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Trying to save them all



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Highlands County Animal Control Director Darryl Scott talks recently about improvements being made at the center in Sebring.

Animal Control's goal isn't to be death sentence

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — "Regardless what some folks say, our goal is to save as many lives as possible," said Darryl Scott, director of Highlands County Animal Control on Tuesday afternoon.

Scott was responding to accusations from animal rescue advocates who stated in a county commission meeting that Scott's job was to "kill them all."

"But, we are control. I do not want to send out a dog that could tear the face off a little girl," Scott insisted. "If we pick up an animal that is not people friendly and the owner does not claim it, we then try to send it to a rescue or to someone who is very familiar working with those type of animals. If we can't, then we have no option."

The county commission sent out notices requesting volunteers for a citizen's animal control advisory



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

The county Animal Control facility houses everything from kittens to horses. Every animal dropped off or picked up is taken in with the goal of finding a home for as many as possible.

board this month to encourage cooperation between animal rights activists and county staff. The goal of the advisory committee is to give animals the best care possible

while taking a look at ways to supplement a tight budget.

A visit to the Animal Control

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Chief Justice Canady visits Highlands Law Day

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Lawyers, judges and local dignitaries filled the Sebring Civic Center Friday afternoon for the annual County Law Day Luncheon and Awards Ceremony.

Attendees mingled amongst notable law makers and enforcers as they prepared to hear from the day's guest speaker.

Chief Justice Charles T. Canady of the Florida Supreme Court has an outstanding resume ranging many years in all three levels of the law system and has worked as nearly everything from lawyer to his present title.

Canady spoke passionately about the "Rule of Law" and how each and every member of the legal system works together to ensure that the law continues to work.

"We have an outstanding judiciary in this state. I'm very proud of the judges in this state ... I think we will see brighter days ahead," Canady said.

Canady continued on with his speech giving his

thoughts on what the Rule of Law means to him and how it works.

"Everyone is subject to the law and no one is above the law. Even the government stands in subjection to the Rule of Law ... we are blessed to live in a place where the Rule of Law prevails," Canady stated.

The Chief Justice went on to discuss the role of judges under the Rule of Law stating that without judges there could be no Rule of Law. Canady also stated how very proud he is of the legal profession and stated "I'm glad to be one of you (lawyer) as well."

Canady made note of the County Law Day event and stated, "It's great that you have established this tradition in this county" before opening up the floor for questions.

Eager minds asked a handful of questions wanting to know more about Canady's long career in law and how he's come to be where he currently is.

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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Bob Germaine addresses attendees after being named the Highlands County Bar Association Law Day Award recipient Friday afternoon at the Sebring Civic Center.

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A few of Orvel Sebring's memories

◆ *Special original transcript edition*

Why did the Sebring family decide on this area to build their new town 100 years ago? The following are excerpts of a transcript from Orvel Sebring to Allen Altwater discussing that and other memories, hope you enjoy.

[Now, I have to digress a minute to tell you my reason for Sebring, Florida coming into existence. It all was due to a change in the manner of growing oranges. The exact date, I do not know, it may have been 1907 or it may have been a little earlier, but there was a druggist at Florence Villa or Auburndale, named Inman who had discovered that oranges budded onto



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rough lemon stock, would grow in the sandhills. Up to that time, oranges had been grown in Florida long rivers. They had been seedlings, for the most part, and this was the accepted method of horticulture, but the seedlings would not grow in the sandhills so, of course, this opened all that great area in central Florida to orange groves and this was the turn of the orange industry because these trees would be harder to frost and they could take it when there would be dry spells and yet they would yield very well. So this prompted grandfather and father to explore the possibilities of a settlement in central Florida in which they would build a town, but the primary reason for the town was the promotion and sale of orange groves.

To come back to my first trip to Florida, as I said, I recollect that Dad and Grandfather would disappear and that we would hear stories when they came back, about their trips to central Florida. The next winter, I was taken by my father (I believe my mother and sister stayed home) to Florence Villa where Mimi, Eugene, Payne and Dorothy were staying in the hotel. Dad and George E. would leave and go to the new settlement. This was the winter of 1911.

The following year my mother, my sister and I joined Dad in the new town of Sebring.

You have no idea how beautiful it was at Sebring in 1910
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Courtesy photo
Jennifer McAlister (left), president of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, and Hilary Swain, executive director of Archbold Biological Station, unveil the LEED® Platinum Certification Plaque awarded to the new Frances Archbold Hufty Learning Center and Adrian Archbold Lodge at the celebration event on April 19.

New buildings honored for LEED Platinum Certification at Archbold

Special to the News-Sun

VENUS – More than 90 builders, contractors, elected officials, local and state government representatives, local business representatives and staff celebrated Archbold Biological Station's LEED Platinum Certification on April 19 at the new Frances Archbold Hufty Learning Center and Adrian Archbold Lodge.

Archbold Biological Station is Florida's renowned center for ecological research, conservation, and education. The Station's Board and staff conceived the idea for this building project as a part of their continuing efforts to expand education opportunities as well as serve as a world-class showcase of sustainability in action. The buildings are to serve as a gateway for the public to the Florida scrub, blending the outdoors and indoors, reflecting the surrounding natural beauty. Many elements of the green design are inspired by the surrounding Florida scrub ecosystem: a place where plants and animals survive by conserving energy and water.

The Station achieved LEED Platinum certification for its new Frances Archbold Hufty Learning Center and Adrian Archbold Lodge in January 2012. LEED or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, established by the U.S. Green Building Council, is the nation's pre-eminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings, as verified by the Green Building Certification Institute. LEED Platinum certification is the highest standard achievable.

The celebration included a welcome from Sebastian de Atucha, Treasurer of Archbold's Board of Trustees. Sebastian, Frances Archbold Hufty's grandson

and Richard Archbold's grandnephew, opened his remarks with, "My grandmother once said of the buildings that, they must be distinctive, but not eccentric." He went on to explain that they met this criteria and much more. "We are thrilled to have met the vision of providing a world showcase for green construction," de Atucha added. Hilary Swain, the Station's executive director, commented, "This building has set Archbold Biological Station and the community on a continuing journey of sustainability. We hope to continue working together with the building industry and through our collaboration, promote the lessons learned here, so they can be replicated throughout the southeast and beyond."

Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner and Archbold Trustee said, "As a rural county, we are especially proud to have Florida's 12th LEED Platinum commercial building located here. This project proves that the challenges presented by building in a rural area can be overcome."

The LEED Platinum Certification was presented by Jennifer McAlister, president of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the US Green Building Council. Recipients of framed certificates included representatives from the design and construction team responsible for the completion of the buildings. The team consisted of: Jeff Mudgett of Parker Mudgett Smith Architects; Jim Keohane of TLC Engineering; Rob Engel of Stantec; David Dale of Owen-Ames-Kimball, Inc., and Nancy Bissett of The Natives. Special recognition went to the Rocky Mountain Institute for its consultation on energy and daylight modeling and to Cross Creek Initiative which provided an

independent assessment of the buildings.

In addition to the LEED Certification, two other designations were presented to Archbold. The Southwest Florida Water Management District presented its Florida Water StarSM designation to both the Learning Center and Lodge for their water use efficiency both indoors and outdoors. Also, The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Science via its Highlands County Extension Office presented a gold level Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ designation for the new landscape around the buildings.

For more information on the new Frances Archbold Hufty Learning Center or Archbold Biological Station visit www.archbold-station.org.

Avon Park Farmer's Market adds to charm

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – After six months, the experimental Avon Park Farmer's Market is still going strong, according to organizer Ed Baldrige on Friday.

"We expected it to slow some when the winter guests left, but we are still seeing crowds in the 250-300 range when there is no rain," Baldrige said.

"The vendors also vary. We have about seven fruit and vegetable farmers that come and go every week, but we still have some regulars. McCracken Farms and Frankie's Fruits and Vegetables come every week, rain or shine."

What's popular at the Market?

"Seasonal fruits and vegetables seem to be the most popular. Holiday grapes, when in season, and strawberries are popular, but that is wrapping up. Right now blueberries are a big thing, especially with the Blueberry Festival coming to the park in a couple of weeks. I have talked to several who are planning to bake for the festival and they have questions about keeping the berries and I even had someone asking about recipes," Baldrige laughed. "I know how to pick and eat blueberries, not cook them."

According to Baldrige, the Market was a project designed to raise awareness about local agriculture and to bring traffic into the

downtown area of Avon Park.

"I was asked by Councilman Paul Miller to help get a market started and the Downtown CRA was willing to chip in on the advertising for the first quarter. After that, we pretty much stepped out on our own," Baldrige said.

The Market recently returned to its original starting place in Donaldson Park after deciding that a move to Museum Avenue was not the right atmosphere.

"The traffic flow was better and we definitely had better parking, which was a concern at one point with the Market and the shuffleboard tournaments going on at the same time. It was a good time to move back," Baldrige said.

Baldrige explained that the foot traffic to the weekly Thursday afternoon market was up and down, depending on a lot of factors, but the awareness of Avon Park's unique agricultural heritage was always the goal, not hordes of visitors.

"We are seeing a slow down in traffic since the winter visitors have left. Since the traffic was slower, we asked and the city graciously allowed us to move back into Donaldson Park. Those folks have been really helpful in keeping this going," Baldrige said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Candidates to speak to Tea Party

SEBRING — The candidates for the Supervisor of Elections office will be speaking at the Tuesday meeting of the Highlands Tea Party.

The meeting will be held at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square. The buffet is at 5 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m.

Candidates scheduled to speak are Rick Beebe, Susie Bishop, David Flowers and Penny Ogg. Visit www.thehighlandsteaparty.com, email JLPARZ@embarqmail.com or call 699-0743 for details.

'What's Up Main Street?' Avon Park to meet Tuesday

AVON PARK — The Avon

Park Community Redevelopment Agency - Main Street District will host its next "What's Up Main Street?" meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Jacaranda Hotel, 19 E. Main St., inside the South Florida Community College Foundation Conference Room. One agenda item includes discussing future events on Main Street.

These monthly meetings provide a discussion forum and place for ideas to be exchanged that relate to Avon Park's Main Street District. Anyone who has a business, residence or is interested in the Main Street area is encouraged to attend.

For more information, visit www.AvonParkCRA.com or call 224-6326.

ELCFH Administrative Committee meets

PORT CHARLOTTE – The ELCFH Administrative Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 9. This meeting will be held at the ELCFH Charlotte office, 2886 Tamiami Trail, Suite 1, Port Charlotte as well as via conference call.

Call 1-866-628-8620 and enter participant code 504163#.

The mission of the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc. is to support families and children in accessing high quality early care and education services via School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-kindergarten programs. The ELCFH also serves as a

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

I don't want to be Vice President either

Now that it looks like Mitt Romney is going to be the Republican's nominee for president, attention has turned to who might be his vice presidential choice.

Depending on who you talk to, this is either not a big deal or terribly important. Those in the terribly important camp point out its Romney's first presidential decision and he has to get it right. Those who don't think this is a big deal (and I admit they are the minority) seem to think that the vice presidential choice doesn't help or hurt the presidential race in the long run.

I fall somewhere in between. I do think that the vice presidential pick can affect the vote – I know of people who voted for John McCain in 2008 because of Sarah Palin. On the other hand, I haven't heard of anyone who voted for President Obama because of Joe Biden. So maybe it depends on the candidate.

In any case, people always look forward to the candidate's choice. It gives political pundits something to talk about while they wait for the convention, and people like to try to predict who will get the nod.

What I find interesting is the number of Republicans out there who have made it clear they do not want the job. Republicans like Senator Marco Rubio and Governor Chris Christie, both who've been mentioned as possible choices for Romney. It seems that almost everyone asked says they're not interested, with the exception of Jeb Bush, who said he'd at least think about it.

Well, let me jump on the bandwagon. Just in case anyone was curious, I don't want to be picked for Vice President either.

For one thing, I would have to rejoin the Republican Party to accept the job. I got fed up with the party years ago and went to NPA (No Party Affiliation). I'm not sure they've changed enough for me to go back,

Laura's Look even if they dangled a job in front of me. And let's face it,

Laura Ware

what is there about the job to make it desirable? Yes, I know that it is important on some level but who really wants it? It seems that a lot of the vice president's duties are to remain in good health and pray that the president does the same lest you find yourself with an unwanted promotion.

Plus I would have to leave Central Florida and go live in Washington, D.C... I'm not saying I live in a perfect place – August around here is brutal. But Washington would be similar. And I'd have to deal with DC traffic, which would be a pain even if someone else was driving.

There is also the whole not having a life. No more impulsive trips to Orlando. Every trip has to be planned, and some would be vetoed because of safety or political concerns.

Besides, I'm sure the vice president does something besides sitting around waiting for something to happen to the president. Such duties would cut into my writing time, time I'm not willing to surrender.

It would also mean the end of this column, I'm sure. I still feel I have things to say here, and to be honest I think my talents are better suited for writing occasionally snarky columns then doing whatever a Vice President does.

So, if you have Mitt Romney's ear, please let him know I am not interested in the job. I can't speak for the others, though. I wish him good luck in picking someone out. Try to forget that we're all watching – and we'll be free with our opinions when you make your choice.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Spare the stun gun, spoil the child

On Tuesday, April 10, a group of child advocates gathered in front of the courthouse to raise awareness about child abuse. Pinwheels spun in the wind, young people sung, and leaders in the community spoke about the importance of protecting the innocent.

It was a day about hope and making a difference.

Sadly, a 35-year-old unemployed father in Avon Park apparently hadn't heard about the event nor agreed with what the people were trying to do there.

Wednesday he was arrested on two charges of first degree felony for using an electric stun gun to discipline his children. The police report said that if the children flinched when the father applied the gun, they were stunned a second time as a punishment for flinching.

There were two other very similar incidents in 2011, one in Portsmouth, Va. and the other in Tampa.

Fortunately, cases like these are not all that common. Jeff Roth, executive director of the Champion for Children Advocacy Center, said he hadn't seen or heard of one before.

In fact, Roth says new technology has helped children, not put them in greater danger. "Technology has done more good than harm," he said. "It's easier

now to catch abusers and verify the abuse. It makes it harder for them to hide."

Roth said he didn't think there was more child abuse going on now, but it might seem like that because more child abusers are being stopped and the public is much more aware of the problem.

It was a teacher, for example, who brought the stun gun discipline case to the attention of authorities.

Roth did add a caveat about the Internet. "It is the exception. The Internet has made exploitation of children around the world much easier."

With so much publicity about the use of stun guns — at one point Sheriff Susan Benton allowed herself to be photographed while being "Tasered", her face contorted in pain — it is hard to believe adults do not understand how dangerous it is to shock young children with electricity.

The guns were designed to incapacitate people. Most defensive stun guns deliver a 50,000-volt jolt, and leave burn marks. Typically,

someone who receives a shock experiences sharp pain, temporary loss of superficial muscle movement, and momentary confusion.

Humans being humans, however, one can not be surprised that one person's weapon is another person's toy.

Researching the Avon Park incident, the *News-Sun* stumbled onto a new sport called Ultimate Tazer Ball. As described in an article by David Moye on huffingtonpost.com, Ultimate Tazer Ball involves two teams of four players each, which try to get a medicine ball into the opposing goal.

The twist is that all players carry stun guns and are allowed to shock whoever is carrying the ball. A reduced voltage is used, but the effect is still distinctly uncomfortable.

Moye reports that players may be shocked 30 to 40 times a game.

"The stun gun makes this an exciting sport for everyone," one of the inventors of the game is quoted as saying.

Here's how this idiotic game ties into child abuse: The game's co-founder told Moye, "We were practicing in front of some kids doing soccer practice and one of the dads was in awe. He kept saying, 'That will teach you ball control.'"

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.



TODAY'S LETTERS

Difficult to run and hide

Editor:

With modern day communications, it is very difficult to run and hide. The more I see and hear, the more I am convinced that the greatest threat to the things that made this country great is Barack Hussein Obama.

We give him another four years and we will see the real Obama. If you think it is bad now, just wait until he has no concern about re-election. Right now he is trying to buy your vote with handouts.

It is very apparent he has no respect for USA constitution and the individual freedom guaranteed in the founding principles of this great nation. Wake up

America.

Frank Parker
Sebring

Caring Families is a program to support

Editor:

April has been Child Abuse Prevention Month. As a kick-off, our community rallied on the courthouse steps to give a voice to children who suffer in the shadows.

I was unable to attend, but I appreciate the attention paid by citizens, students, local leaders, and this newspaper.

We can all play a part in keeping families whole, and pushing back the darkness of abuse and neglect. We have yet to fully tap the vast

resource of goodwill and dedication that many couples in our communities – especially the faith community – have to offer.

I have become passionate about a program called Caring Families. It is administered by the Florida Baptist Children's Homes. The concept is simple and requires no government funding and little overhead. The program matches caring volunteers willing to open their homes to parents who need helping caring for their children temporarily – before things get out of hand and the state is required to step in.

Parents in dire straits are more prone to take-out their frustrations on children. So the Caring Families program is a voluntary effort to bring

relief much in the way families and neighbors used to pitch-in years ago to help when loved ones struggled to care for their kids.

And let me tell you why programs like these are so critical: For each child diverted from the DCF system, we unplug court dockets, save taxpayer money that can be used for other important services, and, above all, avoid the breakup of families.

We all welcome the day when DCF has fewer abuse cases to report, but stemming the tide will take more than government to help keep families strong and whole. Let's not allow abuse prevention efforts to end just because the month does.

Denise Grimsley
Sebring

took office he said with the trillions of dollars, jobs will flow like water. He tells the young people to go to college so they can work at McDonalds with a degree, and if one should make it then Obama will take their money for his type of government for taxes. So it is a lose-lose for our youth.

When you have not worked it is out of your area to know how and what to do, but give away our land and money as Obama has done way too much of. Giving our oceans and oil rich land away.

In my opinion, he has got to go to save America.

In my opinion, Bush had eight years too many, and Obama three years, but did more spending and damage to this country.

Clarence Neeley
Sebring

Obama has done too much

Editor:

To Randy Ludacer: Who cares about these United States of America? Well for one, me. That is the reason that I will campaign for Mitt Romney.

Obama is looking for the young vote this year. I sure hope that they have learned a lesson from the three years of disaster on jobs from his administration. When he first

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Weather didn't hinder Kokomo

Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who made Ridge Area Arc's Kokomo a fun, successful event. The threat of rain forced Kokomo to move indoors at Sun 'N Lake on Saturday, April 21. The weather did not dampen any-

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Thanks also to the many individuals and businesses who donated fabulous raffle and auction items. We're still counting but hoping to reach our goal of \$20,000.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the programs and services provided by Ridge Area Arc.

Rhonda Beckman
Avon Park

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We believe your viewpoints are just as important as any community leader or government official, so consider this a personal invitation to get your two cents in.

Animal Control has more to deal with than just dogs and cats

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facility at 7300 Haywood Taylor Blvd., right next door to the Highlands County Humane Society, showed a clean environment that housed not just dogs and cats but horses, chickens, bunnies and even one pigeon.

"Well, the family was moving and could not take him with them, so they brought him here," Scott said about the black-and-white bunny.

He had no idea where the pigeon came from.

"I guess he came in on my day off. He has a band on his leg and he is in great health," Scott said.

Scott explained how every animal that was brought to the facility was processed.

"We don't have the luxury of turning animals away when we are full. We have to take every animal," Scott said. "Every animal is assessed for health concerns then is treated as needed. We feed and water twice a day and we worm, if needed, and we call in a vet if there is a reason."

