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APRIL 25, 2024

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## FREE, FUN, FAMILY EVENTS CONTINUE THIS WEEK



During the Family Fun Day at Casa San Juan Bosco last Sat., a helicopter landed, and the pilot allowed families to explore the aircraft as a learning activity for children and adults during Suncoast Remake Learning Days. Photograph provided



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Suncoast Remake Learning Days Festival (SRLD) continues this week with free, fun family activities open to the public. Presented by the Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading with support from the Patterson Foundation, SRLD is a 15-day, free learning festival for children and families. From April 20 through May 4, more than 240 organizations are participating in SRLD as event hosts and partners, and they will present more than 270 activities in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties.

**ACTIVITIES IN DESOTO COUNTY ARE LISTED BELOW BY DATE.**  
**SAT., APRIL 27:**

- Suncoast Remake Learning Days Baseball Clinic with FL Bulldogs Baseball at Brewer Sports Park;
- Four Elements of Horse Care: Part One and Part Two with Pancho Martinez Professional Horse Trainer at Bryan Farm Supply;

- Family Fun Fair with Senior Friendship Center at North Hillsborough Baptist Church;
- Plant Camp Deluxe at Arcadia Garden Club;
- Marble Mazes and Towers at DeSoto County Library;
- Youth Extravaganza with Building A Village at Louis C. Anderson, Sr., Park;
- Click Your Pics with DeSoto Arts Center at Calvary Baptist Church;
- Canning 101 at Nocatee Church of God;
- EMBC Community Fun Day at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church;
- Community Health Fair at Ivey Chapel AME Church in Nocatee; and
- "Trolls Band Together" with Saturday Night Lights and Links2Success at Family Service Center.

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## GOVERNMENT MEETING SCHEDULE

**CITY**  
 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OCCUR THE 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED  
 Margaret Way Building  
 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266

<b>APR 30</b>	<b>DESOTO COUNTY</b> <b>The CARnival</b> A car-themed family event <b>Turner Agri-Civic Center</b> 2250 NE Roan Street., Arcadia, FL
<b>TUES 5P-7P</b>	
<b>MAY 14</b>	<b>DESOTO COUNTY</b> <b>REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING</b> <b>Administration Building</b> 201 E. Oak Street, Suite 103 Arcadia, FL 34266
<b>TUES 9A</b>	
<b>MAY 24</b>	<b>DESOTO COUNTY</b> <b>GRADUATION/RECORDS DAY</b>
<b>FRI</b>	

Active dates and times are subject to change.  
 County: <http://desotobocc.com/calendar>  
 City: <https://arcadia-fl.gov/events/>

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## FAMILY FUN

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### SUN., APR. 28:

- Suncoast Remake Learning Days Baseball Clinic with FL Bulldogs Baseball at Brewer Sports Park;
- Voces de la Juventud with Solmart Media LLC at St. Paul Church; and
- Applicious Cake Baking Class with Moore Haven Church of God of Prophecy at North Hillsborough Baptist Church.

### MON. APR. 29:

- Make Your Reel: How to Tell a Story Through Video at First Baptist Church Arcadia;
- Future Farmers of America Ag Career Day at DeSoto Middle School; and
- Trauma-Informed Care and Resiliency at Arcadia Housing Authority.

### TUES, APR. 30:

- Racing Robotics at DeSoto County Library;
- Animal Fest at Arcadia Housing Authority;
- Suncoast Remake Learning Days Softball Clinic with KW Ball Training at Storybook Park; and
- CAR-nival with Big Brothers, Big Sisters at Turner Agri-Civic Center.

### WED., MAY 1:

- Hands On History with DeSoto County Historical Society at Arcadia Housing Authority,
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar Kids Cooking Class at DeSoto County Library;
- Taste of Mexico with Taqueria Querétaro at Turner Center Exhibit Hall;
- Cookie Club at Arcadia Garden Club; and
- Suncoast Remake Learning Days Softball Clinic with KW Ball Training at Storybook Park.

