeSoto County Athlete of the Month. Kinville is the first freshman to earn that title in the history of the award. She found out about the honor as she walked to her car after the game. Kinville showed why she deserved the award as she scored the first three points of the game and scored 9 of the team's 13 first quarter points. Zeri "Butta" Tyler scored the other 4 first quarter points and both players led the team in scoring with 17 points each. Tyler also had a good night defensively as she blocked two first quarter shots which forced the Sharks to alter their shooting angles for the rest of the game.

"We have to work with Lazaiya on that three point shot, she should have had a couple of extra points if



DeSoto County Athlete of the Month Lazaiya Kinville goes up on a fast break for two of her 17 points in the 59-38 win over Imagine of North Port.

she'd just step back a couple of inches before she shoots," said coach Ardine Primus.

On one of her two point shots her foot was just barely touching the arc. On another successful shot, one referee

signaled it was a three point basket (her feet were behind the line on that one) while the senior official signaled for just two points.

For most of the fourth quarter, three of the starters



Avon Park went on an 8-0 run to give them a comfortable 28-17 lead at the break.

Coach Primus described the game. "Everything that could go wrong did. There were some

Besides running the offense, Tamia Randolph had an outstanding game scoring a season high 16 points in the win over Imagine.

sat on the bench as several players got extra minutes and stepped up to keep the Sharks from getting back into the game.

The Bulldogs extended their winning streak to 5 games with a 90-9 blasting at Lake Placid. Kinville led with 25 with Tyler at 20. Trenity Morales added 13 and Tamia Randolph also hit double figures with 11.

The DeSoto Winning streak ended at 5 with a 55-36 loss at Avon Park in a game that many thought would be much closer. DeSoto fell behind 11-2 to start the game and never could recover. With a minute to go in the first half the lead was cut to just 3 at 20-17.

opportunities but we just did not connect."

Kinville came out of the game in the first minute of the final quarter with a knee injury and did not return as the Red Devils maintained their lead to even the season series at one win apiece. The latest report on Kinville's knee is that it is feeling a little better and it is sore, but she is able to walk on it. With three games this week, the Bulldogs need her in the lineup.

Kinville led the team in scoring with 12 points and Tyler was close behind at 11. Going into this week's games, Tyler has scored 175 points and Kinville is closing in with 173 points.

9-1-1 IS A GOOD THING FOR BULLDOGS



Eugenio Covarrubias blasts home the game winning goal for the DeSoto Bulldogs in their 3-0 win over Mulbury.

STEVE KNAPP

PRS Sports Writer

When someone mentions the numbers 9-1-1 you immediately think of an emergency or some disaster. For the DeSoto County JV boys soccer team 9-1-1 is a good thing! That is their record after shutting out Mulbury 3-0 last week.

Eugenio Covarrubias and Sam Etienne scored first half goals to give the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead at the break. Jesus Valencia iced the game with a second half goal and Fernando Marquez did his thing in the net for a clean sheet to gain the win.

The team is loaded with talent and has a great work ethic. They could, or should be 10-0-1 except for their

lone loss to Hardee. They had beaten the Wildcats earlier in the season but Covid took away several Bulldog players including their keeper so they came out on the short end of that game.

Coach Jose Garcia said, "I'm happy that we got back to scoring, but we could have done better with our far away shots as it looked like we got a little too cocky. I was really happy with all of the subs we put in there. It gives me confidence to be able to put somebody in there if a player needs a break and know that he can do the job. I can't say anybody did a bad job out there everybody played well and I hope we can continue to play like this through the end of the season."

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THREE BULLDOG LIFTERS PLACE AT INVITATIONAL

STEVE KNAPP

PRS Sports Writer

Sisters Erin and Ashley Jones both placed in the Lemon Bay Invitational last Saturday. Erin placed sixth and Ashley finished third. Also picking up points for the DeSoto squad was Lauren McCray. McCray was in the same weight class as Ashley Jones and finished in 6th place to help the Bulldogs finish in 8th place. There were over a dozen schools at the meet.

