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**Yes 59.3%**

**No 40.7%**

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Do you pay attention to who is leading the 12 Hours of Sebring on Race Day?

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**Bill Bursiek**

Age 84, of Lake Placid

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# Sheriff clashes with Highway Park party goers

*Easter party has gotten out of hand, Benton says, but residents disagree*



Benton

By **ED BALDRIDGE**  
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SEBRING — Tensions increased this week over a proposed annual event in Highway Park as those who want a party on Easter ran afoul of safety concerns stressed by Sheriff Susan Benton.

Benton argued that having the gathering costs taxpayers more than \$14,000 in salaries and overtime because of the 41 officers she called out for the event last year.

Benton told the county commission March 6 that last year's gathering blocked the flow of

traffic and prohibited emergency vehicles from entering the neighborhood. She also informed commissioners that the music was vulgar, where "every other word was profanity" and unpermitted carnivals and pony rides happened last Easter.

"We cannot ignore the

absolute disregard for county code and county ordinance," Benton said.

Benton stated that the 10-year-old event has morphed from a gathering of community churches to a wild party where drinking

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## 60TH RUNNING OF THE 12 HOURS OF SEBRING



Javan Babcock (from left), Roland Bishop and Johnny Bedwell take a comfortable ride around their campsite Thursday morning at the track in Sebring. Babcock built the motorized recliner and love seat specifically for Race Week.

# Fans embrace fun

*Ready for green flag to drop at 10:30 a.m. Saturday*

By **SAMANTHA GHOLAR**  
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SEBRING – Hometowns and backgrounds are no matter to the fans of the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring; fans come from all over to join with others to enjoy festivities. From locals to international travelers, fans pile into the race track grounds each and every year to eat, drink and party, all while watching some of the world's fastest race cars.

One festive group of locals continued their group's Race Week tradition by setting up at Turn 1 just out-

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
Veteran race fans 'Texas' Pete Adams (ladder) and Scott Key (standing) put the finishing touches on the Frying Gizzards Racing. The group has been attending the 12 Hours of Sebring for over 15 years.

## Who will catch the luck on St. Patty's Day?

By **BARRY FOSTER**  
*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING — On Saturday, the 12 Hours of Sebring will celebrate its 60th anniversary on St. Patrick's Day. The Race has fallen on the veneration day of the patron saint of the Emerald Isle only a handful of times in the six decades of racing here.

Interestingly enough, it hasn't been until recently the race itself has actually fallen on March 17.

The first St. Patrick's Day 12 Hours was in 1979. Porsche didn't need the "Luck o' the Irish" to assure themselves a podium finish, however. Bob Akin, Rob Mcfarlane and Roy Woods took the checkers in their Porsche 935. In fact, 935s took the top six positions and it was not until Roger



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
Krohn Racing team members ready the car for testing Thursday at the Sebring International Raceway. The team is hoping its green theme will bring luck on St. Patrick's Day.

Mandeville's 13th-place finish that anything other than a Porsche crossed the finish line.

On St. Patrick's Day in 1990, it was a real Irishman, Derek Daly,

who won the 12 Hours in a Nissan GTP-ZTX with co-driver Bob Earl. Daly later would tell reporters he

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# Council gives Deleon an A

*Reviews are all 90 percent or higher*

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
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AVON PARK — Revealing their formal evaluation of City Manager Julian Deleon officially Monday night, members of the city council were unanimous in their opinion that his work has exceeded their expectations.

The evaluation form has 24 different scoring items, from "Presents policy-related information completely and accurately" to "Accepts responsibility for undesirable results."

Each quality or skill is given a rating, each worth a specific number of points: No basis for rating (0); exceeds expectations (3); meets expectations (2); almost always meets expectations (1); does not meet expectations (0).

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Deleon

# Forestry rangers the first line of defense

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
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SEBRING — Latest numbers from the Southwest Florida Water Management District show the drought continues. As of March 7, aquifer levels had fallen to minus-2.37. Last year at this time the aquifer level was minus-0.69. Historically, levels range between 0 to plus-8 at this time of year.

In 2011, almost five inches of rain fell in January and February. This year we had only 0.11 inches of rain.

What this means is that the ground is dry and covered in dead vegetation. Plants are dehydrated. Conditions are

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# Open house on new flood maps planned at Harris Center Thursday

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Highlands County is releasing preliminary flood maps, known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for public review and comment. The new maps show the extent to which areas throughout Highlands County are at risk for flooding and will eventually replace the current effective flood maps that are more than 20 years old.

The County will be hosting a community open house to provide the public an opportunity to view the new preliminary maps from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring.

The open house will provide the public an opportunity to learn more about how properties may be impacted by the map update and what material and financial steps should be taken regarding decisions on the purchase, protection and insuring of property.

The maps have been developed by the South Florida and Southwest Florida Water Management Districts through a cooperative technical partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The process has included an extensive, multi-year review of the changes brought about by environmental, land use and other natural and man-made factors using the best available data and state-of-the-art aerial

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# Court to hear tuition dispute

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Supreme Court agreed on Thursday to decide who can set tuition and fees at state universities.

The justices unanimously said they would hear an appeal from a lower court decision that says the Legislature rather than Board of Governors has that authority.

Former Gov. Bob Graham and other challengers contend that power shifted to the board when voters passed a state constitutional amendment creating the panel in 2002. Graham, who also served in the U.S. Senate, championed the amendment to curtail political interference with the universities by lawmakers.

The justices rejected the Legislature's argument that the case doesn't merit their attention but did not explain why in a brief order.

The extent of the board's authority and whether it includes tuition- and fee-setting are issues of such magnitude they should be resolved by the Supreme Court, the challengers argued.

"Both issues critically impact every public university in Florida, every student attending those universities now and in the foreseeable future," wrote attorney Robin Gibson on behalf of the challengers.

A trial judge earlier ruled in the Legislature's favor and the 1st District Court of Appeal agreed, saying its power to tax includes tuition and fees.

The Legislature acknowledged the high court had grounds for jurisdiction because of the appellate court decision, but it argued that's not enough to warrant review by the justices.

"The lower court ruling was based on years of legal precedent" regarding the Legislature's "power of the purse," wrote legislative lawyers Daniel Brown and Christine Davis Graves. "The decision did not create new law, alter existing law, or incorrectly construe the law."

Brown and Graves are with the Carlton Fields law firm, which the Legislature has hired to handle the case.

The board at one point joined the lawsuit but withdrew after reaching a compromise with the Republican-controlled Legislature. That resulted in passage of a law saying the Legislature can raise tuition system-wide while the board can approve additional increases requested by each of the 11 schools.



Cpl. Philip McGeath, 25, was killed while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan's Helmand province Jan. 18.

# The brave ducklings

Earlier this year, Cpl. Philip McGeath was still alive. Today his smile is a cherished memory to his grieving mother.

"I'm like a mama duck," Phyllis McGeath told "The Unknown Soldiers." "I know when one of my ducklings isn't with me."

Phyllis' seven ducklings include two of Cpl. McGeath's younger brothers, Lance Cpl. Kenneth McGeath and Pfc. Allen McGeath, who are also Marines. But the Arlington, Texas, mother also feels a great sense of responsibility for an eighth — her eldest son's wife, Sarah.

"She's suffering," the grieving mother said. "They had a lot of dreams."

One of those dreams was having children together.

"They had a baby boy name and a baby girl name picked out," Phyllis said.

With only weeks remaining in the 25-year-old Marine's first Afghanistan deployment, his loved ones were overwhelmed with excitement. Sarah was setting up their new apartment near North Carolina's Camp Lejeune, while the "mama duck" prepared to put her eldest son back under her wing.

"I let myself become complacent by accident," she said. "I let myself feel it was over and he'd be home."

Philip wanted to join the Marine Corps ever since his family spent a few years in Okinawa, Japan, while his father, David McGeath, served as an airman. Though Philip flirted with Air Force and police careers, the "very physical" young man went to boot camp in 2008 and graduated a Marine.

Despite the risks of post-9/11 military service, Philip's decision made his parents proud.

"I would always put on my brave face and cheer him on," his mother said.

The Marine had to put on his own brave face after two of his five brothers decided to follow in his footsteps.

"At first, he wasn't real happy that his younger brothers were going to go in," their mother said. "But when they made it through boot camp, he was ecstatic."

Philip left for Afghanistan in July 2011.

"We loved him and sup-



ported him," Phyllis said, her voice cracking from emotion. "This is what he wanted, and he wanted to do it well."

Even though the comforts many Americans take for granted were gone, Philip seemed to genuinely enjoy serving with the 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment in southern Afghanistan.

As darkness filled Afghanistan's war-torn night skies, Philip called home on Christmas morning in America.

"He was excited," the mother said. "I said: 'Keep your chin up; look to God. But watch where you walk.'"

"Always, Mom," the confident Marine replied.

On Jan. 18, Cpl. McGeath was killed while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan's Helmand province. According to his mother, a suicide bomber on a motorcycle "came and blew him up" in a civilian square. She said three Marines were wounded, including one seriously, in the cowardly terrorist attack.

"It was such a sucker punch," Phyllis said less than two months after her son was killed. "I never, ever, ever expected this."

One of the Gold Star mother's only comforts is how fellow Marines responded to the tragedy.

"He was never alone," she said. "I was told by several of his squad members at the memorial service how they all stood by him as he was laying on the stretcher."

Though angry at the terrorist who murdered her son and annoyed by the subsequent media obsession over Whitney Houston's death, Phyllis won't allow herself to become bitter.

"He lived a full life in 25 years," she said. "We may not have thought it was done, but God thought it was."

Her focus is now on making sure her devastated

daughter-in-law's dreams stay alive.

"We want her to love again and have babies," Phyllis candidly explained. "Philip wouldn't begrudge her any of that happiness."

As Phyllis McGeath adjusts to life without one of her ducklings, she hopes a media-driven culture will start paying more attention to the brave men and women who protect the pond.

"I just want people to understand that there is still a war going on," the mother of fallen Marine Cpl. Philip McGeath said.

To find out more about Tom Sileo or to read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at [www.creators.com/](http://www.creators.com/).

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Active Parenting Now program comes to county

SEBRING — The Children's Advocacy Center is bringing the acclaimed Active Parenting Now program to community members. This workshop, geared towards parents of children 5-12 years old, is divided into three sessions with incentives provided to those who attend.

Active Parenting Now is sponsored by The School Board of Highlands County and the Champion for Children Foundation. The classes for this session are from 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays March 20, 27 and April 3. Classes will be held in the Fred Wild Elementary School, 1910 S. Highlands Ave. Homework help and child care provided by local honor society members, light food and beverage will be available, as well as other incentives being provided for families in attendance.

The curriculum shows how a parent can defuse power struggles, use non-violent methods for discipline, improve communication with their children as well as teach responsibility and important values. Because there is so much the material covers, parents are welcome to look over the website at [www.active-parenting.com](http://www.active-parenting.com). Many free downloads have been made available.

There is no charge to our parents for the materials, food, childcare and resources, just call to register and do one's best to attend all three sessions. There is a limit to how many families can be served at a time, so call to register. Contact Sandra Bass at 471-5740 or 402-6879, or Brittany Lauren, practicum student on behalf of Russell Sharp, prevention specialist, Children Advocacy Center, at [rssharp@hcbcc.org](mailto:rssharp@hcbcc.org) or 402-6879.

### Mountain Memories at Recreation Club

SEBRING — Mountain Memories will be performing traditional Americana

and Bluegrass music at the Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., from 6-8 p.m. today.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Concessions are available. Admission is \$3.50 per person.

### Buddy Canova plays at Dance Club

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club hosts dancing from 7-9:30 p.m. today at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway, where singles are always welcome. Have fun and dance the night away to the music of Buddy Canova.

Bring your own beverage; ice is provided. Soft drinks, salads, sandwiches, pastries and ice cream are available at the snack bar.

Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Appropriate dress is required.

For more information, call 840 9038.

### AMVETS Ladies plan basket raffle

SEBRING — The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary is holding an "Imagination Basket" raffle from 5-6 p.m. Saturday at the new AMVETS Post at 623 US 27 South.

Tickets for the raffles will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are 10 for \$15 or a \$15 purchase entitles one to also receive a free corned beef dinner.

Baskets will be on display today at the Post. Along with the "basket" raffle, there will also be a 50/50 raffle, baskets of booze raffles, and a People's Choice award.

### Avon Park Lakes Association serves breakfast

AVON PARK — Breakfast will be served from 8-9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Avon Park Lakes Association Clubhouse, 2714 Nautilus Drive.

Menu will include homemade sausage gravy over biscuits or pancakes, scramble eggs and sausage

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# So far, 20 candidates running for 11 positions

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
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SEBRING — As of Wednesday, 20 candidates are running for 11 elected offices in Highlands County. Qualifying week is from noon, June 4 until noon, June 8.

Candidates may qualify in two ways. One way is by paying a percentage of the annual salary for the position sought.

In a partisan election, it is 6 percent, 2 percent going to the candidate's political party. In a non-partisan contest, it is 4 percent.

The other way to qualify is producing petition signature cards, signed by registered voters. In Highlands County a candidate must collect 633.

As of Wednesday five incumbents were unopposed: Clerk of Courts Bob Germaine, Property

Appraiser C. Raymond McIntyre, Tax Collector Eric Zwyer, District 5 county commissioner Greg Harris; and District 2 school board member Donna Howerton.

Incumbent School Superintendent Wally Cox is being challenged by two candidates, William "Pep" Hutchinson III and Roberta Peck.

Candido "Candi" Garcia is registered to run against

Sheriff Susan Benton.

The Supervisor of Elections race is shaping up to be the most crowded. This is because incumbent Joe Campbell has announced his retirement. Four individuals are running for the office: Richard J. Beebe, Susanna H. Bishop, David Flowers, and Peggy Ogg.

There are two candidates, MaryAnn Lewis and Janet L. Shoop, for school board

District 3, where J. Ned Hancock is retiring.

Two county commissioner seats are in play besides District 5.

Barbara Stewart's retirement leaves District 1 open. So far William D. Bennett and James L. Brooks are the only candidates for the seat.

Incumbent commissioner Ron Handley has not indicated an interest in running for the District 3 seat to which

Gov. Rick Scott appointed him as a replacement for suspended commissioner Jeff Carlson. Mark A. Pimentel and Michael Stone both seek the office.

The primary election is on Aug. 14. Those wishing to vote must be registered by July 16.

The general election is on Nov. 6. To be able to vote then, one must be registered by Oct. 9.

## Deleon gets high marks from council

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A perfect score is 72.

Mayor Sharon Schuler gave Deleon 70 points, or 97.2 percent; Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray, 69 points, or 95.8 percent; Councilor Terry Heston, 67 points, or 93.1 percent; Councilor Paul Miller, 66 points, or 91.7 percent and Councilor Parker Sutherland, 65 points, or 90.3 percent.

Turned into a percentage, Deleon's average score is 93.6 percent.

Gray felt Deleon needed to more sensitive to residents on the Southside. She only rated him as "almost always meeting expectations" when demonstrating "an appreciation for the unique culture of the community." This was the lowest mark he received.

The council was unanimous in saying it believed Deleon exceeded expectations regarding his "interpersonal characteristics and skills." Council members agreed that Deleon "demonstrates the ability to work in harmony with others, minimizing conflict, fostering good will within the organization, in external relationships, with the public, and

other governmental representatives and interest groups."

Miller wrote, "I believe that Julian has faced some difficult people and situations, and has handled them well."

Heston wrote, "My expectations align with Mr. Deleon's: Work to continue to promote a conservative and sound financial future for the city; continue to promote economic development by growth in water supply to the community and growth of the actual city limits; and continue to promote a positive, collaborative and inviting culture."

Schuler said, "Julian has used technology to streamline the city."

Sutherland said, "Overall, Mr. Deleon's performance exceeds my expectations."

Monday night Deleon said, "Really, I am humbled. Thank you for the excellent reviews."

He went on to list his accomplishments: The ongoing annexation program, paying off 40 percent of the city's debt, the new garbage cans and the extension of city utilities.

"Keep up the good work," Miller said.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Rangers Josh Watkins (left) and Josh Cameron secure a dozer to its flat bed. Being a ranger is, 'a rewarding job,' Ranger Mike Leicht said. 'The tasks are diversified throughout the year. You get something done.'

## Forestry Dept. ready to battle wildfires

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perfect for wildfires, especially given an early cold snap and drying winds all winter.

Enter the Florida Forestry Service. In addition to being a resource of information and advice, the Forestry Service's most important role is the protection of life and property from wild fires.

Due to weather conditions, rangers have been busy.

In 2011, local Station 775, lead by Senior Ranger Frank Gibbs, responded to 122 wild fires that burned more than 3,000 acres. In a single 10-day period earlier this year the station fought six different fires that consumed a total of 49 acres.

On March 6, Station 775 invited the public to visit and learn about how wildfires are fought.

Gibbs said 1998 was a watershed year for the state. That was the year the entire state was a virtual fire storm. "We realized we were out-gunned," Gibbs said. The state procured federal funding for major reforms and upgrades in equipment.

A professional 500-hour training course was inaugurated, stations were built and staffed with mobility in mind. For example, Station 775 has five rangers on staff, each cross trained on every piece of equipment. That means they can be loaned out to other stations anywhere in the state.

New specially designed bulldozers were brought online. They have reinforced, enclosed cabs, supplied with charcoal filters, and the latest in hydraulic technology. "It's actually a self-contained breathing apparatus to an extent," Gibbs said, "it keeps most of the dust and the

smoke out. It's a life line, but sitting in it is sort of like being in a coffin."

The low ground pressure dozers are designed for maximum access, wet or dry, along a front line. They create 8-foot-wide fire breaks by removing all fuel with plowing discs behind and a V-shaped blade in the front. The object is to remove every piece of vegetation until only the mineral soil is left.

The job is dangerous, affected by wind shifts, the fuel involved and ground conditions. "(Fire) wants to live," said Melissa Yunas, a mitigation specialist with the Forestry Service. "It will hurt you quickly."

The tall fire watch towers that used to be ubiquitous throughout rural areas are obsolete and being dismantled, Gibbs said. Cells phones, for one thing, have made the reporting of fire quicker, but the Forestry service does not count on concerned citizens alone.

Two times a day a fixed-wing aircraft patrols Highlands County, looking for smoke and keeping an eye on controlled burns. "It saves a lot of time," Gibbs said, "and gives us a real-time satellite view. The plane makes it a lot safer."

In addition, the station has access to a helicopter out of Okeechobee. It helps with surveillance of a fire, but more importantly, it brings in water — with a 300-gallon bucket — to cool the fire so the rangers can get close enough to create the fire breaks.

Local fire departments help, Gibbs said, by bringing in tanker trucks and helping to defend homes.

The primary cause of wild fires is man. In certain times

of the year, lightning takes its toll. Man-made fires usually crop up between noon and 2 p.m., lightning fires typically happen in the afternoon, after 4 p.m.

The best way people can protect themselves, especially if they live near wooded areas, is to create a 30-foot

clear space around their property.

"Keep it clean and green," Yunas said. "That's what home owners can do for us." She added that every minute spent creating a fire break around a home at the last minute was that much time lost in fighting the fire itself.

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## Man killed after complaining about barking dog

FLAGLER BEACH(AP) — Flagler Beach Police say a man was killed after complaining about a barking dog.

Police chief Dan Cody told the Daytona Beach News Journal the man was shot Wednesday night after he

complained to his neighbor about the dog.