### THURS. MAY 2:

- Circuit Building at DeSoto County Library; and
- DCSO's STEM Adventure with DeSoto County Sheriff's Office at Turner Agri-Civic Center.
- Fri, May 3:
- Hurricane Ready with Hope DeSoto Long Term Recovery Group at First Baptist Church Arcadia;
- Build Your Own at Arcadia Housing Authority;
- Taste of Mexico with Taqueria Querétaro at Turner Center Exhibit Hall;



Building A Village will present a Youth Extravaganza Kickball Tournament from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sat., Apr. 27, at Louis C. Anderson, Sr., Park on Martin Luther King, Jr., St. Kickball players will challenge a team of First Responders. Vendors may showcase products or services for free by registering online at [buildingavillage.org](http://buildingavillage.org) or call 239-560-8260.

- Virtual Reality With Merge VR at DeSoto County Library;
- LEGO Repurpose Day at Nocatee Elementary School;
- Neighborhood Read for Fun and Game Night at Exodus Community Resources;
- Kids Karaoke and Open Mic at Arcadia Garden Club; and
- Family Art Party at Apostolics of Arcadia.

### SAT., MAY 4:

- Coloring Arcadia's Past, Building Tomorrow with Arcadia Main Street in downtown Arcadia;
- Four Elements of Horse Care: Part Three and Part Four with Pancho Martinez Professional Horse Trainer at Bryan Farm Supply;
- Seasons of Wonder with Step Up Suncoast at North Hillsborough Baptist Church;
- Decoupage Flower Pots at Nocatee Church of God;
- Technology and Toys at DeSoto County Library;
- Family Fun Day at Casa San Juan Bosco,
- Health and Wellness Fun Day at Mt. Olive AME Church in Hull; and
- Creating Artwork with Palm Fronds at Mermaids Keep.
- More information is available at Suncoast-Remake-Learning-Days-Event-Guide.pdf . To help you plan which activities you want to do each day of the festival, there's also an app you may download at Googleplay: SuncoastRLD2024.



With instruction from a member of the Junior Golf Association, children learned about different golf strokes at the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course during the Suncoast Remake Learning Days that began last Sat. and continues through May 4.



DeSoto County Historical Society will share some history of Arcadia and DeSoto County through hands-on activities from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wed. May 1, at the Arcadia Housing Authority, 7 Booker T. Washington Ave., Arcadia.



A youngster forms a giant bubble last Sat. at the DeSoto County Library during Super Scientific Bubbles, a free activity of the Suncoast Remake Learning Days Festival for children and adults to learn together. Photograph courtesy of Tonya Wallace.

Marshal Quinn Jones, far right, fingerprinted children and helped parents fill out a record card during Friendship Missionary Baptist Church's Finger Print, Finger Paint activity last Sat. on the first day of the Suncoast Remake Learning Days Festival. Photograph provided.



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## FREE DIABETIC FOOTWEAR DISTRIBUTION EVENT IN ARCADIA

Arcadia, Florida, May 4th, 2024 – MCR Health, in partnership with the Florida Podiatric Medical Society, is set to host an event dedicated to promoting diabetic foot care in DeSoto County. On May 4th, 2024, the Turner Agri-Civic Center in Arcadia will serve as the venue for this crucial initiative aimed at providing free diabetic footwear to individuals diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes.

Living with diabetes presents numerous challenges, among them the heightened importance of foot care. Recognizing the critical need for proper diabetic foot care, MCR Health and the Florida Podiatric Medical Society have joined forces to address this issue head-on.

The event will distribute free diabetic footwear to eligible individuals who have applied and qualified for the program. To apply for the free footwear, interested individuals must fill out the application form available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DiabeticShoes>. Supplies are limited, and applicants must meet the qualifying criteria to receive their free footwear.

The event underscores the commitment of MCR Health and the Florida Podiatric Medical Society to serving the community and improving the lives of individuals affected by diabetes. By providing free diabetic footwear, they aim to empower



individuals to take proactive steps towards managing their condition and ensuring their long-term health and well-being.

**EVENT DETAILS:**

**MAY 4TH, 2024  
9AM – 1PM**

**TURNER AGRI-CIVIC CENTER,  
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**ABOUT MCR HEALTH:**

MCR Health is a nonprofit organization committed to providing quality healthcare services to communities across Florida. With a focus on delivering accessible and comprehensive care, MCR Health strives to improve the health and well-being of individuals and families, regardless of their background or circumstances.

