

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF

HURRICANE CHARLEY

ON EXHIBIT





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The DeSoto County Historical Society presents a 20th Anniversary Exhibit of Hurricane Charley at the DeSoto County Library, 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., from Aug. 10 through 31. It is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

The Society began gathering photographs, newspaper articles, and artifacts for the exhibit last Sat., Aug. 3, and the public was invited to share their materials. At the same time, Tropical Storm Debby approached the State. It sloshed through southwest Florida, dumping rain, and became Hurricane Debby on Aug. 4. It made landfall at 7:00 a.m., Aug. 5, near Steinhatchee, Florida, as a Category 1 hurricane with sustained winds of 80 mph. It continues to ransack the southeast coast of the U.S. with torrential rains and catastrophic flooding.

A Category 4 storm, Hurricane Charley was a very different event although it churned north along the the west coast of Florida as did Debby. However, Charley made the infamous right-turn up the Peace

Arcadia's water tower was toppled by Hurricane Charley in 2004, and the image was ubiquitous in news reports throughout the nation. Photograph courtesy of the DeSoto County Historical Society.

River Valley. Not only did it have 150 mph sustained winds when it made landfall at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, but it also had a forward speed of 21 mph or more. It followed on the heels of Tropical Storm Bonnie, the first time that two tropic disturbances hit one state within a single day.

Several Society members said that they didn't care to remember Hurricane Charley because of its devastation and their personal losses. However, the Board of Directors voted to hold the exhibit as part of the Society's mission to promote and preserve the history of DeSoto County for future generations.

If you have a story to tell, photographs or other documents to share, or artifacts from Hurricane Charley, please contact the Society at 864-266-5774 or desotocountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or visit: fcit.usf.edu/florida/maps/pages/12300/f12332/f12332.htm. Or you may bring the items to the DeSoto County Library, 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., to be copied, scanned, or recorded.

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MON	All Schools
AUG 13	DESOTO COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP III
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MAASSEN OIL COMPANY: GOING, GOING...



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At their new office location, 119 S. DeSoto Ave., the Maassen Oil Company, Inc., sign will soon be replaced by one for Palmdale Oil Company, “Florida’s largest bulk fuel and oil supplier” (palmdaleoil.com). As Maassen was liquidating some of their assets, Palmdale purchased the bulk oil tanks and then the Maassen company itself.

“This opportunity will allow me to retire,” Edward Maassen said, although not for a while as he has two companies to close out. “You do something your whole life,” he said, “and it becomes second nature.”

His son, Tyler Maassen, will continue as general manager of the Arcadia location and supervise the same employees and route drivers. “Customers probably won’t notice anything different except the name change,” Edward said. They will soon receive a letter notifying them of the transition.

He and his brothers—David and Johnny—are the grandsons of John Samuel Maassen (1893-1942) and Edna Norene Murray Maassen (1896-1977). They founded the company in 1931 as a small service station, Standard Livery and Garage, in Arcadia.

In 1940, Maassen purchased the Shell Oil distributorship for Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, and Highlands counties. As he had been doing the distribution, he told his clients that there would be “no change in the service.”

The family later built Shell service stations on the city’s major north-south route—U.S. Highway 17—(612 N. and 303 S. Brevard Ave.) and east-west highway—State Road 70—(1001 E. and 1072 W. Oak St.).

The Maassen family leased the Shell service station at 612 N. Brevard Ave. to Louis Stewart (1920-2002) for 43 years starting when he returned from serving in the U.S. Army’s 6th Armored Division during World War II. Even after he retired, he continued to help out at the business and always enjoyed talking with customers.

In an interview with Patti Magee on the occasion of his retirement, he described the shop he once operated in the station. Stocked with “bread, milk, soft drinks, crackers, and canned goods,” it was “sort of the precursor to the 7-11’s” (“DeSoto County Times,” Sept. 6, 1989).