The names of the victim and shooter were not immediately released.

The man who fired the shot, though, was taken into custody.



## Lions Club selling programs at Races



Courtesy photo

Members from the Sebring Breakfast Lions Club met with Peter Minning with the 12 Hours of Sebring to sign the contract to sell the 60th souvenir programs at the annual 12 hours of Sebring this week. This is a service project and a money-making program to support the sight and hearing projects locally and through the Lions Club International, the largest service organization in the world. Pictured (from left) are Lion members Amir Ghassemi, Mike Franchio, Max Riley and Manning.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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links; Maxwell orange juice and coffee. Cost for adults will be \$4 and children under 12 is \$2.

### Don & Allen play at Reflections

AVON PARK — Reflections on Silver Lake will host a dance featuring Don & Allen from 7:30-10:30 p.m. today. Cost is \$5. Bring your own drinks and snacks; ice will be provided. For more information, call 452-5037.

### Sebring Village hosts St. Patrick's Day Dance

SEBRING — Sebring Village will host a St. Patrick's Day Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday at the clubhouse, one mile behind Walmart off Schumacher Road.

Music will be provided by Larry Musgrave. Cost is \$3.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Coffee and ice will be provided. Call 386-0045 or 273-0875 for more information.

### Woman's Club plans rummage sale

LAKE PLACID — GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club will hold its annual rummage/bake sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 10 N. Main Ave.

### Ballroom Dancers celebrate holiday with dance

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday at Eastside Christian Church fellowship hall. "Keepin' It Green" is the theme. There will be a prize for the best of show and the customary door prizes.

Music will be provided by Professional DJ's, Mike and Peg Johnston from Tampa. Organizers anticipate a few

local leprechauns doing their Irish jig and perhaps a song or two at intermission.

Bring "green" snacks; sandwiches will be available at 6 p.m., and soda and water available throughout the evening. Singles are welcome. The newest single host will be on hand to dance, along with the other dance hosts.

Admission is a \$5 green donation at the door. The fellowship hall is two miles east on County Road 621 off U.S. 27.

### Author plans book signing

SEBRING — Telling one's children bedtime stories is a timeless tradition shared by parents everywhere. In his new book, "Adventures in Thackerville" (published by AuthorHouse), Steven R. Thacker writes a new collection of stories that will help children and adults alike to imagine life in humor and the wonder of God's design in nature.

Thacker was inspired to write his book after hearing of his children reading bedtime stories to their children. "I had stories from my past that I love to tell others about," he says.

It is Thacker's desire and prayer that these stories will be used of God to stir up the hearts of children and adults alike. "These stories will help spark their imaginations."

Thacker was born in Southern Ohio in the early 1950s. He was raised by his maternal grandmother and mother who were a considerable influence in keeping him in church during his early years. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Debby Jo Steiner. God blessed them with two sons, Corey and Shawn. Now a grandparent, Thacker was inspired to write a children's story after listening to his children read bedtime stories to their children. With the encouragement of his wife,

he wrote "Adventures in Thackerville."

Thacker has also written poems and songs since he was a teenager and is in the process of publishing his first poetry collection, "Seasons of Time."

Now a snowbird in Sebring, Steve Thacker will be having another book signing from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Linda's Books, 203 N. Ridgewood Drive.

### Movie showing at Lake Placid Library

LAKE PLACID — The March schedule of Saturday Matinee films at the Lake Placid Memorial Library will include "Super 8" (PG13) on Saturday. The public is invited to attend these free showings at 2 p.m.

Seating is limited. Children age 9 or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

### Avon Park gears up for Mall Festival

AVON PARK — The 33rd Annual Mall Festival in charming downtown Avon Park to celebrate the historic mile-long Mall will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 23-24. Festivities include Bluegrass and Gospel music, bounce houses and children's activities, craft and art vendors, and the traditional pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. Get pancake breakfast tickets from any Avon Park Noon Rotarian.

Admission to the festival is free. For more information, call the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce at 453-3350. Event sponsored by News-Sun, Avon Park Community Redevelopment Agency, Century Link, Cohan Radio Group, Florida Hospital Heartland Division, Heartland National Bank, Highlands Independent Bank, Highlands Today, Mid Florida Credit Union, and Progress Energy.

## OBITUARIES

### BILL BURSIEK

Bill Bursiek, a former resident of Cygnet, Perrysburg, Fort Myers and Lake Placid passed away peacefully in Sebring on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

He was born Feb. 21, 1928 to William and Cora (Ream) Bursiek in Jerry City. A graduate of Cygnet High School, he married Betty Eidson on March 21, 1948; she survives along with three children: Cathie, Julie and Timothy. There are eight grandchildren

and five great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister and husband, Joyce and Richard Delauter of Leesburg, Fla., and sister-in-law Linda (Eidson) Sandvoss of Kent, Ohio.

Bill Bursiek had been involved in construction management for many years and had served as president of the Elmwood Board of Education. He was active in Cygnet Little League. He was a member of the Lutheran Church in Fort Myers and

Trinity Lutheran in Lake Placid, a Past 33rd degree Master of North Baltimore Lodge F&AM 561, Araba Shrine in Fort Myers, Fla., Chapter and Council Valley of Toledo, Ohio.

A memorial service will be Friday, March 16, 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 25 Lake View St., Lake Placid, Fla., with a gathering of friends and family at Tomoka Heights Clubhouse.

# Party puts residents, sheriff at odds

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was prevalent and the "aroma" of drugs was present.

Benton stressed that the attendance had outgrown the space available in Highway Park, which created safety and sanitation concerns.

She asked commissioners to help her stop any event happening in Highway Park until an ordinance was in place to control the gathering.

Additionally, Benton issued a press release on Wednesday informing the community that the event would be "postponed" until 2013 when a new "Special Event" ordinance could be in place.

"Working together for a safe neighborhood, the community and county officials have agreed that the 2012 Community Easter Events will be postponed until 2013," the sheriff announced.

"Moving forward, all future events will follow Highlands County and state guidelines for special events," the sheriff's announcement states.

"We commit to assist the Highway Park planning committee to apply, using the county permitting process for any 2013 events," the statement says.

In a boxed-in area at the bottom of the announcement, Benton makes it clear that "should it become necessary, deputies and code enforcement officers will be available" to "close any unpermitted vending, strictly enforce any noise and nuisance laws or ordinances, take control of traffic flow problems and close any carnivals, DJ's or other venue events who operate without permit or outside regulation."

Members of the community have a different view of the event, and want to continue the yearly celebration without restrictions.

"I live in the community. I have family in the communi-

*'We are not animals down there. We come in numbers, but we come in peace. You don't understand the community or the culture, so you want to do away with it and that's not right.'*

**ARTERO CLARK  
LAMONT**

Highway Park resident

ty. I like the event. If you don't like the music, and apparently the sheriff doesn't like 'their' music, then don't come," said one resident of Highway Park on Wednesday who said she was afraid to be identified.

"There is no law that says we can't get together. They have no right to tell us we can't get together," said another resident.

A YouTube video shows scenes from last year's event complete with families, food vending and dancing. The video also calls the sheriff "racist" and states that you should be allowed to "drink what you want and smoke what you want."

One event participant, who identified herself as Mrs. Black, wanted to stress that the community has had the event for years without incident.

"It is kind of neat. I no longer live there but go to the event every year. The sheriff said the music was vulgar, that's because it is not her kind of music, but to call a community's music vulgar just shows ignorance of the culture," Black said Wednesday.

Other community leaders at the March 6 meeting also voiced their support of having the event.

"We are real people down there. We are trying to do

better, and we will do better down there," said Vince Hill, one of the individuals who was trying to organize gospel music in the area at the Martin Luther King Sporting Complex.

Hill's attempt to reserve the park for a gospel concert was turned down, but he stated that would not deter what others did on private property.

"We are trying to make things safer and safer. We will make it better with just a little assistance," Hill said.

"Let us sit down and formulate a plan and get the proper permitting," the sheriff asked during the commission meeting.

Another member of the community, Artero Clark Lamont, informed the commission that people were going to come to Highway Park because the event is established, no matter what the sheriff says.

"I am a lifelong resident of Highway Park and I too am seriously concerned about the safety there," Lamont said. "But, how many people have been put in handcuffs or in a police car? How many? " Lamont said about arrests at the event.

"You arrest a lot more people at the race track every year," he pointed out.

"I think Miss Benton is just afraid of the numbers. There has not been one arrest since this started in 1998. Not one," Lamont said.

"We are not animals down there. We come in numbers, but we come in peace. When you see us in numbers, it is kind of frightening because they are afraid of the culture. You don't understand the community or the culture, so you want to do away with it," Lamont said, "and that's not right."

There is currently no ordinance to prohibit a block party, but there are ordinances that prohibit vending along county right of ways.

## Flood maps ready to be reviewed

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mapping and modeling techniques.

You can identify your flood risk online at [www.watermatters.org/flood](http://www.watermatters.org/flood) plain or view the flood risk of your property in person at the Highlands County Development Services Department at 501 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring.

In addition to the open house, there will be a 90-day public comment period where property owners may submit an appeal showing scientific evidence that a map is in error.

Residents can learn more about the flood map update and view a timeline of the

mapping process and schedule of upcoming events at [www.cfrpc.org/floodmapupdate/](http://www.cfrpc.org/floodmapupdate/).

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Lisa Celentano and Don Elwell place chips around table Wednesday afternoon during the Hairpin Spin in Sebring.

# Fans know how to have a good time during Race Week

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side of the track. Javan Babcock and his group of close friends and family had just finished setting up their trailer and grill mid-morning Thursday.

A few from the lively group were busy riding around on their homemade motorized sofa and recliner. The riders got plenty of stares and smiles as they rode through the narrow streets of the grounds.

"He made them both," Sebring resident Roland Bishop said pointing to Babcock.

Babcock had spent the previous weekend creating a motorized loveseat just for the Race.

"I finished the couch pretty quick. I built it over the weekend. The recliner I built a couple of months ago," Babcock said.

Both the recliner and

loveseat were situated and bolted onto motorized scooters and decorated with party essentials.

The recliner was equipped with a small portable grill; the couch had a full-sized cooler attached to the rear with spaces for plenty of cups and beverages.

"Last year we had a couch on the lawnmower. It had a football table on the front of it, but it didn't work as well. These are better," said another group member John Bedwell.

Bedwell stated that the group has taken the same spot on Turn 1 since 1979 and they continue to show up and show out every passing year.

Just down the way, another group of friends known as "Frying Gizzard Racing" were putting up the last few touches to their camp near the Midway.

Brothers Chris Key and



News-Sun photo by KATARINA SIMMONS  
A large crowd takes to the dance floor Wednesday night during the annual Race Gala in Sebring.

Scott Key of Crystal Beach have been coming to the races for 30 years. The group of a dozen wasn't quite full Thursday morning — only about half of the group was present — but the men made sure that they had everything they would need for the rest of their friends.

"We've been in the same spot for about 15 years. We all met down here years ago and we come every year and meet up," Key said.

With members from Georgia, Florida and Texas, the group has grown used to the party scene and embraces the atmosphere.

"We got here Wednesday morning and it was already more people than I've ever seen. It's going to be a lot of

people. It's going to be a big year," Key said.

Though it wasn't quite lunch time, Ken Hackett of Atlanta was showing off his grilling skills and preparing tasty foods for his crew.

The crew was nearly finished hanging their camp banner when they were spotted making plans for the upcoming holiday.

"We've done all the big stuff. All that's left is the banner and the LED lights. We'll be all green for St. Patrick's Day," Key said.

The race fans never fail to disappoint and the creativity, fun spirit and dedication of each fan is a definite reason why the 12 Hours of Sebring continues to be a success year after year.



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Ken Hackett of Atlanta has the grill going nice and early Thursday morning at the track in Sebring.

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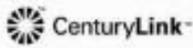
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Tequila Patron Team Manager Tony Leith hoists a team banner outside the Patron paddock on Thursday morning at the Sebring International Raceway.

# Luck of the Irish may be a factor with Race on St. Patrick's Day

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had won the endurance classic carrying a four-leaf clover sent to him by his grandmother in Ireland.

Twice since the turn of the 21st century, the Race has fallen on St. Patrick's Day, and Audi won both times — in 2001 with an R8, then with an R-10 in 2007.

However, luck may have figured into competition in the GT division in 2001 as the Konrad Saleen SR7 upset the powerful Corvette factory team. It was a back-and-forth battle with the Konrad team in the end having fewer problems (and better luck) than the Corvettes.

On St. Patrick's Day 2007, Sebring fans were treated to what was judged the most exciting finish to date in the American Le Mans Series as Jamie Melo in the Risi Competizione Ferrari bumped his way to victory following a nail-biting, wheel-to-wheel finish, winning against Jorg Bergemeister in the Flying



Green Hornet Racing mechanic, Dan Cross of New Hampshire, installs nuts and bolts on a racecar Thursday morning during the test runs. The 12 Hours of Sebring will kick off Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Lizard Porsche.

Was that luck? It depends on who you ask.

This year the Race not only falls on St. Patrick's Day, but is the 60th anniversary of America's premier sports car race. And who will catch the eye of Lady Luck this year?

Dyson Racing has Steven Kane driving its new Lola. Kane, born in Northern Ireland, could re-create Daly's 1990 St. Patrick's day win.

There also are a number of

cars with green in their livery including Black Swan Racing, the aptly named Green Hornet Racing, Extreme Speed Motorsports with the Tequila Patron Green swirled about their Ferraris and the green Ferrari of Krohn Racing.

"Yes, I know it's not Kelly Green, but it is green. I mean, green is green," said Krohn representative Barbara Burns. In racing it seems, competitors will take all the luck they can get.

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| Happy Hour . . . . . (18)                                | _____ | Septic Company . . . . . (76)                   | _____ |
| Sports Bar/Pub . . . . . (19)                            | _____ | Remodeler . . . . . (77)                        | _____ |
| Romantic Restaurant . . . . . (20)                       | _____ | Heating & Air Company . . . . . (78)            | _____ |
| New Restaurant<br>(open less than 1 year) . . . . . (21) | _____ | Home Security Company . . . . . (79)            | _____ |
| Dinner Under \$10 . . . . . (22)                         | _____ | Pest Control Company . . . . . (80)             | _____ |
| Caterer . . . . . (23)                                   | _____ | Carpet Cleaner . . . . . (81)                   | _____ |
| BBQ . . . . . (24)                                       | _____ | Appliance Service . . . . . (82)                | _____ |
| Tea Room . . . . . (25)                                  | _____ | Dry Cleaners . . . . . (83)                     | _____ |
| Fast Food Restaurant . . . . . (26)                      | _____ | Cellular Sales & Service . . . . . (84)         | _____ |
| Doctor . . . . . (27)                                    | _____ | Florist . . . . . (85)                          | _____ |
| Pediatrician . . . . . (28)                              | _____ | Self Storage . . . . . (86)                     | _____ |
| Dentist . . . . . (29)                                   | _____ | Cabinetry<br>(kitchen, bathroom) . . . . . (87) | _____ |
| Optometrist . . . . . (30)                               | _____ | Tattoo Parlor . . . . . (88)                    | _____ |
| Surgeon . . . . . (31)                                   | _____ | Real Estate Agent . . . . . (89)                | _____ |
| Chiropractor . . . . . (32)                              | _____ | Real Estate Office . . . . . (90)               | _____ |
| Physical Therapist . . . . . (33)                        | _____ | Mortgage Company . . . . . (91)                 | _____ |
| Hearing Aid Center . . . . . (34)                        | _____ | Accountant . . . . . (92)                       | _____ |
| Pharmacy . . . . . (35)                                  | _____ | Stock Broker . . . . . (93)                     | _____ |
| Medical Equipment Store . . . . . (36)                   | _____ | Insurance Agency . . . . . (94)                 | _____ |
| Nursing Home . . . . . (37)                              | _____ | Bank . . . . . (95)                             | _____ |
| Assisted Living Facility . . . . . (38)                  | _____ | Investment Firm . . . . . (96)                  | _____ |
| Retirement Community . . . . . (39)                      | _____ | Fast Oil Change . . . . . (97)                  | _____ |
| Veterinarian . . . . . (40)                              | _____ | Auto Service . . . . . (98)                     | _____ |
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| Golf Course . . . . . (42)                               | _____ | Auto Body Repair Shop . . . . . (100)           | _____ |
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| Tennis Courts . . . . . (44)                             | _____ | Local Radio Station . . . . . (102)             | _____ |
| Health Club . . . . . (45)                               | _____ | Place to Play Bingo . . . . . (103)             | _____ |
| Bowling Lanes . . . . . (46)                             | _____ | Boss . . . . . (104)                            | _____ |
| Martial Arts Studio . . . . . (47)                       | _____ | Funeral Home . . . . . (105)                    | _____ |
| Boat Dealer . . . . . (48)                               | _____ | Photographer . . . . . (106)                    | _____ |
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| Shoe Store . . . . . (51)                                | _____ | Customer Service . . . . . (109)                | _____ |
| Hardware Store . . . . . (52)                            | _____ | Hotel/Motel . . . . . (110)                     | _____ |
| Furniture Store . . . . . (53)                           | _____ | Master of Ceremonies . . . . . (111)            | _____ |
| Garden Nursery . . . . . (54)                            | _____ | Used Car Dealer . . . . . (112)                 | _____ |
| Computer Sales & Service . . . . . (55)                  | _____ | New Car Dealer . . . . . (113)                  | _____ |
| Carpet/Floor-Covering Store . . . . . (56)               | _____ |   |       |
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**EMPLOYMENT**  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
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**\$31<sup>50</sup>**  
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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000572

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff, vs. LIZZETTE SANCHEZ LEMAITRE A/K/A LIZZETTE SANCHEZ, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 06, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000572 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is the Plaintiff and LIZZETTE SANCHEZ LEMAITRE A/K/A LIZZETTE SANCHEZ; FIA CARD SERVICES, NA F/K/A BANK OF AMERICA, NA (USA); are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 3rd day of April, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 4, BLOCK 12, TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA (OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART)

A/K/A 414 W CIRCLE STREET, AVON PARK, FL 33825

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on March 8, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION REF #: PC 11-539 UCN:

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROCKY A. WATSON Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of ROCKY ALLEN WATSON, deceased, whose date of death was January 29, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 16, 2012.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Benita Jo Watson  
28 Linda St., Lot 65  
Sebring, FL 33870

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Debra L. Dandar  
DEBRA L. DANDAR  
TAMPA BAY ELDER LAW CENTER  
DLDD@DandarLaw.net  
5509 West Gray Street, Suite 201  
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Florida Bar No. 118310  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

March 16, 23, 2012

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10000458GCS

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff(s), vs. DUSTIN MARK KOPTA, et al., Defendant(s)

DIVISION NO. Section.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 7th, 2012, and entered in Case No. 10000458GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY is the Plaintiff and DUSTIN MARK KOPTA and EMILY A. LASWELL are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the main entrance of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 4th day of April, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit: Lots 7012, 7013 and 7014, of AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 22, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 18, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, and commonly known as: 2124 N. SHAMROCK RD, AVON PARK, FL 33825

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHTS TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BEEN TITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORDS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

DATED AT HIGHLANDS County, Florida, this 7th day of March, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk  
HIGHLANDS County, Florida  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
March 16, 23, 2012

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 09001785GCS

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-21, Plaintiff, vs. CHARLES E. ANDERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES E. ANDERSON; JUDITH ANDERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUDITH F. ANDERSON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVICES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOTS 7683, 7684, 7685, 7686 AND 7687 AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 24, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2304 North Roxbury Road Avon Park, FL 33825

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on March 27, 2012.