With 20 lifters for each team, the bigger schools finished ahead of the Lady Bulldogs who only had 9 lifters at the invitational. All of the DeSoto lifters are in

the upper weight classes. With a few smaller girls on the team the Bulldogs could have cracked the top five and been in the upper echelon with schools like North Port and Charlotte who finished first and second.

That is something Desoto coach Rayna Henry wants to work on next season. "I'm going to recruit some girls before the season begins so we can get some girls in the other weight classes and compete with the schools that have a full team."

The Bulldogs will return to Lemon Bay on the 23rd for district competition.



Ashley Jones concentrates before her lift in the clean and jerk portion of the meet. Jones finished third in her weight class out of nearly 20 other lifters.



Erin Jones, Ashley Jones and Lauren McCray show their ribbons and medal they earned at the Lemon Bay Invitational last week. Coach Rayna Henry is in her third year as the girls weightlifting coach.



The DeSoto Lady Lifters wait for the tabulation of points at the end of the Invitational. DeSoto finished 8th out of a dozen teams.

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“BACKYARD SOCCER” NOT ENOUGH IN 4-2 LOSS

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The Boys soccer team was coming off a 5-3 win at Port Charlotte the night before coming home to meet Mulbury. DeSoto coach Fernando Zepeda said, “That was probably the ugliest win I have ever coached.”

The only thing worse than an “ugly win” is an “ugly loss”. That’s what happened the next night as the Bulldogs fell to the Mulbury Panthers 4-2.

The game started out well with Alejandro Garcia and Eduardo Maldonado scoring goals in the first 8 minutes to give the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead. They spent the next 72 minutes failing to score. The Panthers tied it at the half and put the game away with two more scores within 2 minutes of each other midway into the second half.

They had been beaten by a team that had no substitutes



DeSoto County's Emanuel Barajas sends the ball the other way with this header in the loss to Mulbury.



Dario Aguilar uses some fancy footwork to dribble past the defender as the Bulldogs fell 4-2 last week.

so they played short handed to give a player a rest. The Panthers out ran and out hustled the Bulldogs. While the Panthers may not be a better team than the Bulldogs, they certainly showed DeSoto how to win on enemy turf.

There was disappointment in the voice and face of Zepeda as he saw his team lose to a team that they should have beaten.

“We came out here tonight and played backyard soccer with everybody just running around. That is two nights in a row that we have not played to our potential. This has been our worst game all season long. Every time a man got the ball and it took just one move and he was gone, even with 2 or 3 guys on him. They won every 50-50 ball tonight. We have got to play better ball if we want to have any chance in districts. I can’t keep telling you guys how good you can be, you’ve got to start showing it,” said Zepeda.



34 Eduardo Maldonado passes the ball with a header in the first half of the 4-2 loss to Mulbury. Maldonado scored the second goal for the Bulldogs.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

LAZAIYA KINEVILLE



Lazaiya Kinville has been named DeSoto County Athlete of the Month for December. Kinville is the first freshman to ever win the Athlete of the Month award. Since she worked herself into the starting lineup, the team has picked up in scoring and she is battling for the top spot in points scored. Kinville holds the all time scoring record for DeSoto County Middle School.



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OBITUARIES

Mary Odelle Langford Coker



Mary Odelle Langford Coker, age 90 passed away December 31, 2020 in Punta Gorda, FL. She was born on May 30, 1930 in Brownville, FL to the late Oliver Dell and Mary Magdalene Rimes Langford. She attended DeSoto High School where she met the love of her life, Carmon Paul Coker. They married at age 20 and lived in Alabama and Tennessee before returning home in 1988 to Southwest Florida.

Odie, as she was affectionately called, was a very loving, caring person. She displayed an uncanny number of talents such as sewing and needle work, decorating, flower arranging, and gardening. Odie was a great cook, and loved her family deeply. She

was a warm welcoming person, loved to sing and laugh. Odie was an active Christian, she studied the bible, and was generous of herself and participated in charitable endeavors.