The Maassen family built a new service station in 1972, and that structure will soon be demolished in preparation for the construction of a 7-Eleven convenience store. Established in 1927 in Texas, 7-Eleven was the first convenience store to sell gas, fresh coffee in to-go cups, and offer a self-serve soda fountain that included the Slurpee starting in 1965 (corp.7-eleven.com).

Some people may remember Jed’s, the convenience store at the West Side

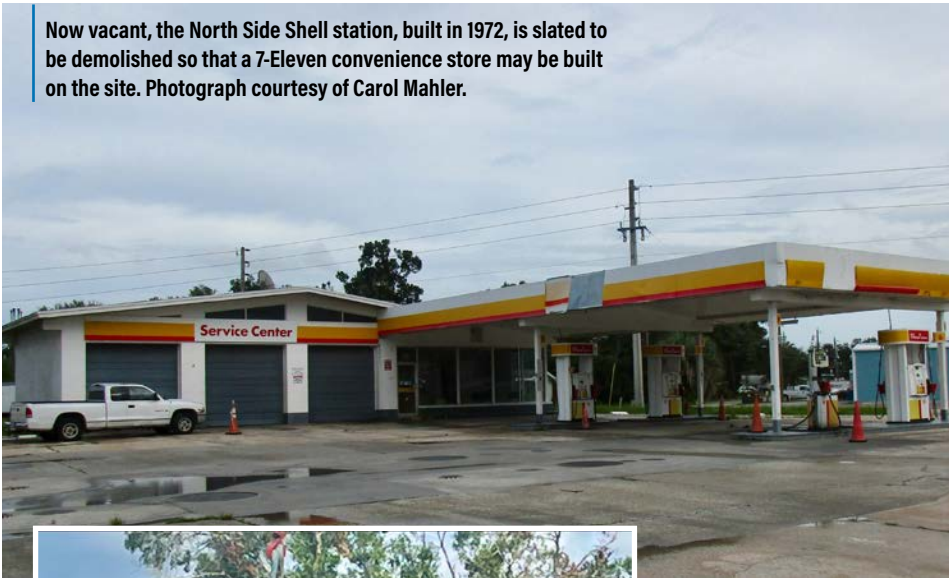


Edward Maassen stands in front of the new office of Maassen Oil Company at 119 S. DeSoto Ave., two days after the company was officially acquired by Palmdale Oil Company. The signs will soon change to reflect the new ownership of the 94-year-old company. Photograph courtesy of Carol Mahler.

The original Shell service station at 612 N. Brevard Ave. included a house where the Maassen family first lived, and later, where Lewis and Ruth Stewart resided when he was manager. Photograph courtesy of the DeSoto County Historical Society.



Now vacant, the North Side Shell station, built in 1972, is slated to be demolished so that a 7-Eleven convenience store may be built on the site. Photograph courtesy of Carol Mahler.



Palmdale Oil purchased the bulk oil tanks from the Maassen Oil Company property at the corner of N. Brevard Ave. and E. Gibson St., and then they acquired the company itself. Photograph provided.



After the bulk oil tanks from Maassen Oil Company are moved to Florida’s east coast, they will be sandblasted, the welds checked and repaired if necessary, repainted, and shipped to north Florida. Photograph provided.



After the bulk oil tanks were moved from the Maassen Oil Company property, the warehouse and office will be demolished to make way for a 7-Eleven convenience store. Photograph provided.

Shell, 1072 W. Oak St. Although Jed is usually a shortened form of the name Jedidiah, the brothers chose it because it was spelled with the first letter of each of their names: Johnny, Edward, and David. Edward said, “The face on the sign is a family caricature.”

After his grandfather died, Edward said that his grandmother “kept the business going” because his dad, J.S. Maassen, Jr. (1918-2006), DeSoto High School Class of 1935, was serving in the U.S. Navy. After World War II, he returned to Arcadia and ran the firm. His sons—David, Edward, and Johnny—eventually took over the company.

He and his brothers united “against our common enemy—Dad,” Edward said. “We’ve worked together our whole lives, and we’ve never had any problems. All of our business decisions have been made by the three of us.”