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 1st day of March, 2012

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk  
March 9, 16, 2012

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 10-32 GCS

BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff, v. SEBRING HOTEL VENTURE NO. 1, L.P., et al. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in this cause on March 6, 2012, the Clerk will sell the real and personal property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

PARCEL 1

LOT 1, IN BLOCK 31, OF A RE-PLAT OF A PORTION OF UNIT 3, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 2

TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF BILTMORE DRIVE (NOW VACATED PER O.R. BOOK 1296, PAGE 979); BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 31; THENCE RUN SOUTH 71 DEGREES 58'00" WEST 25'00" FEET; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 02'00" WEST, 471.15 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 142.32 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 09 DEGREES 49'18.7"; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID CURVE 24.40 FEET, SAID ARC SUBTENDED BY A CHORD WHICH BEARS NORTH 50 DEGREES 39'54" EAST, 24.37 FEET TO A POINT OF A REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 175.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 50'08"; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID CURVE 2.55 FEET, SAID ARC SUBTENDED BY A CHORD WHICH BEARS NORTH 46 DEGREES 10'18.7" EAST, 2.55 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 02'00" EAST, 481.11 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

THE SOUTH 127.00 FEET OF THE EAST 275.00 FEET OF LOT 1, BLOCK 31, A REPLAT OF A PORTION OF UNIT 3, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 31, A REPLAT OF A PORTION OF UNIT 3, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 49, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 71 DEGREES 58'00" W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, BLOCK 31 FOR A DISTANCE OF 275.00 FEET; THENCE N 18 DEGREES 02'00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 127.00 FEET; THENCE N 17 DEGREES 58'00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 275.00 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, BLOCK 31; THENCE S 18 DEGREES 02'00" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, BLOCK 31 FOR A DISTANCE OF 127.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND

EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE, WHETHER ANY OF THE FOREGOING IS OWNED NOW OR ACQUIRED LATER; ALL ACCESSIONS, ADDITIONS, REPLACEMENTS, AND SUBSTITUTIONS RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING; ALL RECORDS OF ANY KIND RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING; ALL PROCEEDS RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING (INCLUDING INSURANCE, GENERAL INTANGIBLES AND OTHER ACCOUNTS PROCEEDS)

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m., on April 3, 2012, in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DEFENDANT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IS NOT BOUND BY THE SIXTY (60) DAY TIME PERIOD IMPOSED BY SECTION 45.032, FLORIDA STATUTES, UPON MOTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS PROCEEDS.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo  
Deputy Clerk

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282010CA000552XXXXXX

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, vs. CHESTER G. MAXCY, JR.; et al., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated February 27, 2012, entered in Case No. 282010CA000552XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, is the Plaintiff and CHESTER G. MAXCY, JR.; JANNICE PANTAJA; PNC BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 26th day of March, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 21, BLOCK 26, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on February 27, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk, Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
AS DEPUTY CLERK  
March 9, 16, 2012

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March 16, 23, 2012

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Request for Proposals

Heartland Workforce Investment Board, Inc., d/b/a Heartland Workforce, has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit applications from organizations with the expertise and capacity to design, administer, and deliver Year-Round Youth Services in DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands Counties. The RFP is posted on the Heartland Workforce website at www.hwfb.org. Completed proposals must be submitted no later than 3:00 pm on April 27, 2012.

March 16, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000386

Division

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff, vs. JUDITH M. PERALTA, CARLO PERALTA, RAUL PERALTA, YLIANS PERALTA, WEDGEWOOD VILLAS CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on March 5, 2012, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 2 OF WEDGEWOOD VILLAS CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 652, AT PAGE 806, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA,

and commonly known as: 3727 EDGEWATER DR UNIT #13, SEBRING, FL 33872; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on April 4, 2012 at 11 a.m.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
March 16, 23, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000831

Division

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. NATALIE DEJESUS HERNANDEZ, AS CUSTODIAN FOR DORA G. BETANCOURT, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on March 5, 2012, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

UNIT 3-E, THE MANORS II: MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK A OF W.F. JOHNSONS FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF AVON PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 23, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RU NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK A, FOR A DISTANCE OF 214.50 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 133.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK A, FOR A DISTANCE OF 133.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK A, FOR A DISTANCE OF 133.68 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

and commonly known as: 13 W. RAYMOND ST., AVON PARK, FL 33825; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on April 4, 2012 at 11 a.m.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
March 16, 23, 2012

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM OR SERVICE OF THE STATE COURTS SYSTEM, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AT (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) OR (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 11-547 CCS

EMARK CORPORATION, a Florida corporation d/b/a LAKEVIEW MOBILE COURT Plaintiff, vs. DEREK GREEN Defendant

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

A 1960 SIDO Mobile Home bearing ID#463507, Title #15002649, and all personal property located in the home at 2207 Oceanview Street, Sebring, FL 33870, or at the mobile home park

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 29th day of March, A.D., 2012.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
Clerk Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo  
Deputy Clerk  
(Seal)

\*In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Courts office at 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3701. Telephone 863-402-6500 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired (TDD) 1-800-9771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, Via Florida Relay Service.

March 9, 16, 2012

DATE: March 7, 2012  
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo  
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired,

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk, Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
AS DEPUTY CLERK  
March 9, 16, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 11-99 GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. RONNIE T. CARTER, SR., SANDRA CARTER, RICHARD R. HOWARD, SR., IBERIA BANK, AND DISCOVER BANK, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on March 7, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on April 4, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.:

Lot 8, Villa Florcita, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 12, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida

Address: 1506 Marianela Manor, Lake Placid, Florida 33852.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

BOB GERMAINE  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Highlands County, Florida  
/s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk  
March 16, 23, 2012

**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: FC-12-24  
VICKY ANN SIKES AGUILERA  
Petitioner;  
and,  
JOSE REFUGIO SIKES AGUILERA,  
Respondent.  
  
NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: Jose Refugio Sikes Aguilera  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to: Vicky Ann Sikes Aguilera, Petitioner, 5601 N. Key, Sebring, Florida 33875, on or before March 29, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of Court, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, either before service on Petitioner, or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.  
DATED: February 24, 2012  
  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Kathy Whitlock  
As Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 12-33-GCS  
MARK A. SESSUMS,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DAVID TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, LLC, assignee of CHASE MANHATTAN BANK; RONALD JAMES WHEELER; SESSUMS LAW GROUP, P.A., AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1, TENANT #2, TENANT #3, AND TENANT #4, THE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION,  
Defendants.  
  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45  
Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Foreclosure Against Defendants, DAVID TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, LLC, assignee of CHASE MANHATTAN BANK; RONALD JAMES WHEELER; and SESSUMS LAW GROUP, P.A. dated the 5th day of March, 2012, in Case No. 12-33-GCS, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, in which MARK A. SESSUMS is the Plaintiff and DAVID TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, LLC, assignee of CHASE MANHATTAN BANK; RONALD JAMES WHEELER; and SESSUMS LAW GROUP, P.A. are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on the 4th day of April, 2012 the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure Against Defendants DAVID TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, LLC, assignee of CHASE MANHATTAN BANK; RONALD JAMES WHEELER; and SESSUMS LAW GROUP, P.A., and described as follows:  
Lot 13, in Block 14, of SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, SECTION B, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 63, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.  
Real Property Address: 1724 Second Terrace, Lake Placid, Florida 33852.  
Real Property Tax Identification Number is: C-29-36-30-020-0140-0130.  
DATED on March 6, 2012.  
  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of Said Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
As Deputy Clerk

(COURT SEAL)  
IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM OF LIEN WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.  
March 16, 23, 2012  
  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 11-6766CS  
SECTION NO. CIVIL  
MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION f/k/a  
MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
CHARLES D. SMYTH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES D. SMYTH; MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION F/K/A MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
  
NOTICE OF SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment entered on March 6, 2012 in this case in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the real property described as:  
Lots 21 and 22, Block 35, SEBRING LAKES UNIT 2C, according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 7, Page 10, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.  
Physical Address: 13304 W. Waterway Drive, Sebring, FL 33875-9672  
will be sold at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, on 4th day of April, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Highlands County Courthouse, 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870.  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
  
BOB GERMAINE  
Clerk of Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
DATE: March 7, 2012  
March 16, 23, 2012  
  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000433  
METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DORIS H. TRAVIS, et ux., et al.,  
Defendants.  
  
NOTICE OF SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment Scheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on March 7, 2012 in this case now pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.  
I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, basement, of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Street, Sebring, Florida 33870-3701, at 11:00 a.m., on the 3rd day of April, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:  
8845 & 8846, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 27, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
a/k/a: 3001 W VERONA ROAD, AVON PARK, FLORIDA 33825  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
ENTERED at HIGHLANDS County, Florida, this 8th day of MARCH, 2012.  
  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK  
As Clerk, Circuit Court  
HIGHLANDS, Florida  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
As Deputy Clerk  
March 16, 23, 2012

**1055 Highlands County Legals**

HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES  
  
The following legal notices are from the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners and are being published in the font, size, and leading as per their specifications.  
  
CITY OF SEBRING INVITATION TO BID  
The City of Sebring will receive sealed bids in the City Purchasing Department for:  
ITB #12-013: MATERIAL & LABOR TO HULL LIME & DISPOSE OF DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CLASS B RESIDUALS - Commodity Code 962-39 (REVISED DOCUMENT)  
Specifications & General Terms and Conditions may be obtained from our website at: [mysebring.com](http://mysebring.com), or by contacting Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB by phone 863-471-5110, Fax 863-471-5168, or email: [kirkzimmerman@mysebring.com](mailto:kirkzimmerman@mysebring.com) at the City purchasing office located at 368 South Commerce Ave - Sebring, FL 33870. If obtaining documents via the website, it shall be the bidders responsibility to check for amendments/changes made to the document. Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City Of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 2:00 PM, Wednesday, April 11, 2012, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference beginning at the Cemetery Road WWTP on March 26, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of any other type of delivery service. The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F 2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination. The Sebring City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof; and the award; if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the City of Sebring. The council reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.  
  
Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent/Sebring, Florida/March 16, 21, 2012

**1100 Announcements**  
  
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Please check your ad on the first day it runs to make sure it is correct. Sometimes instructions over the phone are misunderstood and an error can occur. If this happens to you, please call us the first day your ad appears and we will be happy to fix it as soon as we can.  
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**5050 Mobile Homes For Sale**  
  
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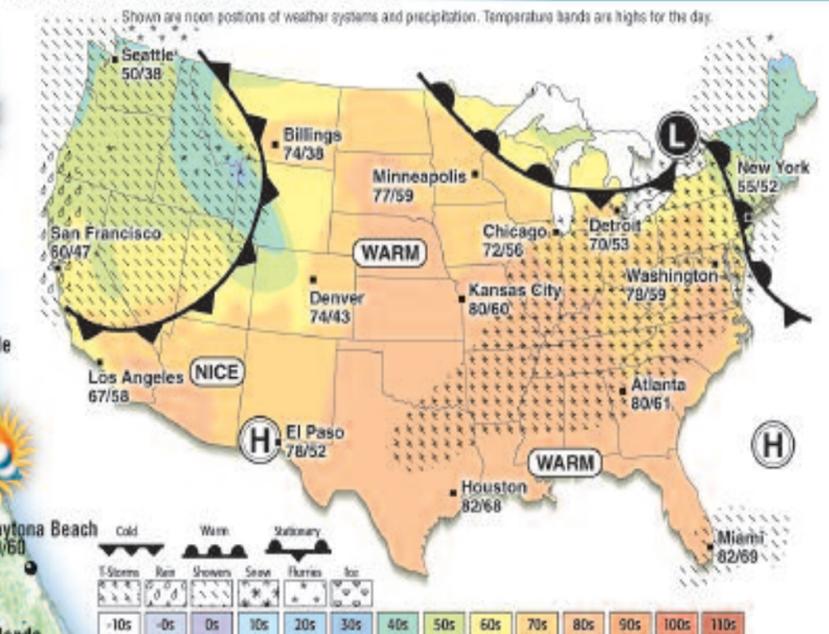
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Warm with sun mixing with clouds	Sunshine, breezy and pleasant	An afternoon shower possible
83° / 61°	84° / 60°	84° / 61°	83° / 60°	84° / 61°
Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 6-12 mph	Winds: ENE at 8-16 mph	Winds: ENE at 10-20 mph	Winds: E at 12-25 mph

National Forecast for March 16



Almanac

Temperature  
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	82°
Low Sunday	60°
High Monday	84°
Low Monday	57°
High Tuesday	84°
Low Tuesday	51°
High Wednesday	85°
Low Wednesday	54°

Heat Index  
For 3 a.m. today

Relative humidity	47%
Expected air temperature	81°
Makes it feel like	82°

Barometer

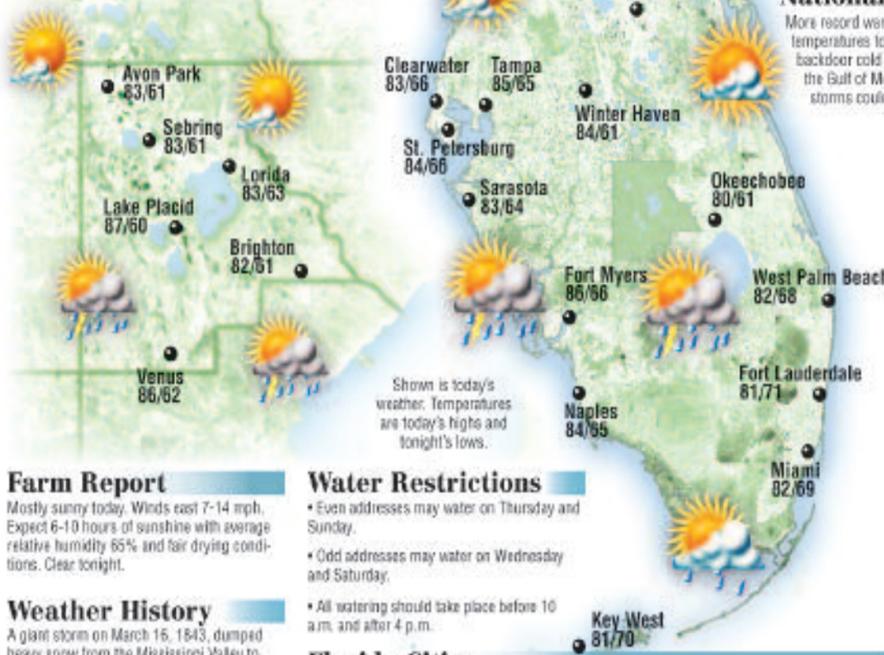
Monday	30.21
Tuesday	30.20
Wednesday	30.19

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.66"
Year to date	2.66"

Regional Summary

Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow. Sunday: warm with sunshine mixing with some clouds. Monday: sunny, breezy and pleasant. Tuesday: partly sunny and breezy with an afternoon shower.



Farm Report

Mostly sunny today. Winds east 7-14 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 65% and fair drying conditions. Clear tonight.

Water Restrictions

- Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.
- Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.
- All watering should take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Weather History

A giant storm on March 16, 1843, dumped heavy snow from the Mississippi Valley to New England. Little Rock, Ark., had 10 inches. New York City received more than 12 inches.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:34 a.m.	7:33 a.m.
Sunset	7:35 p.m.	7:36 p.m.
Moonrise	3:22 a.m.	4:08 a.m.
Moonset	2:24 p.m.	3:23 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	Mar 22	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13

National Summary

More record warmth will close out the workweek from the eastern slopes of the Rockies to the East coast today, as temperatures top out as much as 30 degrees above normal in some areas. A northeasterly flow in the wake of a backdoor cold front will continue to keep New England cool and dreary. Meanwhile, moisture heading north from the Gulf of Mexico will help trigger a few showers and storms from Texas to the mid-Atlantic, and some of the storms could turn gusty.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Abuquerque	70/45c	70/46pc	64/34c	Las Angeles	67/58c	63/47c	59/43c
Albany	80/61c	79/51c	82/60pc	Las Vegas	80/62c	82/61c	84/62c
Baltimore	78/54c	69/54pc	69/52pc	Memphis	82/67c	81/62c	82/62pc
Birmingham	82/62c	82/60pc	83/59pc	Minneapolis	62/54pc	73/56pc	68/56c
Boston	49/41sh	58/43pc	66/49c	Missoula	77/53c	73/58pc	73/59c
Charlotte	80/56c	81/57c	89/53pc	Nashville	82/58c	84/58c	84/57pc
Chesapeake	70/38pc	70/39pc	67/33pc	New Orleans	80/65pc	79/65pc	80/63pc
Chicago	72/56pc	73/57pc	75/58c	New York City	55/52sh	63/50pc	67/49c
Cleveland	69/54pc	73/57c	71/55c	Norfolk	78/58c	74/55c	67/55pc
Columbus	71/50c	80/50c	79/59c	Oklahoma City	82/60pc	82/59pc	78/59c
Dallas	80/64pc	80/64pc	81/63c	Philadelphia	69/52sh	67/50pc	68/50c
Denver	74/43c	75/41pc	71/33pc	Phoenix	82/62c	80/54pc	69/48c
Detroit	70/53pc	74/58c	72/56c	Pittsburgh	79/54c	76/53pc	78/52pc
Harrisburg	72/52c	69/52pc	67/51pc	Portland, ME	44/37c	55/37pc	63/47c
Honolulu	81/70c	82/70c	82/63c	Portland, OR	64/38sh	60/36sh	49/34sh
Houston	82/66pc	82/66pc	82/61c	Raleigh	82/60c	78/58c	75/56pc
Indianapolis	78/60pc	79/61c	80/61c	Rochester	66/46pc	73/54pc	73/53pc
Jackson, MS	83/62pc	83/58pc	82/56pc	St. Louis	80/65pc	78/60pc	79/61c
Kansas City	80/60pc	77/58pc	76/59c	San Francisco	80/47c	55/44c	55/45sh
Lexington	78/59c	80/59c	82/59c	Seattle	50/36sh	43/32sh	45/32sh
Little Rock	80/63pc	81/61pc	89/61pc	Wash., DC	78/59c	79/57pc	74/54pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	81/73c	80/72c	89/72pc	London	57/41pc	49/39c	49/34sh
Athens	64/42pc	62/45c	62/50c	Montreal	48/37sh	61/45pc	65/45pc
Beirut	57/44c	55/47c	62/52c	Moscow	29/18pc	35/23c	42/24pc
Berlin	64/46c	66/46c	61/42c	Nova	66/47pc	62/51c	62/46sh
Bermuda	72/62c	70/65c	68/62c	Ottawa	60/37sh	67/50pc	69/42pc
Calgary	49/23c	48/28c	34/30c	Quebec	46/34sh	50/36c	57/43pc
Dublin	52/37c	49/36sh	49/36pc	Rio de Janeiro	82/71c	82/67c	83/69c
Edmonton	43/15c	42/10pc	33/26sh	Seoul	46/40c	54/41c	52/30c
Fredericton	78/66pc	78/62pc	77/63c	Singapore	88/77c	87/79c	87/77c
Geneva	65/40c	63/41pc	53/40c	Sydney	83/64c	73/51c	73/51c
Havana	82/68sh	85/64c	84/65c	Toronto	64/44pc	63/48pc	71/46c
Hong Kong	77/70pc	79/72pc	81/72pc	Vancouver	47/38sh	49/35sh	47/35sh
Jerusalem	50/34sh	46/33c	56/38c	Vienna	65/45c	66/46c	65/46pc
Johannesburg	68/53c	76/56c	77/54pc	Warsaw	52/40c	61/43c	62/45pc
Kiev	35/34pc	49/36pc	56/42c	Winnipeg	64/44c	60/55pc	69/48pc



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## Team Falken Tire makes final Sebring 12 Hour preparations

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING – The much anticipated week of America's premier sports car endurance race has arrived and Team Falken Tire has completed the final pre-season test before the season-opening event.