She is survived by her loving husband of 70 years, Carmon Paul Coker of Punta Gorda, FL., son Richard (Rhonda) Coker of Alabaster, AL, daughter Robin K. Coker of Punta Gorda, FL and seven grandchildren Rebecca, Lensey, Paul, Lucas, Melissa, Jake and Julie. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Carmon Coker Jr. and sisters Ann Barney, Kathryn Simmons, Maxine Harward and Helen Ziegler.

A private graveside service was held at OakRidge Cemetery, Arcadia, FL.

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James "Jimmie" Waldron Westberry, Sr.



James "Jimmie" Waldron Westberry, Sr, 85, of Arcadia, FL passed away December 20, 2020 at the DeSoto Memorial Hospital. He was born February 26, 1935 in Arcadia, FL, the son of Walter H. and Mildred (nee Williams) Westberry.

James was a 1953 graduate of DeSoto High School. He was the owner of the DeSoto Auto Repair, where he worked at Auto body and Paint Repair and was also a Citrus Grower, the owner of Westberry Groves. James was a very active member of the community, he was a member of the Arcadia Church of God, serving as Clerk for 28 years, on the Board of Directors for the Pentecostal Theological Seminary, a member of the Peace River Valley Citrus Growers, the Florida Farm Bureau, the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce,

the Historical Society, Bulldog Boosters, was a past member of the Florida National School Board Association and the Arcadia Rotary Club. He had been a member of the DeSoto school board for 36 years.

James enjoyed collecting antique cars, woodworking, hunting, fishing and camping, occasionally turning up some dirt riding motorcycles and four wheeling. His passion was visiting the sick and sharing Jesus, sometimes even picking up hitchhikers and bringing them home, so he could show them the love of God. James was a man of love in action. He was proud to have been awarded the Joshua Award by the Lighthouse Ministries in 2003.

His family will remember him as a man that has selflessly committed and dedicated himself to God, family, friends and community. He never met a stranger. Even through life's hardships and tragedies, he proved his faith and strength. He always saw the good in the worse. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend. He is highly respected and admired by everyone who knew him. He was a man of great integrity

and compassion for mankind.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy J. Wertz Westberry; children, Karen Chancey and her husband James and LaDonna Kabrich and her husband Darryl, all of Arcadia; 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, James "Jamie" W. Westberry Jr and grandson James "Boddie" Chancey, Jr as well as a brother, Charles H. Westberry.

The family received friends from 10:00am till 11:00am, Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at the Arcadia Church of God, 1423 NE Oak

Street, Arcadia, FL 34266.

The Funeral Service followed at 11:00am at the church with the Rev James Scott of the Macclenny, FL Church of God officiating. Burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Donations would be appreciated in memory of James to the Pentecostal Theological Seminary at PO Box 3330, Cleveland, TN 37320-9810.