GETTING INTO THE SWING OF IT: SUMMER GOLF CAMP



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Arcadia Municipal Golf Course held the second of two summer camps from July 22 through July 26 for 13 campers. Director Jeff Gibson, PGA, provided the instruction, with help from Assistant Director Bob Gaillard, Junior Golf Association of Arcadia (JGAA) President Emily Morris plus JGAA and DeSoto High School Golf Team Members Austin Henning, Isabella Morris, Avery Monty, and Gracie Sager.

Emily Morris wrote, “It has been a pleasure to volunteer at the Junior Golf Camps the past few years to watch new golfers develop a new skill set while seasoned golfers improve their game. New friendships are built during camp, too! This year was a special one because my daughter, Izzy, has been a participant for the past five years, but this year, she helped coach the juniors. Watching those who have been coached at Arcadia Golf Course now give back to younger players makes their program a standout!”

Operations Manager Ann Applegate as well as Pro Shop Staff Members Kim Reel and Gina Stelmazewski also assisted with the camp. Officers from the Arcadia Police Department and plus DeSoto County Fire and Rescue employees gave special presentations.

After Hours Electrical, Mosaic, RED-E Services, and Vision Ace Hardware donated lunches for the campers each day, and RMZ Realty, Inc., supplied ice cream. DeSoto County Education Foundation (DCEF) awarded scholarships to some campers. JGAA provided golf bags, golf clubs, pushcarts, snacks, and water bottles. Jordan and Lindsey Ridge with Domain Realty donated coloring pages, practice clubs, and rule books.

JGAA and the Golf Course will host the DeSoto High School Boys and Girls Golf Teams this fall, and the Winter Series and Junior Championship tournaments will follow. JGAA membership is available at the golf course for only \$10.00 per month. Junior golfers may access the driving range, practice putting area, and short game every day for no additional cost. A JGAA member may golf for \$1.00 when walking or riding in a cart with a paid playing adult, any time.

JGAA Play Days are at 4:00 p.m. on Thurs., except Aug. 8. Sat. Golf Clinics are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. for adults and 10:00 a.m. for juniors, and private lessons are also available.

Follow Arcadia Municipal Golf Course and JGAA on Facebook for immediate updates. Or contact the Pro Shop at 863-494-4223 or JGAA President Emily Morris at 727-647-3777.



Posing at the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course are campers plus some staff and volunteers: from left, Isabella Morris, Assistant Director Bob Gaillard, Hector Barajas, Brit Wiggins, Evan Cline, Bella Harris, Bristol Hale, Summer Schiffner, Olivia Ramirez, Delaney Dewey, Director Jeff Gibson, Anya Morales, Avery Monty, Liam Underwood, Steele Yoder, Robson Salles, Brantley Hale, and Austin Henning.



Delaney Dewey focuses as she lines up a putt on the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course during the Summer Golf Camp.



Summer Golf Camper Brit Wiggins practices on the driving range at the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course.



Bristol Hale found some shade on the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course for a water break during Summer Golf Camp.

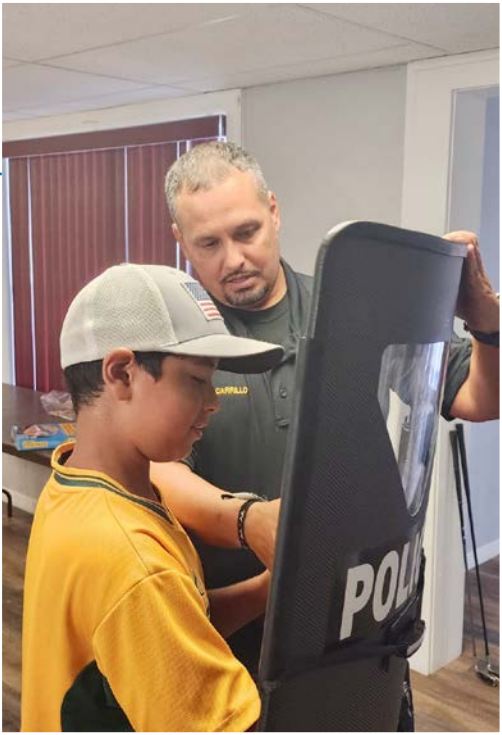


DeSoto High School Boys Golf Team and JGAA Member Austin Henning gives some putting tips to Hector Barajas during Summer Golf Camp.