After spending over a month on modifying their new Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, the team is ready to compete in the 60th Anniversary of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida.

In a two-day test in February, the American Le Mans Series team continued to find the proper balance in the new race car, faced with finding a completely new race setup and the develop-

ment of the Falken Tire Azenis race slicks.

The team felt they had progressed from the first test to the second, but still felt additional improvements could be made.

"The car handled really well and we were bettering our times from the last test here at Sebring," said driver Martin Ragginger.

"Hopefully we can come back Thursday with what we would see as our best set up."

The first three of the four test sessions ran smoothly, with Sellers, Martin Ragginger and Wolf Henzler rotating seat time in the car.

"We're still struggling for a little speed," said Team Falken Tire driver Bryan Sellers. "But we've been able

to run through a lot of different things for the cars set up, and we've been able to find things that help."

Sellers pitted with twenty minutes to go in the final session, sensing an issue with the car.

After returning to the garage, the team located the problem to the drive line, forcing the pre-season test to come to premature close.

The unusual occurrence failed to shake the team, who immediately went to work on narrowing in on the complications that ended the session early.

Although there are no on track activities for the Falken Tire Team, Wednesday was

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Courtesy photo

Team Falken taking its' paces at Sebring International Raceway.

## Dyson Racing to enter second car for 2012 season

*alms.com*  
SEBRING – The 2011 American Le Mans Series championship-winning car of Dyson Racing will return to action for six races of the 2012 ALMS season.

Michael Marsal and Eric Lux will be driving the No. 20 Lola B09/86-Mazda starting on the streets of Long Beach on April 14th and in the season's remaining sprint races.

"We welcome Michael and Eric to the team," said Chris Dyson, Vice President and Sporting Director of Dyson Racing. "They are quick and focused drivers. They possess the commitment needed to be successful both on and off the track. We have been very impressed with the rate of development that Michael has shown in testing with us over the last year, first in our Lola World Junior Car program at Monticello Motor Club and last December when he stepped into the LMP1 car at Sebring. He has really stepped up and is ready for the challenge of prototype racing."

"Eric did a superb job to capture the LMPC title last year. I was keeping an eye on him and in the midst of a tough title fight, he was able to match or better his rivals and keep his composure down the stretch. We



Courtesy photo

Dyson Racing will be rolling with the No. 16 Dyson Racing Lola-Mazda LMP1 entry in Saturday's 60th Anniversary Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, and will be adding the No. 20 Lola B09/86-Mazda later in the ALMS season.

like his approach. There are some drivers that have a built-in aura of success and Michael and Eric have that. They will be great additions to the grid under our banner."

Marsal finished second in his rookie year in Grand-Am Grand Sports in the Turner Motorsports BMW he shared with Joey Hand.

The duo scored two wins and seven podiums, taking the championship battle to the last lap of the season.

He continued to hone his race craft last year in the competitive GS class in the BMW he again shared with Hand.

"Joining a team like Dyson Racing is an unbelievable opportunity for me," noted Marsal. "I've known Chris for a long time, and for him to bring Eric and me into this pro-

gram is a huge vote of confidence. I know that stepping up to a prototype is going to be a new challenge, but it is one that I'm very excited about. I've tested the car, and the performance is just incredible. I think Eric and I are going to be great co-drivers and I just can't wait to get back into the Lola again. Long Beach can't come soon enough."

Eric Lux contested the full ALMS season with Genoa Racing in LMPC last year.

He won two races along with four podiums and won the Prototype Challenge Championship.

He is at Sebring this week racing with CORE autosport in the PC class.

"This is a dream come

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## Sebring's Dean taking it to another level

By BARRY FOSTER

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING – Fans at this year's Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida can see a local man will be competing on track at the Sebring International Raceway.

Sebring's own John Dean II will be running one of four cars he is helping to field in MAZDASPEED's Playboy Mx-5 Cup competition, taking the green flag today at Noon.

Dean's father - also John - was well known for his winning ways both in the Sports Car Club of America, as a Firestone Firehawk Series driver and as a local commentator during the 12 Hours on the Grand Prix Radio

Network.

Now his son has stepped into the motorsports arena.

The younger Dean also has made his mark behind the wheel in a number of different motorsports venues including drifting and sports-car racing.

In fact, it was his success in drifting that gave rise to his business moniker "Sick Sideways."

Sick, being now the common parlance for excellence and sideways, for his skill in sliding cars at will about the track.

"I'm somewhat well known for being ridiculous behind the wheel when I'm in a drifting competition - that's where I came up with the term," he said. "Plus they

connect it with racing when they see that we're headquartered in Sebring."

Dean's entry into The 2012 MX-5 Playboy Cup Championship is the product of several years of hard work and perseverance.

"Racing professionally is a goal I have worked hard towards my whole life," he said. "It is really hard to get your break in this sport, and I owe this amazing opportunity to my sponsors, Projections Research, Inc. and Sick Sideways. To finally get a chance to prove myself, and start a career, is something I'll never forget."

Dean said he picked the Mazda Mx-5 Cup because the

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
Sebring's own John Dean II will be driving his No. 16 Mazda in the MAZDASPEED's Playboy Mx-5 Cup competition today at Sebring International Raceway.

## Devils blank Bucks for Tourney title

By DAN HOEHNE  
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LAKE PLACID – After a couple of close calls, with late-game jitters followed by a riveting comeback, put Avon Park at 2-0 in Lake Placid Spring Break Tournament play, the Devils made it a clean sweep Wednesday, topping Panama City's Deane Bozeman School 3-0, to take the title.

Having just hung 20 runs on the board in their Tuesday win, the Bucks found themselves held down by Lane Crosson.

After a couple of early threats were gotten past, the senior right-hander settled in

and wound up with a complete game two-hitter.

The Avon Park offense, however, was being held in check as well – at least for three innings.

But in the fourth, consecutive singles from Alfred "Big Red" Brown and Anthony Carruthers got it started, with both runners moving to second and third on an error following Carruthers' hit.

Torri Pringle then brought Brown in with a single, though, before Mason Jahna's fly out, Pringle was caught stealing for two quick outs.

But Kyle Kelly took one for the team to get on base

and Matt Roberts reached on an error, with Colton Brock courtesy running for Carruthers coming in to score.

Tyrone Perry then drove Kelly in with one of his two hits on the day, for the 3-0 lead that Crosson would make stand.

"We got out of a few jams the first few innings," head coach Whit Cornell said. "They hit a lot right at us too. But Lane really threw the ball well against a very good team."

The win was a thriller, no doubt, but it didn't have quite the chill factor as the day before.

For five innings, LaBelle's Tyler O'Farrel had held the Red Devils in check Tuesday.

But a late charge brought Avon Park back for a 5-4 win in the second round of the Lake Placid Spring Break Tournament at the Roger Scarborough Memorial Sports Complex.

The Cowboys had built up a small lead with a run in the second and two more in the bottom of the fifth on an Alton Burton double.

But the Devil bats began to awaken with two runs in the top of the sixth.

LaBelle added another in

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Colton Brock goes airborne to bring down this drive in Avon Park's Tuesday win at the Lake Placid Spring Break Tournament.

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**6:30 p.m.** NCAA Tournament . . . . . TBS

### GOLF

**9:30 a.m.** EuroPGA – Andalucia Open. . . . . GOLF

**3 p.m.** PGA – Transitions Championship. . . . . GOLF

**6:30 p.m.** LPGA – RR Donnelly Founders Cup . . . . . GOLF

**8:30 p.m.** PGA – Toshiba Classic . . . . . GOLF

**9 a.m.** EuroPGA – Andalucia Open. . . . . GOLF

**1:30 p.m.** PGA – Transitions Championship. . . . . GOLF

**3 p.m.** PGA – Transitions Championship. . . . . NBC

**4 p.m.** LPGA – RR Donnelly Founders Cup . . . . . GOLF

**7:30 p.m.** PGA – Toshiba Classic . . . . . GOLF

### MLB PRESEASON

**4 p.m.** Chicago Cubs vs. San Francisco . . . . . WGN

### NBA

**7 p.m.** Miami at Philadelphia . . . . . ESPN

**7 p.m.** New Jersey at Orlando . . . . . SUN

**9:30 p.m.** San Antonio at Oklahoma City . . . . . ESPN

### NHL

**7 p.m.** St. Louis at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

### TENNIS

**4 p.m.** ATP – BNP Paribas Open . . . . . ESPN2

**11 p.m.** ATP – BNP Paribas Open . . . . . ESPN2

**2 p.m.** ATP – BNP Paribas Open . . . . . ABC

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**11 a.m.** NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

**1 p.m.** NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

**3:30 p.m.** NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

**6 p.m.** NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

Minnesota	7	6	538
Kansas City	6	6	500
Baltimore	4	5	444
New York	5	8	385
Cleveland	3	7	300
Texas	3	7	300
Chicago	3	8	273
Tampa Bay	3	8	273

Los Angeles	7	2	.778
Miami	6	3	.667
San Francisco	8	4	.667
Houston	7	4	.636
Chicago	6	5	.545
Colorado	6	6	.500
Washington	5	5	.500
San Diego	6	7	.462
Milwaukee	5	6	.455
St. Louis	4	5	.444
Philadelphia	5	7	.417
Cincinnati	5	8	.385
Pittsburgh	4	7	.364
New York	3	7	.300
Arizona	3	9	.250
Atlanta	2	10	.167

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Los Angeles	7	2	.778
Miami	6	3	.667
San Francisco	8	4	.667
Houston	7	4	.636
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### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Detroit 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 innings

Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 5

Houston 4, St. Louis 3

Pittsburgh 11, Baltimore 8

Miami 4, Tampa Bay 2

Minnesota 6, Philadelphia 4

San Diego 9, Cincinnati 4

San Francisco 2, Cleveland 2, 10 ings

Milwaukee 10, Chicago Cubs 2

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



**MONDAY:** Baseball vs. Sebring, 7 p.m.; JB Baseball at Sebring, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY:** Baseball at Frostproof, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Frostproof, 6 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Lake Placid, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. Lake Placid, 4 p.m.; Boys Weightlifting at County Meet, Sebring, 4:30 p.m.



**TUESDAY:** Baseball at Mulberry, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at DeSoto, 6 p.m.; Softball at DeSoto, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis vs. Avon Park, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis at Avon Park, 4 p.m.



**MONDAY:** Baseball at Avon Park, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Avon Park, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY:** Baseball at Hardee, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Hardee, 6 p.m.; Softball at Hardee, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis at DeSoto, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis at Winter Haven, 4 p.m.; Boys Weightlifting hosts County Meet, 4:30 p.m.



**TODAY:** Baseball at Polk State, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY:** Baseball vs. Polk State, 1 p.m.

**MONDAY:** Baseball vs. State College of Florida, 6 p.m.

# SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

## 3-on-3 Hoops for HOPE Tourney

SEBRING – The Second Annual Mary Toney H.O.P.E. Foundation Basketball Tournament will tip off at the Sebring High School Gym on Saturday, March 17, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

There will be male and female brackets for teams of three to four players broken down into age groups.

Girls can have a maximum of six teams in each age group, from 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18.

There will be a maximum of eight boys teams in each of those same age groups.

Cost is \$5 per player and first- and second-place prizes will be given.

The two younger age groups, for boys and girls, will start their games at 8:30 a.m., with the older two age groups beginning play at 1 p.m.

All teams need to report to the gym 30 minutes prior to the first game of their division.

There will be concessions, music and a guest speaker, along with plenty of basketball fun, so come spend the last day of Spring Break supporting Helping Other People Elevate.

Registration deadline is Thursday, March 15.

For more information, contact LaVaar Scott in Sebring at 214-3880, Teon Robinson in Lake Placid at 201-3826, or Ricardo Wright in Avon Park at 253-2313.

any bat.

Youth age 16-18 can participate but their parents must sign a waiver.

There will be practices from 3-5 p.m., March 11 and 18.

The Special STARS Softball Classic tournament will be March 24.

This tourney will start at 8 a.m. at the Sebring Sports Complex – out of town teams are invited to participate.

Special athletes can also participate in a skill level competition where they will train on throwing, running, hitting and fielding – they practice the same time and their competition will also be March 24.

A home run derby will take place on the day of the tournament.

There is no charge for any athlete to participate.

A free lunch, pictures and awards are presented at the tournament.

Team sponsorships of \$250 are being secured from local businesses to help pay for all the practices and tournament.

Any business interested in having their name on shirts worn by a team or players with questions, can call Special STARS Coordinator Cindy Marshall at 452-1295, ext. 124 or 443-0438.

## Tennis Youth Day of Play

SEBRING – The Highlands County Tennis Association is planning a Youth Fun Day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Thakkar Tennis Center in the Country Club of Sebring.

The game of tennis has been identified as one of the fastest growing sports.

The HCTA, along with USTA Florida, is committed to promoting and developing the game as an enjoyable sport that contributes to good health, fun competition and a sport to play for a lifetime.

In an effort to promote and develop tennis in Highlands County, the HCTA is hosting this fun-filled day of basic tennis instruction and drills.

HCTA volunteers will be assisting Horace Watkins, USPTA Certified Tennis Pro, introducing basic, fun, tennis activities to youth from elementary to middle school ages.

There is no charge and a hot dog and drink combo will be available for \$1.

There will also be a drawing at the end of the day for a special prize.

Boys and girls are invited to come out any time during the 10 a.m.-4 p.m. time frame to participate in the activities.

Racquets are available, but please bring your own if you have one.

For more information, call Lynda at 471-0389.

**Scholarship Golf**

SEBRING – The Second Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, March 31, at the Country Club of Sebring.

The four-man scramble with handicap flights has a \$65 entry fee per person.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start 8:30 a.m.

Entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart and lunch, along with great prizes for Hole-in-One, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.

Make checks payable to Wings of Faith CWC Scholarship Fund.

For questions call Alvin Walters at 381-5706 or Jerome Matthews at 273-2533.

Submit entries by Monday, March 26.

All proceeds benefit college-bound senior graduates, Class of 2012.

## 6th Annual Sottile Tourney

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Athletic Association's Annual Nick Sottile Memorial Golf Tournament is Saturday, April 14, at the Placid Lakes Country Club.

The event is a four-person scramble with cash prizes for the winning teams in each flight, hole-in-one prizes at three holes as well as other prizes.

Golfers tee off at 8 a.m. and the cost is \$100 per person or \$400 for a team.

Entry fee includes greens fee, cart, beverages and a spectacular feast including jumbo shrimp, pulled pork, BBQ chicken and all the accoutrements.

Bill Jarrett Ford is helping underwrite the event, but more sponsors are needed.

Sponsorship ranges from \$1,000 to \$50 hole-sponsors and lunch tickets are included with most sponsorship levels.

Proceeds from this tournament directly benefit youth sports in Lake Placid and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Nick Sottile Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Nicholas "Nick" Sottile was a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper and "hometown hero" killed in the line of duty in January of 2007.

LPAA donates all the organization's proceeds to youth sports in Lake Placid, and has donated more than \$2-million dollars to youth sports since its inception.

For more information, contact Laura Teal 441-0729 or Darrell Heckman at 441-0417.

**STARS Softball**

SEBRING - Special STARS Coed Softball League began Sunday, March 4, at the Highlands County Sports Complex.

Partners in the community will play softball with special athletes.

Coaches are needed as well as partners in the community to play on the teams.

Teams must have three women, three men and four special athletes on the field at all times.

The roster can have up to 15 people on it. Men use a 12-inch ball and women use an 11-inch ball.

Male partners in the community use wooden bats while everyone else can use

### MLB Preseason

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit	8	1	.889
Toronto	10	2	.833
Boston	7	2	.778
Seattle	10	3	.769
Oakland	9	3	.750
Los Angeles	6	5	.545



## Golf Hammock

Last Monday, March 12, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am golf at Golf Hammock Country Club.

In A group Jim Gulick was in first place with plus 4 and Frank Borgia in second place with plus 1.

Les Campbell scored plus 7 to take first place in B group and Dave Baker scored plus 5 for second place.

Bob Topel in first place with a plus 2 in C group and a three-way tie for second place was seen between Doug Haire, Joe Martini and David Shank at even.

Bobby Culbert took first place in D group with plus 4 and Stan Griffis in second place at minus 1.

Curt Matterson was in first place in E group with plus 7 and Kathy Baker was at plus 1 for second place.

Joe Hynzy scored a plus 4 to take first place in F group and Bob Kecskes in second place with plus 2.

In G group Dick Botelho shot a plus 10 for first place and Ken Spencer was at plus 4 for second place.

Harold Traxler scored a plus 6 to take first place in H group while Doc Thomas was even for second place.

In I group Jim Reed took first place with plus 3 in second place Jerry Patterson was at minus 1 and in 3rd place Bob Fidlin at minus 2.

There was a tie for first place in J group between Larry Giangrecco and Bud Hill at plus 1.

In K group there was also a tie for first place between Bill Young and Karl Mellor at plus 4.

Ron Geouque scored a plus 5 to take the lead in L group and Lee Starkl in second place with plus 3.

Tom Nelligan was in first place in M group with plus 5 and Janet Howland in second place with plus 2.

Next Monday, March 19, the Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock beginning at 8 a.m.

For more information call 414-2110

## Harder Hall

The Ladies League played a Pro-Am Points tournament on Monday, March 12.

The winners were: First place, Mary Ryan with plus-6; and second place, Joyce Himler with plus-3.

The Ladies League played Waterloo - Throw Out Waterhole on Thursday, March 8.

The winners were: First place, Arlene Glendenning with minus-37; second place, Pat Chance with 37; and third place, Lorraine Forcier with 38.

## Lake June West

A Scramble was played on Thursday, March 8.

Winning first place was the team of Ron and Sylvia West, Dick and Nancy Reaney, Ron and Carol Ebert with 49. Tying for second/third places were the teams of John and Shelly Byron, Bob and Verna Knishka, Joe and Joyce Swartz, Dick Denhart and Jane Roush, Bob and Elaine Orr, Frank Gallagher and Joann McGill with 50 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 2, Wanda Jones, 6-feet-11-inches; and No. 8, Lynn Martin, 10-feet-3-inches. (Men), No. 4, Norm Grubbs, 11-feet-7-inches.

The Low Gross, Low Net, Low Putts, flighted event was played and the 2012 Champion was Virginia Simmons.

Flight A - Low Gross - First place, Barbara Dean with 134; second place, Eva Huffman with 138; and third place, Annie Hall with 139. Low Net - First place, Virginia Simmons with 98; second place, Verna Knishka with 103; and third place, Kim Fiers with 110. Flight A - Low Putts - Kim Fiers with 56.

