

Campaign To ‘Drive Out Hunger’ Is Going Strong

The Hardee Help Center’s Drive Out Hunger Campaign is well underway, and community participation has been outstanding.

Food donation bins have been disbursed throughout Hardee County including many of the schools and 4-H clubs.

Schools participating this year are: Bowling Green Elementary Student Council, Zolfo Springs Elementary, North Wauchula Elementary fourth- and fifth-grade National Honor Society, Wauchula Elementary, Hardee Junior High Student Council, Hardee Homeschool Co-op, and AVID & Key Club of Hardee Senior High.

4-H clubs participating this year are: Cracker Trail and Fort Green. According to the Florida

Department of Education Bureau of Student Assistance 2013, there are 128 homeless children in Hardee County. Food insecurity and hunger stem from poverty and a lack of reliable income sources, making the homeless population the most vulnerable.

“To see our schools participate in an effort to collect food donations from children and families that will possibly be recipients of the food as well, proves that anyone can be a Hunger Hero,” states Hardee Help Center Director Jamie Samuels.

Being a “Hunger Hero” does not require a lot of money, but often requires additional planning. One way that families can be Hunger Heroes and help pre-

pare for unexpected situations is by building two emergency food boxes, one for their family and one for another family in need. This simple step of preparation can prevent families from going hungry during emergency situations.

The center’s Drive Out Hunger Food Pantry is another resource for families in need during an emergency situation.

Some examples of reasons for assistance are forced displacement, recent layoff, shortage of work hours, short-term medical emergencies, and placement of other relative’s children in the home.

As the food donations pour in from the public during the month of November, the Hardee Help Center is asking for people

to consider volunteering their time in the Drive Out Hunger Food Pantry located at 713 E. Bay St. in Wauchula. The scheduled food sorting dates for volunteers are: Monday, Nov. 16, 2-5 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m. to noon.

Be sure to read next week’s article on the Drive Out Hunger campaign, the fourth of five to learn about several upcoming events that you can be involved in right here in Hardee County to help Drive Out Hunger.

For more information about the Hardee Help Center, the Drive Out Hunger campaign, or to download a full copy of the November Activities Calendar, visit hardeehelpcenter.org. This is the third in a series of five articles on the local month-long efforts to Drive Out Hunger. Each week, a calendar will accompany the story to show activities for the upcoming week.



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Hardee Help Center volunteer Jackie Roig (left) and Wauchula Elementary School collection site coordinator Tamara Taylor-Camilo set the sign showing support.

November 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 Prepare for the Unexpected: Build two emergency food boxes—one for your family and one for another in need, in case of an emergency.	16 SERVE Help weigh, sort and stock food donations at HHC between 10am – noon.	17 Donate Where you see a Hunger Hero Collection Bin, donate canned goods. Locations posted on-line.	18 Watch Order your copy of A Place at the Table documentary about food insecurity to watch this month or borrow from HHC.	19 Donate Where you see a Hunger Hero Collection Bin, donate canned goods. Locations posted on-line.	20 Host a Party Ask your guests to consider bringing can food items to donate to the HHC’s Food Pantry.	21 Write a letter to the Editor to your local paper newspaper about hunger in your community.



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Filled bags were piling up last Thursday at the County Commission’s regular meeting. Taking up the “Hunger Hero Challenge” along with county government officials were pastors (up front, from left) Jeff Fowler, Jim Davis and Mitch Landress, who are also Hardee Help Center board members.



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Canned goods are filling up the barrels and stacking up at Farm Credit of Southwest Florida, 1311 U.S. 17 N., Wauchula, one of the collection sites. Ready to help with donations are (from left) Allison Hancock and Kara Goodwyn.

Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT
The following marriage licenses were issued recently in the office of the county court:
Miguel Angel Santana III, 21, Zolfo Springs, and Maria Victoria Morales, 19, Wauchula.
Francisco Javier Ortega Guerrero, 28, Wauchula, and Anabel Anselmo, 25, Wauchula.
Henry Joseph Roe, 42, Davenport, and Toni Michelle Simpson, 27, Wauchula.
Juan M. Hernandez, 31, Wauchula, and Ana Maria Hernandez Cruz, 31, Wauchula.