After the initial evaluation, each animal is penned and held for 10 days before they are put out for adoption or sent to another shelter, or are euthanized, which occurs on Wednesdays.

"Wednesdays are sad days. We have a special section in the county landfill where the animals are taken. It is a crappy part of the job, but it has to be done. Every one we keep out of the landfill is a win. We have over 50 rescues around the state and several societies we work with. Every animal is posted on the county website, then on Facebook. The staff spends their own time posting the animals on Facebook at home because Facebook is blocked at work," Scott explained.

According to Scott, mostly dogs and cats are euthanized in addition to any rabid animals. The other ani-



Highlands County Animal Control caretaker Aubre McAnally assesses a cat that was brought in recently to the center in Sebring.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

mals are kept until they are adopted out.

"People pick up their cows right away. Horses are expensive to keep and we have three here now and are fixing to pick up two or three more this week. We keep the other animals forever," Scott said. "But, if you need a horse, we are the cheapest place to get a horse if you want one. They are just \$85."

When asked to address some of the statements made by animal activists during the commission meeting, Scott showed concern.

"Well, those folks are very emotional about animals. They do all they can and we do all we can," Scott said.

Animal Control records were neatly organized and a records request prompted immediate

response from control staff. It was clear that most of the equipment was well tended but outdated.

"We are doing a great job with what we have," Scott said as he pointed out an animal trailer that was from the late 1970s but in good repair.

"Budget," Scott said without hesitation when asked what his biggest obstacle was to running animal control.

"The FACA (Florida Animal Control Association) recommends a caretaker for every 1,000 animals processed each year. We processed over 6,000 last year and we only have one caretaker," Scott said.

"When someone comes out to look for an animal or to adopt, the caretaker has to stop what she is doing and take them around. She

does just about everything from janitor to med tech. She processes the animals and makes sure every animal gets proper care," Scott said.

A tour of the facility revealed clean pens, no overcrowding, clean, fresh water, and a separated area for quarantined animals. But most of the pens were full, and some cats had to share, Scott explained as he absent-mindedly scratched a kitten on the head.

As a mother hen with chicks walked by, Scott explained that he recently drafted sections of a new ordinance that could make the county's animal control issues less pervasive, including requiring all dogs, cats and ferrets to be tagged and immunized against rabies.

"Not one of the cat bites this year were from immunized animals,"



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Dogs await their new home away from the Highlands County Animal Control in Sebring.

Scott said. "We need to correct that. The changes to the ordinance would bring us closer to state guidelines."

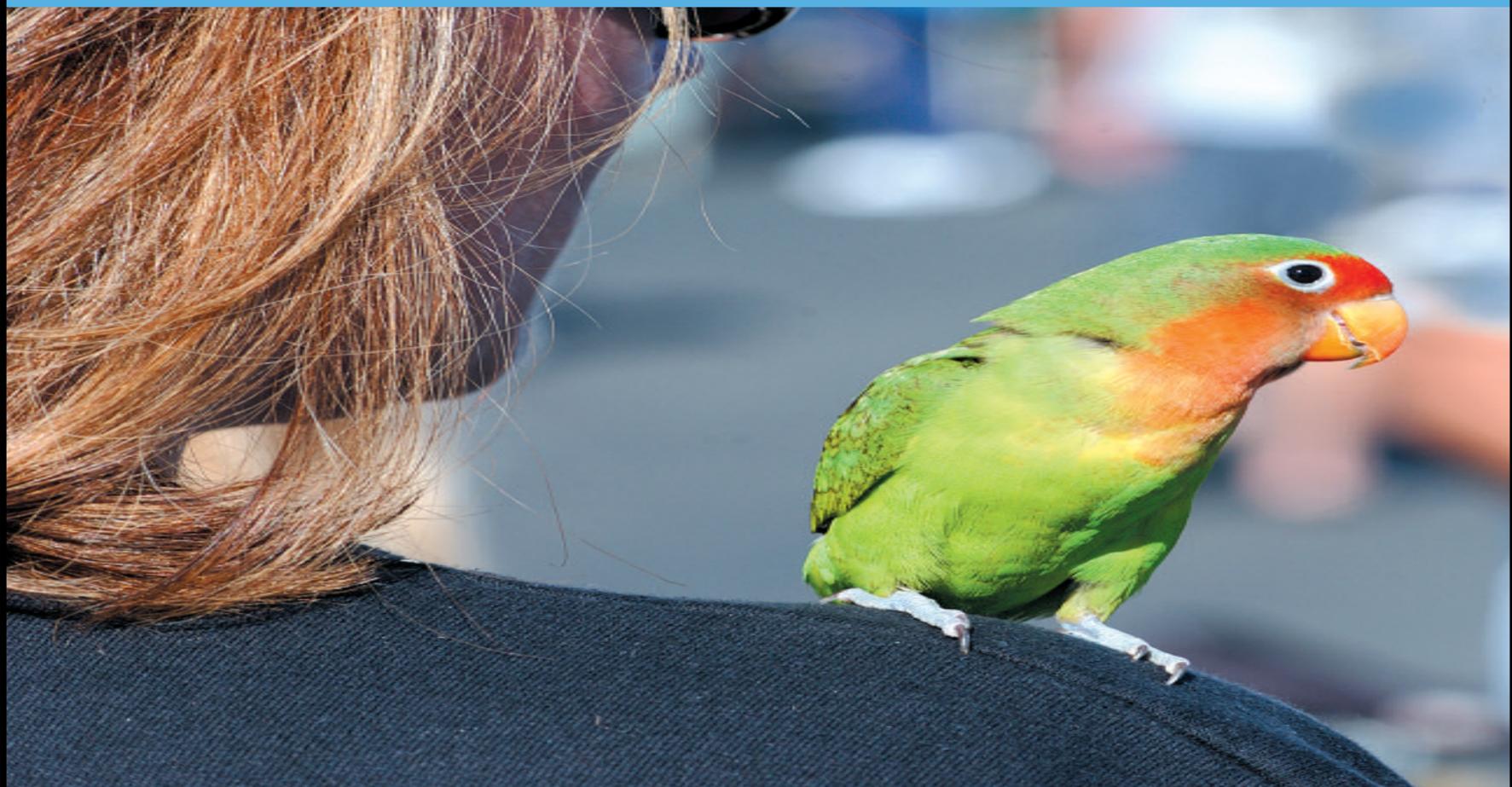
Commissioners decided at a meeting two weeks ago to forgo a look at the proposed changes until the citizen's committee could be formed and public input could be gained.

Scott had no problem with that, or with the potential volunteers that could be arranged.

"I would welcome volunteers who understand animals. Yes, we have had some in the past, and we have had to turn down some who have volunteered. Not everyone is suited to this kind of work. You can't save every animal no matter what anyone says. But you can do your best to save as many as you can," said Scott.

Those wishing to adopt or has an issue with an animal can call (863) 655-6475 or the Highlands County Humane Society at (863) 655-1522.

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Law Day recognizes Wohl, Germaine, Serrano

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"I have a keen appreciation for the separation of the powers (legislative, executive, judicial). One can't get along without both of the other two ... I like dealing with challenging legal issues," Canady said.

Following Canady's address to guests, Bruce Smith, Chief Judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit, began the awards and recognition ceremony but not before recognizing Canady and all his work.

"He's (Canady) been some leader," Smith said.

This year's Judge Clifton M. Kelly Award was received by former Highlands County Bar Association President Thomas (T.J.) Wohl. Wohl currently is an attorney advisor for the Highlands County Teen Court.

Bob Germaine was this year's recipient of The HCBA Law Day Award. Germaine has worked in the



T.J. Wohl (right) accepts the Judge Clifton M. Kelly Award from the Highlands County Bar Association Friday afternoon during the 12th annual Highlands County Law Day Luncheon.

Clerk of Courts Office for nearly 40 years. He is a lifelong resident of Highlands County.

Sebring High School senior Diego Serrano was the recipient of the HCBA Jani Branham Scholarship. Diego was awarded with a full two-year scholarship to South Florida Community College.

As Serrano accepted his award he spoke briefly to the attendees.

"Seeing this in my hands now I'm really motivated to pursue law enforcement," Serrano said.



Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Canady speaks to guests during the 12th annual Highlands County Law Day Luncheon Friday afternoon at the Sebring Civic Center.

Maryland woman faces felony charges after traveling to meet local minor

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

SEBRING – A Maryland woman was taken into custody Wednesday on alleged sexual assault charges of a local teen.

Lisa Elaine Carroll, 39, of Joppa, Md., faces felony charges following her arrest – nine counts of sexual assault and one count of obscene communication/traveling to meet a minor.

The investigation began in late March when Sgt. Monica Sauls of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office notified the parents of the 16-year-old male victim that the suspect had been "relaying a sexual relationship" with the minor. The woman was later identified as Carroll, according to the incident report.

The victim stated to law enforcement that he had met the suspect through an online game.

The suspect allegedly began physical contact with the victim around late December of 2011 while

staying in Lake Placid. According to the incident report, Carroll was aware of the victim's age two months prior to the first visit.

Carroll continued to travel from the state of Maryland to the state of Florida with intentions to meet up with the victim. The incident report alleges nine other times of consensual sexual contact with the minor victim.

"The defendant by her actions in the first meeting and in making a second trip here demonstrates her intent to continue an illegal sexual relationship with the victim and did entice him to do so," Sauls stated in the report.

Carroll is currently in the Highlands County Sheriff's Office custody. No further information was available at this time.



Carroll

4H students compete in district competition

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

SEBRING – Several local students have advanced to a district competition that will showcase their best works amongst hundreds of competitors.

Recently, 15 students involved in Highlands County 4H Club were recognized for their talents during the annual County Events

and Olympics on April 18.

Students from ages 5 to 18 competed in numerous categories including plant sciences, leisure and performing arts, sewing, food preparation, nutrition and health, sewing and various other things.

On Saturday, the group of students travelled to compete in the District X events held

in DeSoto County. The group of 4H students include: Richard Dillon Followell, Megan Sowards, Jimmy Griffin, Sara Griffin, Kitty Lackey, Julia VanFleet, Hanna Thompson, Katelyn VanFleet, Phoebe Lackey, Victoria Lackey, Elisabeth VanFleet, April Garcia, Jackson Rushlo, Shelby Ball, and Juliette Perez.

Each of the students were chosen to compete in the photography category after each of them presented their art to over 100 family members, friends and guests at the local competition.

The winners at the DeSoto County competition will immediately go on to the state competition, which will be held in Gainesville.

Boy struck by SUV, killed

Associated Press

TITUSVILLE — Police say a 22-month-old boy has died after being run over by an SUV in the parking lot of a Florida high school during a softball game.

Titusville Police Maj. Todd Hutchinson says in a news release the driver was backing up from a parking

spot Friday night at Titusville High School and said she didn't see the child. The driver wasn't cited, and police said there was no indication that alcohol was involved. Her SUV was confiscated for the investigation.

The boy was identified as Brady Hutto of Auburndale.

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Helping hands at Reflections



Courtesy photos
On April 4, Reflections on Silver Lake residents Barb Giese (right in photo at left) and Betty Robinson (left) presented checks to Hope Hospice, the American Diabetes Association, and the American Cancer Society. Each \$3,500 check was the culmination of this season's fundraising events. Betty and Barb, with the help of many Reflections' residents, spent the winter season planning, organizing and implementing fundraising events, including 50/50 ticket sales, pancake supper, sock hop, variety show, hamburger and karaoke benefit, golf cart poker run, and the raffle of a golf cart - graciously donated by Alan Holmes of Edward Jones. Barb and Betty, affectionately known as the 'Hustler Sisters', along with their 'Hustler Honeys', Ken Giese and Pat Farrer, play a key role each year in fundraising activities at Reflections. At left is the presentation to Della Jervier, Central Florida director of the American Diabetes Association. Above is the presentation to Lee Ann Hinskey, board member of the American Cancer Society. Below is the presentation to Hope Hospice Care Manager Melissa Lane and volunteer specialist Allison Lao.



SHS presents pre-prom DUI Prevention Program

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The sad statistic is that each year across the nation, teens attending high school proms die or become seriously injured in alcohol-related accidents on prom night. In an effort to keep this from happening in Highlands County, Sebring High School students will present a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Prevention Program on Friday, May 4.

The production will depict the fictional death of the homecoming queen in a car accident caused by a drunk driver on prom night.

Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy and School Resource Officer Shannon Purvis has spearheaded this production in hopes of deterring students from consuming alcohol especially on prom night.

There will be two per-

formances, one at 9 a.m. and another at 10:15 a.m. in the Smith Center at Sebring High School. All junior and senior students at the school will be required to attend this event.

Highlands is a dry county

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Despite some recent rain, Highlands County is still very dry.

"You can call it a drought," said Robyn Felix, media relations manager for the Southwest Florida Water Management District. "It's extremely dry and we are monitoring conditions closely. The 1.7 inches we got last weekend provided some improvement, but we expect it to dry out again."

Felix said that while restrictions have been tightened in Citrus, Hernando and

Sumter counties, they remain at Phase I here in Highlands County. She described Phase I as a warning stage of response, recommending careful use of water because predictions are uncertain as to what the summer's weather pattern will be.

"We'd like to see above average rainfall so we can fill up," Felix said, but there are no guarantees — especially because 2011 was drier than usual as well.

According to SWFWMD, more than 80 percent of the area's water supply comes from aquifers.

Aquifers are underground layers of rock and sand that hold water.

As of April 27, the aquifer was slightly more than 2.5 feet below normal.

Rainfall has been well below average in April too.

Historically, it produces 2.49 inches of rain in the region. As of the 27th, there has only been 1.62 inches of rain.

While more than 10 inches of rain typically fall between January and April, this year there has been less than five inches.

St. Johns County tops Florida health rankings

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — St. Johns ranks as Florida's healthiest county.

The recently released rankings were compiled for each state by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

They are based on health behavior, social and economic factors, clinical care and physical environment. The measures used include numbers of fast food restaurants and levels of physical inactivity by county residents.

Florida's top ten counties besides St. Johns

are, in order, Seminole, Sarasota, Collier, Martin, Clay, Leon, Hardee, Miami-Dade and Santa Rosa.

Highlands County ranked 29th out of the 64 Florida counties.

Union County ranks at the bottom, followed by Dixie, Putnam, Washington, Baker, Gadsden, Taylor, Madison, Hamilton and Glades.

Online: Florida health rankings, <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/florida/2012/rankings/outcomes/overall>

OBITUARIES

EILEEN ANDERSON

Eileen K. Anderson, 84, of North Port, Fla., formerly of Sebring, Fla. and Sarasota, Fla., passed away on April 26, 2012.

She is survived by her husband, Herb; daughter, Linda (Rick); sons, Del, Steve and Dennis (Joyce); two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family will hold a celebration of life at a later date. For online condolences, please visit www.mckeenorthport.com.

TRAVIS HILL SR.

Travis "Kelton" Hill Sr., age 74, of Avon Park, Fla., born on 14th of September, 1937 in Avon Park, Fla. to Joseph Benjamin and Audrey Caraway Hill, died 26th of April, 2012 in Sebring, Fla.

He was a lifelong resident of Highlands County. Kelton graduated from Avon Park High School where he excelled in football. He later attended the University of Georgia at Athens on a football scholarship. Kelton was a State Farm Insurance agent for over 41 years. He retired in April of 2010. He was named one of the top agents in the country, and to the Presidents Club. He was also involved in the citrus industry. He was active in various community clubs and organizations including being a

charter member of the Sertoma Club of Sebring and the Elks Club. He was a member of the Avon Park City Council and was instrumental in helping to bring South Florida Junior College to Highlands County. Kelton was a long-time supporter of youth and high school sports programs in Highlands County. Kelton was a member of the Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Joan Hartsfield Hill; son, Travis Kelton Hill Jr.; daughter, Kellie Hill Duke (Max) of Avon Park. He leaves five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Kelton was predeceased by his parents and two sisters, Irma Hill McCullough and Eloise Hill Sharpe. He leaves a brother, Benjamin Keith Hill.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, 29th of April from 2-4 p.m. at the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Sebring, Fla. (4001 Sebring Parkway). The funeral will be held on Monday, 30th of April at the Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd. in Avon Park. Interment will follow the funeral at Bougainvillea Cemetery in Avon Park. Contributions may be made in his memory to Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road,

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PATRICIA KING

Patricia King, 70, of Sebring, died Wednesday morning, April 18, 2012 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center. A native of Everett, Mass., she moved to this area in 1985 coming from Nashua, N.H. She had worked as a switchboard operator and project secretary for Metcalfe and Eddy Engineering Company in Boston, Mass. She had worked as a carrier for the Tampa Tribune, having earned the carrier of the year award several times.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Donald E. King Sr. of Sebring; four children, Donald E. King Jr. and wife Susan of Wilton, N.H., Valerie L. Hansen and husband Steven of Londonderry, N.H., Vicki L. Whitney and husband Bruce of Pepperell, Mass. and Scott C. King and partner Scott Sorensen of Lincoln, Neb.; two sisters, Constance E. Masterson and husband, Richard of Avon Park and Rebecca G. Marchand of Lowell, Mass.; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday, April 23, 2012.

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point of access to resources and referrals for health care and family support services. For more information, please call using the numbers at the top of this release.

Volunteers needed at Good Shepherd Hospice

SEBRING — Good Shepherd Hospice needs volunteers to support its mission to provide exceptional end-of-life care. Attend a free, 90-minute orientation session to learn more about the fulfilling experience of volunteering with Good Shepherd Hospice. Hospice needs volunteers at all levels — from providing companionship for a hospice patient to supplying office help to facilitating a children's grief support group to supporting families at the Somers Hospice House.

People interested in becoming a Good Shepherd Hospice volunteer have two opportunities in May to attend an orientation session on the following dates and times: 10 a.m. Tuesday, May

15 at Somers Hospice House, 1110 Hammock Road; and 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 at Somers Hospice House, 1110 Hammock Road.

Training is free and volunteers do not need any type of prior experience. Contact Regina Merrick at (863) 551-3943 or email merrickr@chaptershealth.org for information or to register.

Good Shepherd Hospice, part of the Chapters Health System, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports approximately 750 patients each day in Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties as they face the challenges of advancing age and illness.

Scribblers and Scribes meet

SEBRING — The Florida Writer's Association group, Sebring Scribblers and Scribes, will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Beef O' Brady's in Sebring. Come earlier for dinner.

Robert Miller, a Florida writer, will discuss two tools

of the writer: a website and the Youtube video. The public is invited and membership in FWA or Scribblers is not required.

For information, call Barbara Beswick at 402-9181.

5K/10K volunteers needed

LAKE PLACID — The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce 5K/10K will take place on May 19 starting and ending in DeVane Park. Volunteers on the route to cheer the athletes are needed and are invited at the end of the event to enjoy the awards presentation and have light refreshments.

Volunteers must meet at DeVane Park no later than 6:30 a.m. If you are interested in assisting, please email chamber@lpfla.com or call the chamber at 465-4331 on or before May 11.

DSAC to meet May 7

SEBRING — The Highlands County District School Advisory Council

will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 7 in the Garland Boggus Board Room at the School Board of Highlands County, 426 School St. The primary agenda item for this meeting is the Student Code of Conduct and Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT).

If you are a person with a disability who requires reasonable accommodations in order to attend a District School Advisory Council meeting, call 471-5608 three days prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.