Flight B - Low Gross - First place, Elaine Orr with 138. Tying for

second/third places were Donna Palmatier and Sylvia West with 146 each. Low Net - First place, Lynn Martin with 97; second place, Doris Weeks with 106; and third place, Charlene Schofield with 111. Flight B - Low Putts - Tying for first/second places were Donna Palmatier and Lynn Martin with 61.

Flight C - Low Gross - First place, Barbara Cash with 148; second place, Laurie Lorig with 155; and third place, Jan Mann with 164. Low Net - First place, Pat Asmus with 96. Tying for second/third places were Betty Bevard and Alda Marksberry with 111 each. Flight C - Low Putts, Barbara Cash with 64.

Birdie Pins - 9. They were: Kim Fiers, Annie Hall, Joyce Swartz, Barbara Dean, Eva Huffman, Kay Kalusniak, Sylvia West, Charlene Schofield and Doris Weeks.

## Placid Lakes

The Men's Association played a 1 Best Ball Front, 2 Best Ball Back event on Wednesday, March 14, where a match of cards was needed to determine the winner.

John Goble, Darrell Horney and David Moiles -25 won out over the 25-under brought in by John Moss, Bruce Misen, Ed Bartusch and Howard Ticknor.

Tom Lacy, John Rosettis and Tom Bramos were third at -20.

Bruce Miseno had closest to the pin on the day, getting to a mere 1-foot, 10-inches from No. 2.

The Rally For the Cure Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament was played on Tuesday, March 13, and also saw a match of cards to declare a winner.

Bill and Barb Lockwood teamed up with Ray Deryckerc and Becky George to score a -23, as did the team of Tom and Von Lacy with Pat Haas and Janice Geiger.

The Lockwood team got the nod for first after the cards were matched.

Taking third in the tournament was the team of Mark Ponsler, Bruce Miseno, Karen Wallin and David Raciti.

Tom Lacy had closest to the pin for the men, sticking it 6-feet from No. 2, with Rose Hunter getting to 6-feet, 8-inches from No. 11 to lead the ladies.

And in the Closest Drive to the Line contest on No. 4, Carol Jones was literally on the line.

The three-day Men's Golf Association Club Championship was completed on Saturday, March 10, with John Moss totaling 242 over 54 holes to be crowned champion.

John Goble was the Flight A winner, at 253, with Bob McMillan totaling 269 to top Flight B.

The MGA Senior Club Championship was also determined from March 7-10, with Russ Isaacs taking top honors with a 253.

Flight A saw Bud Snyder take the title with a 267, while Howard Ticknor claimed the top spot in Flight B with a 309 total.

## River Greens

The Morrison Group played a game Monday, March 12.

Winning first place was the team of Jim Cercy, Peter March, Joe Graf and Al Farrell with minus-35; and second place, Bill Mountford, Frank Conroy, Bob Stevens and Gil Heier with minus-

Senior Tip

# MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKLE WITH TOP DRUGGIST INSTRUCTIONS

## A Reach Too Far

As mentioned in this week's first tip about not overswinging in early spring and bad weather, it's even more critical for seniors to be careful. Too many are guilty of reaching back too far in the search for power. Of course, we know that **A**) it doesn't work that way, **B**) it usually leads to mishits, and **C**) it is unsafe. Here's a good way to check. Set up with only your right hand on the club, then swing back to the top of your normal swing. Now, reach up with your left hand. Without much effort, can you place your left hand where it would normally be on the grip? If you can't fairly easily, it means your right side has pulled farther back than your left can reach, meaning you're pulling yourself off balance at the top, along with losing control, which will lead to inaccurate contact and erratic shots. Start this season by practicing swinging back with your right arm no farther than your left arm can comfortably reach back. You will be less likely to hurt yourself, you'll stay in balance, and you will hit more consistent shots.

By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing," illustrated by Phil Frankle

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The Men's Association played a Men's Day event on Saturday, March 10.

Winning first place was the team of Bob Stevens, Tim Thomas, Gary Riddle and Russ Rudd with minus-47; second place, Paul Nelson, Hank Wunderlich, Fred Evans and George Brode with minus-42; and third place, Johnny Wehunt, Glenn Nelson, Kaci Kody and Bob Streeter with minus-40.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Harold Plagens, 2-feet-11-inches; No. 5, Tim Thomas, 1-foot-5-inches; No. 12, Hank Wunderlich, 6-feet-8-inches; and No. 17, Bill Mountford, 5-feet.

An Evening Scramble was played on Friday, March 9.

Winning first place was the team of John and Laura Smutnick, Carol Long and Jim Sizemore with minus-7; and second place, Don and Jody Ethun, Roman and Mary Belobradich, Jack Sayre and Don McDonald.

The Ladies Association played a Pro-Am tournament on Thursday, March 8.

Winning first place was the team of Fran Neil, Bev Rudd, Jody Ethun and Jeannine Persails; and second place, Jay Stevens, Donna Johnson and Janet Regan.

Individual winners were: First place, Bev Rudd with plus-1.5; second place, Janet Regan with plus-4.5; and third place, MaryBeth Carby with plus-4.

The Morrison Group played a game on Thursday, March 9.

The winners were: First place, Paul Johnson and Johnny Wehunt with minus-23; and second place, Don McDonald and Ken Brunswick with minus-16; Tying for third/fourth places were Keith Kincer and Harold Plagens; Bob Streeter and Jim Cercy with minus-14 each.

The Men's Association played a Pro-Am tournament on Wednesday, March 7.

Winning first place was the team of Bob Plunkett, B.C. Roberts and Johnny Wehunt with plus-8; second place, Roman Belobradich, Don Ethun, Gary Riddle and Cliff Steele with plus-3.5; and third place, Jerry Hemminger, John Yoder and Glenn Nelson with plus-3.

Individual winners: A Flight - First place, Romy Febre with plus-4; and second place, Cliff Steele with plus-3. B Flight - First place, Bob Wolf with plus-5; and second place, B.C. Roberts with plus-4. C Flight - First place, Bob Plunkett with plus-5.5; and second place, Keith Kincer with plus-4. D Flight - First place, Guest of Anderson

with plus-4; and second place, Jerry Hemminger with plus-3.

The Morrison Group played a game on Tuesday, March 6.

Winning first place was the team of Ray Delsasso, Don McDonald (draw), Jim Cercy and Paul Johnson with minus-38; and second place, Romy Febre, Ken Brunswick, Tim Thomas and Lefty St. Pierre with minus-25.

The Golfettes played a game on Tuesday, March 6.

Winning first place was the team of Linda Therrien, Fran Neil, Lucy Roberts and Jeannine Persails with minus-25; and second place, April Bienik, Pat Gower (draw), Peggy Nicholson and Jody Ethun with minus-21.

The Men's Association played a Men's Day event on Saturday, March 3.

The winners were: A Flight - First place, Jim Anderson with 61; and second place, John Smutnick with 63. Tying for third/fourth places were Larry Roy and Tom Morway with 68 each. B Flight - First place, Harold Plagens with 63; and second place, Dick Garceau with 64. Tying for third/fourth places were Gil Heier and Len Westdale with 66 each. C Flight - First place, Don McDonald with 65. Tying for second/third places were Hank Wunderlich and Ken Brunswick with 66 each. D Flight - Tying for first/second places were Johnny Wehunt and Leo Persails with 63 each. Third place, Lefty St. Pierre with 66.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Anderson, 1 foot-3-inches; No. 5, Ron Jenson, 12-feet; No. 12, Larry Roy, 5-feet-9.5-inches; and No. 17, Al Farrell, 10-feet-2-inches.

An Evening Scramble was played on Friday, March 2.

Winning first place was the team of J. and L. Smutnick, Dick Sherman, Don McDonald and Bev Rudd with minus-12. Tying for second/third places were Russ Rudd, Tom Stewart, Dan Petty, Dick and Gayle Garceau; Don and Jody Ethun, Joe and Pat Graf and Jerry Lewis with minus-11 each.

The Morrison Group played a game on Thursday, March 1.

Winning first place was the team of Fred Evans, Ray Delsasso, Bob Streeter and Plagens with minus-36; and second place, Harold Plagens, Bob Wolf, Joe Graf and Lefty St. Pierre with minus-34.

The Men's Association played a Pro-Am tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 29.

Winning first place was the team of B.C. Roberts, Joe Craig, Bob Plunkett and Peter Bridge with plus-10. Tying for second/third places were Larry Roy, J.R. Messier, Leo Persails and Jim Anderson; Gil Heier, Bob Streeter, Old Wolf and Russ Rudd with plus-9.5 each.

Individual winners were: A Flight (29-over): First place, Larry Roy with plus-7; and second place, Jim Anderson with plus-6. B Flight (24-28): First place, Cliff Aubin with plus-5.5; and second place, B.C. Roberts with plus-4.5. C Flight (19-23): First place, Joe Graf with plus-5; and second place, Keith Kincer with plus-4.5. D Flight (18-under): First place, Joe Craig with plus-4.5. Tying for second/third places were Don Pelfrey and Guest of Pelfrey with plus-3 each.

## SpringLake

On Wednesday, March 14, the SpringLake Women's Golf Association played a 4 Person Team Pro-Am Points Tournament on the Cougar Trail course.

First place team comprised of Teri Swisher, Brenad aGreen, Rosie Foote and Rebecca Shatney who finished with plus 19 points over their quota of 75.

There was a tie for second place at plus 14 between the team of Julia Starr, Dotti Blackwell, Joan Gann and a blind draw, and the team of Terrie Austin, Rita Jaskowski, Donna Ryan and Patty Miller.

The tie-breaker was won by the Starr team and the Austin team was awarded third place.

On Tuesday, March 13, the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association sponsored a Two Man Team Points competition in which each player got three "mulligans" on the Front Nine and three on the Back Nine of the round played on the Cougar Trail course.

In this Points event, a bogey counted one, a par counted 2 points, a birdie counted 4 points and an eagle counted 6 points, all net of handicap per hole.

A net triple bogie counted one point against the team.

The team finishing in first place with 119 points was Gerry Esty and Jack Hoerner.

Using his Mulligans, Gerry Esty came in with a net 57.

Finishing in second place at 117 points was Charlie Keniston and Bob Rogers.

Mr. Keniston took big advantage of the Mulligans and scored a net 54.

Limping into third place was old Dan Porter - the Lake Placid Flash - and his partner, Ken Rohr, with a team total of 113 points, aided strongly by 14 points received on the 11th hole alone.

Both players got 4 on the par 5 hole, but Ken had one handicap stroke that gave him a net eagle worth 6 points and Dan got two strokes for handicap which gave him a net double eagle worth 8 points.

On Thursday, March 8, the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association concluded their annual Net Handicap Championship.

Day 2 of this event was held on the Panther Creek course and consisted of Flights A (0-10 handicap), B (11-16 hcp), Flight C (17-18 hcp) and D (19-25 hcp).

In Flight A, John Starks, who had a net 69 on Day 1, held on with a net 72 - total 141 to take first place.

Jan Hard took second place with a steady 71, 73 - 144.

Bob Hinde took third with 71, 75 - 146, and Gary Behrendt came in fourth at 72, 75 - 147.

Flight B winner was Bart Bartholomy with scores of 68, 66, total 134.

Joe Austin was second with 75, 68 - 143 and Bart Rath came in third with scores of 75, 69 - 144.

Dave Kamish was fourth with 70, 77 - 147.

In the C Flight, Gerry Esty turned in terrific net scores of 68, 67 - 135 to take first place.

Ken Rohr posted 70, 68 - 138 to take second place.

Third- and fourth-place money was tied between Dale Stevens and Gene Hearn at 142 total.

The lowest total net score of 129 won Flight D for Charlie Keniston, who scored net 59 and net 70.

Dave Docherty scored very consistently 70, 70 - 140 to take second place in D Flight.

Richie Eastep came apart at the seams on Day 2 with 64, 79 - 143, but still took third place.

Jack Hoerner won fourth place with 71, 75 - 146.

# Golf Hammock Can-Am Tournament

Special to the News-Sun  
SEBRING - Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club will be holding its Second Annual CAN-AM Tournament on Saturday, March 24.

It will be a two-person, flighted scramble, pairing two Americans with two

Canadians  
Tee times can be chosen, beginning at 8 a.m.

The fee of \$50 per person includes golf, cart, cash prizes and a burger bar.

There will also be a charitable 50/50 drawing.

This year's event is titled "The Americans Revenge," as

the Canadians came out victorious last year.

Pick up a registration form

at the pro shop, or call 382-2151 and have one faxed to you.

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## Falken working toward 12 Hours

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the busiest day of the 12 Hours of Sebring event, transitioning from a testing set up to a set up build to withstand the legendary event.

"The Falken crew had to virtually take the car completely apart and rebuild it, even though it has only done a couple hundred miles," said Team Manager Derrick Walker. "Now is when we start putting in new assemblies such as the new engine and the new gear box; you go through the whole car and you assemble it as though it's ready to do twenty-four

hours but you're doing twelve."

"We have to sit together tonight and go over the data we've been collecting over the past two days," said Porsche works driver Wolf Henzler. "Then we'll decide how we'll continue from here moving into tomorrow."

The first official practice session of the sports car event began Thursday, March 15 at 10 a.m.

The 60th Anniversary of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida takes the green flag, Saturday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.

## Dyson to add new car, readies for series' first race

Continued from 1B

true," added Lux. "A year ago, I would not have believed I would be about to embark on this new chapter. I am thrilled to be working with Mike Marsal. He and I have worked together in the past. I think this is going to be a large turning point in his career. And to be driving for Dyson Racing - there is really nothing better when you think about American sports car racing: Dyson Racing is the first name that comes to your mind. I remember being a kid watching Dyson cars race around the track and am still speechless that I have this opportunity to be here."

Dyson Racing continues their preparation here for the 60th Annual Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh by Florida.

At last year's Sebring 12 Hours, Dyson Racing claimed first-place ALMS points in the combined ALMS/ILMC race on its way to a strong year that saw the team win the LMP1 Drivers Championship with

Chris Dyson and Guy Smith, the Team Championship, the Manufacturer's Championship with Mazda, the Tire Championship with Dunlop and the MICHELIN® GREEN X® Challenge.

The 2012 American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón begins with the 60th Anniversary Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida on Saturday on March 17.

The race, set for 10:30 a.m., will be broadcast at noon March 18 on ABC and shown live on ESPN3.

The race is available to international audiences on MotorsTV in Europe, Fox Latin America, Rogers Sportnet in Canada, ESPN International, Fox Mideast and on *ALMS.com*.

Visit *ALMS.com* for information on tickets and area accommodations.

Follow the Series on Twitter (@almsnotes), #Sebring12, Facebook and our official YouTube channel.

## Dean getting started on home track

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series "has the least amount of barriers for entry,"

"Mazda is also known for giving talented drivers that perform well, the chance and means to move up through the ranks, which is perfect for those of us who don't have bags of money and rely purely on results and sponsorship. This makes for a great starting point for me. In any other series, your career is over before it starts."

For several years Dean has been a driving coach, working as a contractor for the Skip Barber Racing School as well as hiring out on a private basis.

In January he launched his shop on Maple Street in Sebring, building and fabricating cars for himself as well as his clients.

"We build race cars, we transport them, we restore them - basically everything to do with race cars," he said. "My coaching services also are part of the business."

At last report, Dean said there were Dodge Vipers, an Acura NSX and some Porsches in addition to a cadre of Mazda MX5 cup cars in the garage as part of his roster of cars in various states of repair or restoration.

In addition to racing this year, Dean's business also is doing a number of other promotional, such as being a sponsor on the 10th anniversary of the bikini contest - a staple of the annual "Spring Brake Party Zone" at the track.

Next on the list is a foray with Nissan.

Dean said he is in negotiations with them to run a factory-backed pro team in a two-year deal.

The idea is to run a full SPEED World Challenge schedule as well as some other series.

For those headed to the raceway, Dean will be easily recognized in the white, No. 16 Mazda MX5 car.

"It's the brightest, white car out there," he said



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Lane Crosson watches his triple soar toward the fence in right-center, bringing home Tyrone Perry, who had tripled just before him, in Tuesday's comeback win over LaBelle.

## AP finds ways to win

Continued from 1B

the bottom of the inning, when Steven Sodrel doubled home a run, to inch the lead back out to 4-2, but the boys from the Park weren't quite done yet.

Three more runs came across in the top of the seventh, highlighted by back-to-back triples from Perry and Crosson.

Perry's was hit so hard that the low line-drive skipped off the infield dirt and still had enough juice to split the gap and reach the outfield fence.

Crosson's was a more traditional gapper, a well-struck, arcing shot that reached nearly the same spot, though on a different trajectory.

A nifty role-reversal then took place as Crosson came

on in relief of Brock for the Cowboy's final at bat.

And it started off with Austin Garcia blasting a shot deep into right-center field.

Brock, who had moved to right with the pitching switch, raced back and to his right and made a leaping, over-the-shoulder catch.

From there, Crosson worked his way through the rest of the inning to secure the win and send the Devils to the tournament title game.

"This was a good week for us," Cornell said. "We played some quality teams, some good hitting teams. We pitched well, played solid defense and found ways to win some ball games."

Avon Park gets back into regular season action Monday, hosting county rival Sebring at Charles R. Head Field at 7 p.m.

## Nu-Hope Memorial Golf Tournament

Special to the News-Sun  
SEBRING - The Sandy Foster Memorial/NU-HOPE Elder Care Services Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 14, at Highlands Ridge Golf Club's North Course in Avon Park.

This event, sponsored by MIDFLORIDA Credit Union, is a two-person scramble with handicapped flights.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

An awards ceremony and lunch, sponsored by the Palms of Sebring, will follow.

The event will also include a putting contest, awards for closest to the pin, and a hole-in-one contest sponsored by the Cohan Radio Group.

Registration is \$60 per player, or \$120 per 2-person team.

Sponsorships are also available.

Entries may be submitted to NU-HOPE Elder Care Services, 6414 US Hwy 27 S., Sebring FL 33876.

All funds raised will be used locally to enhance services to seniors living in Highlands and Hardee Counties.

This will be the 15th year that the agency has held its signature fundraising event.

Last year the name was changed to the Sandy Foster Memorial/NU-HOPE Elder Care Services Golf Tournament as a tribute to NU-HOPE's former Executive Director who passed away in September of 2010.

Sandy, an avid golfer and active member of the community, also served as the tournament coordinator each year.

Through his passion, leadership and inspiration, this event has raised over \$290,000 for elder services within our community.

Members of the community can help support this important event by entering a team, becoming a sponsor, or donating a gift certificate(s) or other items to be used in our fundraising raffle.

For more information, please visit [www.nuhopeeldercare.org](http://www.nuhopeeldercare.org) or contact: Laurie Murphy, NU-HOPE Elder Care Services, Inc., 382-2134, or fax, 382-4546, or email, [murphyl@nuhope.org](mailto:murphyl@nuhope.org).

## "Drew Crew" enlivens Lake Placid Softball

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID - Drew Whittaker, a retired Canadian millwright, makes the 1,600-mile trek every winter to Lake Placid.

He stays at Camp Florida and enjoys softball as the first baseman for Central Security.

With his gregarious personality, he is a favorite of the Camp Florida denizens. They come watch him play wearing gold shirts, Central's team colors, and cheering on their favorite neighbor.

"Many of my fans are retired coffin makers from Indiana," explained Drew. "Guess watching me play is a lot livelier than their working days."

On Monday, March 12, most of the Drew Crew had already begun their northern migration.

Those still here watched Central Security lose 28-25 to Lockhart Service.