The following small claims cases were disposed of recently by the county judge:
Cavalry SPV I vs. Robert M. Crews, voluntary dismissal.
Valencia Garden Apartments vs. Marjorie Thornton and Leah Kelly, default judgment for removal of tenants.

The following criminal traffic and misdemeanor cases were disposed of recently in county court:
John Joseph Phillips, DUI, probation 12 months, license revoked six months, \$1,178 fines, costs and fee, 50 hours community service.
Ernesto Ramos, DUI, probation 12 months, license revoked six months, \$978 fines, costs and fees, 50 hours community service.
Alfredo Vasquez-Velasquez, DUI with property damage/ personal injury, probation 12 months, license revoked six months, \$978 fines, costs and fees, 50 hours community service.
Daniel Juarez, battery, not prosecuted.
William Dwight Kilgore, possession of drug paraphernalia, probation 12 months, \$425 fines, costs and fees, 30 hours community service.
Frankie Reyna Jr., disorderly intoxication, adjudication withheld, probation six months, \$375 fines, costs and fees, 30 hours community service.
Steven Howell Richardson, giving false information to law enforcement during an investi-

gation, 30 days in jail on week-ends, \$375 fines, costs and fees; battery, not prosecuted.
Toby Richardson, possession of alcohol by a person under 21, transferred to pretrial intervention program, return Nov. 25.
Araceli Salgado, domestic battery, transferred to pretrial intervention program, return Nov. 25.
Christopher Lee Sigala, battery, transferred to pretrial intervention program, return Nov. 25.
John Jerome Taylor Jr., domestic battery, transferred to pretrial intervention program, return Dec. 2.
Robert Torres, trespass in a structure/conveyance, not prosecuted.
Tammy Lee Wilson, domestic battery, not prosecuted.
George Gil, trespass in a structure/conveyance, probation six months, \$425 fines, costs and fees.
Raul Gonzalez, domestic battery, not prosecuted.
Victoria Guerrero, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, 90 days in jail, \$490 fines, costs and fees.
Richard Ugarte, giving false ID to a law enforcement officer, 100 days in jail, \$425 fines, costs and fees.
Chris Woods, domestic battery, 30 days in jail — time served, \$727 fines, costs and fees.
Carolina Luna, violation of probation (original charge battery), probation revoked, 180 days in jail, \$100 fees and costs added to outstanding fines, costs and fees.

CIRCUIT COURT
The following civil actions were filed recently in the office of the circuit court:
Esmeralda Arana vs. Ernesto Ramos, petition for injunction for protection.
Ricky Smart vs. Julie Jones, state Department of Corrections (DOC), petition for review of inmate situation.
Johnnie Alton Hodges vs. James Tison, petition for injunc-

tion for protection.
Herbert Ghent vs. Julie Jones, DOC and Warden Lamb, petition for review of inmate situation.
Donald Perry vs. Julie Jones, DOC and officers Snow, Albritton and Sieh, petition for review of inmate situation.
Wells Fargo Bank vs. Kenneth D. Trammell, Vickie Trammell et al, petition for mortgage foreclosure.
The following decisions on civil cases pending in the circuit court were handed down recently by the circuit court judge:
U.S. Bank Trust as trustee vs. Juan Jose Gonzalez et al, judgment of mortgage foreclosure.
PHH Mortgage Corp. vs. Jacob P. Shultz et al, judgment.
JPMorgan Chase Bank vs. Anthony Alamia et al, judgment of mortgage foreclosure.
Florida Community Bank vs. Cornerstone Grove, joint stipulation for dismissal approved.
Sandra McClenithan vs. John McClenithan, dismissal of injunction for protection.
Sandra Melissa Darty McClenithan and John E. McClenithan Sr., divorce.
Trenda Wiggins and Randal Simpson, divorce.

There was no felony court last week. The following case was handled.
Carl Dean King, violation of probation (original charges possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia, probation revoked, five years Florida State Prison with credit for 346 days served, \$200 fees and costs added to outstanding fines, costs and fees and placed on lien; petit theft, found guilty by jury, four years, four months, 18 days Florida State Prison, consecutive to first sentence, \$770 fines, costs and fees placed on lien; petty theft, not prosecuted.