SFCC offers Security Guard Certification

AVON PARK — South Florida Community College will offer a 40-hour Security Guard Training course from June 11-26 at the SFCC Public Service Academy, SFCC Highlands Campus. The class meets four nights per week, 6-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

This course is required to work as a state of Florida licensed security guard, class D license. Topics covered will include patrol techniques, first aid, terrorism, Florida statutes and those as mandated by the Department of Business Regulation. Cost of the course is \$137 per person. Registration must be complete before the start of the course.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFCC campus or center. For more information, contact the SFCC Public Service Academy at ext. 7280 or 7285 at 453-6661, 465-5300, 494-7500, or 773-2252 or visit <http://www.southflorida.edu/publicservice>.

'Round Up' planned

SEBRING — "Round Up"

Sunday is today at 10 a.m. at Living Waters Church of God, 4571 Sparta Road, Sebring.

Round up everyone you can and bring 'em to church! Dinner will follow the service, so please bring a dish to share.

For more information, call 385-8772.

First Baptist Church offers messages

LORIDA — First Baptist Church of Lorida will bring four nights of messages on the Holiness of God beginning Sunday through Wednesday. Each evening's message will be presented by different area pastors at 6:30 p.m.

The church is at 1927 Blessings Ave., and the telephone number is 655-1878.

Events planned

LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host music with Bama Jam today. Call for time. The Moose Riders meet at 7 p.m. Monday. For details, call the lodge at 465-0131.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 Ladies general meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call the lodge at 465-2661.

SEBRING

The VFW Post 4300 will host Mega Sound today. Call for time. For details, call 385-8902.

Moose Lodge 2259 Moose Riders will be riding on Thursday, leaving the Lodge at 11 a.m. A fish fry or baked chicken wings will be offered from 5-7 p.m. Karaoke will be from 6-9 p.m.

Local election to be a busy one

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tougher competition.

Superintendent of Schools Wally Cox faces three opponents: Becky Fleck, William "Pep" Hutchinson III, and Roberta Peck.

County Commissioner

William "Ron" Handley (District 3) also faces three other candidates: Mark A. Pimentel, Michael S. Stone and Nadine Elliott-Tedstone.

In the next few weeks the News-Sun will begin publishing profiles of the candidates, and their answers to specific

questions regarding the work they seek to undertake.

Voters have until July 16 to register for the primary election, which is on Aug. 14. Registration for the general election closes Oct. 9. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Orvel Sebring's thoughts on Sebring

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and 1911. The land was covered by virgin pines. Lake Jackson was a jewel. The lake had a beautiful white sand bottom. It had none of the grass in it that is cursing the lakefront now except over on the north side and some of it over on the south cove. One of our favorite pursuits was wading along this fine sandy shore and looking for arrowheads and usually you would be rewarded. Why they were there, one can only guess. There was one theory that the Indians would climb the trees and shoot down at fish. Well, that was as good a theory as any. They might have had canoe battles for all we know.

Again recollecting (but some years later) I can remember when one time we had a picnic over in the South Cove. There was a slough there, or a hammock, where Jackson Creek flowed out. It's been all cut down now. There were beautiful trees there; there were bay trees in the spring and you could smell the scent of magnolia. But, at this particular time, I can remember counting eleven alligators on the top of the water there, in the dusk.

These are some of the things that one thinks about in retrospect. There are so many more. It was a beautiful town, it was full of hardships, every

piece of wire that went into Sebring, Florida was a struggle in the first few years. Wauchula was the railroad. If it hadn't been for the model T Ford, Sebring, Florida would never have come along as it did. The people who supplied the brains and the brawn; Aaron Withers, Ed Harshman, E.O. Douglas, Will Haskins and Fax Haskins, Paul Vinson, John A. Taylor, G.F. Bobb, Ed Hainz, John Graham, Bill Amy, Col. F.N.K. Bailey, Dr. Etheredge, Ma and Pa Ruhl, Paul Rippberger, Ada Rippberger and Sallie Tucker (wonderful teachers to whom I owe a great deal), Col. William Evans, Austin Heacock, C.F. Saunders, Sam Degering, Will and Herb Reck, Henry Henning, Harry McCorckle, Fred Bee, the Altvaters, the Gearings, Elder J.C. Moore, Dr. MacMurray and Dr. Kiesling, the Whitehouse family, the Capwells, Spencer and Brandon Jones, Will Dalgetty, Bill Muff and so many others, hosts of old-timers whom we recall. Those mentioned were a small part of them, but they were great people. The Salvation Army and the Dunkards had a great influence of the founding of Sebring. How they got here originally, I don't know, but they were friends; they brought their own in; they

were wonderful people. I can well remember with great happiness the Christmas Eve carols of The Salvation Army group and their closing, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". We are flooded by memories! Indeed, Sebring, Florida has a heritage of which it can well be proud!

As mentioned, the above excerpts are from a transcript from Orvel Sebring to Allen Altwater, made February 1971 and credit due to the Sebring Historical Society. Presently, Allen Altwater III is the President of Sebring's Centennial Celebration; the Centennial Planning Committee meets this Thursday, 4 PM at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center, the public is invited & encouraged to attend. Go to the website, www.Sebring100.com, call 655-5554, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CelebrateSebringCentennial, or email events@sebring100.com to get involved. Thanks to the News-Sun for the opportunity to keep everyone informed on Sebring's Centennial Celebration. Reference this article every Sunday and you won't miss a thing!

Jen Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

Market adds charm to Avon Park

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"It will be cooler here in the summer months and it has more of a family atmosphere. The park provides a nice backdrop for just hanging out and meeting with friends. We have had a lot of kids visit the market, and the park gives them alternatives to just looking at broccoli with mom," he added.

"It's been up and down as far as attendance. Some days we see a lot of folks before 4 p.m., sometimes we see a crowd after 5 p.m. when folks get off of work. There is

always people walking through and you always see someone with a shopping bag of something," Baldrige said.

"But the goal was not to put thousands of people in the park at one time. The goal is to help local agriculture and to bring awareness to the fact that Avon Park is a great place to walk, shop and eat," Baldrige explained.

"Many of the farmers have commented that the market gives them a place to attract new customers to their farms and stands."

"The Market is also about capturing that sense of Avon Park charm that has always existed," Baldrige continued. "That family-friendly, relaxed atmosphere."

The Market starts around 3 p.m. every Thursday and runs till 7 p.m. at the east end of Main Street in Donaldson Park.

Those interested in more information about the Farmer's Market can call Baldrige at 443-0617 or contact vendors and organizers on Facebook. Search for Avon Park Farmer's Market.

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Breezy with times of clouds and sun	Breezy with times of clouds and sun	Clouds and sun, a t-storm possible	Clouds and sun, a t-storm possible	Clouds and sun, a t-storm possible
88° / 69°	87° / 68°	86° / 67°	88° / 69°	86° / 67°
Winds: ENE at 10-20 mph	Winds: E at 12-25 mph	Winds: E at 10-20 mph	Winds: ESE at 8-16 mph	Winds: ESE at 8-16 mph

Almanac

Temperature

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	78°
Low Tuesday	35°
High Wednesday	84°
Low Wednesday	44°
High Thursday	88°
Low Thursday	49°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	47%
Expected air temperature	86°
Makes it feel like	88°

Barometer

Tuesday	30.11
Wednesday	30.17
Thursday	30.13

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	2.17"
Year to date	5.18"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	10:30 a.m.
Low	3:05 a.m.
High	8:15 p.m.
Low	2:33 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	2:52 a.m.
Low	8:50 a.m.
High	3:15 p.m.
Low	9:15 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okechobee	11.71'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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5	9	9	5
10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.

0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme

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Farm Report

Breezy today with clouds and sun. Winds east-northeast 10-20 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% 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

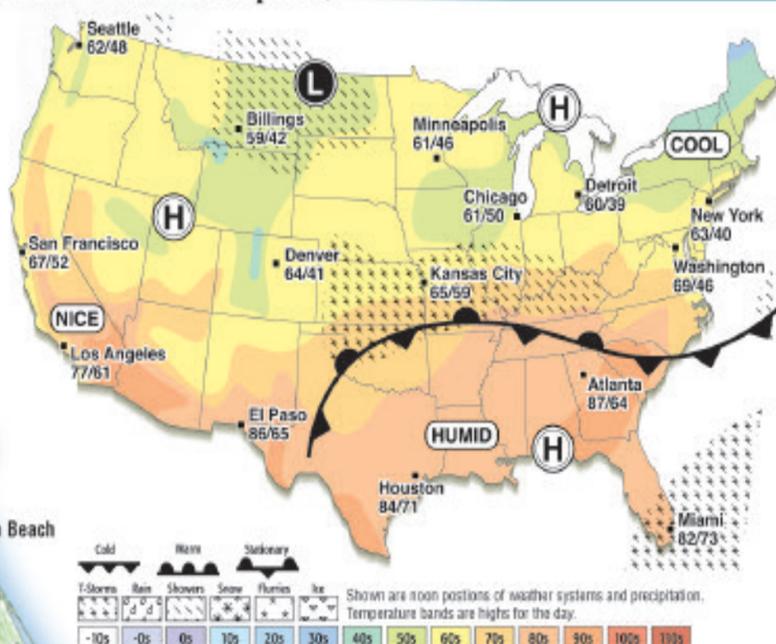
A late-season cold snap on April 29, 1874, brought 0.50 of an inch of snow to New York City, its latest measurable snowfall on record.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:50 a.m.	6:49 a.m.
Sunset	7:57 p.m.	7:57 p.m.
Moonrise	1:29 p.m.	2:27 p.m.
Moonset	1:57 a.m.	2:37 a.m.

First: Apr 29, Full: May 5, Last: May 12, New: May 20

National Forecast for April 29



National Summary

Chilly high pressure will build into the Great Lakes today, leading to a brisk day across the Northeast despite periods of sunshine. A lingering frontal boundary stretched from western Texas to the Carolina coast will separate chilly, dry air to the north and warm, humid air to the south. Along the stalled front, showers and thunderstorms will fire from northern Oklahoma to Kentucky. In the northern Rockies and Plains, an upper-level low pressure will produce plenty of clouds and some showers.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	74/53/pc	80/54/s	81/56/s	Los Angeles	77/61/s	74/58/pc	70/58/pc
Atlanta	87/64/s	87/64/pc	89/63/pc	Louisville	76/60/sh	85/65/t	85/68/t
Baltimore	66/38/pc	66/48/pc	73/58/s	Memphis	86/66/pc	88/67/pc	89/68/t
Birmingham	88/61/s	90/66/pc	84/65/pc	Minneapolis	61/46/pc	70/55/pc	78/57/s
Boston	58/39/s	60/45/s	57/49/s	Nashville	87/64/pc	89/64/pc	86/66/t
Charlotte	86/61/pc	73/61/t	80/61/s	New Orleans	84/69/pc	89/69/pc	83/70/pc
Cheyenne	60/37/pc	70/45/pc	73/41/pc	New York City	63/40/s	65/50/s	68/53/s
Chicago	61/50/pc	70/52/t	75/60/t	Norfolk	64/51/pc	67/55/pc	73/62/pc
Cleveland	58/37/s	70/57/pc	72/58/s	Oklahoma City	77/65/t	81/65/t	83/67/pc
Columbus	64/46/pc	80/51/t	79/51/t	Philadelphia	63/42/s	65/50/s	73/54/s
Dallas	80/70/c	83/70/pc	85/70/pc	Phoenix	90/68/s	92/68/s	94/68/s
Denver	64/41/pc	77/47/pc	83/44/pc	Pittsburgh	63/39/s	71/55/t	72/58/t
Detroit	60/39/s	58/53/t	72/59/s	Portland, ME	54/32/s	60/38/s	53/43/pc
Harrisburg	62/33/s	65/49/s	71/57/s	Portland, OR	67/51/c	59/46/s	59/46/sh
Honolulu	84/71/pc	84/71/s	85/72/pc	Raleigh	80/57/pc	72/60/c	83/62/s
Houston	84/71/pc	85/70/pc	85/70/pc	Rochester	55/29/s	64/47/pc	67/53/pc
Indianapolis	64/53/c	77/60/t	80/63/t	St. Louis	71/61/t	79/63/t	82/65/t
Jackson, MS	85/62/s	87/62/pc	89/66/pc	San Francisco	67/52/s	64/49/s	63/48/s
Kansas City	85/59/t	77/63/t	81/65/t	Seattle	62/48/c	57/44/t	56/43/t
Lexington	71/56/sh	84/61/t	84/63/t	Wash., DC	69/46/pc	65/54/pc	76/62/t
Little Rock	83/64/pc	85/64/pc	88/67/pc				

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	88/72/s	88/73/s	88/74/s	London	57/45/t	63/50/sh	59/48/sh
Athens	75/61/s	73/62/s	80/63/s	Montreal	46/30/s	56/40/s	52/43/c
Beirut	79/71/pc	73/66/c	78/62/pc	Moscow	75/40/c	56/40/s	59/29/sh
Berlin	82/58/pc	75/52/pc	77/54/pc	Mex	66/56/t	65/55/t	68/53/c
Bermuda	73/66/pc	68/62/c	67/64/s	Ottawa	47/30/s	56/40/s	49/42/c
Calgary	57/33/c	56/37/c	49/35/sh	Quebec	43/25/pc	52/32/s	52/33/c
Dublin	47/42/t	53/45/pc	56/45/s	Rio de Janeiro	84/70/t	78/68/t	89/84/t
Edmonton	54/30/pc	58/37/pc	49/37/t	Seoul	79/52/pc	84/55/s	84/59/pc
Fredericton	78/74/t	80/73/t	82/71/pc	Singapore	90/77/t	88/78/t	90/77/t
Geneva	62/47/t	67/50/t	66/46/c	Sydney	70/55/sh	70/57/pc	75/57/pc
Havana	85/61/s	84/70/s	85/69/sh	Toronto	52/35/s	52/41/pc	63/44/pc
Hong Kong	84/73/t	86/73/t	86/73/t	Vancouver	58/40/c	54/46/t	52/44/t
Jerusalem	77/60/c	73/59/pc	75/58/s	Vina	81/57/s	80/57/s	80/62/pc
Johannesburg	77/53/s	78/54/s	79/55/s	Warsaw	82/54/c	82/58/s	77/52/s
Kiev	82/57/s	83/55/s	82/57/s	Winnipeg	59/44/pc	61/44/c	67/46/s

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CLOTHES CALLS

Transform your kid's closet into a fun and organized dressing area with our easy outfit planner, shoe caddy and hanging tags

By JoEllen Mitchell
FamilyFun magazine

Your child will feel like a life-size paper doll as she stands before the mirror and "tries on" different tops and bottoms with this simple-to-make outfit planner. Once she's decided on the perfect look, she can leave the garments hanging on the planner's mini-clotheslines, ready for the morning rush. Accessories are all within reach, thanks to adhesive-backed hooks and cleverly repurposed kitchen items, such as a tea tin and a grocery-bag holder.

FamilyFun



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FOR THE DOOR



1. Securely attach a full-length mirror to the closet door at a height that works well for your child. We used adhesive-backed picture-hanging strips, included with our mirror (Melannco mirror, \$20 at Bed Bath & Beyond).

2. On both sides of the mirror frame, mark your child's shoulder and waist levels. At these spots, adhere four adhesive-backed hooks, sticking them on the frame or just outside, on the door (**A**). Tie and knot loops at both ends of two 30-inch shoelaces. Slip the loops onto the

hooks and clip a pair of clothespins to each line.

3. Add adhesive-backed hooks for hair ties and necklaces (**B**), then repurpose a few items from around the house as organizers for other accessories and grooming gear. Using picture-hanging strips, mount the items within your child's reach, where they won't interfere with the door's functioning. We used a tea tin as a holder for a hairbrush and headbands, a grocery-bag holder (\$3 at Ikea) for corralling socks, and cork coasters (8 for \$8 at Bed Bath & Beyond) for pinning up jewelry and a love note from Mom (**C**).

FOR THE FLOOR

Tame those piles of sandals and sneakers by giving each child a plastic utility caddy (ours was \$10 at Target). Then kids can gather their wayward shoes from around the house and tuck the holders into their closets. If you like, personalize each caddy with letters cut from adhesive-backed felt. Keep an extra caddy by your home's entry for stowing flip-flops in summer and slippers in winter.



FOR THE CLOTHES ROD

Divide and conquer your family's hanging clothes with these fun tags. Made from plastic jugs, they're especially useful for shared closets. Your kids can decorate the tags with cool clothing pics clipped from magazines or catalogs.

1. To start, draw a 3- by 6-inch oval, trace a hanger hook to size the hole, and cut out the oval (or you can download a template at <http://familyfun.go.com/assets/>

[cms/pdf/crafts/FF0710HOME_RodTag.pdf](http://familyfun.go.com/assets/cms/pdf/crafts/FF0710HOME_RodTag.pdf)).

2. Cut a flat section from the side of a clean water or milk jug and adhere it to a sheet of adhesive-backed felt. On the plastic side, trace the template. Cut out the tag, then make a slit for slipping it onto the rod.

3. Write a label on the plastic side in permanent marker. Use double-sided tape to add a magazine photo of clothing.



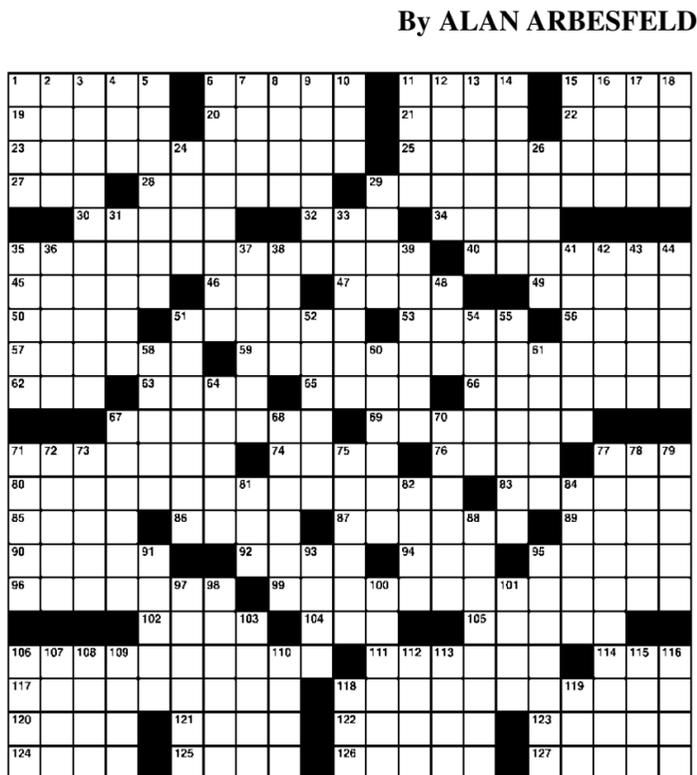
DIVERSIONS

AMAZING!