Drew had three hits, as did Duke Hensley (two doubles), Jim Hensley (double) and Dana Hurlbut (two doubles).

Victor Rodriguez and Fred Moore had four hits each, while fellow Canadian Rod Palmer had five, including a home run.

For the winning Lockharts, Darrel Richards (two doubles, triple) and Paul Stephenson (double) each had six hits.

Paul Brand (four doubles) and Bill Gallagher (double, home run) each had five, while Howard Carney added four.

Ninety-four-year-old Al Chipps had three hits and two runs scored.

Joe Alviano, one of five Canadians on the Lockhart team, knocked in the go-ahead runs in the last inning.

Red-hot Seminole Tire won their sixth straight game in a come-from-behind 22-21 squeaker over Yates Insurance.

Manager Dick Cook turned in a sparkling unassisted double play to thwart a Yates rally in the top of the last inning, then drove in the tying run in the bottom half before Jim Guild ended the game with a two out walk-off hit.

Cook (two doubles), Chet Johnson, Frank Hedges, and Chuck O'Hara

had four hits each for the 'Noles.

For Yates, Joe Hedges (double) and Ed Engler (triple) each had four hits.

Pitcher Ray Hensley had three hits and a walk, while Doran Quigg had three hits and two walks.

In Wednesday, March 14, action, Lockhart Service (8-12) won a 33-29 slugfest over Seminole Tire (10-10).

The loss ended the 'Noles win streak at six, the longest in the league this year.

Darrel Richards (double), Tom Ashley and Bill Gallagher (triple, home run) paced the winners with four hits, while Ross Anderson was a home run short of the cycle.

Al Chipps, showing no signs of age, had two hits and coaxed two walks.

For Seminole Tire, Dick Cook (two doubles) and Chuck O'Hara (double) had four hits each - Skip Raller added a home run.

The Drew Crew watched their hero help lead Central Security (10-10) to a 25-16 victory over Yates Insurance (12-8).

Because of the Seminole Tire loss, Yates backed into the regular season title.

Drew smashed a two-run double in the first, much to the delight of his Camp Florida followers, and made a fine stop at first and beat the runner to the bag in a race that could best be described as the tortoise vs., well, another tortoise.

Duke Hensley hit two round-trippers for Central, and Mike Kratt added another.

Hot-hitting Victor Rodriguez hit for the cycle.

For Yates, Joe Hedges (double, triple) and Gary Pixley had four hits each.

Doran Quigg added a double and a triple, while pitcher Ray Hensley had three hits and a walk.

After the game, Drew was asked what he planned to do back in Canada this summer.

"Drink Canada dry," he responded with a smile.

It was not known whether he was referring to his favorite beverage or to his lifestyle.

For further league information, go to [www.lpssoftball.com](http://www.lpssoftball.com).

## South Fla works over Cal in NCAA tourney

By JOE KAY

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — South Florida introduced the NCAA tournament to the Big East's nastiest defense Wednesday night, putting more than just a chill into a California team that had never seen anything like it.

The Bulls allowed only 13 points in the first half and brushed their way to a 65-54 victory.

South Florida (21-13) plays No. 5 seed Temple in Nashville on Friday, a matchup of teams known

for gritty defense.

Few have been better than this one for the first 20 minutes on the NCAA stage.

California (24-10) didn't score over the last 8:55 of the first half, missing 10 shots and turning it over twice while South Florida pulled ahead 36-13.

Freshman point guard Anthony Collins, a thin-built player with a youthful face that reminds coach Stan Heath of a 12-year-old kid, played like a star in his first NCAA tournament game, scoring 12 points.

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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Antibiotics are stupid; it's up to you to be smart

**Dear Pharmacist:** My son takes an antibiotic for acne and I need one for urinary tract infections. My question is not about natural alternatives, I don't believe in that stuff. I just want to know what the side effects are of antibiotics and any other safety precautions. Thanks for letting you pick your brain.



**Dear Pharmacist**  
*Suzy Cohen*

ach and potentially lose it. The final word on this should come from your personal health care advisor.

Antibiotics are stupid, they can't distinguish bad bacteria from good ones which means your camp of friendly flora or "probiotics" is destroyed. So to answer your question about long-term side effects, they are tied to the potent drug mugging effect, meaning antibiotic drugs literally "mug" you of your probiotics.

You said you don't believe in dietary supplements, but I would be remiss if I didn't suggest a probiotic supplement (especially those containing lactic acid bacteria) which rejuvenates your gut integrity and replenishes your friendly camp of "good gut bugs."

B complex would be excellent too.

I promise you, poor probiotic status can lead to unspeakable misery, with problems that put you on a medication merry-go-round. Short term effects are indigestion, stomach pain, gas, nausea, constipation and irritable bowel symptoms. Long-term suppression of probiotics can lead to weight gain, yeast overgrowth, vaginal yeast infections, skin

interested.

Physicians often prescribe antibiotics based on the tissue that is infected. So your son is taking doxycycline, a drug that penetrates the skin cells well, while you are on an antibiotic that goes into your kidney, bladder and/or urethra with the sole task of annihilating foreign bacteria that have taken up residence. Kids with ear infections are often given cephalexin or amoxicillin because those two drugs really get into the ear canal.

Some experts suggest taking your antibiotic on an empty stomach to achieve higher blood levels but this often backfires. As a pharmacist for 23 years, I've noticed that people commonly throw up when they do this so I think it's better to take your antibiotic with food (and keep it down) than to take it on an empty stom-

ach was penicillin. We have hundreds of prescription antibiotics today, but prior to that, doctors prescribed colloidal silver, turmeric, oregon grape root, oregano oil, olive leaf extract, garlic or other naturally-occurring antimicrobials. These are all still available in health food stores for others who are



Some antibiotics, like cephalexin or amoxicillin, work best on ear infections.

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problems, chronic fatigue, body aches, joint pain, immune suppression and a leaky gut (which then promotes sudden food sensitivities to wheat and dairy for example). That last one is a life-changer!

*Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist and the author of 'The 24-Hour Pharmacist' and 'Real Solutions.' For more information, visit www.DearPharmacist.com. This information is not intended to treat, diagnose or cure your condition.*

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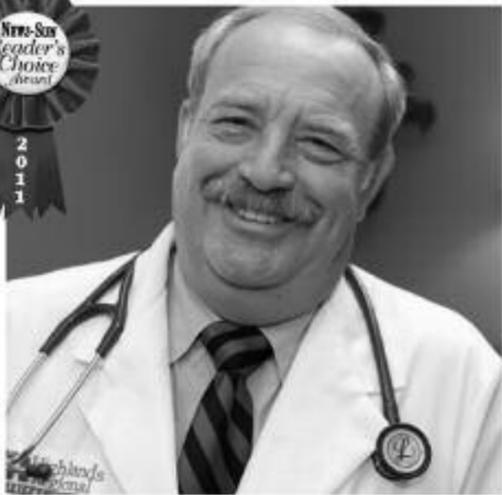
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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Surprising facts about hearing loss

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You may think you already know a lot about hearing loss and treatment, but some of the facts surrounding this prevalent problem — for instance that, according to the Better Hearing Institute (BHI), 11 percent of Americans report having hearing difficulties — could surprise you. Here are some realities that may make you reconsider what you think you know about your hearing, what puts it at risk and what you can do if you suffer a hearing loss:

**Surprising fact No. 1** - Not everyone who has hearing loss is old. In fact, most people with hearing problems (65 percent) are younger than 65, BHI reports. And, more children and teenagers are experiencing hearing loss. Nearly one in five American teens now has some level of hearing loss, according to a 2010 study by researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

While you may think the volume dial on Johnny's iPod is directly related to his hearing problems, there's more to the story, researchers say. Which leads to the next fact.

**Surprising fact No. 2** - Threats to our hearing lurk in places you might not expect. Protecting your ears while engaging in activities you know are loud — such as attending a rock concert or a visiting a shooting range — is only the start. Gradual hearing damage can begin to occur with prolonged exposure to sounds of just 85 decibels—roughly the volume generated by a kitchen blender.

So while that MP3 player may be a contributing factor to a child's hearing loss, it's not the only one. In fact, very loud toys — those that emit 90 decibels or more — can be a risk factor, too, according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Hearing experts take the toy risk so seriously, that every November the Sight and Hearing Association publishes a list of the noisiest toys.

**Surprising fact No. 3** - Loud noise isn't the only thing that can damage



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**Loud music through your earbuds isn't the only way to damage your hearing.**

hearing. In reality, many outside factors — from some medications to a blow to the head — can cause hearing loss. Pressure differences between the inside and outside of the eardrum can be harmful, putting SCUBA divers and frequent flyers at risk.

Diseases like sickle cell anemia, kidney disease, toxoplasmosis and even herpes have been linked to hearing loss. Chemotherapy drugs, loop diuretics and some antibiotics also can affect your hearing. Even large quantities of aspirin (salicylates) may cause hearing loss.

**Surprising fact No. 4** - Hearing loss not only affects your ability to hear and your quality of life, it may even hurt your earning potential. The BHI reports that untreated hearing loss may decrease your income by up to \$30,000 a year. The good news is that treating hearing loss with hearing aids can reduce the risk to your income by 90 to 100 percent if your hearing loss is mild, and from 65 to 77 percent if it's moderate to severe. Which leads to fact five.

**Surprising fact No. 5** - Hearing aids change lives. Technology has made

modern hearing aids more effective, versatile, convenient and discreet than ever before.

Advances like completely-in-canal styles make it virtually impossible for observers to know if someone is wearing a hearing aid.

Wireless hearing aids can even stream sound directly from your TV, MP3 player or radio to your hearing aids, all without a relay device.

The aids automatically transition from one device to another when you move from room to room.

**Surprising fact No. 6** - Despite the prevalence of hearing loss, less than 15 percent of American adults who get a physical exam this year will also have their hearing screened by their physician or nurse during that exam, a BHI survey indicates.

"The vast majority of doctors in today's health care system don't include hearing health as a routine part of annual exams, despite the fact that more than 95 percent of those with hearing loss could benefit from hearing aids," Dr. Sergei Kochkin, executive director of BHI, said in a press release announcing the survey.

## HEALTH NEWS SNAPSHOTS

### Outreach schedule

Ace Homecare will offer the following community outreach events:

Today — 9 a.m., Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street, Avon Park; 10:30 a.m., Health Fair, Highlands Village, Villa Road, Sebring

Monday — 10 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Chatham Pointe, Stenstrom Road, Wauchula; 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe assisted living Community, Sun 'n Lake Boulevard, Sebring

Tuesday — 8 a.m., Health Fair, Sebring Bluffs, U.S. 27, Sebring; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Fair Havens, Apartments, Spinks Road, Sebring; 1 p.m., Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27 Sebring

Wednesday — 9 a.m., Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street, Avon Park; 10:30 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Crown Pointe, assisted living facility, Sun 'n Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

### Elder Affairs SHINE Program seeks volunteers

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs, along with the West Central Florida

Area Agency on Aging, invites you to join the award-winning SHINE team of volunteers. This program helps elders make informed decisions about Medicare, health insurance and prescription drug plans.

If you would like additional information about this exciting opportunity and would like to become a SHINE volunteer in Hillsborough, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee and Polk Counties, please call the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging at 813-740-3888, ext. 5593.

### Get help with your Medicare costs

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) volunteer counselors from the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging are available to help Medicare beneficiaries learn if they qualify for additional benefits. If they are eligible, SHINE volunteers can provide application assistance. If you or someone you know needs help with your Medicare costs, you can call 1-800-96-ELDER or 1-800-963-5337 and speak with a SHINE counselor.

More than 86,500 Medicare beneficiaries in Florida are likely eligible for, but are not enrolled in a

program called Extra Help.

This program offers qualified beneficiaries assistance with their Part D (prescription drug plan) costs. In addition, many individuals may qualify for assistance paying their Part B premiums.

Many of those who need help the most don't know about these valuable benefits and how SHINE can help.

SHINE provides educational materials and free unbiased insurance counseling to Florida elders, caregivers and family members. Our goal is to help elders understand and receive the health insurance coverage they need through Medicare, Medicaid, Prescription Assistance, Long-Term Care Planning and Insurance and other health care issues.

If you'd like more information and assistance, call the toll-free Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337.

### SNAP can help pay for groceries

Attention citizens who are 60 years of age or older: Are you having trouble making ends meet? Could you use a little help with your grocery bill? Do you live in Hillsborough, Manatee, Polk, Highlands

or Hardee County?

If so, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as Food Stamps) may be able to help you pay for some of your groceries. The West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging's Aging Resource Center has a team of specialists who can help you complete your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance application over the phone.

If you would like assistance in applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), call 800-96ELDER or 800-963-5337.

### Elder Helpline available

The Elder Helpline provides information for older adults and their caregivers by helping callers make informed decisions about available assistance. It is the starting point in getting connected with programs or services that can meet the needs of the older adult or caregiver.

For more information, please contact (800) 96Elder or (800) 963-5337 or visit [www.AgingFlorida.com/](http://www.AgingFlorida.com/).

## Your diabetes management team



### Foot Care

Dr. Joni Jones

successfully with guidance and treatment from a team of medical specialists.

Knowing who the "team players" are and what they do is essential to making sure that you are always in control of your diabetes. By following your doctors' recommendations and asking important questions about your care, you will fully understand what it takes to treat and control diabetes.

### Primary care physician

A family physician or internist plays the important role of coordinator. They are often the first doctor one sees after a diabetes diagnosis. They make referrals to other specialists on the treatment team. When choosing a primary care doctor, ask if they refer to a podiatrist for diabetes complications in the feet.

### Endocrinologist

An endocrinologist is a specialist who is sometimes referred by the primary care physician. This specialist treats many internal diseases and is often called upon to care for a diabetic having difficulty controlling the disease.

### Podiatrist

A podiatrist, also known as a podiatric physician is uniquely qualified to treat the foot and ankle. Diabetes can limit or restrict nerve function, as well as blood flow to the feet. Because of this, patients with diabetes can develop foot complications which may cause amputation if left untreated. If you have diabetes or are at risk for the disease, have a podiatrist check your feet at least twice a year for symptoms, such as a loss of sensation, burning or tingling.

In fact, diabetes is the leading cause of non-traumatic, lower-limb amputations in the world. To find a podiatrist physician in your area, visit [www.todayspodiatrist.com/](http://www.todayspodiatrist.com/).

### Dentist

Patients with diabetes are more susceptible to gum dis-

ease and infections in the mouth due to excess blood sugar; so keeping up with regular dentist appointments is important. Make sure your dentist knows if you have diabetes and don't neglect your six-month appointments.

While diabetes negatively affects the body from head to toe, it can be controlled

### Ophthalmologist/optometrist

Similar to how diabetes restricts blood flow to the feet, diabetes can also affect blood flow to the eyes which results in diabetic eye disease. This condition is highly preventable if the disease is managed properly. You should visit your eye doctor for an exam once a year.

### Vascular surgeon

Diabetes can increase the chances for the development of several vascular diseases. Your risk of vascular disease increases with the length of time you have had diabetes and your risk can be increased if you have high blood pressure, if you smoke, don't exercise, are overweight, or eat a high-fat diet. Make sure a vascular surgeon is part of your team.

### Pharmacist

Successfully managing diabetes usually requires taking prescription medication. Talk with your pharmacist to ensure you understand the risks of using over-the-counter (OTC) with prescribed medications.

Dr. Joni Jones is a podiatrist in Sebring who can be reached at 382-3228, stop by her office at 206 West Center Avenue, Sebring or mail to P.O. Box 1719, Sebring, FL 33871-1719. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your condition.

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## Snapshots

### Lewis in concert Sunday

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For more information, call 465-3721 or visit [www.fbclp.com/](http://www.fbclp.com/).

### Shepherd to teach at SIM Conference

SEBRING — Dr. Rick Shepherd will be the Bible teacher at the next Bible and Missionary Conference sponsored by SIM in Sebring. The conference runs from Sunday through Friday, March 18-23.

Dr. Shepherd has served with the Prayer and Spiritual Awakening Team of the Florida Baptist Convention since

the year 2000. Before that he pastored in Florida, Texas and

Tennessee. Dr. Shepherd's doctorate is from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is one of the authors in the "Following God Series" of books. He has ministered not only in the USA but overseas as well. He says, "I am always glad to encourage believers and witness to listening hearts."

World mission updates will be brought by Samantha Smith. Samantha is an SIM missionary to Burkina Faso, West Africa, one of the poorest nations in the world.

The opening service is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, the sessions are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The SIM Chapel is on Schlosser Road off Sparta Road in Sebring.

The conference is free and open to everyone.

### Union Church Crafters host soup lunch

AVON PARK — The Happy Crafters of Union Church in Avon Park are sponsoring a soup lunch on Tuesday. It will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Rock, 106 Butler Ave.

There will be various soups to choose from, bread and dessert, for \$6 per person. Also, some spring crafts will be available for sale.

Proceeds go to missions and stays in the community.

### Ditchfield Family at Maranatha

SEBRING — The Ditchfield Family Singers will be featured at 7 p.m., on Friday, March 23, in the last of the Winter Concert Series at Maranatha Baptist Church.

Using a combination of solos, duets, quartets and ensemble numbers, the singers will display their love for Jesus Christ with an outstanding inspirational program of hymns and gospel songs. Featured will be the remarkable solo voice of Stephen



The Boss, Lil L and the Girls dressed as a rock group and to the delight of the Temple Israel Congregation in Sebring, presented a Purim Shpiel (a short play) based on the scroll of Esther.

Courtesy photo

## Jews usher in the festival of Purim

By MILLIE RICHMOND

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — There was a celebration going on! At sundown on March 7 (Adar 13 on the Hebrew calendar) Jews ushered in the festival of Purim. This is the day to read the megillah, the scroll of Esther, and rejoice. But it also is a day to remember. Perhaps a little history is in order.

More than 4,000 years ago, in the land of Persia (today called Iran), King Ahasuerus ruled. After a dispute with his wife, Vashti, he decided to find another queen. And find one he did, in the beautiful Jewess, Esther. But for some time, Esther hid her Jewish identity.

Shortly after Esther became the queen, her beloved cousin, Mordechai, offended the grand vizier (Haman) by refusing to bow down to him. This so enraged Haman that he told the king the Jews refused to obey his laws and he sought the king's permission to kill all of them granted his request.

One of Esther's servants brought her a copy of the edict with a plea from Mordecai for her to go to the king and beg mercy for her people. Now, in those times, one did not simply request an appointment with the king. In

fact, Esther could have met death by not waiting for the king to summon her. Fortunately, Esther was a wise woman and had a plan.

Esther prepared a banquet and invited the king and Haman to attend. Both were delighted. During the evening, the king asked his wife what she desired. Finally, Esther revealed to him that she was a Jewess and that one of his advisors was plotting to kill her people. Her desire was that the king would spare them. The outraged king demanded to know who dared to harm his queen and her people. Once Haman had been identified, the king denounced him and made Mordechai his vizier. (It should be added that earlier, Mordechai had uncovered a plot against the king, thus saving the king's life). Haman's orders were overturned and a new edict was issued, giving Jews the right to assemble and protect themselves.

In modern times Purim thrives as a major Jewish holiday. It is celebrated in synagogues with the reading of the Megillah. Whenever Haman's name is mentioned in the story telling, congregants drown out his name with foot stomping, greggors (a kind of rattle) and shouts from the congregation. In Jewish homes, special foods

are shared and Purim parties host guests dressed in costume.