Finishing at Hole #2 on the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course are, from left, Summer Schiffner, Anya Morales, Bella Harris, and Olivia Ramirez.



During the Summer Golf Camp at the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course, Lt. Troy Carrillo shows some Arcadia Police Department equipment to Camper Robson Selles.



Provisional Paramedic Adam McClain watches Firefighter Paramedic Patrick Staye teach Liam Underwood how to properly use a fire extinguisher during Summer Golf Camp at the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course.



Arcadia Golf Course Director Jeff Gibson, PGA, works on full swing technique with Brantley Hale during Summer Golf Camp.



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The team watches as their teammates work on the blocking drill.



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The 2024 DeSoto County football team was like Cinderella at the ball as they waited anxiously for the clock to strike midnight. They had their pads ready to put on as they sat in the locker room and waited for the first official practice with pads to begin at midnight.

"We've got 15 more minutes boys," Lohrey shouted to the team as the two hands on the clock approached the straight up position. Charlie Wilkinson sat quietly in his locker, looking tired and perhaps thinking about getting to bed. Julio DeLuca had just gotten off his job at the garden center at Walmart and was ready for his next job as an offensive lineman.

Blake Gross was his usual self walking around the room joking and talking with his teammates. The big center was back on the field after sitting out last year and joining the golf team. "I just wasn't happy with what was going on last year so I joined the golf team. Now I'm back to the game I love," said Gross.

Some of the incoming freshmen, playing on their first varsity high school team, may have been wondering how they would measure up with the upper class-men on the team. Many of them had that "deer in the headlights" look knowing that now they were going to be knocked around a little as the much desired time came to actually make



contact after so many conditioning drills.

"Five minutes to go," Lohrey announced. The players left their small groups and started to put on their pads. The excitement grew in every update from Lohrey. "Two minutes guys get ready," said Lohrey. At the stroke of midnight Lohrey said, "Lets go guys, we've got work to do."

The team burst out of the locker room with nearly 100 parents, grandparents, friends and classmates in the bleachers waiting to see what the team would look like. They did not disappoint the Bulldog faithful. After doing warm ups including line drills and pass routes, they opened up their playbook and ran some plays for the fans.

Aaron Langley drew the most applause as the big lineman has switched positions and is now in the backfield. He is a solid built big man with good speed. He showed his power when



Chris Lincoln and Blake Gross had an epic one on one blocking drill.

The Bulldogs had to wait until midnight before they could have their first practice with pads after weeks of conditioning.



Tight coverage on this pass during the passing warm ups.

he got into the secondary and lowered his shoulder on a defensive back who tried to make the tackle up high. He sent the would be tackler flying backwards to the ground that may have knocked the taste buds right out of his mouth!

The fans and players gave Langley a

well deserved round of applause. He could be the bruising fullback needed to gain short yardage on a fourth down. Give him an opening and he can take it to the house leaving a trail of defensive men on the ground. He isn't as tall as Lil Dreco Tompkins from two years ago or have the size and strength of Antonio Washington from a decade ago. Based on his performance in the first practice, someday people could be comparing others to him.

The two hour practice went well with the only obstacle being the sprinkler

system that came on after a half hour of practice. The plays from scrimmage kept moving based on which sprinklers came on. Some players just stood in the way of the sprinklers cooling themselves down as they thought about all the hot summer drills and the practices yet to come.

The Bulldogs will travel to Lakewood Ranch a week from tomorrow for their kickoff classic game starting at 7pm. Their season begins for real on August 23 as they go to Okeechobee to take on the Brahmas.



The sprinklers came on shortly after practice began, but they didn't stop the Bulldogs from having a good practice with pads.



Rylan Unruh looks for a receiver in practice. The junior will be under center this season.