**ABOUT THE FLORIDA PODIATRIC MEDICAL SOCIETY:**

The Florida Podiatric Medical Society is a professional association dedicated to advancing the field of podiatric medicine and surgery in the state of Florida. Through education, advocacy, and community outreach, the society works to promote excellence in foot and ankle care and support the needs of podiatric physicians and their patients.





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# BULLDOGS LOSE HOME FINALE



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The DeSoto softball team enters the district tournament after losing 3 of their last 4 games including their final two games 9-4 and 9-1. The lone win was over Oasis. The Bulldogs did get a forfeit win in their season finale. The final game would probably been a win since DeSoto beat Tenoroc earlier in the season 13-2, but the Titans couldn't field a team due to a lack of players.

In their last home game against Avon Park Daysha Izaguirre drove in Emery Skinner who had singled and Jada Jones who was safe on an error, to tie the game at 2 after one inning. The Red Devils added two more in the second off starting pitcher Jones. The Bulldogs came back with a run in their half of the inning when Erin Jones singled in Carlisha Redden who led off the inning reaching safely on an error.

Joni Taylor followed with a single but the Bulldogs ran into a little bad luck on

the base paths as Jones fell rounding second with Taylor coasting into second. With the ball in right field, Jones could have reached third but scrambled back to the bag forcing Taylor to retreat to first. That was important since the next batter hit into a fielder's choice which would have scored Jones from third to knot the game. A pop up ended the inning with Desoto down 4-3.

With both teams going scoreless in the third and fourth, the Red Devils got a cushion with 3 in the fifth. The first two batters walked which was followed by a single and hit batter. That chased Jones from the circle with Jo Duke mopping up. Anna Harvey knocked in Redden to cut the deficit to 7-4 in the 6th inning. Avon Park touched Duke for a pair of runs in the 7th inning to make the final 9-4.

Redden went 2-3 and scored twice. Izaguirre was 2-4 with two rbi's. In their first game with the Red Devils the Bulldogs lost 11-2 with 14 strikeouts. They played much better this time losing by 5 but only had 4 strikeouts one in each of the first four innings.



Jada Jones started in the circle for the Bulldogs and scored a first inning run to tie the game.

Playing in her final home game, Daysha Izaguirre rips a base hit to tie the game at 2 in the first inning. The slugging first sacker led the Bulldogs in hits this season and also in rbi's.



Anna Harvey puts on what was formerly called the "tools of ignorance. This is no longer true since the best managers in MLB have been catchers and are referred to as "Field Generals". Harvey drove in a run in the 9-4 loss.



Leadoff hitter Emery Skinner pulls back taking a high pitch in the first inning. The junior scored the first DeSoto run.

# RAYS AND RED SOX LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTALS



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The 8U DeSoto Rays and DeSoto Red Sox played a game last week. I don't remember the score, and I don't think I asked what the final score was. I don't think anybody asked who won because it really didn't matter. The young players were having fun and they were getting better at the sport with every practice and game.



Meziah Saint-Fleury digs in ready to drive the pitch for the Red Sox.

Lyla Favara holds the ball to freeze the runners with Meziah Saint-Fleury next to her.



Julian Vasquez makes the long throw from short to get the Red Sox runner at first.



Red Sox catcher Caleb Beach picks up a slow roller and fires to first baseman Christian Garcia.



Caleb Beach takes a well deserved break between innings.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



# HAGEN BRYAN

The Desoto County varsity baseball team likes to tease Hagen Bryan because he doesn't smile much when he is on the field. He is all business when he crosses the chalk lines. Bryan's performance in the 13-1 win over Booker last week saw him smiling ear to ear as he stepped on home plate after hitting a long two run walk off homer.

Every little boy pretends he is up to bat with the game on the line, maybe even in a World Series, as he stands in his back yard and tosses a ball in the air and takes a mighty swing. It is a dream come true to be able to do it in real life. The Booker game wasn't close but Bryan's walk off did end the game and gave the Bulldogs a run rule win.