But Purim, especially in these troubled times, also gives cause to remember. Jews and others have endured too many "Hamans" throughout history. Now Israel exists to ensure, "Never again." Never again a Haman or a Hitler or anyone whose goal is to wipe out populations simply because they do not agree with them.

May our world leaders be not only as wise as Esther, but as determined to protect its citizens and allow them to protect themselves from the threats of the dangerous few.

### Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — This is the fourth Sunday in Lent. Worship service with Communion will be led by Rev. Jefferson Cox. Worship Assistant is Ron Fitzpatrick.

Lector/Communion Assistant is Sue Cushman. Wednesday, March 21, the leader will be Ron Fitzpatrick and the message will be "You Shall Love the Lord With All Your Heart." March 28, the leader will be Ed Graff and the message will be "Go Therefore and Make Disciples of All Nations."

### Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday, Pastor Scott McLean will be preaching a sermon entitled "Looking Up and Lifting Up."

Wednesday, March 21 join us for a Soup Supper at 6 p.m.

The theme for Lenten devotional is "The Trials of Jesus, The Voice of Caiaphas" by Pastor David Nabinger. The church is at 1320 CR 64, east the Avon Park High School.

For more information, call 471-2663 or online at [www.christlutheranavonpark.org/](http://www.christlutheranavonpark.org/).

### Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Matter."

The keynote is from Proverbs: "Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not?"

The church is at 146 N. Franklin Street.

## Church News

### Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "The Nations Are Angry" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is studying the Gospel of John.

### Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — The message for this Sunday is "Why Do I Exist?" Also on March 18, we will be bringing our monthly service to the Lake Placid Care Center at 1:30 p.m.

Eastside Christian Church is at 101 Peace Ave. in Lake Placid, two miles east of U.S. 27 on CR 621. Call 465-7065.

### Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon "Sassalvation" with Scripture taken from Numbers 21:4-9.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit [www.sebringemmanuelucc.com/](http://www.sebringemmanuelucc.com/).

### First Baptist Church, Avon Park

AVON PARK — First Baptist Church Avon Park, Rev. Jon Beck is Senior Pastor. Primera Bautista Mision Pastor is Johnattan Soltero.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. Call 453-6681 or e-mail [info@fbcap.net/](mailto:info@fbcap.net/).

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## RELIGION

## How I went around the world in 90 minutes

I was snuggling down in my easy chair with a riveting book in hand when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage shared with me an observation.

"I just was thinking," she began very seriously, "that we have not taken a trip lately."

We once went to Thailand for several weeks, which was wonderful. One of the delightful things of that trip was visiting the elephant ranch and riding the elephants.

As we were in line to ride the elephants the person in charge took one look at me and said, "No, no." He said something in some language I could not understand and then proceeded to pair my wife up with another woman and insisted I ride the elephant alone. From what I got out of his gestures and tone of voice was he thought I was too heavy to ride an elephant. Being compared with an elephant and being on the losing side of the comparison, is not something I enjoyed experiencing.

I have been insulted quite a bit throughout my life, and this certainly was one of them. Being the congenial gentleman that I am, I submitted to his evaluation and rode the elephant by myself. I did a

lot of bouncing, deliberately, on my elephant ride. I hope that elephant remembers me.

We have had other trips and have enjoyed ourselves tremendously. But when she asked about the last trip we took, I could not bring into focus our last trip.

Not world travelers, of course, but we do like to take little jaunts here and there just to get away from the rat race. To participate in the "rat race" I suppose you have to be a rat. It is good to get away from other rats and associate with rats you do not know.

Nothing really came of my wife's observation. She just mentioned it, then the subject was dropped, and we went on to what we were doing.

Several days later I was about to take the trip of my life.

I bought some ink cartridges for my printer and happened to buy the wrong kind. The way the world operates today is that you cannot make a mistake and then take the product back and exchange it for the right one. The only way I could get any satisfaction about this was to call the company and put in a request to have this ink exchanged for the right cartridge.

## Guest Column

Rev. James L. Snyder

I got the number and called the company. That was the beginning of my trip around the world.

The first stage of this trip was punching in numbers. I am not sure of the purpose for punching in numbers in order to get to somebody that can help you. What happened to the good old days where you actually talked to a person you could understand what they were saying?

For about 15 minutes, I punched in number after number after number. I thought for a moment that I was reading the book of Numbers in the Old Testament. I do not mind numbers when they add up. However, what I really do not like are arbitrary numbers that absolutely make no sense to me. Of course, many things do not make any sense to me.

Finally, after punching numbers until my fingers began to bleed, I got an actual human voice. Ah, the great satisfaction of actually encountering a living, breathing human being on the telephone. I

took a moment to enjoy the moment. It was not to last long.

As I began listening to the voice on the other end of the phone, I became a little puzzled. I heard the voice, she came through loud and clear but I had no idea what she was saying. I said quite a few times when the conversation warranted, "Huh."

After a few minutes of this, I realized the person I was talking to was in the Philippines. How I got to the Philippines, I will never know. I am not saying that the young woman's English was bad, just that my ears were not able to catch the nuances of her phrases.

Not getting any satisfaction from this young woman in the Philippines, she transferred me to someone in India. I had just got accustomed, or so I thought, to the Filipino accent and now I was hearing someone talk to me from India with a completely different accent.

I spent a few minutes in India and what we talked about I have no idea. I just wanted to exchange my ink cartridges for the correct ones. I am not sure what somebody in India has to do with my problem.

Not getting any satisfaction from

the chap in India, I was transferred to someone in Idaho. I wanted cartridges not potatoes.

After some quasi-delightful minutes in Idaho, I came to the excruciating conclusion that it would be worth my while, not to mention the cash involved, to just forget the whole thing and throw those cartridges away and buy new ones.

On my way to buy a new cartridge, I thought of a verse of Scripture. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12 KJV).

I am looking forward to that final trip where I will see Him face to face, no misunderstanding then.

*The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net/. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com/. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.*

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## APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information contact (239) 671-0390. Pastor Travis Vanderford.

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way, Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

■ **First Assembly of God**, 4301 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring. The Rev. Wilmont McCrary, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship and KIDS Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday Family Night, (Adult Bible Study), LIFE Youth Group, Royal Rangers, Missionettes, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-6431.

## BAPTIST

■ **Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church**, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6556.

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catelyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

■ **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: [office@apfellowship.org](mailto:office@apfellowship.org)

ship.org; Web site, [www.apfellowship.org](http://www.apfellowship.org).

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. mission programs. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 453-6681 for details.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Altwater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: [www.fbclp.com](http://www.fbclp.com). Email: [information@fbclp.com](mailto:information@fbclp.com). Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to [www.fbclp.com](http://www.fbclp.com).

■ **First Baptist Church of Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the "Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and

Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

■ **Florida Avenue Baptist Church**, 401 S. Florida Ave., Avon Park. Mailing address is 710 W. Bell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone, 453-5339. Rev. John D. Girdley, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.

■ **Independent Baptist Church**, 5704 County Road 17 South, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening, 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m. Fundamental, soul-winning, mission-minded, King James Bible Church. Larry Ruse, pastor. Phone 655-1899. Bus transportation.

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■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

■ **Parkway Free Will Baptist Church**, 3413 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Welcome to the church where the "Son" always shines. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday Evening Worship, 7 p.m. End-of-the-Month-Sing at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. The Rev. J.S. Scaggs, pastor. Church phone: 382-3552. Home phone: 214-3025. Affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.

■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. Rev. Ken Geren, interim pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring

Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

## CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, [office@stcath.com](mailto:office@stcath.com); website, [www.stcath.com](http://www.stcath.com). Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviades, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Masses - Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Weekend Masses 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday Spanish Mass (Holy Family Youth Center), 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, noon Sunday Sunday Mass; 5 p.m. Sunday English Family Mass (Holy Family Youth Center). Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment with any priest.

■ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter - Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

## CHRISTIAN

■ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!"

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■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; David Etherton, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at [www.firstchristianap.com](http://www.firstchristianap.com). Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

■ **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 510 Poinsettia Avenue, (corner of Poinsettia and Eucalyptus), Sebring, FL 33870. Phone: 385-0358 or 385-3435. The Rev. Ronald Norton, Pastor; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Praise Breakfast, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.; Midweek Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN &amp; MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

■ **The Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

## CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Avon Park Church of Christ**, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Larry Roberts. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. We would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to visit with us here at Sebring Parkway. Our hours of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. Special services once a month for seniors (Prime Time) and Ladies ministries. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid**, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Don Seymour, Senior Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

# RELIGION

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## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Sharron Campbell and Diane Beidler. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler and Franny Goff.

Women's Sunday will be celebrated and all participants will be from the female members of the congregation. The speaker will be Marla Null from the Worship Committee and her sermon is titled "A Tribute to Great Women, Past and Present" Proverbs 31:27-29.

Children's Church leaders for Sunday will be Mike and Carol Graves.

Call 385-0352. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

## First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob

Johnson's sermon will be "The Lord's Supper" based on I Corinthians 11:17-34.

The choir's introit will be "In Holy Reverence, Lord, We Come" and the anthem "In You, We are One."

The adult Sunday school class is continuing their study of David in II Samuel Chapter 23 which talks about David's mighty men. Wendy Garcia teaches the youth class and they discuss how the Bible applies to issues today.

On Wednesday, Pastor Johnson will lead the Bible study on the topic "The Basics of the Faith." The Family Potluck will be at 6 p.m. Guest speaker is Chip Sherer, president of the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, N.C. The Christian Education Committee and Youth are hosts. An offering will be taken for the youth to assist those desiring to go to camp.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). Call 453-3242.

## First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "Help Me Write My Sermon" is the title of Sunday morning's message given by guest speaker, Cecil Hess.

## First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A.C. Bryant's message will be the fourth and fifth words of Christ "Forsaken & Thirst" with Scripture from Mark 15:34 and John 19:28. The Bell Choir will provide the special music.

An Old Fashioned Revival will be held Sunday through Wednesday, March 25-28.

Call 385-5184. The church is at 126 South Pine St. Visit the website at [www.sebring-firstumc.com/](http://www.sebring-firstumc.com/).

## Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday

will be "Never too old!" with Scripture from Phillipians 3:12-21.

The service will also include Heartland Singers singing "Promises One by One;" and Darlene, Gail, Dorothy, Kay, and Walle singing "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord." Offering music will be Mr. Liming playing fiddle solo and Walle Woodworth singing "He's the God of the Mountain."

Tuesday night adult Bible study is "Evolution - Creation - The Big Bang Theory" taught by Pastor Ted Moore.

Wednesday young adult and children's programs taught by George Kelly, Amanda and Jon Armentrout and Toby Cribbs.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South in Sebring. Call 314-9693.

## Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Fred Ball will preach at the

Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration Worship Service.

The sermon is called "Courage to Be a Humble Hero."

Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the New Song Contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall.

The theme of the sermon will be "The Solid Rock and the Sinking Sand."

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information call 465-2422.

## Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson "The Wedding at Cana" is taken from the second chapter of the gospel of John. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the messages Sunday morning and evening.

The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and interactive Bible study. Next Sunday, March 25, will be the end-of-the-month-sing and fellowship.

## St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s message will be "Temptation: Fame" at all three services. Biblical reference is from Mark 1:12-13.

Small Steps 4 Health meets Monday at 10 a.m. UMW Mission Study of Haiti is Saturday at 9 a.m. Nursery is provided at all services.

## The Way Church - EFCA

SEBRING — Youth leader Zac Tsai will be preaching Sunday morning.

The Way Church - EFCA is at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive, Sebring.

Pastor is Reinhold Buxbaum. Church phone is 471-6140. Pastor's cell is 273-3674.

For church information and the pastor's messages, go to [www.thewaychurch.org/](http://www.thewaychurch.org/).

# PLACES TO WORSHIP

## EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail [redemer1895@aol.com](mailto:redemer1895@aol.com) Web site: [redeemeravon.com](http://redeemeravon.com). The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

■ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church,** 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

■ **The Way Church EFCA,** 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: [thewaychurch@hotmail.com](mailto:thewaychurch@hotmail.com). Web site: [www.TheWayChurch.org](http://www.TheWayChurch.org)

## GRACE BRETHREN

■ **Grace Brethren Church,** 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at [www.sebring-grace.org](http://www.sebring-grace.org).

## INTERDENOMINATIONAL

■ **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries,** (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

## LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA),** 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS,** 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at 471-2663 or see [christlutheranavonpark.org](http://christlutheranavonpark.org).

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Rev. Gary Kindel, pastor. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

■ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at [www.newlife-sebring.com](http://www.newlife-sebring.com).

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 9 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January

through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: [www.Trinitylutheranlp.com](http://www.Trinitylutheranlp.com).

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children ages 4 years through fifth grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site [www.bfcsebring.com](http://www.bfcsebring.com). Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church,** 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.,** on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, [lindadowning@live.com](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: [www.ctmforme.com](http://www.ctmforme.com)

■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Colledge Ministry. [www.GBCconnected.org](http://www.GBCconnected.org)

■ **Highlands Community Church,** a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

■ **The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church,** 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at [www.juanitafolsomministries.com](http://www.juanitafolsomministries.com).

■ **Union Church,** 106 N. Butler

Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menu at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at [www.weare-union.org](http://www.weare-union.org).

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail [unity@vistanet.net](mailto:unity@vistanet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://www.unityofsebring.org). 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

## PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: [covpres@strato.net](mailto:covpres@strato.net); Web site: [www.cpcsebring.org](http://www.cpcsebring.org). Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP,** 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 1 p.m.; Youth Group (middle and high school), 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** [www.fpcpl.com](http://www.fpcpl.com), 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8 and 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday school classes for adults is at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and for all ages, adults and children, at 9:45 a.m. in the educational building. Wednesday: 6:45 p.m., youth group (middle and high school), and nursery and children's ministry; 7 p.m., adult small group Bible studies. Children/youth music ministry (Thursday): grades 3-5 chimes, 2:30 p.m.; grades 3-5 choir, 3:15

p.m.; grades 6-12 handbells, 3:15 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

■ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA),** 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, [springlakepc@embarqmail.com](mailto:springlakepc@embarqmail.com), Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: [avonparksda@embarqmail.com](mailto:avonparksda@embarqmail.com), Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is [www.discoverjesus.org](http://www.discoverjesus.org)

■ **Sebring Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

## THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,** 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

## THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army - Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth

Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site [www.salvationarmysebring.com](http://www.salvationarmysebring.com) or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

## UNITED METHODIST

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: [www.fumcap.org](http://www.fumcap.org).

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or [www.memorialumc.com](http://www.memorialumc.com). Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

■ **St. John United Methodist Church,** 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. [www.stjohnsebring.org](http://www.stjohnsebring.org)

■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church,** 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** Jesus didn't reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you'll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We're at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; [sebringemmanuelucc.com](mailto:sebringemmanuelucc.com).

RELIGION

# Don't be a whiner

**Guest Column**  
*Fred Jeans*

I had a woman in one of my churches who was perhaps the biggest whiner that I have ever known. She was always depressed. Her husband, Charles, had a good job in a steel mill and made very good money. This man bent over backwards to give his wife, Selby, the whiner, anything she wanted. He cleaned house, did the laundry and did things that she should have been doing but did not do, because she was too busy laying around feeling sorry for herself.

Charles was very talented and built her the house she wanted. He made all kinds of beautiful and functional items for the house. If she whined about something, he did or made or bought whatever it was that would stop the whining. I'm not sure if he did these things because he loved her or because he wanted to shut her up.

On her side, Selby did nothing but complain about Charles. No matter what he did for her, or gave her, it was never enough, and her depression was his fault. About the only thing that she may have legitimately complained about, was that Charles wasn't the most affectionate person in the world. He may have been that way to keep her from hurting him as her griping obviously did, or maybe his lack of affection was part of the reason for her griping. Whatever the reason, he seemed to be a very caring person.

One Sunday morning, Selby came into church and as usual was complaining about her husband. I had heard about all I could stomach, so I said to her, "Selby

instead of always griping about what you want, and what you need to make you happy, why don't you stop focusing on yourself, go home and for a change, try to make your husband happy?"

Of course, she didn't understand so I explained to her that a major cause of depression is extreme self centeredness, and that the path to happiness lies not in things or what others do for us, but in what we do for others. "In trying to make Charles happy, you will be happy," I said.

She reluctantly agreed to try and went home. The following Sunday when Selby entered the church, the hang dog look was gone and in its place was a very pretty smile. "She ran up to me exclaiming "It works! It works! It really works!"

I had forgotten about our conversation and asked her what it was that works. "I did what you said." She said. "I did what you said! I spent the entire week trying to make Chuck happy and I have never been so happy, and I don't think he has either."

This wasn't a cure-all for Selby but it was a beginning. For probably the first time in her life, Selby chose to accept responsibility for her unhappiness. She was finally realizing that her self-centeredness had made her and those around her miserable, and more importantly she was willing to change. Over time, Selby began to see and

appreciate the many blessings that had been hers all along. As she changed her focus from me, me, me to Charles she and Charles were not only much happier, but many physical ailments with which she had suffered, gradually disappeared.

Making someone else happy, could be and should be a way of life. You don't have to be wealthy to give to others. A smile, a kind word, opening a door for a person whose hands are full, complimenting others, giving simple acknowledgment of the other person's life, can all enrich someone else's life and make our own so much happier.

Selfishness destroys marriages, friendships, relationships, and lives. It creates tension in the workplace, and causes us to ignore the needs of others. All of us are blessed with jobs, home, families, friends etc. If we aren't happy, maybe we need to look at the many lives around us that we can make happy.

Whatever we give, will be given back to us. If you walk around with a frown on your face, don't be surprised if you get the same from those who pass you. Be the person everyone likes to see coming, not the one whose face cold freeze water. The first sign that a person has gone away from God, is an ungrateful heart. Be thankful to God for what you have, and share the blessings.

*Fred Jeans is chaplain at Kenilworth Care & Rehabilitation Center. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.*

Snapshots

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(Dad) Ditchfield and the versatile arrangements of the "My Three Sons" Quartet. The Ditchfield Family Singers have been featured on nationwide television and have traveled extensively. They make their home in Sarasota, where they minister on the worship team of their home church when not on the road.

The congregation extends a cordial welcome to friends from the community to share this concert. There is no charge, but a love offering will be received. The church is located in Maranatha Village off Arbuckle Creek Road, two miles east of S.R. 17 N. in Sebring. For more information, call 382-4301 or 382-8594.

Jorgensen at Crossroads

SEBRING — Evangelist Jim Jorgensen will be at Crossroads Fellowship on Saturday, March 24, at 6 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

In 1993, Pastor Jim Jorgensen, along with his wife Daphne and their two daughters, Debra and Kristen, were sent as missionaries to the Dominican Republic. The Lord quickly expanded their influence

within this nation and used Pastor Jim as an integral part in forming the largest church network in the Santo Domingo area of the Dominican Republic.

In 1996, the Lord led Pastor Jim and Wife, Daphne, to found Sound The Trumpet Ministries International, creating a mission's door from the United States to the Dominican Republic and vice versa. Since this time the Lord has expanded the ministry to the nations of Spain, Bolivia, Mexico, and commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Forresters bring message to Calvary Church

SEBRING — The Forresters will bringing a message in song at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 25, at Calvary Church on Hammock Road.

Hands Rappers Dance Team present program

SEBRING — The Hands Rappers Dance Team of Crossroads Fellowship will present "The 12 Hours of Praise and Worship" from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at 605 State Road 66.