Julio DeLuca and Blake Gross are two of the players who will be on the offensive line.



Part of the nearly 100 fans that attended the Friday night midnight practice.

IF IT WAS EASY, EVERYBODY WOULD DO IT



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It was just what you would expect on a summer afternoon in central Florida. Needless to say it was hot, way past hot. It was what most people would call miserable. It was August 1st and the humidity seemed even higher than the temperature. There was no breeze as the sun did it's best imitation of an Easy-Bake Oven. Any area with shade was a welcomed piece of real estate.

I had just left the comfort of the air conditioned gym after taking photos of the volleyball tryouts. I was in a hurry to get past the devil's section of the parking lot. (school doors to my car) The thought of my bottle of ice water and the arctic blast from my air conditioner brought a smile to my face.

As I scurried through Death Valley, I heard the familiar THUMP of a football being kicked. I glanced at the football field. There was a single solitary figure chasing the balls after he kicked them. My immediate thought went to Cesar Barajas who is the only person I know that is so dedicated to his craft that he'd be on the field in that kind of weather.

As I started walking towards the "out door sauna" of a football field, I knew immediately it wasn't Cesar as this solitary figure was kicking left footed! As I stepped on the grass the distant figure waved to me. As I got closer I recognized him- it was Julian Quezada!

His face and arms glistened with



sweat as it dripped onto his already soaked t-shirt. He had football practice earlier that day but came back to the field on his own to get some extra work in.

Julian is a sophomore who is also on the basketball and track and field team. He is working at the tight end and defensive end positions this season. He didn't get a lot of playing time last season but wants to change that this season.

"I'm hoping to start at least at one

of those positions and hopefully both spots. I've never kicked before so if that will get me on the field more then that is what I'll do." He didn't have any kicking coach out there with him, just himself and a strong desire to earn a starting position this fall.

"I've kicked these 4 balls up and down the field about 12 times so far. I've gotten a couple of kicks about 40 yards but some are just terrible. I wish I had somebody out here to tell me what I am



doing wrong. I try to remember what I did when I get a good kick, but then I usually follow that up with a couple of bad ones. I've been out here an hour and a half so I'll give it another half hour for today," said Quazada.

Whether or not Quazada will be the punter or even play at either position he talked about is unknown. His desire to give himself the best chance to play isn't in question.

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NEW COACH, NEW SEASON BEGINS NEXT WEEK



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Danielle Taylor knows she has some big shoes to fill in her first season as the head coach of the DeSoto Bulldogs volleyball team. Her predecessor and former coach Dave Bremer stepped down after 3 decades as the face of DeSoto volleyball. Bremer has earned respect and admiration from all over Florida from his coaching opponents. This hasn't escaped Taylor as she held her first session of tryouts for the upcoming season.

"I'm a little nervous about that. I've got all the excitement and feelings that comes with the position. Coach Bremer has called me daily to offer encouragement. He has reminded me about certain things and I've told him I've done this and that and he says it sounds like you have everything under control. He said 'you've got this'. That feels good to get that encouragement from him."

Coming into the season she has lost 4 players due to graduation. Samantha Hershberger, Raegan Hancock, Chloe Pomerleau and Hannah Jones were all big contributors to the team last season. She knows that it will be hard to replace experience, but she has a couple of incoming freshmen that she coached at the middle school and has high hopes for them.

"We also have Natalie (Lafond) coming back who will play in the front row and senior Emery Skinner is back and will fill in the back row so we should be all right when the season starts."

A huge addition will be the return of Yahri Tyler. The All Area player as a freshman sat out the entire season last year with a knee injury and rehabilitation. "Yahri has been cleared by the doctor and has been in summer conditioning with us and is ready to play," said Tyler.

Tyler said, "my knee feels good and I'm wearing the brace just for preventative measures. I feel good and no pressure on me to come back and be as strong as I was 2 years ago. I'm just glad to be back and playing."