ACROSS
 1 Colorful talker
 6 Hair net
 11 Thai currency
 15 Legal opening?
 19 Prominent period
 20 New Mexico county whose seat is Alamogordo
 21 Buck chaser?
 22 Elliptical
 23 Steal
 25 Shows no restraint
 27 Hit sign
 28 Work out an agreement
 29 Wouk work, with "The"
 30 Honorary Muslim title in old India
 32 Fed. auditing agency
 34 Crib sheet users
 35 2000 Sean Penn film, with "The"
 40 Spoils
 45 WWII Italian beach-head
 46 Waterfront org.
 47 It's gone in less than a flash: Abbr.
 49 Go for an ace, maybe
 50 Corporate honcho
 51 King in "The Tempest"
 53 Bilko and Klinger, e.g.: Abbr.
 56 "The Namesake" director Mira
 57 Busy, design-wise
 59 Have a drink
 62 Blowup source, briefly
 63 Shield border, in heraldry
 65 Germany, to Meg Ryan: Abbr.
 66 Conference clip-on
 67 Defended
 69 Nailed down
 71 "It's my fervent wish!"
 74 French monarchs
 76 Dr. visit
 77 "Cheers" bartender
 80 Last book in Robertson Davies'

"Deptford Trilogy"
 83 Mexican man, say
 85 Summer treat
 86 Whim
 87 Rock and Roll Hall of Famer David
 89 Had too much
 90 Sole protectors
 92 Said three times, a story shortener
 94 Sudden death cause
 95 Last word in doughnuts
 96 Self-important boss, facetiously
 99 Sage advice
 102 Aid factor
 104 Sun Valley loc.
 105 Parts of some area calculations
 106 Laurel and Hardy film set in Brushwood Gulch
 111 They take things in stride
 114 Go downhill, in a way
 117 Basically
 118 '30s show tune that became a 1960 Dion and the Belmonts hit
 120 Fictitious
 121 Time co-founder
 122 Board
 123 Topple
 124 1944 Normandy battle site
 125 Unwanted messages
 126 Prevailing tendency
 127 Giving lip

DOWN
 1 Cat calls
 2 On __ with
 3 Empire-building activity
 4 "Eew!" kin
 5 A-list
 6 Cook for three minutes, say
 7 Abbr. on many a can
 8 Eye, in Versailles
 9 Maker of Taco Kits
 10 "How stupid of me!"



Solution on page 7B

11 Indonesian island on its own sea
 12 Isn't for couples?
 13 Show off
 14 Have an easy catch with
 15 Disappearing word
 16 Declare
 17 Tabula __
 18 Tiger, e.g., briefly
 24 Something to be proud of
 26 Fails to prevail
 29 Troubles
 31 Bad gut feeling
 33 When a memorable movie gunfight occurs
 35 Aired, as a TV show
 36 Harden
 37 Ran smoothly
 38 Dwindle
 39 Break a promise
 41 Had a feeling
 42 Benjamin of "Law & Order"
 43 Walled Spanish city
 44 Easing of govt. restrictions
 48 IV amts.
 51 Spray
 52 Extend one's visit
 54 Confess
 55 How rebukes are administered
 58 Schlepped
 60 Sadat's predecessor
 61 "__ man who wasn't there ..."
 64 Bath scrubber
 67 Anger
 68 Rather rival
 70 Othello's lieutenant
 71 "If only!"
 72 __ Minh City
 73 Hydrox rivals, once
 75 Driver's license, often
 77 Fries and slaw
 78 Prefix with meter
 79 Computer accessory
 81 Like some humor
 82 Spoils
 84 Sculptors' subjects
 88 Get close to
 91 One may get congested
 93 "Go ahead!"
 95 Former children's clothing chain
 97 Chewable Asian leaves
 98 Clinched
 100 Reindeer name
 101 Baylor University site
 103 "Rock Around the Clock" label
 106 Mental faculties
 107 Gray area?: Abbr.
 108 Whoop it up
 109 Munch Museum city
 110 Appear to be
 112 Nice bean?
 113 Online __ print
 115 Guy dolls
 116 Fedora-wearing adventurer, familiarly
 118 Driver's lic. stat
 119 FDR program

By ALAN ARBESFELD

Reaction or response?



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

"That's it!" I cried.

That squirrel had bested us for the last time.

The battle had been going on for weeks as we sought ways to keep him from our bird feeder. At last we had bought a baffle which needed to be adjusted to work with our feeder.

Each time we thought we had him beat, he found a way to outsmart us.

This last time, we had devised a way to place the baffle so that it blocked his approach to the feeder. We cheered when we saw we had indeed baffled him.

Until now.

The unsuspecting red cardinal sat perched atop the bird feeder chirping and delighting us. When suddenly from the tree limb the squirrel "flew" to the bird feeder, landing on top of the bird.

A streak of red flew across the yard and we reacted!

"Let's cut that branch off the tree so the squirrel can't reach the feeder," we agreed. Then we even moved the feeder further from the tree.

That's when it hit us that in our reactionary anger to the squirrel, we had lost a beautiful tree limb. All we should have done was respond by preventively moving the bird feeder in the first place.

In an angry outburst, we had cut our noses to spite

our faces.

Anger is like that. It causes all our sensible thoughts to fly in reaction to whatever provokes it. It grips us and won't let go. Instead of solutions, we end up with more problems.

It's no fun being outsmarted by a squirrel. But, letting a little squirrel get the better of two humans created in God's image with intelligence and creativity shows how anger gets us out of touch with reality.

God warns us in Psalm 37:8, NKJV, "Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret — it only causes harm."

Scripture's warnings are like preventive medicine.

God recognizes that the emotion of anger will well up now and then. Many passages of Scripture teach us how we are to respond rightly.

For example, God knows that it is better to resolve conflict before we go to bed not letting it fester like an infected wound. In Ephesians 4:26 and 27 he tells us, "Be angry, and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your wrath or give place to the devil."

So, the next time anger ruffles your feathers, pray for calm. Clear thinking will result as you respond instead of react. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Libra can see the finish line

Special to the News-Sun

Aries (March 21-April 20)

— Aries, assess a situation before acting. Only then will you have a clear view and map out the steps that you must take. Pisces may help you with your plan.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Taurus, it can sometimes feel impossible to find that perfect someone for a loving relationship. If you're single, let a friend set you up this week.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Gemini, with so many momentous things going on it can be hard to keep track of all the things you need to get done. A few tips on organization will go a long way.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Cancer, you just may find that when you stop thinking so intently about something, all of the answers become clear. This could be the solution you were seeking.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — Leo, you may find it puzzling that so many people keep turning to you for words of wisdom. If you have the advice to offer, go ahead. You can also politely decline.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Virgo, look internally for help this week. Though there are plenty of reasons to avoid an activity, there are many excellent reasons why you should engage yourself.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Happy times are on the horizon, Libra. You just have to make it through a few more obstacles and tasks before you get there.

Snapshots

The finish line is in sight.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Scorpio, when it rains it pours, and this week you'll find out the true meaning of that expression. But being a fighter means you'll find the silver lining.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Sagittarius, although you may want to help when a friend comes to you, there is not much you can offer in this particular situation besides support and encouragement.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Things are completely out of your hands, Capricorn. While you thought you would feel helpless, this experience can actually prove liberating for you.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Aquarius, the beginning of the "fun-in-the-sun" season is starting and you are very excited about all of the outdoor recreation prospects. Make your to-do list now.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — It could take a helping hand to pull you up from a tricky situation, Pisces. You just may be lucky to have this person on your side.

Notable birthdays

April 29 - Andre Agassi, athlete, 42; April 30 - Kirsten Dunst, actress, 30; May 1 - Tim McGraw, singer, 45; May 2 - Dwayne Johnson, actor/wrestler, 40; May 3 - Frankie Valli, singer, 75; May 4 - Mike Dirnt, bassist, 40; May 5 - Adele, singer, 24.

Young son's uncontrolled anger endangers himself and his dog

Dear Abby: I have a beautiful wife, a dog and an 8-year-old son I love to watch sports with. My son loves sports, but he has trouble accepting a loss. He'll take out his disappointment by beating the dog.

My wife doesn't want to get rid of "Patches" because she has had him since college. I don't want to put my son through counseling because he said he'll hate me forever if I do. I'm afraid if the problem isn't controlled, my son's life goals may be affected. What can I do?

— Good Dad in Cleveland

Dear 'Good Dad': Stop trying so hard to be your son's sports buddy, and try harder to be a parent. At his age, he should be able to handle disappointment and control his anger and aggression. Do not wait another day to get him the counseling he needs! Children who hurt animals often go on to hurt other children. Your son should be evaluated by a mental health professional ASAP. By getting him the help he needs, you could be saving not one but two lives — his and Patches'.

Dear Abby: My mother and I were discussing the subject of egg donation — something we're both in favor of. I told her I have been considering donating my eggs because I don't plan to have children. Mom simply stared at me in shock. Now when we talk, she casually brings up how she loves baby-sitting my young cousins and my niece. I have never particularly liked children. In fact, I prefer to live by myself. I know my mother



Dear Abby

has always wanted a lot of grandchildren, but being a wife and mother is not a goal of mine like it was hers. I almost feel guilty about my decision. How do I explain this without upsetting her further?

— Childless by Choice

Dear Childless: Whether to have children is a personal choice. It should not be dictated because a parent "wants lots of grandchildren." Children deserve to be wanted. And women who do not particularly want to be mothers usually make less-than-terrific ones. If your mother raises the subject, answer her honestly, but don't apologize for your feelings. And, when she mentions how much she enjoyed baby-sitting your cousins and niece, smile, nod and say, "That's nice!"

Dear Abby: My cousin "Linda" loves her cats. Last

year one of them, "Wookiee," got very sick and she had to take him to the animal hospital. She sent a mass text message to all our family members indicating she would be unable to afford Christmas gifts because she had to pay a couple of thousand dollars on Wookiee's vet bills. She continues to send updates on his health and treatment.

Last week, I received an email from Linda about a website she has established soliciting donations to cover her cat's medical expenses. Every day since then I have received a text or email from her or her mother asking me to donate and to tell my friends as well.

I'm sorry Linda's cat is dying, but I don't feel comfortable soliciting friends to donate money for a cat who will not get better. Besides, they don't even know Linda or Wookiee. How do I politely ask her to stop bombarding me with these requests? (I think what she's doing is a little tacky.)

— Cat Got My Tongue

Dear Cat Got Your Tongue: Don't ask. Your cousin is trying desperately to save the pet she loves, and it would hurt her already sensitive feelings. Send her a

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CHALK TALK

SFCC graduate shares the wisdom of personal choices

Struggles led to self discipline, bright future

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — As each graduate walks across the stage to receive their diploma during any of South Florida Community College's commencement ceremonies, there is no question that one, two, or perhaps even a series of personal choices and decisions have led them to that moment. SFCC student and this year's commencement keynote speaker, Keiaria Williams, will tell you that she is no different.

Raised by her grandmother, Williams moved to Sebring from a beach town in California. At first, she was caught off guard by the new culture of people that surrounded her. "People seemed to live a simpler way of life than I was used to," she said. "They drove pick-up trucks; they went mudding; they raised farm animals — it was a huge culture shock compared to where I was from."

As a high school freshman, Williams struggled to fit in and didn't make many friends, but then the opportunity to join the Sebring High School Color Guard arose, and Williams soon found a group where she belonged. Not only was she finally making friends and acclimating to her new home, she also found that the Color Guard was teaching her important values including discipline and respect, for those around her as well as for herself. "I learned that you are not going to be like everyone else, and everyone else is not going to be like you. It really helped me embrace people's differences."

After some family struggles and poor choices led her to a stay in a group facility, Williams decided she needed to do something to positively improve her life. When she was 17 and a senior in high school, Williams became legally emancipated. "I didn't have anyone else in my life anyway, and I felt it was the best thing I could do for myself at the time."

But becoming legally emancipated at 17 was not an easy feat, and the discipline Williams learned in Color Guard began to take on a whole new meaning for her. "I had to prove to the courts that I was serious about it and not just some whiny, selfish kid."

Williams moved in with her band instructor, and for three months, in addition to her schooling, homework, and after-school activities,



Courtesy photo
Graduate Keiaria Williams will be the keynote speaker at Thursday's SFCC graduation ceremony.

she had to complete mounds of paperwork, find a job, find an apartment, and convince a landlord that at 17 years old she would be a responsible tenant. With no means of transportation once she was granted legal emancipation and living on her own, she then had to depend on others to help her travel to and from school and work as well as take her shopping or any other place she needed to go.

"I knew that once I was independent I had to be responsible, so I set a game plan. I figured out what I needed to do, and I just did it without complaining. That was the easy part. But I was still in high school, and everyone else was hanging out and having fun, and I couldn't do those things anymore. Being lonely was the hard part."

Williams successfully made it through high school and began taking college classes at SFCC the day after her 18th birthday. She quickly became involved in student clubs and activities, taking on even more responsibilities. She is a member of SFCC's Brain Bowl team, has served as public relations officer and secretary for the Student Government Association, lent a student voice on the SFCC Museum of Art and Culture (MOFAC) advisory committee, and formed SFCC's first Yoga Club. "I feel like it's our choice to attend SFCC, and being involved in activi-

ties and giving to each other as college students is the best way to show we care."

Williams credits her band instructor, Colorado Paniagua, with teaching her how to use her imagination and express herself without being afraid, her friends and roommates for always supporting her and helping her when she needs it, and three SFCC faculty and staff members for being inspirations to her. "Dr. Theresa James helped me recognize my abilities; Lisa Johnson-Decarie acknowledges every student and makes us feel like we matter; and Dr. Charlotte Pressler taught me that a single thought or question can take us farther in life than we ever imagined."

Williams will attend the University of South Florida in the fall to pursue degrees in French and Sign Language.

She wants to teach, travel, and build a career where she can make a difference. She recognizes that there is a world of possibilities out there for her. "I could work anywhere — big companies, small businesses, the government."

But her biggest dream she says with a smile, "Maybe someday I'll work for a magazine in Paris ... maybe."

"Everyone goes through struggles, but all of your decisions and choices are on you," she said. "Nobody else is responsible for what you

Open houses to offer info on SFCC bachelor's program

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Prospective students can learn how they may benefit from South Florida Community College's new Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management (BAS-SM) degree program at two open houses. They will be Thursday, May 10, and Tuesday, June 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the SFCC University Center Auditorium, Highlands Campus.

Administrators, instructors, and financial aid representatives will discuss enrollment requirements, all prerequisite courses, and the availability of financial aid. Each open house will feature a panel discussion and a question-and-answer session, and textbooks will be available for review.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for any potential student or current student to find out what the bachelor's program at SFCC is all about," said Cindy Kinser, chair, SFCC Department of Business and Computer Technology. "Even if they just have questions, we want them to come to an open house. It will be very casual and informative."

The BAS-SM is the first bachelor's degree program to be offered by South Florida Community

College, with classes scheduled to begin in fall term 2012. Course work prepares graduates for supervisory and management positions in a wide variety of technical fields by focusing on applied management practices, leadership development, finance, and basic human relations practices.

Admission is open to anyone who has completed an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. Applicants who do not hold those degrees will be considered on a case-by-case basis. More information is available at the SFCC website, www.southflorida.edu.

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Inspirational Thoughts
by Patricia Valentine
 Galatians 4:4, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law". The Bible is filled with examples of people waiting for God's promises. Abraham and Sarah waited for God to give them their promised son. The children of Israel waited in captivity for their deliverer to appear. David waited on God while he was being pursued by Saul's men. Israel waited for her Messiah, and the disciples waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We are waiting now for our blessed hope, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ for his church. God always came through for those who waited on him. The promised Son was born. The deliverer appeared. Enemies were defeated; the Messiah was sent; and the Holy Spirit came. One day we who are waiting expectantly will be caught up in the clouds to be with our Lord forever. God is never late, and he never forgets his promise. David said, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord". Psalm 27:14. Don't give up on your promise. Keep believing God and it shall come to pass. *Be Blessed!*

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Speech contest winners

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The Highlands County District Speech Contest was held April 18. The contest was open to any student enrolled in grades 6-12 in Highlands County. This includes home school students and virtual school students. The topic for this year's speaking contest was "Should food crops be used for fuel?" Contestants competed for cash prizes of \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place. The winner of the district contest may advance to the area speaking contest. The winners of the contest were (from left) first place, Camille Shattler; second place, Madison Bush; third place, Jake Pendergrass.

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Linda Hartman is surrounded by some of her students at Lakeview Christian School. Hartman will retire as a preschool teacher at the end of the school year. A reception is planned in her honor from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17.

Hartman retiring from Lakeview Christian School

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Ask many of the young adults around town if they are one of Linda Hartman’s “little peanuts,” and they will say yes.

After 23 years of teaching, Linda Hartman will be retiring as the preschool teacher from Lakeview Christian School at the end of the school year. A retirement reception to honor Hartman is being planned for 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17 at Memorial United Methodist Church in Rob Reynolds Fellowship Hall. All of her former students, friends, and family are invited to join the Lakeview Christian School staff, students, and friends in celebrating her career.

There will be a basket of cards, and you are encouraged to share a good memory with Hartman. If any of her former students have pictures or other things they would like to share in a display, please send them to Lakeview Christian School, 503 Kent Ave., Lake Placid or email them to lvcs@embarqmail.com.

Hartman and her family joined Memorial UMC in February 1985. That same

month, the idea was brought up at a church leadership retreat that there was a need for a Christian elementary school in Lake Placid. She was excited about that and volunteered to help at the school. A few weeks later the board asked her if she would like to be the preschool teacher, and she accepted her “dream” job. She was the first teacher hired for the new school.

When asked why she became a teacher, Hartman said, “Teachers had meant so much to me in my life and I wanted to ‘pass it on’. Being a preschool teacher seemed to be a perfect fit for me. I loved interacting with my own children when they were preschoolers because they were so curious and enjoyed learning new things. Preschoolers are just like big sponges that soak in all that we have to teach them.”

It is special to Hartman, too, that since “it is a Christian school, every subject we teach, we can draw God into it as He created us, the earth, and everything. We can teach our students to be what God wants them to be!”

“What I will remember

and treasure the most are the many children and families I have been blessed to know and interact with over the years - to share in their joys and to comfort in their sorrows. Once you are a ‘K4 Peanut’ you’re always a ‘K4 peanut,’” Hartman explained.

She also said, “Their bodies may change over the years, but not their faces. When I run into them or read something in the paper about them, that pride just wells up within me once again.”

Hartman truly feels, “There is no job more important in the world than making a difference in a child’s life – for today and for eternity!”

Lakeview Christian School has been established for 26 years. Hartman has been a part of the framework that built a new ministry. She has been involved in the school as a teacher and parent, so it holds and will continue to hold a special place in her heart.

Lakeview Christian School Board invites the public to come together on May 17 for finger food and a time of fellowship to honor Hartman.

Avon Park AFJROTC hands out honors



News-Sun photo by BRIANA WASHINGTON

Avon Park High School Junior ROTC instructor Major James Galloway presents Top Performance awards and ribbons to cadets Erik Parker and Kathy Norman. The awards were presented as part of the Junior ROTC unit’s Military Ball held April 20 at the high school. Norman will serve next year as the unit’s cadet commander.

SFCC offers IV Therapy class

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AVON PARK — South Florida Community College’s Corporate Education Department is offering an IV Therapy class Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 15-30, in Building T, Room 20, SFCC Highlands Campus.

This 30-hour class satisfies the requirements for licensed practical nurses as outlined by the Florida Board of Nursing. Students must be a licensed practical nurse

to take this class.

The cost is \$195.99 for the course and \$29.95 plus tax for the book, which is available at the SFCC Bookstore.

For more information, e-mail Lorrie Key, director, SFCC Corporate and Community Education, at CorporateTraining@south-florida.edu or call (863) 784-7033.

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SFCC Student Art Exhibition winners announced

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AVON PARK — South Florida Community College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture revealed the winners of the Student Juried Art Exhibition during a reception on April 19.

Winning artists were: Best in Show, Photography, "Night at the Fair" by Alex Zachary; First Place, Painting, "The Painter" by Misti Rucks; Honorable Mention, Painting, "Friends, NYC" by Carolyn Cwalinski; Honorable Mention, Painting, "Downhill" by Ivan Delgado; First Place, Drawing, "Little Black Mirror" by Kiri Crommet; Honorable Mention, Drawing, "The Ballerina" by Emmie Perreira; First Place, Photography, "Sweet Staircase" by Cierra Flowers; Honorable Mention, Photography, "Typhoon" by Quinn Miller; First Place, Graphics, "Polar Cola" by Quinn Miller; Honorable Mention, Graphics, "Clean Air" by Kelsey Sanchez.