Any questions, call 655-0212 or e-mail mail@cross-

roadsfl.com/.

Flea market planned

SEBRING — Crossroads Fellowship, located at 605 S.R. 66 in Sebring, is having a Flea Market Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 31. For information, call Janet at 655-0212.

Holy Week schedule

LAKE PLACID — The host church for Holy Week this year will be First Baptist Church of Lake Placid at 119 E. Royal Palm St. The phone number is 465-3721 and the website is www.fbclp.com/.

The community service time will be 12-12:30 p.m., on the following days, along with noted speakers:

Monday, April 2 - Michael Cannon from St. James Catholic Church; Tuesday, April 3 - Fred Ball from Memorial United Methodist Church; Wednesday, April 4 - Ray Cameron from First Presbyterian Church; Thursday, April 5 - Ray Culpepper from Eastside Christian Church; and Friday, April 6 - Brett Morey from First Baptist Church of Lake Placid.

Music by Bill Lewis Ministries. Lunch will not be served this year.

Sponsored by the Lake Placid Christian Ministerial Association.

ENTERTAINMENT



Movie companies would rather people buy DVDs than rent them at places like Red Box, which is why Wal-Mart is offering disc-to-digital. MCT

# Walmart to bridge online gap with disc-to-digital

By RYAN NAKASHIMA  
*AP Business Writer*

LOS ANGELES — Wal-Mart pledged to help introduce Hollywood's emerging online movie locker system to its customers, many of whom have never owned anything digital in their lives.

People who own DVDs or Blu-ray discs from five participating movie studios will be able to permanently access them on Wal-Mart's Vudu online streaming service by paying \$2 per movie. The offer applies regardless of where customers bought the discs, but they must bring them to a store in person. The right to access a high-definition version of a DVD will cost \$5; Blu-ray conversions will already be in high definition.

The move announced Tuesday is meant to give consumers confidence that the discs they buy today won't be obsolete in a few years. It's also designed to familiarize people who have relied on disc sales with buying and collecting movies digitally.

"Lots of people are facing this dilemma of 'Do I buy a physical DVD, or what about this digital movie?'" said John Aden, executive vice president for general merchandising at Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

"We think this is a huge opportunity for us to break down that wall between those two."

In October, Warner Bros. was the first studio to launch a new system for online movie storage and playback called UltraViolet. The system is meant to allow consumers to watch movies they have bought on DVD or Blu-ray on multiple devices including tablet computers and smartphones, which have no slots for discs. Wal-Mart's Vudu now joins the UltraViolet platform.

UltraViolet has gotten a rocky review because it requires signing up to at least two different websites and hasn't worked well on all

devices.

Studios are hoping that having a Wal-Mart employee guide consumers through the sign-up process will make it easier to understand and use. So far, only about 1 million people have signed up for UltraViolet.

"The early adopter, or digerati if you will, are probably pretty good at being able to convert" movies to digital formats, Ron Sanders, president of Warner Home Video, said in an interview. "I think there are a lot of people who aren't so technologically savvy who probably need help. That's the need Wal-Mart addresses."

Wal-Mart said it will offer the "disc-to-digital" conversion service starting April 16 at the 3,500 outlets nationwide that have a photo center.

Employees are being trained to help customers sign up for an account with both Vudu and UltraViolet, both of which are needed to make the system work fully. People will have their discs stamped to prevent multiple people from using the same disc for online access.

Wal-Mart will become the first independent retailer to actively participate in the UltraViolet system, which had relied until now on studio-owned websites and online service Flixster, which is owned by Warner Bros. That will make it more accessible to millions of people and could entice other retailers to participate.

Consumers have often

gone to Wal-Mart looking for deals on DVDs and end up buying other things such as groceries or clothing. The retailer hopes the conversion service creates the same foot traffic while keeping up with the new ways people want to watch movies.

Meanwhile, Hollywood wants to boost flagging sales of DVDs and ease people into buying digital versions, which remain a small fraction of movie purchases. Studios want to encourage people to buy discs rather than rent them from Redbox, Netflix or other companies because purchases are more profitable.

Five major studios are participating in UltraViolet: Viacom Inc.'s Paramount, Comcast Corp.'s Universal, Sony Corp., Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros. and News Corp.'s 20th Century Fox.

The Walt Disney Co., which is developing its own online storage system called KeyChest, is not involved in UltraViolet or in the Wal-Mart offer.

For now, movies saved to UltraViolet aren't compatible with iCloud, the online storage service run by Apple Inc. Nor is it compatible with movie purchases made at Amazon.com Inc., which allows all purchased movies to be played back online.

Studios hope that if Wal-Mart entices more consumers to sign up, eventually Disney, Apple and Amazon will be persuaded to participate as well.

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DIVERSIONS

# 'Jump Street' update manages some laughs

By DAVID GERMAIN  
AP Movie Writer

The TV show that made Johnny Depp a star is little more than a jumping-off point for the big-screen "21 Jump Street," a rowdy, raunchy update that aims for laughs over action and delivers them intermittently.

Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum are surprisingly amusing together in a mismatched pairing of newbie cops sent undercover as high school kids to root out a drug ring. A couple of guest appearances from the TV show almost make the movie worth seeing on their own (the identity of the cameo perps has been widely reported, but we won't name names here; even if you've read about them, the way they pop up will be a nice surprise).

The R-rated gross-out humor, language and violence don't add up to the "21 Jump Street" you might fondly remember.

But then, other than for Depp's presence, how many people fondly remember the show, anyway?

This is not a property requiring respect and devotion to the source material to satisfy longtime fans, so the filmmakers wisely make a "21 Jump Street" all their own.

They dump the idea on its head, poke not-so-polite fun at the original and offer a spot-on summation of Hollywood's vapid approach to remakes, couching the commentary in cop jabber about reviving LA's moribund program that places youthful-looking police moles in high schools.

Two of the recruits are Hill's Morton Schmidt and Tatum's Greg Jenko.

A brisk, clever prologue spells out their back-story, Schmidt as a high school uber-geek, Jenko as a dopey stud, with the two becoming unlikely best buddies years later at the police academy.

Sent back to school as undercover brothers, the two flash back on old teen anxieties and encounter plenty of new ones as they struggle to fit in while tracing the source of a dangerous new hallucinogen that erodes users' inhibitions in insanely comical fashion.

Hill shares story credit with screenwriter Michael Bacall, but what little actual story is here serves only as the setup for an anything-goes approach by the cast and directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller (making their live-action debut after collaborating on the animated hit "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs").

Everything about the movie — the car chases, the shootouts, the teen kegger, the goofy idiocy of the characters — is pushed to the extreme. Some of the absurd violence is funny, some is pointlessly mean and nasty enough to jar viewers out of the action now and then.

Ice Cube pops in occasionally with some foul-mouthed fun as Schmidt and Jenko's perpetually seething police captain, while Brie Larson is adorably fetching as the high-school hottie Schmidt might actually have a shot with this time around.

Hill and Tatum's odd-couple act is the best thing about "21 Jump Street," both playing the straight man yet managing to make their partnership much funnier than the hit-and-miss jokes and action really are.

The movie's nimble pacing also helps, sneaking in some



Jonah Hill, left, and Channing Tatum star in Columbia Pictures' action comedy "21 Jump Street."



Movie Review

'21 Jump Street'

**Rating:** R (crude and sexual content, pervasive language, drug material, teen drinking and some violence)

**Running time:** 109 minutes

**Review:** ★★★ (of 4)

slick, wily tidbits and powering through the many gags that would fall flat if you had another second or two to think about them.

It doesn't work all of the time, or even most of the time, but it does work enough of the time to make "21 Jump Street" more enjoyable than most of Hollywood's unimaginative remakes and updates.

'Casa de mi Padre'

This is a total goof, of course. That's obvious even before Will Ferrell, dressed in a cowboy hat and a neckerchief sitting astride a horse in the Mexican desert, opens his mouth and utters his first overly enunciated Spanish words.

It's clear from the titles: a grainy, bloody, Tarantino-style montage of melodramatic spaghetti Western imagery, featuring Christina Aguilera belting out the bombastic theme song.

The affection for B-movies and telenovelas is clear in this sendup from Matt Piedmont (making his directing debut) and writer Andrew Steele, longtime collaborators of Ferrell's from "Saturday Night Live" and "Funny or Die."

But the premise, which would have been just fine as a sketch, feels as if it's been stretched awfully thin to fill an entire feature.

Still, you have to give everyone involved credit for just going for it. That starts with Ferrell himself, speaking solid Spanish (albeit with an Americanized accent) as Armando Alvarez, a dimwitted ranchero whose successful businessman brother, Raul (Diego Luna), is the star of the family as far as their father (the late Pedro Armendariz Jr.) is concerned.

When Raul brings home his stunningly beautiful fiancée (Genesis Rodriguez),



Hilary Bronwyn Gay/Courtesy Paramount Pictures and Indian Paintbrush/MCT Jason Segel, left, plays Jeff and Ed Helms plays Pat in 'Jeff, Who Lives at Home,' from Paramount Pictures and Indian Paintbrush.

it further seals his superiority. But it turns out Raul is a drug dealer locked in a turf war with the powerful Onza (Luna's friend and frequent co-star Gael Garcia Bernal).

Intentional continuity errors, missing frames and cheap production values abound.

Rated R for bloody violence, language, and some sexual content and drug use. In Spanish with English subtitles. 84 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

'Jeff, Who Lives at Home'

Mark Duplass has said that he and his brother, Jay, look to the veteran Belgian filmmaking brothers Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne for artistic inspiration, with their naturalistic, documentary-style approach to telling feature stories.

That's evident once again in this sweet, slight tale told with simple intimacy and a deadpan tone to its absurd humor. Not much happens over a meandering day in suburban Baton Rouge, La., but it all builds to a climax that makes the journey worthwhile.

Jason Segel plays the titular character, a 30-year-old slacker who still lives in the basement of his childhood home. Inspired by the M. Night Shyamalan movie "Signs," he believes there are no coincidences, that everything happens for a reason if

you're willing to open your mind and pay attention to the daily details that can determine your fate.

And so a simple errand for his widowed, enabling mother (Susan Sarandon in a lovely, understated performance) turns into a weird and winding adventure involving pickup basketball, amateur sleuthing and an elusive man named Kevin.

The Duplasses create the sensation that we're just following along wherever Jeff takes us, without judgment. Ed Helms and Judy Greer costar.

Rated R for language including sexual references and some drug use. 82 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

# Doctor fails to earn clean bill of health

**Dear Abby:** I recently began going to a new doctor after the one I had been using retired. I like her. She shows a genuine interest in my well-being, seems to diagnose well and I get good results from her treatments. She doesn't keep me waiting and has a charming, warm personality.



So what's the problem? She's not very clean. There is sometimes dirt under her fingernails. Her white coat is tattered and filthy, and when she gets close there's an odor that's less than pleasant. Once after touching me, she washed her hands by sticking her fingertips under cold water for a few seconds — no soap or scrubbing. She had not washed before touching me.

There are so many good things about her I hate to lose her as a doctor. She'll be insulted if I say anything. If I cancel an appointment, it will raise questions and lead to hurt feelings. What do I do?

— *Freaked Out in Albany*

**Dear Freaked Out:** Find another doctor. (I was tempted to say, "Run for your life!") As warm, charming, caring and attentive as your doctor may be, her poor hygiene is a danger to your health. That she would present herself to patients in the condition you have described and practice such poor hygiene makes me wonder how qualified she is to practice medicine.

One other thing you should consider doing — because you like her — is to write her a letter explaining why you won't be seeing her anymore. She obviously needs a wake-up call.

**Dear Abby:** My mother is dying of old age and heart failure. It's not unexpected and we are preparing for the end to come soon.

The problem is I'm not a good housekeeper, and I am in marginal health. My husband is disabled and is, frankly, a slob. I have given up trying to keep a clean house while caring for him, my mother and myself. I

just don't have the strength to do it all, and my husband does nothing except lie around on his bed watching TV or sleeping all day.

I know when my mother passes, people will want to come here to visit or bring food. My house is so dirty and deplorable I don't want anyone to come here.

What should I do? I have thought about hiring a service, but I'm not sure I can afford it. Any other suggestions?

— *Overwhelmed And Tired in Texas*

**Dear Overwhelmed:** Please accept my sympathy for the impending loss of your mother. Even when death is accepted as inevitable, it is nonetheless heart wrenching. I'll offer two suggestions:

The first is to talk to your religious adviser about your concerns, because it's possible some volunteers from your mother's church — or your own — might be kind enough to help you get your house in order to receive guests after the funeral. The other would be to request that guests meet afterward at the church reception hall or funeral home for refreshments.

**Dear Abby:** I find it hard to deal with my P.E. teacher. She is rude, mean and she always calls me out. When you need to make a correction on your test, she throws the quiz at you and then you have to pick it up. She is very impatient also. Do you have any advice on how to deal with such a person?

— *Done With Her in North Carolina*

**Dear Done With Her:** Your teacher appears to be a troubled woman. The way to deal with her would be for your parents — and the parents of any other students she is treating this way — to bring it to the attention of the principal of the school so it can be addressed.

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# THE WORLD OF BEER

## An introduction to the major types of ales and lagers

Graphics and text by Mark Nowlin/The Seattle Times

This is a beginner's guide to the main styles of ales and lagers, and is not meant to be the definitive beer bible. Specialty, hybrids, cream, smoked and steamed beers are not shown. Some Belgian beers have been included under the main styles.

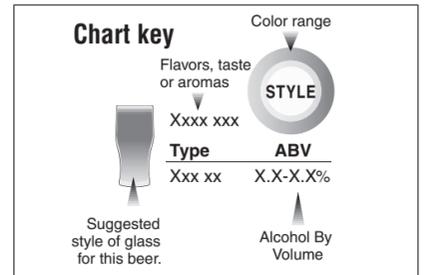
around 2 percent, rising up to a sky-high 25 percent. Most beers have an ABV of 4 to 6 percent.

### What is in beer?

The three main ingredients are water, malt (barley grain that has been kiln dried) and hops (a cone-like fruit grown on vines). From the combination of these ingredients and the fermenting yeast used during brewing come the many colors, flavors and aromas of beer.

The most common beer styles are ales and lagers. When other ingredients are used to enhance the flavor such as wheat, pumpkin, honey, spices, fruit, smoked malt or chile peppers, the beer is known as a specialty beer.

The alcohol content of beer is measured in percent by volume (ABV). The low end is



## ALES CHART

Ales are made with a top-fermenting yeast (yeast that gathers at the surface at the start of the brewing) at temperatures between 65 and 75 degrees for two to three weeks. Top-fermenting yeasts produce phenols, which impart spicy undertones, and esters, which provide fruity flavors and aromas. Ales are usually higher in alcohol than lagers. The ale family includes pale, amber/red, strong and dark.

Style	Description	Type	ABV
<b>PALE</b>	Pronounced hop flavor	Nonic pint glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		Pale Ale	4.5-5.5%
		American-style	4.5-5.7
Belgian-style	4.0-6.0		
<b>DARK</b>	Toasted with nutty malt flavor and little hop	Mug or pint glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		English mild	2.5-4.1%
		English-style	3.5-6.0
American-style	4.2-6.0		
German-style	4.3-5.5		
Belgian-style	6.0-10.0		
<b>IPA</b>	Pronounced hop flavor with caramel or nutty malt	Goblet or chalice	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		India Pale Ale	5.1-7.6%
		Belgian IPA	6.0-12.0
Imperial/Double IPA	7.5-10.5		
<b>PORTER</b>	Roasted malt taste with light to firm hop	Imperial pint glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		Brown Porter	3.8-5.2%
		Robust	4.8-6.0
Baltic	5.5-9.5		
<b>BITTER</b>	Medium to high bitterness	Nonic pint glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		Ordinary	3.0-3.8%
		Special	3.7-4.8
Extra Special	3.7-4.8		
<b>STOUT</b>	Roasted taste with low sweetness, high bitterness	Tulip pint glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		Dry Stout	3.2-5.5%
		Oatmeal Stout	3.3-6.1
Sweet Stout (chocolate, coffee)	4.5-6.5		
Imperial Stout	7.8-9.0		
Imperial Russian	8.0-13.0		
<b>SCOTTISH &amp; IRISH</b>	Rich malty flavors and aromas	Thistle glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		Light	2.8-4.0%
		Heavy	3.5-4.1
Export	4.0-4.9		
Scotch Ale	6.5-10.0		
<b>AMBER/RED</b>	Medium to high hop and toasted malt flavors	Tumbler pint glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		American Amber	4.5-5.7%
		Irish Red Ale	4.0-6.5
Imperial/Double Red Ale	7.9-10.5		

## LAGER CHART

Lagers are made with a bottom-fermenting yeast (the yeast gathers and sinks to the bottom during brewing) at cooler temperatures, between 45 and 55 degrees for four to six weeks and then stored cold at temperatures between 30 and 40 degrees. Cold storage keeps acids and other by-products from forming, producing a clean and crisp taste. The lager family includes light, pilsner, amber, bock and dark. Most lagers are less alcoholic than ales.

Style	Description	Type	ABV
<b>LIGHT</b>	Very little hop bitterness or flavor	Becker pint glass or mug/Seidel glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		American Lite	2.9-4.5%
		Tropical-style	3.8-5.0
Belgian-style	4.0-6.0		
American Standard	4.1-4.8		
American Premium	4.6-5.1		
Munich helles	4.5-5.6		
<b>PILSNER</b>	Medium to high hop bitterness	Pilsner glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		Bohemian- or Czech-style	4.0-5.0%
		German-style	4.1-5.4
American-style	5.0-6.0		
<b>AMBER</b>	Sweet to mild malt flavor with medium hop bitterness	Mug/Seidel glass or a pint glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		Octoberfest	5.0-6.5%
		Märzen	4.1-6.5
Vienna	4.5-5.7		
American-style	5.5-8.0		
<b>BOCK</b>	Rich malty flavor	Stange glass or Tom Collins glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		Heller bock/Maibock	6.0-8.0%
		Bock	6.3-7.5
Doppelbock	6.5-8.0		
Eisbock	9.0-12.0		

Style	Description	Type	ABV
<b>BARLEY WINE</b>	Intensely malty with caramel flavor and bitter hop	Tulip/snifter glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		English	8.0-12.0%
		American	8.0-12.0
<b>OLD ALE</b>	Sweet nutty malt and fruit flavors	Thistle glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		English	6.0-9.0%
		Belgian	7.0-11.0

### Where's the Hefeweizen?

Wheat ales use malted wheat in 40-60% of the recipe, which puts them into the specialty beer category.

These kinds of ales have very low hop, and a wheaty flavor.

Type	ABV
Flavored Wheat Ale	4.0-8.0%
White Ale	4.5-6.0
Hefeweizen	4.5-6.2
Weizenbier	4.3-5.6
Belgian-style	4.8-5.2
Dunkelweizen	4.5-6.0
Weizenbock	6.5-9.6

### Beer trivia

**Q:** What country is the world's No. 1 beer producer?

**A:** China. The U.S. is second followed by Russia and Brazil, out of the 169 countries around the world brewing beer today.



Style	Description	Type	ABV
<b>DARK</b>	Malt flavor throughout, moderately sweet	Tulip pint glass	Alcohol By Volume (ABV)
		American-style dark	4.0-5.5%
		Münchner Dunkel	4.5-5.6
Schwarzbier	3.8-5.0		