To make the dream even more unbelievable Bryan's blast made him the winning pitcher! He had hurled a neat three hitter striking out 7 and was in complete control all the way. His big breaking curve froze several hitters as it crossed the plate and was nearly unhittable.

Bryan was 3-4 in the game with 2 rbi's and scored 4 times. In his two games for the week he hit .444 with 3 rbi's and 6 runs scored.



Hagen Bryan holds the ball that he sent over the fence to end the game with Booker. Bryan was 3-4 with 2 rbi's and scored 4 times and pitched a three hitter.

Hagen Bryan stood tall on the mound allowing just 3 hits with 7 strikeouts in the complete game win over Booker 13-1.



In the post game talk the team congratulates Hagen Bryan for his great game on the hill and for hitting the game winning walkoff homer.



Hagen Bryan had good stuff in the bull pen before the game.



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GAME OF THE WEEK

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# GAME WITH NO HEADLINE



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Sometimes a writer will cover a game that has so many angles and side notes that there could be any number of headlines that would fit. The 13-1 blasting over Booker last week was one of those games. You can take your choice of headlines and they all would fit. If you read any one of the sports briefs, you will get the idea of the game.

## “BRYAN’S BOMB BLASTS BOOKER”

Junior Hagen Bryan hit a one out two run homer deep over the left field fence to give the Bulldogs their second win of the week 13-1 over the visiting Booker Tornadoes. The big fly ended Bryan’s best baseball game in his life.

## “BULLDOGS CRUSH BOOKER ON SENIOR NIGHT”

Desoto used 13 hits and committed just one error to dominate Booker Thursday night 13-1 for their second win over the Tornadoes in a week. Seniors Corbin Gilmore and Will Joens combined to score 5 of the runs and drove in 3 runs. Joens, who is injured and was used as a designated runner, scored twice running for Trenton Alley.

## “BULLDOGS RUN WILD IN 13-1 WIN”

Desoto ran wild on the bases pilfering 9 bags in less than four innings. The Booker catcher was a lefthander which makes it harder to throw around right handed batters. He also dropped his elbow on his throws which caused him to throw rainbows in every steal attempt. Their final pitcher had a slow delivery which enabled the Bulldogs to get an early start on the steal. Senior Corbin Gilmore and Junior Logan Adkins were the big bandits of the game with three steals each. Three other base runners each had a stolen base.

## “GILMORE’S SENIOR NIGHT ONE TO REMEMBER”

Corbin Gilmore had a dream game for his senior night game. The third baseman drove in two runs in the first inning which was enough to win the game. After his game winning rbi he scored the third run of the inning when Cooper Hancock was hit by the pitch with the bases loaded.

In his second at bat (in the second inning) he drove in Logan Adkins who had singled and stole second and third. Gilmore also swiped second and third and then scored on a passed ball to boost the Bulldog lead to 6-1. Of the first 6 DeSoto runs, Gilmore was responsible for 5 of them with three rbi’s and 2 runs scored. In the third inning Gilmore walked to juice the bases. He worked his way around the bases and scored on a passed ball.

Senior Corbin Gilmore easily steals second base for one of his three steals in the 13-1 clubbing of Booker. Gilmore also scored 3 times and drove in 3 runs while going perfect at the plate.



Logan Adkins gets a good hop on this grounder. Adkins had a great night at the plate too going 3-3 with 3 runs and 3 stolen bases.

## “3’S ARE WILD IN BULLDOGS WIN”

Three certainly was the wild card number for the DeSoto Bulldogs in their 13-1 win over the Booker Tornadoes. DeSoto scored three times in the first and 3 more in the second inning to open up a 6-1 lead. Both winning pitcher Hagen Bryan and shortstop Logan Adkins had three hits. Adkins also had 3 rbi’s and stole 3 bases.

Senior Corbin Gilmore had 3 rbi’s along with his 3 runs scored and 3 stolen bases. It was all topped off by Hagen Bryan’s three hitter as the game ended on Bryan’s walkoff homer as the third batter in the final inning.