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daily bread.
And forgive us
our trespasses,
As we forgive them that
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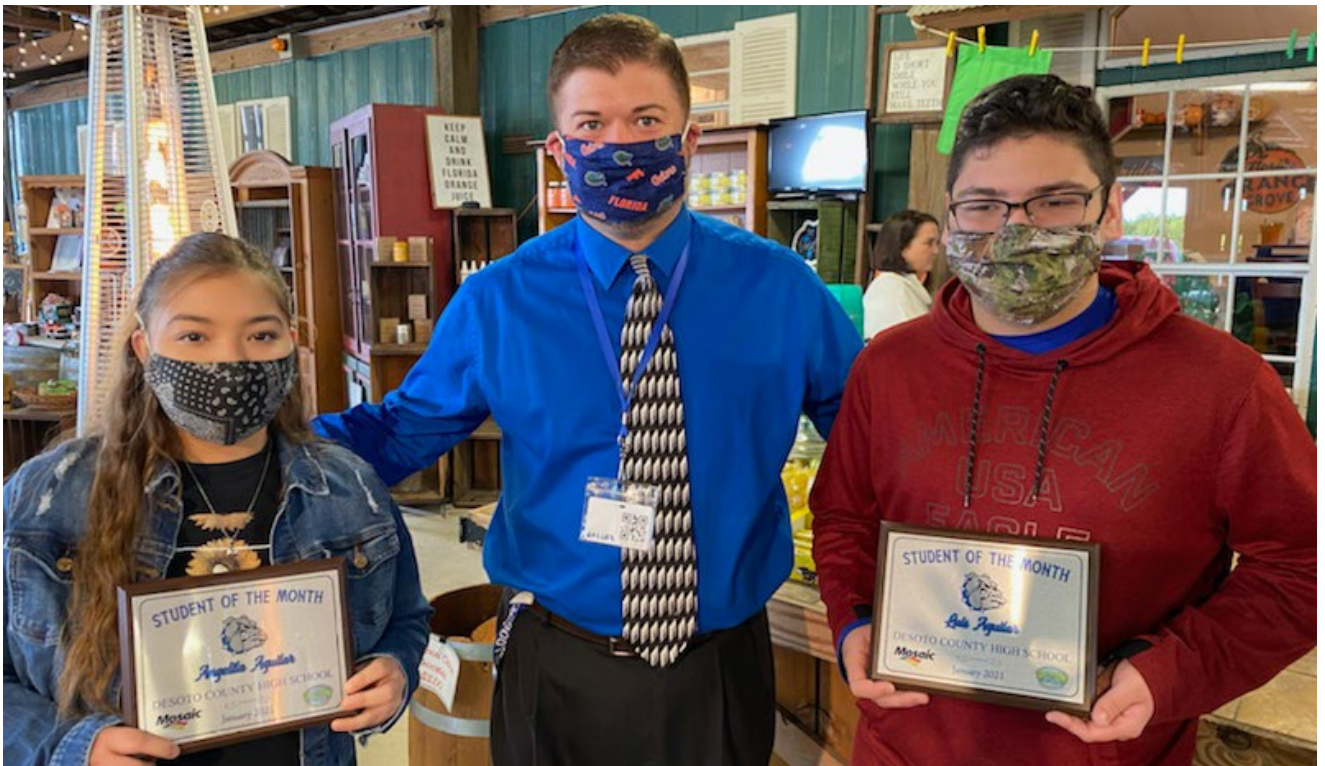
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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	6	3	7	6	8	1	2	4
8	6	8	2	4	3	9	5	7
1	8	1	2	4	7	3	8	6
2	4	8	5	1	9	7	6	3
1	7	6	2	8	3	9	5	4
9	3	5	4	7	6	1	2	8
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8	6	9	2	1	3	4	5	7
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		3						6
1					8			
8		6			3			7
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4	3					1		

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2	6	1	5	9	8	7	3	4
8	3	9	7	1	4	5	2	6
7	4	5	3	6	2	9	1	8
4	7	6	8	5	3	2	9	1
9	1	8	6	2	7	3	4	5
3	5	2	1	4	9	6	8	7
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1	2	3	4	7	6	8	5	9
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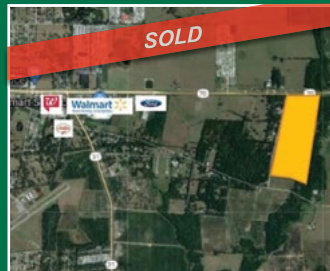
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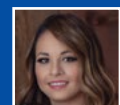
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| 1 | red baking apple, such as Jonathan | 3/4 | cup butterscotch caramel ice cream topping |
| 6 | eggs | 1/4 | teaspoon rum extract |
| 1/2 | cup plus 3 tablespoons sugar, divided | 1/2 | cup golden raisins |
| 2 | cups half and half | | |
| 1 | orange | | |