Two students also received special awards for their work. Allen McPherson's painting, "A Day in the Life of a Mime," received a purchase award from the SFCC Art Department and will be added to the college's McDearman Collection while Perreira received a scholarship from the Tanglewood Art League for her strong academic record and service to SFCC MOFAC.

SFCC's art students developed the title of the show and promotional graphics, and they assisted with matting and framing the artwork and helped install the pieces. "A lot goes into pulling a show together," Crommet said. "It was a great learning experience, and we are also happy that we get to show our work to people outside of class."

"It's important to acknowledge our students' work this way," said Mollie Doctrow, SFCC MOFAC curator. "It inspires them to continue when they see their work professionally presented and helps them learn about the process of setting up an exhibition."

The exhibition will be on view in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts Lobby Gallery and SFCC MOFAC through May 1. SFCC MOFAC is open to the public Wednesday-Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.



Allen McPherson's painting, 'Day in the Life of a Mime,' was purchased by the SFCC Art Department. It will be a permanent addition to the college's McDearman Collection of art.



Kiri Crommet received first place for her drawing 'Little Black Mirror.'



Misti Rucks' painting, 'The Painter,' received a first place award.



Quinn Miller received first place for his graphic 'Polar Cola.'



'Sweet Staircase' by Cierra Flowers won a first place award in photography.



Alex Zachary received Best of Show for her photo 'Night at the Fair.'



Courtesy photo SFCC student Emmie Perreira (from left), pictured with Anne Reynolds and Norma Evans, received the first Tanglewood Art League grant for excellence in art studies. Perreira moved to Sebring at age 11 and has been an artist since elementary school, selling her first work at the age of 6. She plans to open her own gallery showcasing her painting, block painting, pottery and restored antiques. Perreira's drawing, 'The Ballerina,' earned honorable mention at the Student Juried Art Exhibition.



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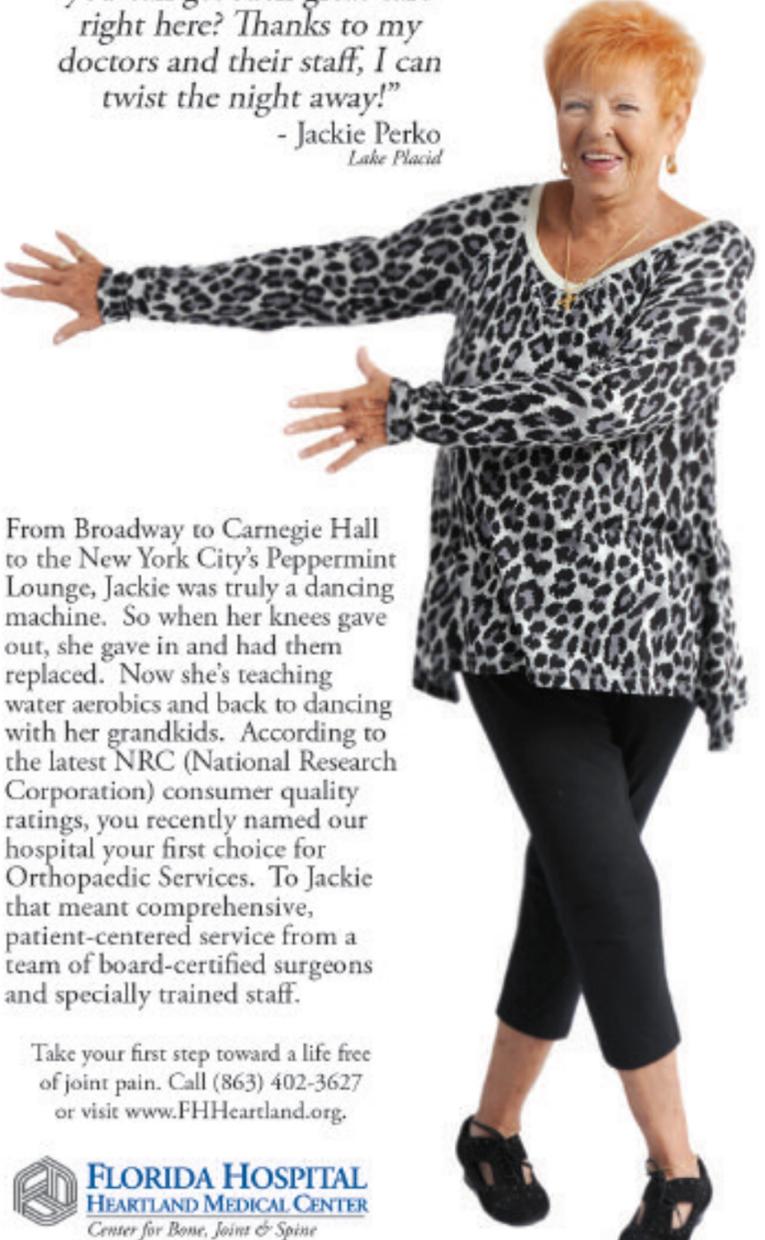
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News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

It's that wonderful time of year when the earth experiences the transition period between winter and summer. Spring is here; the days are longer because the Earth is increasing its tilt toward the sun. Our hemisphere is warming up and tender, green shoots are emerging from the soil, flowers are blooming and insects are buzzing. This beautiful season is named for the new growth that "springs forth."

Wildlife becomes active in the spring. Coming out from the colder months of winter, the warmth of the sun, growth of the plants and availability of food is enough to get them up and moving around. Squirrels and smaller

mammals begin to scurry around, which attracts larger mammals such as bears, panthers and bobcats.

Mother Nature has an amazing way of keeping everything in balance and harmony. When baby birds are pecking their way out of the egg, plenty of insects are flying around to keep them fed.

Birds may be the most common indicator that spring has arrived. Migrant species begin to appear and nests can be spotted within the trees. Insects have emerged from their hiding places and begin to fly around attracting many of the winged creatures.

Butterflies emerge and feed on the new flowers providing them plenty of nectar. Dragonflies hatch from their watery womb and take their first flight as adults. Colorful, fuzzy bumblebees waken from their winter's rest and search out new sites for their queen and workers.

Frogs, toads and other amphibians begin the long



Courtesy photo

Birds may be the most common indicator that spring has arrived. Migrant species begin to appear and nests full of baby birds can be spotted within the trees.

trek to their breeding sites. Being creatures that require water to mate and reproduce, they converge on the ponds that they may have originally hatched in. Coordinating their mating with the phases of the full moon, hundreds upon thousands of these creatures may be at the same place at the same time. Their customs and habits date back thousands of years. Toads also travel to mate, but they

don't hop to their destination, they walk. And the trip can take them up to a month. Many snakes also wander to the wet areas to find a tasty snack where the food is plentiful. Ponds may be a great place to spend a couple of spring nights during the full moon if you want to get a real taste of the season.

Wildflowers burst forth beautiful, colorful blooms, craving the long-awaited sun-

light. They are in a hurry to get all the sun they can before the trees begin to put on their new leaves and shade them out. The new growth on the plants provides plenty of food for the critters that live nearby. They also make use of the great new nesting materials that the foliage gives. The greenery provides excellent shelter.

Spring can be experienced in urban settings as well. Trees become new nesting sites for birds. The beautiful, winged critters will sing and whistle for us while we're out in the yard. They do this to attract mates and warn away trespassers. Butterflies will flit into the backyard and taste the new blooms in the gardens. Even humming birds make an appearance from time to time feeding on the sweet nectar that brightly colored flowers provide.

But not all creatures mate and reproduce in the spring time. White tailed deer mate in the fall, but spring brings forth the beautiful, fragile

looking baby fawns. In fact, many creatures mate to the timing of spring births when food is plentiful and weather is mild. The reality is that animals don't use calendars with dates the way humans do. They use the seasons to guide them. When the weather and natural conditions are right, they do what they need to do. Mating, eating, migrating and nesting are all activities that are performed to the tune of the sun and climate.

Spring is a time of excitement and commotion in the natural communities. It is a time of awakening, courtship, rebirth, smorgasbords of food choices and new arrivals. It is perhaps the best time to watch wildlife and enjoy what nature has to offer.

Corine Burgess is and Environmental Specialist for the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.

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■ **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. Email: 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.

■ **First Baptist Church of Florida** located right on U.S. 98 in Florida. 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 Florida 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.

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Arbutle 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; website, 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. Confession: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3:45 p.m.; or by appointment with any priest. Weekend Mass schedule: Saturday Vigil; 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass, noon; last Sunday of the month, 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass, 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). Daily Mass schedule: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. & noon; Saturday, 9 a.m.

■ **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!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

■ **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. 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 & 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.

Evans feels the power of superheroes in 'Avengers'

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Chris Evans could feel the power of "The Avengers" from the moment he stepped on set.

Reprising his role as Captain America, the 30-year-old actor joins Robert Downey Jr.'s Iron Man, Chris Hemsworth's Thor, Jeremy Renner's Hawkeye, Scarlett Johansson's Black Widow and Samuel L. Jackson's Nick Fury in the long-awaited Marvel superhero romp, in theaters May 4.

Just seeing his co-stars in their costumes was exciting, Evans said — especially on the first day of shooting with Downey and Hemsworth.

"I'd never seen either one of them before in their outfits. Obviously I loved the 'Iron Man' movies and I had just seen 'Thor' in the theater like a week prior, and I remember coming to set and seeing both of them suited up and just thinking, I think my initial thought was,

"God, I wish I could work with those guys," he said. "And the immediate afterthought was, '(Expletive) I am! I am! I'm in a suit too! I can't believe this!' So that was a really nice geek moment for me."

Downey, who already starred in two blockbuster "Iron Man" films, was like the leader of the pack, Evans said, establishing a warm feeling on set that fostered camaraderie among the cast.

"He's the reason these movies are happening: If Iron Man had not done well, obviously we would not be doing these movies," he said. "He's like the matriarch.

He's the dad. If he would have come to set with a different attitude or certain disposition, the fish could rot from the head down. I can't say enough about the guy. He's such an amazing man: His energy and his positivity and his friendliness and his charm, it just breeds allegiance, and as a result every-

one just fell in line and it became a family right away, kind of thanks to him."

Evans is a superhero star in his own right. He debuted his character in last summer's "Captain America: The First Avenger," which took in more than \$368 million. But he was happy to share the task of saving the planet with his fellow Avengers this time around.

"With this movie, it's such a load lifted coming to set going, 'Look at all these Oscar nominees that I'm surrounded by,'" he said. "It's like a dream summer camp or something."

Not so dreamy was packing 20 pounds of muscle onto his naturally slender frame. Evans spent hours in the gym and hours more eating protein — a routine many of his co-stars followed to become superhero-size.

"It's such an uncomfortable feeling," said a slim and bearded Evans, looking not-

ing like his character during a recent tour to promote the film. "When you get that big, your bones start aching in the mornings. All of a sudden, none of your suits fit."

Before production begins on the next Captain America film, Evans is taking on roles far from the comic-book world. He recently finished shooting "The Iceman," in which he plays a hit man opposite Michael Shannon, Winona Ryder and James Franco. He was inspired to take the role because it's nothing like his Captain America character, which he played in two consecutive movies.

"It was like a year of playing this goody-two-shoes, and I just said man, I just want to go 180 degrees. I want to find the most polar opposite role I can find," he said. "This guy's it."

Next up for the actor is a film called "Snowpiercer," which he describes as "a

pretty heavy drama with a sci-fi twist," starring Tilda Swinton, Ed Harris and Octavia Spencer.

In October, Evans will be back in the gym — and back

on that high-protein diet — to prepare for his return to superhero status. The Captain America sequel starts shooting in January.

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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 Web site: 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. Web site: 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.

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.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Rev. Gary Kindle, 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. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Faily 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.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday school at 8:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.. 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.

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, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site 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. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: 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., College Ministry. 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.

■ **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 menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@visitanet.net. Web site, 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

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■ **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.fpclp.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, 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, 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

■ **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.

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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.

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■ **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

■ **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.

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BOOKS

Men are fans, too, of 'Fifty Shades of Grey'

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — They're young and old, doctors and churchgoers, gay and straight — and those are just the MEN who have devoured oh-so-naughty "Fifty Shades of Grey," an erotic trilogy that has earned millions of women fans in a matter of weeks.

Reading on iPads and Kindles or hurriedly picking up the books in stores, some didn't know about the romance part, thinking the surprise best-sellers by newcomer E L James would be more "American Psycho" than steamy Harlequin.

Others knew exactly what they were getting into, buying into the buzz since Vintage Books bought the rights, shoring up a story that began as "Twilight" fan fiction and putting it out in handy trade paperback on April 3.

There's flogging and bondage and sex toys. And a steely control freak of a gazillionaire Christian Grey, a damaged sexual "dominant" who enlists the virginal (not for long) college coed Anastasia Steele for rough-but-consensual role play.

Jeremiah Wirth, a grad student and Iraqi war vet in Maine, said the opening book was nothing short of a life-changer.

He read it on a business trip to "magical" Hawaii, returning home to Bangor a better man.

"I was away from my girlfriend. I was lonely and I was reading this book in this beautiful place and I thought it would be something fun

and easy," said the 26-year-old Kurt Vonnegut and "Star Wars" fan, just a year younger than the fictional Grey.

"People hear about flogging and stuff like that in this book, and they don't get it. I became emotionally invested in the love story, especially from the female's perspective. That was important to me, to put myself in Ana's shoes. It was overwhelming, and I'll never forget it," Wirth said.

He was moved to send James an email, "apologizing for assuming that your book was anything less than it is: wonderful."

And she responded, his deep interest surprising even her, "given that you don't fit the demographic of the readership (women 17-100) but I am delighted that you enjoyed it."

The book didn't shatter 66-year-old David Shobin in Smithtown, N.Y. The semi-retired gynecologist and newbie romance reader who writes medical thrillers on the side picked up the first "Fifty Shades" to see for himself "what all the hullabaloo was about."

He liked it well enough and received hundreds of responses to a funny review he wrote on Amazon.

"At my age, my arthritis flared up just reading about Ana's sexual gymnastics," Shobin wrote, adding that her "pyrotechnic climaxes resembled repetitively watching porn: after a while, it leaves me bored and yawning."

He conceded a "definite infectiousness to the plot" but found it hard to believe



Ana had absolutely no sexual experience before literally stumbling into Grey's office to interview him for her college newspaper.

"I had an intellectual curiosity," Shobin said in an interview. "I don't quite know what to make of this sort of sexual activity but as a love story, it did succeed."

Will his wife be reading? "Probably not," Shobin said. "I told her a little bit about the bondage part and she showed very little interest in that, so it was a short conversation. She mainly

reads memoirs."

John Puckett, who is gay, spared no superlative from San Dimas, Calif., where he works as a theatrical manager about 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles. Usually preferring autobiography and true crime stories, he's now reading all three "Fifty Shades" books for a second time.

"I was pretty much hooked from the beginning," said Puckett, 45. "It grabs a hold of you and it doesn't let go."

Most appealing, he said, is Grey's slowly unpeeled vulnerability, that "lost, hurt little boy who craves nothing more than to be deserving of unconditional love."

The books are flying off the shelves at the Books & Books stores in south Florida. James opens her first U.S. tour in Miami on Sunday. Movie rights have already been sold and the guessing game is on over who will play the lusty lead characters.

"I first found out about the books back in December, from men who wanted to buy them for their wives," said Mitchell Kaplan, who owns the Florida stores. "You really got the sense that these books are helping relationships in some way."

Dr. Mehmet Oz sees that potential, dedicating a recent show to exploring the books with an audience of women and, yes, men who have read them.

"This woman has gotten people talking about sex in a way that no one else could get them to talk about it," he said Tuesday night from the red carpet of a gala honoring Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world — James included with the likes of President Barack Obama and Rihanna.

Are sex lives changing, marriages evolving? "They're not tying up their women. It's not about sadism," Oz said of men drawn to the books.

"What it is about is people having an honest conversation about what sex should be like, what makes it feel better, what are the timing issues, how do we make it an important issue in our life

rather than an afterthought. When the guys get into it I know we've got something going."

James, a Londoner and former TV producer with two teen sons, didn't attend the event but has called the books her "mid-life crisis." She replaced her original Twi-names as her story jumped from free downloads promoted on fan sites to not-free e-books and hard copy from an Australian publisher, then finally Vintage, the paperback home to Toni Morrison and Albert Camus.

Bob James, an ex-Marine and dad of four grown children, has heard of those two, but he's also a regular romance reader and a "Twilight" fan. He first read "Fifty Shades" when it was still fan fiction, coming across it on Facebook and a site for "Twi-moms."

"Most people who criticize it haven't read it," said the 50-year-old James, who is not related to the author. "They take things out of context and just pick the sex scenes out."

"I liked the romance. Ana is drawing him away from all the bondage stuff."

His wife, a regular volunteer at their church, rolled her eyes when he read her excerpts, "but not the sex parts," he said. Has he picked up any marital pointers from the attentive yet troubled Grey?

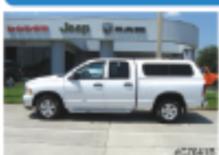
"I learned that I do need to show more of a protective nature toward her in public," said James, in Manassas, Va. "There's something that's drawing women to read it and it would behoove a man to know what that is."

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New bus offers seniors a ride

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Barbara Cook was riding a high Tuesday morning as she drove a bus — so new it still smelled of the showroom — from assisted living center to assisted living center, letting people know about an alternative transportation service now provided by New Concepts, which, with Visions ADT, Cook founded and directs.

The bus, the result of a Florida Department of Transportation grant, has 12 seats and tie down space for two wheelchairs.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Residents of Fair Havens Assisted Living Center check out the brand new bus provided by New Concepts. The new transportation service is available to anyone in Highlands County who is over 60 years of age, disabled, or a veteran. Patricia Hale sits in front to the left. Norval Brownlee is on the right.

There is room for walkers. "Our goal is to get people out into the community," Cook said. "We will be transporting people all over the county."

Cook emphasized several times that

because of grant restrictions, the service provides transportation to non-medical locations only. It does not provide transportation to doctor

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Should you buy wedding insurance?

Disastrous wedding mishaps have long been a comedy staple, probably because so many of us can relate. What bride- or groom-to-be hasn't had nightmares about hurricane-force winds blowing over the reception tent or a drunken cousin falling into the wedding cake?

Besides the potential for embarrassing memories, there's a lot of money at stake: The average wedding in 2012 will cost nearly \$27,000, not including the honeymoon — about what you'd pay for a well-appointed new car.

Just as you wouldn't drive



Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

off the lot without car insurance, so you might want to consider buying wedding insurance. It usually costs only a few hundred dollars but could save you tens of thousands if horrendous weather, sudden illness or a bankrupt vendor ruins your day.

Many insurance companies now offer wedding insurance. Typically, policies will reimburse you for deposits and charges you've paid to wedding vendors, as well as travel costs and other expenses incurred, if you need to cancel or postpone

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SFCC's Corporate Education offers new training classes

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — South Florida Community College's Corporate and Community Education Department is offering a variety of workshops and classes to help improve workplace skills and productivity this summer at the SFCC Highlands Campus, Avon Park.

Learn the basics of Photoshop to correct, enhance, crop, resize images, merge images together, create artistic backgrounds for PowerPoint presentations, and more. This Photoshop workshop will be offered from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15. The course number (CRN) is 30761 and costs \$30.