The following real estate transactions of \$10,000 or more were filed recently in the office of the clerk of court:
James C. Jr. and Savannah M. Chancey to Jessica Skitka Turner, \$163,000.
Jason Klein to Ahmad Abdel-

halilm, \$250,000.
Patrick Dennis O’Brien to Exael Sanatibanez, \$47,000.
John W. Parker Jr. as trustee to Double C Holdings, \$390,000.
Twighla Mae Rusell and Barry N. Russell to Susan Brown Ianetti, \$99,000.
Justin R. and Hilary D. Zipperer to Stephen B. and Melissa M. Rawls, \$35,000.
Sandra J. Mull, August W. Stayler and Trenton W. Clotz to David and Rachel Chapa, \$44,000.
MidFirst Bank to federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD), \$31,200.
Catchers to Paul Mislevy, \$165,000.
Illa Jean Jernigan to Burton-Bostick Groves Inc. and Kathleen S. Burton, Barbara B. Crowson and John W. H. Burton, \$195,000.
First National Bank to Voice of Deliverance Healing Ministry Inc., \$50,000.
Peavy Family Investments to Bobby and Rachel Garner, \$14,000.
HUD to Lindsay J. Guerrero, \$87,000.

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Decades

What were Hardee Countians talking and thinking about in the 1960s, or maybe the 1930s? Each issue, we will revisit that corresponding week and year in a decade past, using old copies of The Florida Advocate, the Hardee County Herald or The Herald-Advocate. This week, the decade of ...

The ‘70s – Nov. 13, 1975 40 Years Ago
New Elementary: The School Board will open bids for the new elementary school north of Wauchula, which is expected to cost about \$1.5 million, including utilities and paving. The 822-student school will be built on the 13.4-acre site the board bought from Dewey Waters over a year ago for \$50,000.
With construction time of 280 calendar days, it should be ready for the 1976-77 school term. The school will have a semi-open concept, with 32 classrooms divided into eight sections of four classes each and an activity space.

Football War: “It’s going to be a war!” said Hardee football coach Jerry Kapusta of Friday night’s game against 7-1 Palmetto, which is coming off a hard-hitting 14-7 overtime loss at Venice. The Wildcats, also 7-1, are coming off a five-game win streak in which they have racked up 225 points while only giving up 21.
Quarterback Mike McCrary, who was out last week at Florida Air Academy, will again be replaced by Steve Shumard. Running back Lee Revell is also out and will be replaced by Myron Refoure, who came up from the JV when its season ended last week. Tank Snelling and Freddie Snelling are the key running backs. Hardee beat Florida Air Academy 60-0.

Tax Watchers: The just-formed Hardee County Property Owners Association has 21 charter members. Its function is to watch local government spend-

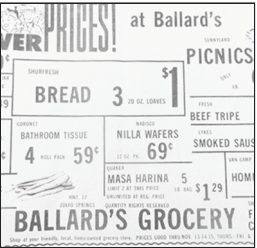
ing, especially property tax dollars. The group has incorporated, with Joe L. Davis, president; Ray Wingate, vice president; Tommy Underwood, secretary; and Bill Crews, treasurer.
Other directors are Jack Soles, Van Adams, Shorty Albritton, Ernest Waters, Top Barlow, Miles Albritton, Madison Long, Edward McClellan, Edgar L. Davis, Charles Shackelford, Elton Crews, Roy Roberts, T. Mabry Carlton, George Marsh, Jack Hancock, Jimmy Harrison and Bud Mallory. Other members are welcome. Dues are a minimum of \$25 a year, based on a person’s property taxes.

New Balers: Peace River Ford Tractor Co. Inc. is sporting the new Hawk Bilt’s 480 round baler at \$4,225.87. It bales the



leaves with the hay, and has available a twine attachment.

ZS Groceries: Ballard’s Grocery in Zolfo Springs offers “new lower prices” on many items. Shurfresh bread is three loaves for \$1; smoked sausage is



99 cents a pound; red grapes, 39 cents a pound; and picnic hams, 69 cents a pound.