## “BRYAN BLOWS AWAY TORNADOES”

The DeSoto Bulldogs destroyed the Booker Tornadoes in every possible way. There was a great pitching performance by Hagen Bryan and a strong defense with only one miscue. The Bulldogs got their “lumber out of slumber” cranking out 13 hits and stealing 9 bases in the 13-1 win. The 12 run margin was the biggest of the season for the Bulldogs.

Bryan finished the night going the distance in a 3 hitter with 7 strikeouts. He also ended the game with a long two run blast to deep left field. He was 3-4 at the plate and scored 4 times with 2 rbi’s.

Third baseman Corbin Gilmore can’t come up with the bad throw as the Booker runner gets back safely.



Hagen Bryan watches a pitch sail outside in this at bat. Bryan later went deep for a two run walkoff in the 13-1 win. Bryan scored 4 times and pitched a three hitter to get the win.

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This pop up just gets past the Rays Hunter Schaefer and Beto Chavez.



Hunter Schaefer takes a big cut at the pitch against the Red Sox.

The Rays Mateo Ponce stretches for the high throw to first.



Bryson Payne takes a mighty cut at the pitch in the game against the Rays.

Second baseman Chase Goins comes up with the ball and makes the throw to first for the Rays.



# CITY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT



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Curtis Knowles of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) presented the DeSoto County Vulnerability Assessment to include the City of Arcadia at the City Council’s April 16 Meeting. The Assessment is a planning tool that considers the potential impacts of flooding from storms, rainfall, and both together.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) awarded a planning grant of \$20,000.00 to the County for the Assessment. It will help the County and City make amendments to their comprehensive plans for resilience, or the ability to anticipate, prepare for, adapt to, withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions.

He asked for volunteers for a steering committee to meet in-person from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Apr. 18, followed immediately by an open house-style public workshop meeting for the general public from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Robert W. Heine, Jr. proclaimed Suncoast Remake Learning Days a 15-day festival of children and adults learning together by having fun from April 20 to May 4. More than 84 free activities are available in DeSoto County—with plenty more in Charlotte, Sarasota, and Manatee counties.

The Council voted to reject the four bids submitted in response to the Invitation For Bid (IFB) 2024-01 for Arcadia



Curtis Knowles, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council’s Emergency Management And Community Projects Director as well as Local Emergency Planning Committee Coordinator, presented the County Vulnerability Assessment to the Council at their Apr. 16 meeting.



Mayor Robert W. Heine, Jr., gave the proclamation for Suncoast Remake Learning Days—a 15-day festival of activities for children and adults to learn together—to Beth Duda, The Patterson Foundation’s Director of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

Municipal Airport Security Improvements because the bid form, specifications, and plans were incorrect. Hanson Professional Services had “over-designed” the gate, according to Brian Swafford, using commercial—rather than municipal—airport standards. He said will personally redo the plans, specifications, and bid documents at no cost to the City.

The Council approved the contract—prepared by City Attorney T.J. Wohl—for \$20,000.00 between the City of Arcadia and RSC Insurance Brokerage, Inc., for the Classification and Compensation Analysis Study.

**COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

Marshal Quinn Jones reported that his officers continue to focus on traffic control.

Code Enforcement Director McQuay reported that the amnesty program for code violations had ended: \$71,285.82 in fines had been paid, and \$1,191,827.00 forgiven. All violations have been corrected, and all applications have been processed. He also had the Verandah

House boarded up and the lawn mowed before Bike Fest.

Finance Director Teresa Conerly presented the finance report, noting that 26.4% of revenues had been received, and 24.7% had been expended.

In the absence of City Administrator Terry Stewart, Assistant Administrator Beth Carsten announced the ground breaking for the 12th Ave. Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) grant project at 9:00 a.m. on Mon., with parking in the Azul Tequila lot. In addition, the consultant working on the project to expand the Arcadia Historic District will give a presentation to the Historic Preservation Commission at 2:00 p.m. on April 30.

**RETRACTION REQUESTED**

During the public forum, June “Jimmy” Walls asked for a retraction of the statement that he had held a car show at Louis C. Anderson, Sr./Smith-Brown Recreation Complex despite the Council’s denial of the special event permit he had submitted. McQuay related that a police officer called him that Sat. saying that an event was taking place in the park.