Get organized with the Introduction to

Evernote workshop, the most popular production app available today. Install Evernote on your computer, smartphone, or tablet for free. Evernote organizes text, graphics, sound, and data files so you have access to them everywhere. Be sure to create your Evernote account at www.evernote.com before the class. This workshop will be offered from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22. The course number (CRN) is 30762 and costs \$30.

Did you know you can create your own website quickly using Google Sites? Learn how to at the Web Design Using Google Sites workshops. Google will host the site free; no knowledge of HTML is required. If

you do not have gmail, be sure to create your account at www.gmail.com before the class. This workshop will be offered from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 29. The course number (CRN) is 30763 and costs \$30.

Learn to create, format, save and print basic spreadsheets, formulas, and charts in Introduction to MS Excel 2010. This workshop will be offered from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. The course number (CRN) is 30764 and costs \$30.

Take your Excel spreadsheets to the next level; learn to sort and filter data, create cross-sheet formulas and more at the Intermediate Excel workshop. This workshop will be offered from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday,

June 12. The course number (CRN) is 30765 and costs \$30.

Are you ready to get some great bargains on eBay, but are nervous about bidding and buying? Maybe you are ready to sell all that stuff you have around the house, but have no idea how to become an eBay seller. Sign up for the Buying and Selling on eBay workshop to learn how to buy and sell on eBay like a pro. This workshop will be offered from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19. The course number (CRN) is 30766 and costs \$30.

All above listed classes are held at the

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SFCC Highlands Campus in Avon Park.

Learn how to create a new company file, work with lists, set up your items, track customers and sales, track vendors and expenses and track sales tax in the Introduction to QuickBooks workshop. It will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7 at the SFCC Lake Placid Center. The course number (CRN) is 30780 and costs \$129.99.

Learn how to customize QuickBooks, track time, set up and use payroll, pay liabilities and taxes, purchase and manage inventory, build inventory assemblies, track sales orders and back orders and more in the Intermediate QuickBooks workshop. It will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 and Thursday, June 14 at the SFCC Lake Placid Center. The course number (CRN) is 30781 and costs \$129.99.

In just 12 weeks, learn key Spanish terms and expressions that are important for communicating in a working environment in the Workplace Spanish Class. Each class participant will receive a written manual with Spanish phrases, an audio CD for listening in your car or stereo and a companion Click IT CD-ROM for PC use. It will be held from 6-8 p.m. Mondays, May 7-July 30 at the SFCC Highlands Campus. The course number (CRN) is 30465 and costs \$195.

The CPR Instructor Training program is designed to teach participants the fundamentals of teaching Basic Life Support. Regardless of your current level of expertise, our comprehensive Instructor training class will help to make you a knowledgeable and competent Instructor. Upon successful completion of the course and succeeding student teaching requirements the Instructor candidate will be issued an American Heart Association instructor card that will allow them to teach CPR and offer AHA course completion cards. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 19 at the SFCC Highlands Campus. The course number (CRN) is 30737 and costs \$135 and includes a course book. There are special requirements for this class; contact Lorrie Key for more information at 784-7033 or e-mail Corporate Training at corporatetraining@southflorida.edu.

First Aid Training classes provide employee training for designated first responders, or individuals needing credentialed training for job or regulatory requirements. This course covers first aid basics, medical, injury and environmental emergencies and AED use. Students will also complete a written exam. The cost is \$30 and will be held on the SFCC Highlands Campus, Avon Park. For a detailed class schedule, e-mail corporatetraining@southflorida.edu or call 784-7033.

The CPR Training classes with Basic Life Support through the American Heart Association is being offered for students who need to know how to perform CPR, as well as other lifesaving skills, in a wide variety of in-hospital and out-of-hospital settings. Students will participate in simulated clinical scenarios and learning stations, work with an American Heart Association Certified BLS instructor to complete Basic Life Support (BLS) skills practice and skills testing and complete a written exam. The cost is \$30. For a detailed class schedule, e-mail corporatetraining@southflorida.edu, or call 784-7033.

The New Miner Training Course develops and instills in new miners an attitude of safety, trains miners to do each task safely and correctly and how to identify hazards and prevent accidents. This is a three-day class offered on the SFCC Hardee Campus. The cost is \$130. For a schedule of available classes, e-mail corporatetraining@southflorida.edu, or call 784-7033.

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New Miner Training. It provides the most current information available on various topics, and recognizes and rewards miners for their safe work attitude. This is a one-day class offered on the SFCC Hardee Campus. The cost is \$95. For a schedule of available classes, e-mail corporatetraining@southflorida.edu, or call 784-7033.

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CDL Exams are available by appointment only. The State of Florida CDL exam consists of three parts: pre-trip inspection, basic controls skills test and driving skills test. The CDL Exam lasts 30-45 minutes and is mandated by the state of Florida. Contact Lorrie Key at 784-7033 for more information.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFCC campus or center. For more information, contact Corporate Education at 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500, ext. 7033 or by e-mailing CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu.

Be sure to read fine print before purchasing wedding insurance

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the wedding for a covered reason.

Coverage options, costs and limitations vary widely, so read the fine print carefully. When comparing policies, pay attention to deductibles, maximum coverage limits, exclusions and deadlines for purchasing various options.

Probably the most important coverage is personal liability insurance. Many venues require liability insurance and either include it in the rental cost or require you to submit a certificate of insurance from your own policy.

Before buying additional liability coverage, check how much coverage your homeowner's insurance provides and whether it applies to wedding events — you may need a special rider or want to buy additional coverage through an umbrella policy.

Make sure all major wedding suppliers maintain their own liability insurance. In addition, any venue providing alcoholic beverages should carry liquor liability insurance. To be safe, you may want to buy your own host liquor liability coverage as well.

Other common options include:

Extreme weather. If wedding party members or the majority of guests cannot reach the wedding because of severe weather conditions (snowstorm, earthquake, hurricane), rescheduling costs will be covered. Note: Gloomy skies or drizzle don't qualify.

If a member of the wedding party or immediate family is seriously injured,



Weddings are usually happy occasions. But sometimes things can go wrong, which is when wedding insurance would come in handy.

becomes too ill to attend or dies suddenly, rescheduling costs will be covered.

However, illness or injury caused by preexisting conditions may be excluded.

If an essential vendor goes out of business or doesn't show up, you're covered for deposits paid and possibly for the complete cost to reschedule the event.

Some policies will pay to restage the wedding (including travel costs, cake and flowers, etc.) with the principal participants and immediate family members if the photographer fails to appear, botches the shots, or the negatives are lost, stolen or damaged; others may only pay an allowance toward reshoots.

Gift coverage pays to repair or replace lost, stolen or damaged non-monetary gifts.

Wedding attire coverage will pay to repair or replace the bridal gown and other special attire bought or rented for the bride, groom or attendants, when lost, stolen or damaged.

And finally, some insurers now provide "change of heart" coverage in case the bride or groom gets cold feet. If that's a real possibility, you should probably invest in premarital counseling before looking at cakes and bridesmaid dresses.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Basso named vice president of chamber board

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — Vicki Spires, president of the board of the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, announces that Mary Basso, owner/publisher Coffee News of F.L.A., has been appointed as the vice president of the board.

"Mary brings a wealth of knowledge to the Board and we look forward to working with her in her new capacity," Spires said.

Contact information for the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce is 465-4331,



Mary Basso

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Norm and Mandy Elliott, of Nextage Floridian Living Realty, are inspired by their six children to sell real estate.

Elliotts close more than \$2M in first four months of year

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Norm and Mandy Elliott, of Nextage Floridian Living Realty, have already closed more than \$2,000,000 in sales in the first four months of 2012, announced Terri Futch, owner of the firm.

While most people are asking “is the real estate market picking up?” The Elliotts are asking “when do you want to move?” says Futch.

The Elliotts only began selling real estate in Highlands County in October 2010, and they rank in the top five of real estate agents in the county in number of volume.

For about five years Mandy was an active real estate agent in Michigan and Norm’s real estate experience was primarily as a homeowner and the two of them, together, make a dynamic force. They are inspired by their family of six children, the youngest being 9 months and the oldest 16 years old.

They are careful to manage their time wisely and focus on folks who are ready to do business now, because it is important to them to spend quality time with their young family.

The Elliotts focus daily on looking for people who want to buy or sell real estate. The real estate market in Highlands County has been fantastic. More than 60 percent of the sales (according to the local Multiple Listing Service) are cash sales, where no bank financing is needed.

Their advice to homeowners in need of selling is to price their home competitively based on “today’s” values and not of four years ago and to do what they can to make their property attractive to prospective buyers.

Nextage Floridian Living Realty is at 2031 US 27 South, and their phone number is 658-1737.

Walmart offers online shoppers a ‘cash’ option

By ANNE D’INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Walmart shoppers now will be able to pay cash for online purchases.

The world’s largest retailer on Thursday said it will allow shoppers to buy items on Walmart.com and then pay for them with cash at all of its 3,800 U.S. stores. The discounter says it’s the first major retailer to offer shoppers the opportunity to purchase online without a bank account, or credit, debit or prepaid card.

Walmart Stores Inc. is trying to cater more to its customers who don’t have access to those financial

*Buy online,
pay in cash
at any of
3,800 stores
in the U.S.*

services. After all, only about 15 percent of Walmart’s transactions are paid using a credit card.

The company, based in Bentonville, Ark., the initiative was well received when it tested it in a few stores in various parts of the country over the past six weeks.

“We are going to touch a segment of the American

public who hasn’t been able to participate online without going through a lot of hoops,” said Joel Anderson, president and CEO of Walmart.com.

It works like this: Customers go to the website to select the item and place an order. During checkout, they can select the “cash” option and their shipping preference. The shopper then has 48 hours to take the printed order confirmation to the cash register at a Walmart store. Once the order is paid, the customers can either arrange to have the items shipped to a store for free or to another address for a fee.

Bus offers those in need a needed ride to activities

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appointments or hospital tests.

Anyone who is older than 60, or disabled, or a veteran, however, may use the service to go shopping, play bingo, attend a concert at South Florida Community College, or a government meeting — just about to any ordinary or special event.

There is a small fee. The grant only covered 90 percent of the cost of the bus, Cook said. It takes an average of 10 passengers, at \$5 apiece, to cover the costs of running it, so the typical round trip fare is \$5. Longer trips, for example to Bok Tower or the Brighton Casino, would cost more.

“The key,” said Cook, “is keeping the full so it is affordable.”

Cook said using the bus will be simple, and also available to those living on their own.

Every month Cook will release a calendar with the scheduled trips listed. To streamline things even further, Cook said many trips will be on the same day and

‘The key is keeping the van full so it is affordable.’

BARBARA COOK
Visions ADT director

time every week for easy planning.

For example, the bus is already committed to getting folks to the Sebring Elks Club bingo game every Sunday night at 5 p.m. and picking them up at 9 p.m. There are also regularly scheduled trips to both Walmart stores and Publix.

A glance at the current calendar tells when a convenient routine trip is scheduled — or a trip to a special event. Simply call New Concepts at least two days ahead and get put on the pick-up list.

Passengers are told when the bus will arrive to pick them up. The service is door to door.

Should an individual need a companion to help with the shopping, the companion may ride the bus for \$5, too.

Groups may reserve the bus for a special outing of their own, although that requires advance notice.

Cook has two older buses available as well. As one bus fills up, another will be put into use.

Passengers will be dropped off in the same order they were picked up.

“We’re doing this because it is needed,” Cook said. “It’s new,” she added, “so we’ll find bumps and obstacles along the way, but we can figure things out as we go along. We intend to listen to the individuals in the community.”

“We want the service to provide what the most number of people want to do.”

“This is meant to be a win-win situation. People get a chance to get out and be a part of life, and stores and businesses gain customers.”

For more information, to be added to the email or snail mail list, call Cook at 658-1044 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Warrick honored by Chamber



Courtesy photo

Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce 2012 Administrative Professional of the Year winner is Cindy Warrick (left), employee of the First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Ray Cameron, First Presbyterian Church and Eileen May, executive director of the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce. This event was sponsored by Home & Office Essentials, Miller Central Air and Wauchula State Bank.

GM CEO gets \$7.7 million pay package for 2011

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — General Motors CEO Dan Akerson’s compensation tripled in 2011 to \$7.7 million as the company posted the biggest profit in its history.

But the automaker complained in its annual proxy statement on Thursday that pay for Akerson and other executives isn’t competitive with similar companies because of government-imposed limits. The lower pay, GM said, limits its ability to attract and keep top talent.

Akerson earned \$1.7 million in

salary, up from \$566,667 in 2010. He got stock awards valued at \$5.95 million for 2011, his first full year as CEO. Stock awards in 2010, when he was CEO for only three months, were \$1.77 million.

Akerson, 63, a former private equity and telecommunications executive, also got \$55,000 in other benefits including use of GM company cars and contributions to savings accounts. He joined GM’s board after the company emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2009, became CEO in September of 2010 and chairman in January of last

year.

Top executive pay at GM is controlled by the U.S. Treasury Department, since the government still owns about 30 percent of GM’s stock. The government got the stock in exchange for a \$49.5 billion bailout that saved GM from financial ruin in 2008 and 2009.

The automaker said in the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that government pay limits forced it to pay Akerson and others less than their counterparts at peer companies. GM made a record \$7.6 billion last year on strong sales

in North America and Asia. The government restrictions, which affect six current and former senior executives and 100 more of GM’s top earners, limit cash payments and shift compensation to long-term stock.

“These constraints do not permit us to reward our senior executives in a manner reflecting the level of achievement of our business plan,” GM said in its filing. “Appropriately recognizing and rewarding these key contributors and competing with other large, multinational employers to attract

and retain fresh talent with critical skill sets is extremely difficult within the compensation constraints.”

Because of the pay constraints, Akerson’s package is in the bottom 25 percent of CEO compensation for comparable companies, GM said. Akerson made a little more than one-fourth of what Ford paid CEO Alan Mulally last year. Mulally’s compensation rose 11 percent to \$29.5 million. He got more than \$5 for every vehicle Ford sold, while Akerson was paid roughly 85 cents per car and truck sold.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 2012-209 -CICI
 DIVISION:
HARDER HALL RESORT CLUB, LAKESIDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
BILLY CUNNINGHAM, et al,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

Cunningham, Billy and Roberteen Cunningham 4911 W. 185th Court Country Club Hills, IL 60478

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Farias, Mildred K. 58 Shad Road W Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Finn Enterprises, LLC Registered Agent: Thomas W. Finn, Jr. 1265 21st Street SW Vero Beach, FL 32962

Hollenbeck, Enzo W. and Karen A. Hollenbeck PO Box 232 Thomaston, ME 04861

McDonald, W. Louis; PO Box 412 Gatlinburg, TN 37738

O'Neal, M. Wells and Mary H. Wells 310 Bynum Ridge Road Forest Hill, MD 21050

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose the Claim of Lien on the following described real property, located in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

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 05 16, 18, 21
 13 16, 50, 51

Unit Numbers and Week Numbers in HARDER HALL RESORT CLUB, LAKESIDE II, A Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 735, Page 0082, in the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Unit Weeks
 16 24
 17 27, 45
 18 07, 16
 22 20
 24 12
 25 32
 27 15

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, on the Plaintiff's attorney, to-wit:
ROBERT E. KRAMER, ESQUIRE
 555 West Granada Boulevard, Suite A-9
 Ormond Beach, FL 32174
 U.S.A.

and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before May 29, 2012, otherwise a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief sought in the Complaint to foreclose the Claim of Lien held by the Plaintiffs.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL of this Court, this 19th day of April, 2012.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 April 29; May 6, 2012

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Insight Auctioneers 5000 State Rd 66, Sebring FL 33875 SURPLUS AUCTION - Vehicle, Equip, Misc Including: School Board of Highlands County, City of Avon Park, Sun N Lake of Sebring Saturday, May 12th at 9:00am
 April 29; May 6, 11, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE No. 11-288-GCS

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST AND FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-ASAP1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ADOLFO HERRERA-ALVARADO, INGRID GRAESSEL HERRERA,
 Defendants.

Notice of Action
 TO: Ingrid Graessel Herrera
 Residence Unknown
 If living: if dead, all unknown parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the above named defendant(s), whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other claimants; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 69, BLOCK 260, OF SUN N' LAKES ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Street Address: 3432 SUNRISE DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33872
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Steven J. Clarfield, Esquire, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 730, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, within 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on April 19, 2012.

Clarfield, Okon, Salomone & Pincus, P.L.
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 730
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401
 Telephone: (561) 713-1400

April 29; May 6, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 10-799 GCS
CARRIE M. STOLPMANN; ESTATE OF ROBERT J. LEWISON, Deceased; and ROSE MARIE STOLPMANN,
 Plaintiffs,
 vs.
LOUIS DE ANGELIS and CYNTHIA DE ANGELIS, his wife, and BOLLMAN'S ELECTRIC COMPANY,
 a Florida corporation,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 "PLEASE PUBLISH IN THE NEWS-SUN"
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment entered 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 Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 15th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:
 Lot 5, Block C, of PLACID PARK LAND FIRST ADDITION, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 13, at Page 2, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 a/k/a 12400 S. Jefferson Avenue, 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.

ORDERED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 18th day of April, 2012.

BOB GERMAINE
 As Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 April 29; May 6, 2012

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO VACATE AN EASEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, upon petition of Deborah A. Kos, will be on the 15th day of May, 2012, at 9:00 A.M., in the Board of County Commissioner's Meeting Room at 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, consider and determine whether the county will vacate the easement described below and renounce and disclaim any rights of the County and the public in and to the easement and land in connection therewith. The easement is described as: A portion of a 25 foot easement as shown on Lot 164, OAK BROOK, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 138, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwesterly corner of said Lot 164; thence South 52 degrees 18'58" East, along the Northwesterly property line of said Lot 164, 24.78 feet; thence South 01 degrees 07'52" East, 5.07 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 68 degrees 36'14" East, 26.31 feet; thence South 60 degrees 00'41" West, 30.73 feet; thence North 52 degrees 18'58" West, 7.36 feet; thence North 21 degrees 13'01" East, 21.95 feet to the point of Beginning. Containing 393 square feet, more or less.

Persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place specified above. Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discriminatory policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. "Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact Melissa Bruns, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), 863-402-6508 (TTY), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or email: mbruns@hcbcc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to permit coordination of the service."

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Chairman

ATTEST: Robert W. Germaine, Clerk
 April 29; May 6, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282010CA000073A000XX

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DIPCHAND PANCHU; JANKI PANCHU; UNKNOWN TENANTS(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
 Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 19th day of April, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282010CA000073A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and DIPCHAND PANCHU, JANKI PANCHU and UNKNOWN TENANTS(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 16th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 15, BLOCK A, CLEARVIEW TERRACE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 42, OF THE 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.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 April 29; May 6, 2012

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Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of KARLSON LAW GROUP located at 301 Dal Hall Blvd., in the County of Highlands, in the City of Lake Placid, Florida 33852 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Lake Placid, Florida, this 25th day of April, 2012.
 Pamela T. Karlson, P.A.
 April 29, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. PC 12-186 GCS

SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, a special district and a public corporation of the State of Florida,
 Plaintiff,
 LONNIE L. ROSE a/k/a LONNIE ROSE and SARITA R. ROSE f/k/a SARITA R. CARTER, Husband and Wife, if alive and if not, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against LONNIE L. ROSE a/k/a LONNIE ROSE and SARITA R. ROSE f/k/a SARITA R. CARTER and all claimants under any of such party;
 GROW FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION f/k/a MACDILL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; and
 ONEMAN FINANCIAL, INC., a Foreign corporation, f/k/a CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., a Foreign corporation;
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT-PROPERTY
 TO: LONNIE L. ROSE a/k/a LONNIE ROSE and SARITA R. ROSE f/k/a SARITA R. CARTER, Husband and Wife, if alive and if not, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against LONNIE L. ROSE a/k/a LONNIE ROSE and SARITA R. ROSE f/k/a SARITA R. CARTER, and all claimants under any of such party;
 3821 Palazzo Street, Sebring, FL 33872

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose certain bonded capital improvements and operation and maintenance assessments on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:
 The Property: 3821 Palazzo Street, Sebring, FL 33872.