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly spray a deep baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Slice croissants from top to bottom into 1/2-inch slices. Set aside 16 of the largest slices. Cube remaining slices and place in bottom of baker. Arrange reserved slices over cubes in an overlapping circular pattern. Core and slice apple, leaving peel on; cut slices in half. Tuck apple slices between croissant slices.
2. In a bowl, whisk eggs and 1/2 cup of the sugar. Pour half and half into a microwave-safe container and microwave on high 2 minutes or until hot. Slowly add half and half to egg mixture; whisk until blended. Carefully pour egg mixture over croissants. If necessary, lightly press croissants down to coat.
3. Zest orange to measure 2 teaspoons zest. Juice orange to measure 1/4 cup juice; set juice aside. Chop pecans. Combine remaining sugar, orange zest and pecans; sprinkle over croissants. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown and set in center. Remove from oven to a cooling rack; let stand 10 minutes.
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			10
		6	8
6	3	11	

9	0	2
5	1	4
0	2	0

Solution

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ANSWER: RESOLUTIONS

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Answer: Get Organized



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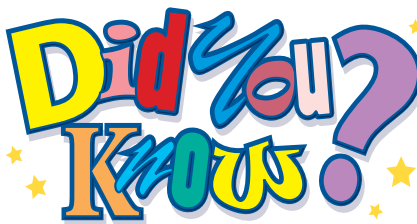
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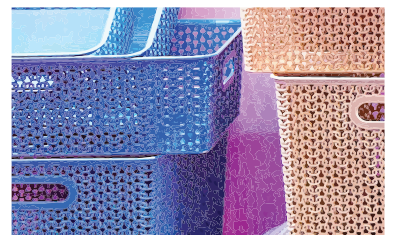
ITALIAN: Ordinato

FRENCH: Bien rangé

GERMAN: Ordentlich



CHILDREN CAN EMBRACE BECOMING MORE ORGANIZED BY STARTING SMALL. THEY CAN SORT THROUGH A BACKPACK OR WORK ON ORGANIZING THEIR BEDROOM CLOSETS.



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ANSWER: STORAGE BASKETS

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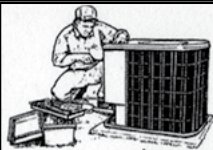
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Chapter 11

When we got back upstairs, first thing I did was go to the closet to see if that doll was in there. Just as I got to the closet, mom let out this terrible scream. I go to her to find dad not breathing and turning blue. Mom tries to shake him and I go to get the nurse. As I turn, I notice that the doll is in the corner of the room sitting in a chair. The doll is staring at dad. I have to admit, it looked pretty scary sitting there.

His eyes were locked on dad as if he was thinking something evil, but I needed to get the nurse, my dad wasn't breathing. Before I can get back in the room there are doctors and nurses all over the place. Everybody was busy trying to save my dad. When I got to the door, mom and my sister met me. One of the nurses told them to please get out and go to the waiting room. The waiting room was all the way down the hall but we could still hear some of the sounds coming out of dad's room. I knew it was bad, and hearing the word "CLEAR" several times, was not helping. After what seemed to be hours, the doctor came out. As he was walking up to mom, he did not look happy. We were already afraid of what he was going to tell us. His voice was calm and clear when he said, "your dad is still alive". "Thank God", we shouted. But, he continued, "He is in critical shape. This one almost got him for sure. We have no idea of why he will get well and then out of the blue he goes back to near death. New tests are being ordered and maybe that will show us something. Anyway, it would be better for you not to go in for a little while until we see what is going on". Mom said she understood and that we would go back to the motel and come back in the morning. The doctor thought that was a good idea, so we gathered our things and

started out. "But mom", I said, "that doll is still in there with dad. I have got to get that thing out of there". She gave me a very hard look and told me that I was being silly and no doll could cause dad to die. She took me by the hand and we started to the elevator. I couldn't take it anymore. I broke loose from her hand and ran to dad's room. When I opened the door, the doll was sitting at the foot of dad's bed. Grabbing the doll up, all I could think about was to get it out, to get it away from dad. So I opened the window and threw it out just as hard as I could. We were up on the 10th floor, so when it fell it landed on top of another building. My mom came over and looked out the window. As we were looking at the doll laying on the roof top she says to me, "Son, what if that doll was the only thing keeping your dad alive? What if your wrong?" "I'm not wrong mom, you will see, I'm not wrong." In a few minutes, a large black crow landed beside the doll. Then another one and then more and more landed beside the doll. Then they started picking at the doll. I wondered why were they picking at the doll? There was no food on the doll. But more and more big black crows flew in from everywhere and picked at the doll. While some were picking at it, some were flying away with small parts of it. In all directions they flew. Soon the doll was gone and so were the crows. When there was nothing more to look at, I turned back to see how dad was doing. The monitor was now beating at a regular rate. Dad's color was coming back. "Mom, is he getting better?" I asked. She had a great big smile on her face and said, "yes son, he is. You did the right thing" she said. We never heard or saw anything about that doll again, but when dad got better and came home we asked him was he going to still write that story about the puppet boy? Dad gave us one of his big smiles and said, "I don't know, what do y'all think?"