June “Jimmy” Walls asked the City for a retraction of the statement that he held a car show in the park on Martin Luther King, Jr., St., despite the Council’s denial of his special event permit.

McQuay said that he would handle it on Monday, and he did, informing City Administrator Terry Stewart. Marshal Quinn Jones also told the Council that he did an investigation and found only people hanging out at the park—not a car show.

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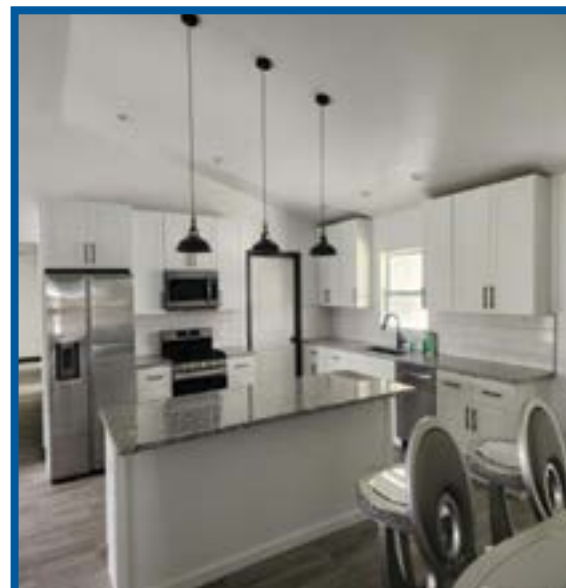
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# OBITUARIES



## JAMES L. FINLEY

AUGUST 1, 1940 – APRIL 9, 2024



James L. Finley, 83, of Arcadia, FL, formally of Hampton, IL, passed away Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at Arcadia Hospice House in Arcadia, FL.

There will be a visitation from 11:00am to 12:00pm with a funeral service following at 12:00pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, Milan. Burial will be in Andalusia Cemetery. Memorials may be made in care of the family.

James was born August 1, 1940, in Andalusia, IL, the son of Andrew and Zella (Wendt) Finley. He married

Jacqueline Kenney and they had two children, Jerome and Julie. He later married Phyllis Stone on April 16, 1976, in Hampton, IL. Though James struggled with dyslexia, he loved to listen and read along with audiobooks. He was a true handyman, always helping neighbors and family with different projects. He loved spending time with his family.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Phyllis; son, Jerome (Mellissa) Finley; son-in-law, Rod Robison; grandchildren, Alex (Terra) Finley, Stephanie (Kenneth) Ehlers, Ashley Finley, Bradley Jackson,

Jacob Finley, Jeremy (Quinn) Finley, Shayna (Terry) Wales; and 3 great-grandchildren, and one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Julie Robison in 2010; siblings and their spouses, Andrew Finley, Shirley and Raymond Fitzpatrick, Betty and Enis Jessie, and Daniel Finley.

Condolences may be shared with the family at:

[www.wheelanpressly.com](http://www.wheelanpressly.com).

## LETHA KELLER BOWLING



Letha Keller Bowling 74, left this earth and gained her heavenly wings on APRIL

08, 2024 in Lakeland, Florida.

She was born on July 03, 1949 to the late Robert Guy and Verna Bernice (Taylor) Keller in Alliance, Nebraska they then raised their kids in Nocatee, Florida.

Letha is survived by her (HUSBAND) Lonnie Ray Bowling (CHILDREN) Davy(Tammy) Campbell, Shane(Misty)Campbell, Elizabeth(Garrett)Patterson, Kimberly(Terry)Daniels, and Rebecca Knight

(GRANDCHILDREN) Angela DeLuca Skinner, Danny (Katelyn) Hice, Jason

DeLuca, Josh (Kendahl) Campbell, Ashton (Ryan) MacMillian, Robert (Stephanie) Campbell, Amanda (Jason) Marvel, Jay (Amber) Campbell, Jordan (Tiffani) Eddins, Hunter (Veronique) Hansel, Holden (Suzi) Hansel, Mason (Mykenzie) Campbell and 21 GREAT GRAND CHILDREN.

(SISTERS) Verna "Butchie" Beam & Linda (Buddy) McClenithan (BROTHERS) Carl (Doris) Keller & Bert (Pam) Keller and NUMEROUS nieces & nephews she loved as her very own.