Lot 29, Block 019, Unit 02, Sun 'n Lake Estates of Sebring, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 48, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Property Tax Identification No.: C-04-34-28-020-0190-0290
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to John K. McClure, Esquire, JOHN K. MCCLURE, P.A., 211 South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before May 14, 2012 otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 17th day of April, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAIN
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: /s/ Annette E. Daff
 Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; telephone (863) 402-6591, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

April 29; May 6, 2012

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IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. CC 11-646

MCS CONTRACTING, INC., a Florida corporation d/b/a STEWART CONSTRUCTION
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RICHARD ALLEN ROSE, SR., deceased, et al
 Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 1, of the SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 47, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 36, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, the said North 1/2 of Lot 47, being a part of a subdivision of Government Lots 1 and 2 and one-half acre of lot 3, in Section 32, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, per Plat Book 3, Page 13, Public Records of DeSoto (now Highlands) County Florida. Said parcel being also described as Lot 1 of Kilarney Court Subdivision situated at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Lake View Drive and Kenilworth Boulevard, having a width of 100 feet along Lake View Drive and a depth of 175 feet, Less Right-of-Way described in Order of Taking recorded in O.R. Book 160, Page 37, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

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 22nd day of May 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)

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April 29; May 6, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 11-676GCS
 SECTION NO. CIVIL

MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION f/k/a MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 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.

AMENDED 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
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BOB GERMAINE
 Clerk of Court
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
 Deputy Clerk
 DATE: April 17, 2012
 April 29; May 6, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000513

SEC: Civil
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 RONALD F. KELLY A/K/A RONALD KELLY; KEISHA SMITH; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL 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; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; SEAN W. FIELDER; DAWN FIELDER; AND FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE SERVICES, CO
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated April 19, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-000513 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 15th day of May, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to-wit:
 THE SOUTHERLY 1/2 OF LOT 6, ALL OF LOT 5, AND ALL OF LOT 4, LESS AND EXCEPT THE SOUTHERLY 15 FEET THEREOF, LYING IN BLOCK 270, LAKE SEBRING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE WHERE THE COMMON LINE OF LOTS 3 AND 4 INTERSECTS CLEVELAND ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG CLEVELAND ROAD A DISTANCE OF 15 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE COMMON LINE OF LOTS 3 AND 4
 TO THE REAR LOT LINE OF LOT 4; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE REAR OF LOTS 4, 5 AND 6 A DISTANCE OF 130.50 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF LOT 6 TO POINT ON CLEVELAND ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG CLEVELAND ROAD A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

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DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 April 29; May 6, 2012

BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
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Four Streaks State-bound

By DAN HOEHNE

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The numbers were whittled down, as would be expected, going from districts to regionals to regionals to state.

But what Sebring's track and field athletes pulled off Wednesday in Tampa were a number of remarkable feats.

Out of the 10 Blue Streaks that made the trip to Leto High School, among 35 other high schools represented, four earned their way to the FHSAA Finals in Jacksonville.

As a team, the Lady Streaks totaled 27.5 points to finish eighth in the crowded

field, while the Sebring boys tied for 16th.

Donavon White matched his stellar leap from the District high jump competition, again clearing 6-feet, 4-inches to win the event at Regionals, allowing the three-sport athlete to finish his high school career in grand fashion.

"It's my first time going to state in any sport," the senior said.

Two-event qualifier Taylor Tubbs, meanwhile, found herself in a pickle in both her races, the 800- and 1,600-meter runs.

"I got boxed in at the beginning of both because I

started out too conservatively," she said. "At the end of the first lap of the 800, I was in last place."

Certainly unfamiliar territory for the junior who had won both races at the district meet.

"I managed to pull away and get second in both, and got a personal record in the 800 by five seconds, and now am actually seeded better in that at state than in the (1,600)."

In each race, Tubbs' remarkable comebacks came up just short, finishing second by less than one second

See SEBRING, Page 3D



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Blake Fort continued her trek to state, taking third at the Region 2-3A meet in the pole vault Thursday.

Red Devils safe at home

By DAN HOEHNE

daniel.hoehne@newsun.com

AVON PARK — Red Devil head coach Whit Cornell had one hope, aside from winning Friday's District 10-4A Tournament title, as his squad was finishing up their pre-game warm ups.

"I just hope they make it easier," he said of his cardiac kids'

propensity to keep games as dramatic as possible.

Well, his squad kept up their season-long

trend and made things anything but easier in the 4-0 win over Frostproof.

You want drama?

How about Avon Park not scoring their first run until the top of the seventh?

And that first run being followed by the teams' first hit of the game?

Oh it was an odd night at Head Field for the overflow crowd of Red Devil fans and Frostproof followers alike.

Starting with Avon Park having the designation as the visitors on its' home field, due to the regular season district standings.

And even though the Devils didn't have their first base hit until the seventh, that's not to say they didn't



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Stephen Flowers dives home safely with Avon Park's first, and winning, run in Friday's district championship game.

have their scoring opportunities.

Starting in the first as lefty Clayton Barnes, while keeping Avon Park off balance, was also having trouble locating the strike zone consistently.

Tyrone Perry drew a lead-off walk, but was forced at second on a Lane Crosson grounder.

Trey Marley then also drew a walk and both runners moved up on a wild pitch, though Crosson got caught rounding third a bit

too aggressively and was soon tagged out in the ensuing rundown — though Marley moved all the way up to third.

Alfred Brown and Anthony Caruthers each drew walks to load the bases, but a grounder to third ended the inning.

Brad Torres, meanwhile, took to the hill for the first time in 10 days and looked back in form.

"His last couple outings, he was up in the zone," Cornell said. "He didn't

pitch bad, but he didn't have his usual command. But tonight he was strong and sharp."

Other than Marcus Bobb reaching on an error, Torres got through the first with little problem and retired the side in order in the second and third, totaling three strike outs in the two frames.

But Barnes, while issuing four walks in the second and third combined, was keeping the Devils off the board in both hits and runs.

It wasn't until the bottom of the fourth, when Bobb lead off with a single to center, that the first hit of the game was recorded, though Torres worked around it to keep the goose eggs rolling.

With one out in the fifth, both Brown and Caruthers drew walks from Barnes, ending the southpaws night in favor of right-hander Trevor Ard.

A strike out followed, but Torri Pringle reached on an error to load the bases.

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Dolphins take Stanford OT Martin

By STEVEN WINE

Associated Press

DAVIE — Tackle Jonathan Martin protected Andrew Luck's blind side for three years, so the Miami Dolphins figure he's ready to play in the NFL.

Miami selected Martin in the second round of the draft with the 42nd overall choice Friday.

He decided to turn after his junior season with the Stanford Cardinal and was projected as a potential first-round pick.

"He's used to playing a very demanding position," Dolphins general manager Jeff Ireland said. "They entrusted him with protecting Andrew for three years."

Martin began starting as a freshman at Stanford.

He said he benefited from playing with Luck, taken with the first overall pick Thursday by Indianapolis.

"It helps you learn how to play with the spotlight on you," Martin said. "Being on the national stage for a lot of games helps to prepare you to play in the NFL."

In the third round, the Dolphins selected two players who were more productive in 2010 than in 2011 — Miami Hurricanes defensive end Olivier Vernon and Missouri Tigers tight end Michael Egnew.

Vernon was the 72nd overall selection and the first from Miami, Florida or Florida State to be drafted.

He had six sacks as a sophomore in 2010 but was suspended for the first six games last season after an investigation showed he took extra benefits from a former booster during the recruiting process.

The Dolphins were so impressed by Vernon's off-season workouts that they believe he can make an immediate impact, Ireland said.

"We trust what we see," Ireland said. "I wouldn't be surprised if he has a big year, a big career also."

Egnew had 90 receptions for 762 yards and five scores as a junior in 2010, then made 47 catches as a senior after Missouri quarterback Blaine Gabbert departed.

"I like the vision that we're getting a guy who can run down the middle of the field," Ireland said.

Martin was the fourth Stanford player drafted.

He played left tackle in

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Blue Streaks settle for second in District

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

WINTER HAVEN — The Sebring Blue Streaks narrowly missed a district championship, as a one-inning rally for the Winter Haven Blue Devils gave them the 6-1 win as the final out was made Thursday night.

Winter Haven

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Sebring

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Starting pitchers Nate Greene and Blue Devil Joe Lopez fought toe-to-toe at the rubber for the first four innings, seeing minimal scoring opportunity for either side of the field.

In the top of the fifth, however, Winter Haven found a few gaps and the Streaks struggled to keep composure as the Blue Devils racked in six runs

"Two or three hits isn't going to win a game."

ZACH OSHA

Sebring senior

that Sebring would not respond to.

Sebring sent Jordan Baker to the mound in the top of the sixth, and he successfully held off any more offensive threats from Winter Haven.

"Nate was perfect through the first three and in the fourth he got some quick outs, and in the fifth he was getting a little tired and we misplayed a couple bunts," said head coach Buck Rapp. "We had four errors and they had zero. A lot of times that's the key to the ballgame- you've got to play defense especially against a good team like they are."

In the bottom of the sixth, Greene drew a walk, stole second and moved to third on a Zach Osha grounder.

Wyatt Johnson stepped into the box and offered a sac fly to bring in Greene, now settling the score at 6-1.

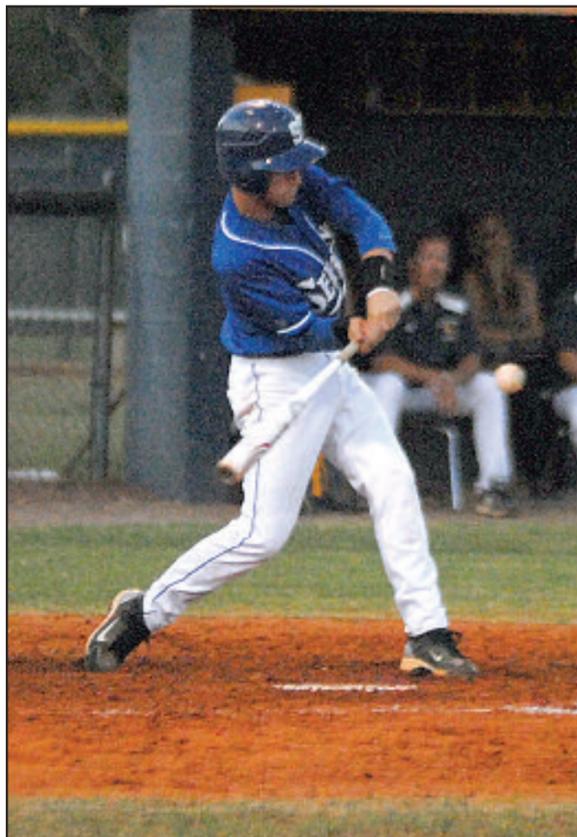
Unfortunately, this would be the last run across the plate for the night.

Despite the loss, Sebring still secured a spot in the Class 6A Playoffs, but will have to hit the road for the next scheduled game.

"We've just got to hit the ball more," Osha said. "Two or three hits a game isn't going to win a game against anybody whether we're playing people from back home or Tarpon Springs or Land of Lakes, wherever we have to play."

That will be the

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News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Wyatt Johnson got a good swing on this pitch, but the Streaks offense was primarily shut down in Thursday's District 9-A title game loss to Winter Haven.

THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING SUNDAY

7 p.m. NHRA – O'Reilly Spring Nationals ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL SUNDAY

2 p.m. Georgia at LSU ESPN2
3:30 p.m. Arkansas at Florida SUN

GOLF SUNDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Ballantine's Championship. . . GOLF
1 p.m. PGA – Zurich Classic of New Orleans. . . GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – Zurich Classic of New Orleans. . . CBS
3 p.m. LPGA – Mobile Bay Classic. GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SUNDAY

1 p.m. Detroit at N.Y. Yankees TBS
1:30 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia WGN
8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Texas SUN

MONDAY
7 p.m. Texas at Toronto. ESPN
7 p.m. Seattle at Tampa Bay SUN

TUESDAY
7 p.m. Seattle at Tampa Bay SUN

MOTORCYCLE RACING SUNDAY

1 p.m. AMA Supercross World Championship . . . CBS

NBA PLAYOFFS SUNDAY

1 p.m. Utah at San Antonio ESPN
3:30 p.m. Denver at L.A. Lakers ABC
7 p.m. Boston at Atlanta TNT
9:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Memphis. TNT

MONDAY
7 p.m. N.Y. Knicks at Miami TNT
9:30 p.m. Dallas at Oklahoma City TNT

TUESDAY
8 p.m. Philadelphia at Chicago TNT
10:30 p.m. Denver at L.A. Lakers TNT

NHL PLAYOFFS SUNDAY

3 p.m. New Jersey at Philadelphia NBC

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER MONDAY

2:30 p.m. Manchester City vs. Manchester United ESPN2
2:30 p.m. Liverpool vs. Fulham ESPN2

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Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 6: Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 8: New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Thursday, May 10: Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBD
x-Saturday, May 12: New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE Phoenix 1, Nashville 0

Friday: Phoenix 4, Nashville 3, OT
Sunday: Nashville at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2: Phoenix at Nashville, 9 p.m.
Friday, May 4: Phoenix at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
x-Monday, May 7: Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 9: Phoenix at Nashville, TBD
x-Friday, May 11: Nashville at Phoenix, TBD

St. Louis vs. Los Angeles

Saturday: Los Angeles at St. Louis, late Monday: Los Angeles at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 3: St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday, May 6: St. Louis at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 8: Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBD
x-Thursday, May 10: St. Louis at Los Angeles, TBD
x-Saturday, May 12: Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	13	7 .650	—
Baltimore	12	8 .600	1
New York	11	8 .579	1½
Toronto	10	10 .500	3
Boston	9	10 .474	3½
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	10	8 .556	—
Chicago	10	10 .500	1
Detroit	10	10 .500	1
Kansas City	6	14 .300	5
Minnesota	5	15 .250	6
West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	15	5 .750	—
Oakland	11	10 .524	4½
Seattle	11	10 .524	4½
Los Angeles	6	14 .300	9

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 7, Detroit 6
Cleveland 3, L.A. Angels 2
Oakland 5, Baltimore 2
Seattle 9, Toronto 5, 10 innings
Tampa Bay 8, Texas 4
Boston 10, Chicago White Sox 3

Kansas City 7, Minnesota 6
Saturday's Games
L.A. Angels at Cleveland, late
Kansas City at Minnesota, late
Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, late
Seattle at Toronto, late
Oakland at Baltimore, late
Boston at Chicago White Sox, late
Tampa Bay at Texas, late

Sunday's Games

Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	6 .700	—
Atlanta	13	7 .650	1
New York	11	9 .550	3
Philadelphia	9	11 .450	5
Miami	7	12 .368	6½
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	13	7 .650	—
Cincinnati	9	11 .450	4
Milwaukee	9	11 .450	4
Pittsburgh	8	11 .421	4½
Houston	8	12 .400	5
Chicago	7	13 .350	6
West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	14	6 .700	—
Colorado	10	9 .526	3½
Arizona	10	10 .500	4
San Francisco	10	10 .500	4
San Diego	7	14 .333	7½

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, Philadelphia 1
Arizona 5, Miami 0
Houston 6, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 13, Milwaukee 1
Colorado 18, N.Y. Mets 9
L.A. Dodgers 3, Washington 2
San Diego 5, San Francisco 3

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee at St. Louis, late
Houston at Cincinnati, late
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, late
Arizona at Miami, late
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, late
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, late
San Diego at San Francisco, late
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, late

Sunday's Games

Arizona at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

THURSDAY: Baseball vs. Tampa Catholic, Class 4A State Playoffs, 7 p.m.



Sebring

THURSDAY: Baseball at Tarpon Springs, Class 6A State Playoffs, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY: Track and Field at Class 3A FHSAA Finals, Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Softball BBQ

AVON PARK – Avon Park girls softball will be hosting a BBQ on Saturday, April 28 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lucy Derkman softball complex.
Dinners are \$7 and include pulled pork, barbecue beans, cole slaw and a roll.
For further information, contact Kyndal Tyler at 257-0814.

Adult Spring Leagues

SEBRING – The Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting team registrations for the spring leagues until Thursday, May 3, 2012.
Games will begin at the Highlands County Sports Complex the week of May 7.

Leagues will include men's slow pitch, women's, church and recreation and coed leagues.

Leagues are open to all adults and youth 16 years and older.
League fees will be \$360 plus a one time sanctioning fee of \$15 for the 2012 fiscal year for new team.

Registration and league fees are due by Monday, May 7.

Please call Dan Jamison at the Highlands County Sports Complex at 863-402-6755.

Church League Softball

SEBRING – The new season for church leagues will be starting in May and there is room for new teams.

There are three opportunities to get involved.

First, if you have 12 or more people, men and women, from your church, ages 16 and up, that would like to form a team, call for a flyer with information.

Secondly, if you have three or four players, call other churches and see if you can combine players to form a team, then call for a flyer.

Finally, if you are just by yourself and want to play, call up and ask to be put on an existing team, or form a new one if enough players sign up.

Regular church attendance is mandatory, which means more than just showing up regularly every Christmas.

You may call Calvary Church at 386-4900, or Lester Osbeck at 446-1139, for a flyer or to sign up as an individual for a team.

Call soon, as registration needs to be in by Monday, April 30.

Citrus Golf Day

SEBRING – Highlands County Citrus Growers Association and Heartland National Bank present Citrus Golf Day 2012, slated for Thursday, June 7, at the Country Club of Sebring.

The event will begin with a Noon lunch and check in, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.
Team cost of \$300 includes greens fee for four players, lunch, post-tournament hors d'oeuvres, water, soft drinks and beer on the course.

Also, \$50 gift certificates will be awarded to the winners of special events, including Long Drive and Closest to the Pin for A, B,C and D handicap players.

Range balls and a participation prize raffle ticket will be included for all golfing participants.

For additional information call 385-8091.

LP Chamber 5/10K

LAKE PLACID – The 2012 Lake Placid Chamber 5K/10K Run/Walk Team Challenge will take place Saturday, May 19, beginning at 7 a.m. at the DeVane Circle Park.

Early entry fees are \$10 for students, \$15 for team members and \$20 for individuals – fee the day of the race is \$25.

Register by May 4 to get a Dri-fit T-shirt.

Entering as a team can save on entry fee, as each member of a recognized

organization or business team saves \$5.

Teams must consist of at least three members and may be mixed ages and genders.

For more information, call Niki Gregor at 386-1300 or email ngregor@heartlandnb.com.

SFCC Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – The summer season is right around the corner, which means plenty of opportunities for aspiring area volleyball players to sharpen their skills and learn some new things at the SFCC Summer Camps, lead by head coach Kim Crawford and members of the Lady Panther squad.

Three indoor camps are going to be held, in addition to two sand volleyball camps.

Four-day indoor camps will be offered Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, July 9-12 and July 30-Aug. 2.

Each day, campers going into grades 6-8 will meet from 9 a.m.-Noon, campers going into grades 9-12 from 1-4 p.m., with all campers then enjoying open pool time from 4-4:45 p.m.

Cost for the indoor camps are \$100 per week, or \$30 per daily session.