Joining Taylor on the staff will be Brooke Zolkos as the varsity assistant coach. Long time volunteer coach Jarrett Zolkos will return in the same position. Heading the JV team will be two very experienced coaches and former players with Lucretia Gilmore as the head coach and Kristie Joens as the assistant. Both have sons from the baseball team that graduated last June and are eagerly excited about getting back into coaching.

The season begins next Tuesday with a pair of preseason games at Riverdale. They begin their regular season on the 20th as they travel to Charlotte and then host Port Charlotte two night later.

Taylor's final thoughts about the upcoming season? "I just want to make coach Bremer proud."



Coach Taylor, former player at DeSoto and coach, will take over as the head coach for the DeSoto Volleyball team this season.



Competition was strong at tryouts as players battle at the net for the ball.



Senior Emery Skinner returns this season as a veteran back row player.



A scramble for the ball comes up short during team tryouts held last week.



Junior Yahri Tyler tips the ball over the net. Tyler missed last season with a knee injury.



Izaria Anderson and Yahri Tyler go up for a block on defensive drills.



Jarrett Zolkos talks to the players during tryouts last week.

2024 DESOTO COUNTY VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

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- LILLY FULLERTON
- JO DUKE
- EMERY SKINNER
- NATALIE LAFOND
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- TAYLOR BAKER
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VARSITY GAME SCHEDULE

All games are at 7:00pm unless noted

AUG 13 AT	RIVERDALE	AUG 27 HOME	NORTH PORT
AUG 20	.... AT	CHARLOTTE	AUG 29	.... AT	LABELLE
AUG 22	.... HOME	PORT CHARLOTTE			
SEP 3	..... AT	LAKE PLACID	SEP 19	..... HOME	LABELLE
SEP 5	..... HOME	SEBRING	SEP 21	..... AT	PALMETTO (TBA)
SEP 10	..... AT	HARDEE	SEP 24	..... HOME	LAKE PLACID
SEP 12	..... AT	PORT CHARLOTTE	SEP 25	..... AT	LEMON BAY
SEP 16 AT	PALMETTO	SEP 30 HOME	PALMETTO
SEP 17 HOME	CHARLOTTE			
OCT 1 HOME ...	HARDEE			
OCT 3 AT	SEBRING			
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"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins" (Isaiah 43:25).

Recently I came to the crushing reality that I had forgotten something. I wanted to do some planning for our upcoming sermon series and knew that if I worked at the office during the week there would be a myriad of distractions that would intrude. So, the wife and I went to Orlando. I can work undistracted, and she can play at the resort.

Well, we got to the resort, and when we were finished unpacking I realized that my backpack with computer, books, and Bible was still at the house. Many would call this a "senior" moment, and I suppose I fit the bill. But it was gut-wrenching to then have to deal with the consequences of my forgetfulness.

The next morning, I rose early and left for home. I retrieved my backpack along with some incidentals that were also forgotten, though not nearly so monumental, and headed back.

That allowed me considerable time to chew on forgetfulness, and it left me praising God that he, too, is forgetful. Now, my forgetfulness is due to my finitude, and the progressive loss of brain cells that comes with aging.

The striking thing about God is that he purposes to forget. And even in this we can marvel at the greatness of our God. Most of us have been exhorted a few times to "forgive and forget." Sounds easy, but the reality is something far different. It is truly

difficult for us to forget, and maybe equally hard to forgive.

The other thing about God's forgetting is that it is rooted in remembering. When the last plague was to pass through Egypt, the Israelites painted their doorposts with the blood of a sacrificed lamb. When death came for the firstborn in Egypt, the blood was a reminder that atonement had been made, and death would Passover those houses.

But all of the sacrifices in the Old Testament were pointing to when God himself would blot out our transgressions. And he would do it for his own sake, desiring to ransom a people for himself. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Gal. 4:4).

And all of this got me singing.

*For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my
garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.*

*Refrain:
Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it
white as snow.*

*And when, before the throne, I stand in Him
complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall
still repeat. Refrain*

*Rejoice today in a God who purposes to
forget all our sin, for truly, Jesus paid it all!*



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Hurricane Charley shoved the John Morgan Ingraham House Museum from its support piers, knocked down the chimney, and tore off much of the roof. Photograph courtesy of the DeSoto County Historical Society.