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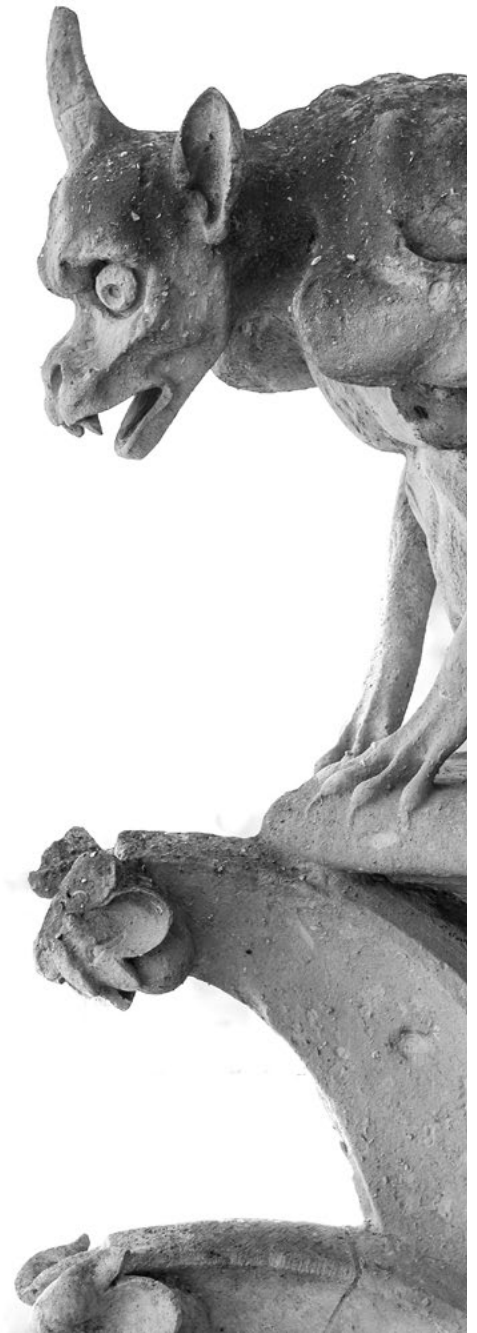
THE *Bumpy Thermos* STATUE

} Chapter 2

I was just starting to really get scared about what my sister was showing me when the lights go out and the door shuts. My sister starts yelling for mamma and I am so scared I can't move. The lights come back on and the door opens and it's mamma. She had seen the light on in dad's office and thought he had left it on when he left for Chicago. Then she wants to know what we are doing down here. We tell her what we thought we had found. You can tell that she is not buying what we are selling and thinks that we are just acting like kids and to forget about that old statue. But, she does agree that the old statue is very scary. As we go out the door together, I turn to look at the statue one last time before we go and I swear it blinked. I didn't say a word, I just hurried up and got in front of everybody and went up the stairs. Neither of us went back down there until dad came home. We were very happy to see him as always and couldn't wait to tell him what had happened. When he finally went down to his office, my sister and I were right by his side. With him sitting in his chair and us standing on the other side of his office, the side the gargoyle wasn't, we begin to tell him how we were so sure the statue had moved. He reached over and picked up the statue. He turns to us and asks, does this thing really scare you guys? Well, yes it does, we said. He thumps the head of the statue with his finger and it sounds solid. MM, he says, they must have made this a solid filled statue, that's very unusual. Maybe I can make up a good story about this thing.