She enjoyed fishing, scrapbooking,

taking pictures, quilting/sewing, collecting nik naks, Christmas decorating, shopping, but mainly making precious memories with her family and friends. She never met a stranger and was loved more than she ever knew.

Letha is proceeded in death by her loving parents (Robert & Verna) and brother JR Keller.

\*Celebration of life was held on Saturday April 20th 11 a.m. @ Nocatee Civic Center (2624 SW Baldwin Street).

\*\*Lunch and fellowship followed on the grounds after. Her favorite covered dishes were welcomed.

## NEWS FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF POTTER

# BEYOND THE BADGE:

## HONORING TELECOMMUNICATORS AND CORRECTIONS OFFICERS



**SHERIFF POTTER**  
DeSoto County Sheriff

From April 14th to April 20th, we celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, a time dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of those who work behind the scenes to ensure our safety.

Our telecommunicators are the lifeline between those in distress and the first responders who rush to their aid. They are the calm voice on the other end of the line during moments of chaos and uncertainty, providing crucial assistance and dispatching help with precision and efficiency. These dedicated individuals not only serve

the Sheriff's Office but also extend their reach to support the Arcadia Police Department and DeSoto County Fire/EMS, embodying the spirit of collaboration and unity in public safety.

Their commitment to excellence and unwavering dedication to our community are nothing short of heroic. Day in and day out, they answer the call, often facing challenging situations with grace and professionalism. They are the unseen heroes who work tirelessly to ensure that help reaches those in need, often at the most critical moments.

As we express our gratitude for the remarkable work of our telecommunicators, we must also turn our attention to another group of essential first

responders: our correctional deputies. In May, from the 5th through the 11th, we will observe National Correctional Officer's Week, a time to honor the brave men and women of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office Detention Bureau and our state correctional officers.

These dedicated professionals play a vital role in maintaining the safety and security of our community by overseeing those in our care with integrity and compassion. They work tirelessly to uphold the principles of justice and rehabilitation, often in challenging and demanding environments. Their unwavering commitment to duty ensures the DeSoto County Jail operates with the highest standards of professionalism

and accountability.

During National Correctional Officer's Week, let us take a moment to express our gratitude and appreciation for the sacrifices made by these brave individuals. Their selfless dedication to the betterment of our community does not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for their service.

As we reflect on the past weeks of celebration and recognition, let us continue to support and uplift those who serve on the front lines of public safety. Together, we can honor their sacrifices and ensure that our community remains a safe and thriving place for all.

**Be Kind, Be Safe, God Bless.**  
**Sheriff James Potter**

# DESOTO COUNTY

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE



4/12/24 - 4/18/24

**Agudelo Prada, Edwar:**

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

**Ambler, Lee Emerson:**

Prob Violation

**Berry, Holly Allison:**

Battery - Touch Or Strike

**Brown, Jason Adam:**

Evidence-Destroying - Tamper With Or Fabricate Physical

**Bryson, Joel David:**

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 1St Off

**Butts, James Elmer:**

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use, Marijuana-Possess - Not More Than 20 Grams

**Cale, Stephanie Nicole:**

Conservation-Animals - Cause Cruel Death Pain And Suffering, Conservation-Animals - Torment Deprive Mutilate Kill, Impound Confine Animal Wo Sufficient Food Water, Conservation-Animals - Abandonment Of Animal, Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

**Campos, Adon:**

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 3Rd Or Subsqq Off

**Cannon, Cade:**

Dui-Unlaw Bld Alch - Bui Damage Property Or Person Of Another, Dui-Unlaw Bld Alch - .15 Or Higher Or With Person Under 18 1St Off

**Chavez Ardon, Luis Alexander:**

Traffic Offense - Dui And Damage Property, Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

**Cox, John Daniel:**

Prob Violation

**DeJesus, Jonathan:**

Battery - Touch Or Strike

**Eady, Robert Vaughn:**

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use, Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To Register Motor Veh

**Eady, Tristen Nevaeh:**

Larc - Petit Theft 1St Degree 100 Less 300 Dols

**El-banna, William:**

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 1St Off, Rug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