Many people sought the shelter of the Turner Agri-Civic Center during Hurricane Charley, but the winds wrecked the building. Photograph courtesy of the DeSoto County Historical Society.



Swirling along Florida's west coast, Hurricane Charley made landfall at Cayo Costa at 3:45 p.m. on Fri., Aug. 13, 2004. Image courtesy of fcit.usf.edu.



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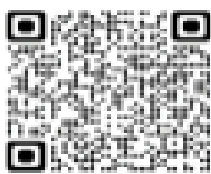
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including cities, golf clubs, industrial firms, and schools—rely on Perry Weather for public safety. The company has sent more than 50 million alerts to their customers for conditions ranging from heat stress to lightning.

When lightning strikes within a pre-determined area (0-10, 10-20, and 20-30 miles), strobe lights flash and sirens sound, plus broadcasts announce the disruptive weather, so that those on the course may seek shelter. In addition, golfers may download the application for alerts on their cell phones by using the QR codes posted through the pro shop.

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At the center of the Arcadia Municipal Golf Course, a lightning detection system helps to ensure public safety. Photograph provided.

system provides low and high temperatures as well as forecasts that help with planning events, such as golf camps, clinics, and tournaments.



CLASS OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS GRADUATE FROM SFSC



AVON PARK, Fla. — July 29, 2024 — On Thursday, July 25, South Florida State College (SFSC) honored 10 of its graduates in a traditional pinning ceremony on the College's Highlands Campus in Avon Park. The graduates have earned their Associate in Science (A.S.) in Radiography.

The graduates honored were: Aleyah Fox-Dickerson, Macy Kingdon, Lisa Klein, Dennis Mallen III, Trevor Mazurek, Katie Millerd, Katherine Oyola, Analaura

Reynoso, Gabriela Sarmiento Egea, and Olivia Wessal.

Upon completing SFSC's two-year A.S. degree in Radiography, graduates can work as certified radiologic technologists by passing the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national examination. Radiologic technologists work in hospitals and clinics performing diagnostic imaging examinations, such as X-rays.

For information about SFSC's Radiography program, contact Danielle Ochoa, Health Sciences advisor at 863-784-7027 or by email at healthsciences@southflorida.edu.



The Radiology graduates. Photo by Mark Delaney

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Traffic Offense - Dui And Damage
Property, Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo
Violence

Alvarez, Abelino C:
Traffic Offense - Dui Alcohol Or Drugs

Amador Y Amador, Julian:
Aggrav Battery - Cause Bodily Harm
Or Disability

Ayala, Juan Hilberto:
Battery - Touch Or Strike, Battery -
Touch Or Strike, Damage Prop-Crim
Misch - 200 Dols And Under

Davis, Kenrick Augustus:
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To
Register Motor Veh

Destouche, Chayce Aiden:
Trespassing - Property Not Structure
Or Convey

Garner, Jarrett:
Out Of County Warrant

Hill-Galvez, Draven:
Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo
Prescription, Marijuana-Possess - Not
More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equip-
Possess - And Or Use, Trespassing
- Property Not Structure Or Convey

Hillard, Derrick Tyrin:
Resist Officer - Flee Elude Leo With
Lights Siren Active

Huda, Nurul:
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While
Lic Susp 1St Off

Knowles, Amber Kay:
Fraud-Imperson - False Id Given To
Leo

Kologinski, Edward Wayne:
Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use,
Traffic Offense - Dui And Damage
Property, Traffic Offense - Refuse To
Submit Dui Test After Lic Susp

Kurtz, Chad Louis:
Out Of County Warrant

Matthews, Stephanie Michelle:
Larc - Petit Theft 2Nd Degree 3Rd
Subsq Offense

Mesa-Faneite, Herbert Antonio:
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate
Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

Montoya-Ramirez, Jonathan:
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate
Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