Out on the sand court, four-day camps will be offered Monday through Thursday, June 18-21 and July 16-19, with campers going into grades 6-12 meeting from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Cost for the sand camps is \$60 per week or \$20 per daily session.

Individual, private sessions for indoor and sand are available year-round for \$20 per hour.

To register, go to www.southflorida.edu/athletics/volleyball, click on "volleyball camp" and print out the Application Form.

Mail the completed form, or bring to the Cashier's Office in Building B.

For more information, call Coach Crawford at 835-2377 or email kim.crawford@southflorida.edu.

Flag Football

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is conducting a sign up for The YMCA/Eagle Youth Flag Football League.

Registrations are for ages 5-15 years of age. For questions call 382-9622.

Legion Golf

SEBRING – The Sixth Annual Legion Post 25 Golf Event will be a shotgun scramble on the Cougar Course at SpringLake Country Club on Saturday, May 5.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start teeing off at 8:30 a.m.

There will be a \$10,000 cash Hole-in-One, plus prizes on all the Par 3s.

Closest to the pin, 50-50 mulligans, door prizes, refreshments on the course and a buffet lunch at the golf course will all be part of the day.

Over the five years of the event, this tournament has given thousands to Highlands County Veterans in need, youth bowling, boy scouts, Ozone baseball as well as community needs.

Corporate sponsors and hold sponsors are welcome.

Contact Placid Post 25 at 465-0975 or Commander J.P. Plunkett at 840-2538.

Elks Golf Tournament

SEBRING – The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, May 7, beginning at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$25 which includes golf, cart, a lunch buffet with multiple choices and the prize fund.

To sign up contact Jack McLaughlin at jacknjudy33872@gmail.com or leave a message on 471-3295.

Check in no later than 7:40 a.m. in the Pro Shop.

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Sebring sending four to FHSAA Finals

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'It is more about competing with myself and beating my personal record.'

BLAKE FORT
Sebring pole vaulter



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Above: Taylor Tubbs fell behind early, but made strong charges to take second in both the 800 and 1,600, qualifying for state in each. Below: Colton Dillon jumped his pole vault height a full foot in clearing 14 feet to reach the state finals.



in the 800, nearly four seconds ahead of the next competitor, and by a little over five seconds in the 1,600, almost 10 seconds ahead of the third-place finisher.

Sebring then saw two pole vaulters stamp their tickets to Jacksonville, as Colton Dillon and Blake Fort each took third in their respective events.

Dillon improved on his District effort of 13-feet by a full foot, clearing 14-feet and securing his spot in the Class 3A State Finals.

Fort also upped her District height, by six inches, going from an even 10-feet to 10-6.

"I have just now been able to clear that height," she said. "And I almost cleared 11-feet at Regionals. Without my coach, Martin Metzger, taking time out of his weekends, and my dad being on me about training at home, then I wouldn't have made a recovery from my knee injury last year and be back to competing at this level. But in the end, it isn't about beating the people I'm competing against, it is more about competing with myself and beating my personal record."

This will be the juniors' second trip to state, having

qualified as a freshman before that knee injury held her back last year.

Others who saw their runs toward state end at the regional competition were McKenzie Hargaden and Byron Cobb in the pole vault, Destiny McCartney in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, Hannah Schroeder in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs and Eric Foster and Evan Wilburn in the boys 3,200.

"All in all, I'm extremely proud of how Sebring did," Tubbs said. "Four athletes qualifying is amazing and everyone else had great efforts too."

That they all certainly did.

White, Tubbs, Dillon and Fort will hit the track of Hodges Stadium at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville on Friday, with competition getting underway at 1 p.m.

Florida Trail Association

Special to the News-Sun

The Heartland Chapter of the Florida Trail Association has one more activity planned for the month where participants can enjoy the wondrous nature Central Florida has to offer, while also giving back.

Date: Sunday, April 29
Activity: Hiking Trail Maintenance.

Location: Green Swamp, Lakeland. Meet at Rock Ridge Rd. gate.

Directions: From US-98 in north Lakeland turn east

on Rock Ridge Rd., at fork bear left and continue 4.2 miles to gate on your left.

From SR-33 in Polk City travel north, turn left (west) on Dean Still Rd., turn left on Rock Ridge Rd., after 2 or 3 miles gate will be on your right.

Bring: Water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection, and camping gear if camping.

Contact: RSVP Bob Yost at 644-5448 or at bobalinks3@yahoo.com for meet-up time and other information.

4 play for 1st college sand volleyball title

By JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

Four schools are in Gulf Shores, Ala., to play for the first collegiate sand volleyball championship.

Pepperdine, College of Charleston, Long Beach State and Florida State were scheduled to play a double-elimination tournament on Saturday.

There are five matches between two-person teams, and the school to win three advances.

The event wraps up on

Sunday with pairs competition.

It's the first year of varsity competition for beach volleyball, which the NCAA calls sand volleyball to avoid scaring away the landlocked schools.

Sand volleyball was accepted in as an emerging sport for women in 2009, giving it formal recognition and 10 years to grow.

If enough schools add it, the NCAA will hold an official championship.

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Miami looks to plug holes during draft

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college, and the Dolphins hope he can quickly win a starting job at right tackle to complement Pro Bowl left tackle Jake Long.

Switching positions isn't an issue for Martin, who said he's well aware of Long's work.

"He's going to be a Hall of Fame left tackle," Martin said. "He's a guy I modeled my game after. I've been a fan."

"I'm excited to play. I'll play left, I'll play right — wherever the team needs me."

Martin, who watched the draft with family and friends at his home in California, said he was frustrated to last until the second day but pleased to wind up in Miami.

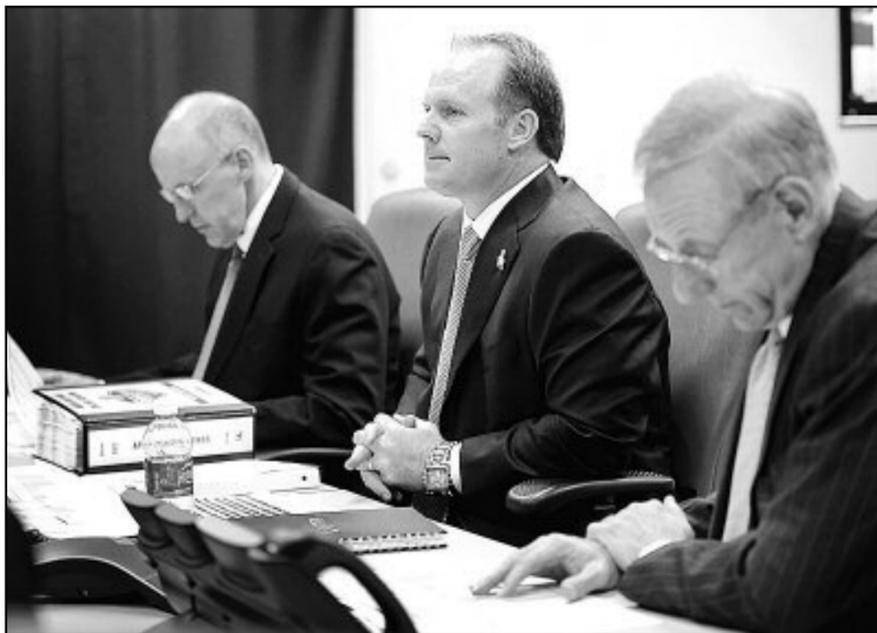
"I don't think it could have worked out better for me," he said.

Scouting reports say the 6-foot-5, 312-pound Martin is athletic and intelligent — he majored in the Classics at Stanford — but needs to improve his strength.

Ireland conceded the youngster can improve in that area, but said he'll fit well in the West Coast offense the Dolphins will run under new coach Joe Philbin.

"There are not a lot of things not to like about the kid," Ireland said.

Vernon had 18 tackles in six games last year and decided to turn pro rather



Miami Dolphins owner Steve Ross, right, prepares along with general manager Jeff Ireland and head coach Joe Philbin, left, in the "war room" just a short while before the Dolphins made their first selection in the 2012 NFL draft, quarterback Ryan Tannehill of Texas A&M at No. 8 overall.

than return in 2012 for his senior season.

Mindful of the suspension, he said his college career could have been better.

"I would characterize it as not fulfilled," he said. "I didn't get to fulfill everything I wanted to at UM. Now it's my time to start a new chapter."

The 6-foot-4, 265-pound Vernon is the first Hurricane taken by the Dolphins since Vernon Carey in 2004.

As a Miami native, he's well aware the Dolphins have

endured three consecutive losing seasons.

"I'm a person who brings another winning mindset to the team," he said, "because we need to get back on track."

Egnew will provide a potentially enticing target at tight end in Philbin's offense.

He said his style of play resembles Pro Bowlers Jimmy Graham and Rob Gronkowski.

"I'm definitely a pass catcher, but I'm through and through a blocker as well,"

Egnew said. "I just want to learn everything I can and be the best I can."

The Dolphins took Texas A&M quarterback Ryan Tannehill with their first-round pick Thursday.

They had five picks Saturday and remain in the market for a receiver and a safety.

"We have a couple of things we want to try to address," Ireland said. "We'll see how the board marries to the need."

Youth Day at Fitness Together

By LAUREN WELBORN
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — "Some of my athletes and I have been participating in a sport-specific training program at Fitness Together for several months and have seen some really significant improvement in their overall athletic skills," said Sebring coach (and fitness guru) Mike Lee.

"This is the type of training program that you see college and professional athletes involved in and its available here in Sebring."

This efficiency was exactly the goal for Fitness Together's Mike Collar, who sought to bring the effectiveness of sports-specific training to athletes here in Highlands County.

And thus, Fitness Together took its roots just behind the Lakeshore Mall.

The facility features three individual suites with state-of-the-art equipment, from free weights to movement prep exercises and functional training movements.

That is not to say that Fitness Together is a crowded gym, however.

These three rooms along with the recently added "Pack" training center allow for clients to have one-on-one training in their own private room.

The Pack was one of the highlights of Youth Day

held on Saturday morning for athletes around the county to preview Fitness Together and test out some of the equipment.

"The most important thing is that we're trying to get the kids healthier and also keep the kids in town when it's time to go get professional help to improve their sport," Collar explained.

The Pack allows for personal training in a small group environment, usually about two to six people as well as trainer in the room at all times.

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Bucs select LB Lavonte David in second round

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers believe they are well on their way to assembling a team with all the necessary components to be successful.

First-year coach Greg Schiano wants a tough, physical team that thrives on stingy defense and running the ball.

He's confident the selection of Alabama safety Mark Barron, Boise State running back Doug Martin and Nebraska linebacker Lavonte David on the first two nights of the NFL draft will help the Bucs become that — and more.

Barron was part of a college program that won two of the past three national championships, and Martin was a two-time 1,200-yard rusher and ran for 43 touchdowns in one of the nation's most prolific offenses.

Both were team captains, which made them even more attractive to Schiano and general manager Mark Dominik in the first round.

David was selected in the second round — No. 58 overall — Friday after the Bucs pulled off their third trade since the start of the draft to move up from the third round to try to improve on the league's worst defenses.

"We want guys who love football," Schiano said, adding that Barron, Martin and David are productive players with great work ethic who lead by example.

"It's in their bones. You're not a leader if you don't love

the game. You don't work harder than anybody else if you don't love the game you're playing. Those are the kind of guys you're looking for."

Dominik engineered a pair of trades during the first round, moving down two spots to take Barron at No. 7 and giving up Tampa Bay's second-round pick and swapping fourth-rounders with Denver for opportunity to move up into the tail end of the opening round to select Martin No. 31 overall.

To get David, who played two years at Nebraska after transferring from Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, the Bucs moved up to the second round in a deal that sent the team's third- and fourth-round selections to Houston.

The Bucs also received a seventh-rounder from the Texans.

The 6-foot, 233-pound David was credited with 285 tackles in his two seasons at Nebraska, where he also forced three fumbles and had three interceptions.

David grew up in Miami and is happy to be returning to his home state.

Like Barron and Martin, he will be expected to move into the starting lineup right away.

"I'm excited," David, who made 27 starts at weak-side linebacker at Nebraska, said. "I've been playing football my whole life. I'm very passionate about it."

Dominik called him an "ultra-productive" player who's a "really good fit for

what we want to do."

Schiano agreed. "We really got better in the last 24 hours," the coach said. "These three players are clutch players. ... You turn on the film, and these guys are making plays when they need to be made."

Barron was an All-American last season and joined George Teague as the only the safeties in Alabama's long, storied history to enter the NFL as a first-round draft pick.

The Crimson Tide led the nation in total defense, as well as scoring defense, rushing defense and pass efficiency defense en route to winning the national title last season.

"I think the strength of my game is I'm very versatile and can do a lot of things," said the 6-2, 213-pound Barron, who embraces the high expectations the Bucs have for him.

"Coming from the program I come from, it's kind of just the mind-set that I have. You want to be the best at everything we do," the native of Mobile, Ala., said. "Every day we go out to practice (at Alabama), we're just working at being the best. ... I think that'll make it an easy

transition for me to come in and have a great impact."

Martin rushed for 1,299 yards and 16 touchdowns at Boise State last season.

The Bucs say he's also a good blocker and has good enough receiving skills that he can be the every-down back the team has lacked for years.

LeGarrette Blount has been an effective runner the past two seasons, however fumbling has been an issue and the third-year pro has struggled to handle pass protection schemes and other responsibilities in the passing game.

The Bucs are hoping Martin and Blount will form a productive, punishing tandem.

"I don't think you can do it with one back. You need two, and these guys will work together," Schiano said. "Competition is great for everybody."

Martin is ready to fill whatever role the Bucs want him to play.

"I feel like I'll fit in very well," Martin said. "I'm a very good team player. Never had issues with teammates. I feel like I'm going to fit pretty good."



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Jessica Belcher gives the ropes a test run during Youth Day Saturday at Fitness Together.

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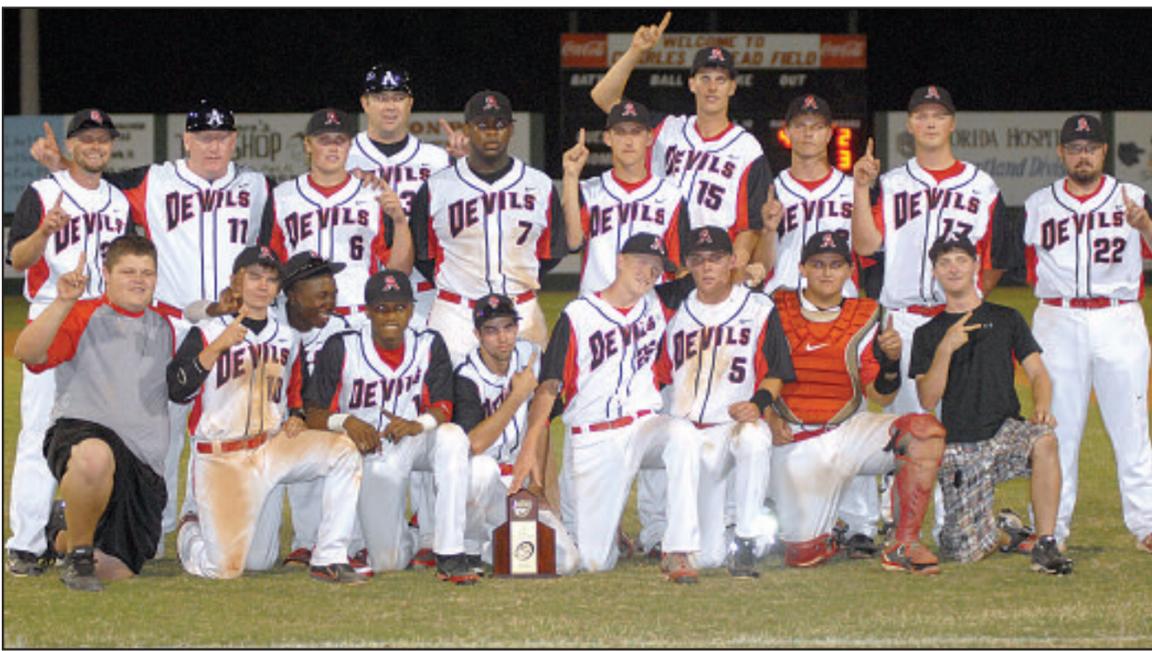
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Above: The 2012 District 10-4A Champion Avon Park Red Devils after Friday's 4-0 win over Frostproof at Charles R. Head Field. Right: Brad Torres was a master on the mound Friday, allowing just one hit, giving up just one walk and striking out four.

News-Sun photos by DAN HOEHNE

AP gets wild win, hosts Crusaders

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But another strike out ended the inning and the tension began to build.

In the sixth, with Perry at second with two out, Marley drew a walk and the Avon Park side of the crowd began leaping to its feet as Brown sent a screamer toward left.

But right in its path was the Bulldog shortstop, who made the snare and ended the threat.

A one-two-three bottom of the frame sent it to the seventh, where the scoreboard was finally dented.

Caruthers was hit by a pitch to start it, with Stephen Flowers taking over as the pinch-runner.

Mason Jahna's sacrifice bunt was placed perfectly up the right side, with a rushed throw to first getting away and moving Flowers to third with nobody out.

Jahna soon stole second, though Ard got a strike out.

But then Kyle Kelley lofted one to mid right-center field and here was the chance.

Flowers tagged as the fly was caught and raced toward home, diving in safely to

break the scoreless stalemate.

Jahna had moved up to third on the previous play and soon scampered home when Matt Roberts hit a hump-back liner to left-center for the first Red Devil hit of the game.

Perry was plunked by a pitch to again put two runners on, and Crosson followed with a sharp single to right, scoring Roberts.

And when the throw in got away, Perry came in as well for the 4-0 lead.

After two quick outs in the bottom of the seventh, Torres issued his first walk of the night, to Cody Wilson, but soon got a grounder to short to end it and claim the district crown.

"Like I said before, Avon Park has been known as the City of Champions long before I got here," Cornell said. "So it's nice to now be a part of that. They didn't make it easy tonight, but they kept battling and persevered. We've had a lot of ups and downs this year, but these kids never quit, just like tonight."

While adding another championship to the long list in Red Devil annals, the win

also keeps Avon Park at home for their first Class 4A State Playoff game.

The Devils will host the Crusaders of Tampa Catholic Thursday at Head Field.

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Spongers of Tarpon Springs, who Sebring will travel to play on Thursday in the first round of the playoffs.

Osha also noted that, this being the first championship game for most of the Streaks, nerves could very well have played a role in the nights events.

"I know for me it was. This is a district championship: Be ready or don't be ready. They were obviously ready and we weren't."

"They've got a great team," Rapp said of the Blue Devils. "We put ourselves in the hole in the fifth inning;

we had that one bad inning and that was it, but that's baseball.

"We've got to rebound and get ready for regionals. Have a few good days of practice and then come on back.

"I'm still proud of the kids. They didn't give up and we'll get better and we'll get ready for regional quarterfinals."

Rapp noted that the next team they face for the tournament will surely be a good one.

"We've got to be ready," he said. "I'm trying to teach the guys the season is not over with. We've got to get ready to move on and keep moving on."

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May 5	2nd Annual Bluegrass Blueberry Festival at Donaldson Park
May 7	Florida Hospital Highlands Medical Center Celebrity Dinner, 5:00-9:00 pm
May 7	SFCC Community Summer program begins
May 12	Mother's Day 5K at Highland's Hammock

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May 12	Saturday Night Cruise
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 Jordan Baker was effective in relief, but by then, the wheels had already come off for the Blue Streaks.

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