**Ganske, Justin Ray:**

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear (X2), Burgl - Unoccupied Dwelling Unarmed, Larc - Petit Theft 2Nd Degree 1St Offense

**Godinho, Christian Henry:**

Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W Deadly Weapon Without Intent To Kill (X2), Damage Prop-Crim Misch - 1000 Dols Or More, Battery - By Person Detained In Prison Or Jail Facility

**Hernandez-Aguillon, Cobi Brayon:**

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear (X4)

**Hinson, Quameer Jamal:**

Kidnap-False Imprisonment - Adult, Battery - Touch Or Strike, Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W Deadly Weapon Without Intent To Kill, Esist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence, Sex Asslt - Sex Bat 18 Yr Or Older By Prsn 18 Yr Or Old

**Hoffer, James Costas:**

Evidence-Destroying - Tamper With Or Fabricate Physical, Marijuana-Possess - Not More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

**Hubbard, Jonathan David:**

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

**Humphrey, Danielle Frances:**

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Evidence-Destroying - Tamper With Or Fabricate Physical, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

**Jackson, Chonteria Sharde:**

Larc - Petit Theft 2Nd Degree 1St Offense, Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

**Kleinhaus, Linda Carole:**

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

**Lagunas-Vargas, Ana Rosa:**

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

**Leon, Julian Rafael:**

Out Of County Warrant

**Lopez, Juan Miguel:**

Battery - Cause Bodily Harm

**Mariano Jr, Daniel:**

Prob Violation

**Matz, Michael Roy:**

Out Of County Warrant

**McCray, Jamariea Lanitta:**

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

**Merrell, Travis Wade:**

Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence, Prob Violation (X2)

**Montejo, Darwen:**

Sex Offense - Voyeurism 1St Off

**Noble, Ladarius Ervin:**

Amphetamine-Traffic - Or Methamphetamine 14 Grams Or Over

**Perez, Josue Deleon:**

Trespassing - Fail To Leave Property Upon Order By Owner

**Phillips Jr, Christopher Michael:**

Damage Prop-Crim Misch - 200 Dols And Under

**Richardson, Douglas R:**

Amphetamine-Traffic - Or Methamphetamine 14 Grams Or Over, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

**Robinson Jr., Sean David:**

Out Of County Warrant

**Roof, Dale Ray:**

Larc - Petit Theft 1St Degree 100 Less 300 Dols

**Ruiz Sanchez, Luciano:**

Trespassing - Fail To Leave Property Upon Order By Owner

**Tessier, Matthew:**

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 1St Off

**Walsh, Christopher John:**

Battery - Touch Or Strike, Battery - On Officer Firefighter Emt Etc, Disorderly Conduct - Brawling Fighting Corrupt Public Moral Decency

**Watson Jr, Jason Michael:**

Battery - Touch Or Strike

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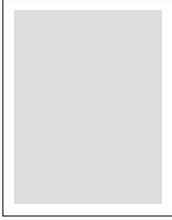

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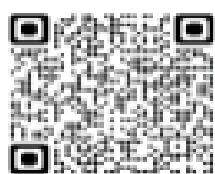
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### **MANUFACTURING ELECTRICIAN:**

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### **OXIDE WEIGHER:**

Weighs quantities of materials for use in production processes, using balance, platform, or floor scales. Supports Plant staff as needed; Physical capabilities to perform the job are standing, stooping, bending and lifting 25-30lbs.

## DAY PRODUCTION SHIFT M - F • 6am - 6:30pm

### **QC/SEALER:**

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### **FORKLIFT DRIVER:**

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## NIGHT PRODUCTION SHIFT M - F • 6pm - 6:30am

### **PRODUCTION LINE MECHANIC:**

A line mechanic is an individual who maintains, and repairs machinery used in production lines, such as conveyor systems, packaging machines, gear boxes, motors, hydraulics, pumps, etc. They ensure that the equipment is functioning properly and safely, preventing breakdowns, and minimizing downtime. Mechanical Background/Experience Required. Training for this position will be conducted during Day Shift. Hands-On Training

### **BATCH MIXER OPERATOR:**

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