Ramirez-Gaspar, Fortino:
Trespassing - Fail To Leave Property
Upon Order By Owner

Ramirez, Alexander Manuel:
Marijuana-Possess - Not More Than
20 Grams, Drug Equip-Possess - And
Or Use

Rodriguez- Velasquez, Jorge Luis:
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate
Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

Ryder, Kristian Anthony:
Disorderly Intox - Disorder Intox
Public Place Cause Disturbance

Scott, Demetri Lucas:
Larc - Petit Theft 2Nd Degree 2Nd
Offense

Stahursky, Michael Thomas:
Out Of County Warrant

Torrone, Francis Jospeh:
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While
Lic Susp 1St Off

**Williams, Matthew Demontae
Decarlos:**
Prob Violation

Williams, Trevor Gage:
Sex Offender Violation - Fail To
Reregister As Required (X4), Sex
Offender Violation - Fail To Report
Vacating Permanent Residence, Fail
To Reg As Sex Offender - Fail Report
Residence Change Oth State Juris

Wilson, Willard Joseph:
Trespassing - Fail To Leave Property
Upon Order By Owner

Zavala III, Emiliano:
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While
Lic Susp Habitual Offender

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SFSC WELCOMES BILL YEARGIN FOR CONVOCATION



AVON PARK, Fla. – Aug. 5, 2024 – South Florida State College (SFSC) will usher in the 2024-25 academic year with Convocation on Monday, Aug. 12. This year’s keynote speaker is Bill Yeargin, president and CEO of Correct Craft.

“As a global leader in his industry, Bill Yeargin will be visiting SFSC to discuss his experiences and accomplishments with our administration, faculty, and staff at our annual Convocation,” said Fred Hawkins, president of SFSC. “Each year, we invite a guest to Convocation so we can learn mindful and innovative ways to serve our students and community. We are excited for him to share his wisdom and leadership techniques with us as we begin a new academic year at the College.”

Correct Craft has dedicated almost 100 years to providing quality and innovative watercraft products globally. In the past 20 years, Correct Craft has acquired companies that have expanded its footprint into watersports, engines, fishing boats, research technology, offshore boating, and manufacturing. The company continues to serve the marine industry from every angle and has won Manufacturer of the Year in the state of Florida and Most Innovative Company by Soundings Trade Only, a magazine for the marine industry.

Aside from his role as president and CEO of Correct Craft, Bill Yeargin is the author of six books with two bestsellers. He speaks about leadership worldwide and serves as the board chair for the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA). Yeargin was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters by Nova Southeastern University for his “contribution to the lives of others and the betterment of humanity.” He earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Florida Atlantic University and an MBA from Nova Southeastern University, and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

At this year’s Convocation, SFSC employees will enjoy the keynote session and a book signing with Bill Yeargin, along with departmental meetings, training, and staff awards. All SFSC campus offices will be closed from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. on Aug. 12. Offices will reopen 2–5 p.m.

The fall academic term begins on Wednesday, Aug. 14 and registration is still open. Visit southflorida.edu for more information.



Bill Yeargin, President and CEO of Correct Craft.

About South Florida State College:

SFSC is a comprehensive, open-access, higher education institution dedicated to providing a student-centered environment focused on learning and personal enrichment through quality programs and services. At its campuses in DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties and through its online presence, the College offers certificates, associate degrees, and bachelor’s degrees that lead to the continued success of its graduates and a variety of opportunities for the educational, cultural, and economic advancement of the service district. SFSC is one of the 28 institutions of the Florida College System.

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- Democrats vote on a Democratic ballot.
- Republicans vote on a Republican ballot.
- Any other registered voter may vote a non-partisan ballot.

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- **Instrucciones:** Para votar, rellene por completo el óvalo (●) ubicado al lado de su selección. Utilice el dispositivo de marcado que se le haya entregado o un bolígrafo de tinta negra o azul. En caso de haber cometido un error, pida una papeleta nueva. No tachar: de lo contrario su papeleta podría no ser válida.

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OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT DEMOCRATIC PARTY – DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA			
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