If it scares you guys then it might scare other people. Great, now this statue is going to be all we talk about. All the talking in the world is not going to convince me that I didn't see something move. Believe me, I would rather think I was wrong, but the thought of that thing moving has cost me and my sister plenty of sleep. It didn't really matter if we went downstairs or not, the statue was all we talked about at dinner. Now dad was beginning his story and that meant even more talking, but after a while the talking slowed down and we began to stop thinking about it as much. Maybe as long as we didn't see the thing, we could finally start getting some sleep. And that did work for a while until dad asked us to take another look at the statue. He wanted to know if after all this time it would still scare us. Of course that didn't make us happy to know that he wanted us to go down to his office again with that statue down there, but we decide to help dad out and down we went. We both had dad go ahead of us and we followed. I was the brave one and walked right over to the statue and picked it up. It seemed heavier than I had remembered. When I turned to my sister to show her the statue, she was holding her breath. Walking toward her I began to tell her that it was ok. Trying to hand her the statue was not a good idea, she just screamed and ran upstairs. Turning back to dad, I told him I thought that this thing had gotten heavier. He took the statue from me and admitted that it did feel more solid. As he put it down he says to me that he thinks it may have gotten a little taller too. He said he had never measured it, but it looked like it had gotten bigger. Then he thought that we were overreacting to the thing and it was probably just a mistake. So he says to me, let's measure this thing so next time we will be sure, so he gets out the tape and measures the statue. This time when he goes to sit the thing down, he set it down over in the corner of his office beside his fish tank. The light of the tank was just enough to show the wings of the statue. It looked like it was flying out of that tank. It was kind of scary to me and I told dad so, but he just laughed and told me to go to bed. All night long that's all I

could think about was that darn statue. But now it was even more scary to me because I continued to think it had gotten bigger. And if it had gotten bigger, how???





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	Tuesday, January 26th	Slogan: Reach Out & Share Activity: Students will be encouraged to share their favorite texts with friends and acquaintances during lunch or in class.
	Wednesday, January 27th	Slogan: Share Your Truth Through Poetry Activity: Students will be encouraged to read poetry and write their own piece to share about themselves. This can be shared in class, in person, or online.
	Thursday, January 28th	Slogan: DHS is well Read Activity: Students and teachers will be encouraged to wear red.
	Friday, January 29th	Slogan: Be a good sport and read! Activity: Students and teachers will be encouraged to dress in their favorite sports-related shirt or jersey.
DESOTO MIDDLE SCHOOL DMS Book Drive: Give Books Back! <small>Bring in new or gently used books for ages 0-18 to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House, which houses families whose children are in the hospital. Donations can be dropped off in the Main Office from 1/25 - 1/29.</small>	Monday, January 25th	Slogan: Great crazy about reading! Theme: Students & staff will wear their craziest socks. <i>Read Across DMS - 20 minutes of enjoyment reading during 4th period.</i>
	Tuesday, January 26th	Slogan: Be a good sport and read! Theme: Students and staff will dress in their favorite sports related shirt or jersey. <i>Read Across DMS - 20 minutes of reading about your favorite sport or athlete during 4th period.</i>
	Wednesday, January 27th	Slogan: DeSoto County is well read! Theme: Students and staff will wear red to support literacy and education. <i>Read Across DMS - Students who are wearing Red and caught reading any non-fiction text for the last 5 minutes of lunch will earn a free homework pass!</i>
	Thursday, January 28th	Slogan: College & Career Day! Theme: Students and staff will wear your favorite college shirt. <i>Read Across DMS - 20 minutes of reading about a college or career during 4th period.</i>
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	Wednesday, January 27	Western Wear Wednesday Wear your favorite western outfit and 'giddy-up' for a fun day of reading. Teachers will read from Rodeo Stories: A Collection of True Cowboy Tales throughout the day.
	Thursday, January 28	Crazy about Reading Crazy socks or hair day because we are crazy about reading! Teachers will read "The Journey" poem by Mary Oliver
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