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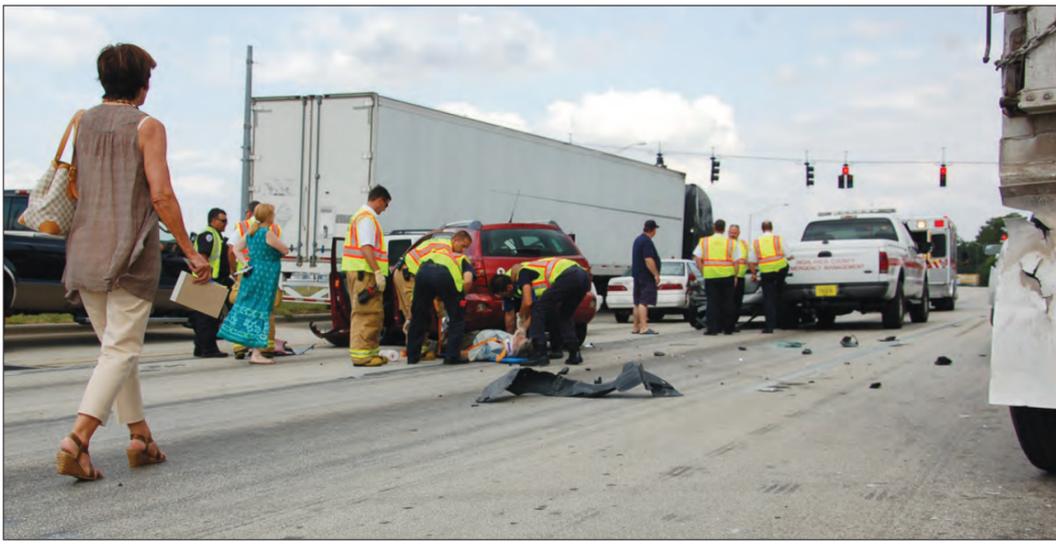
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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
 Sebring Fire and Rescue place a driver on a gurney after a multiple-car accident at the intersection of Hammock Road and U.S. 27 Wednesday afternoon. The accident caused southbound traffic to come to a standstill for nearly 45 minutes.

**Six-car accident causes traffic nightmare on southbound U.S. 27**

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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 SEBRING — Southbound traffic on U.S. Highway 27 came to a halt for over 45 minutes due to a six-car accident at the intersection at Hammock Road and U.S. 27. at 4:46 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. The Sebring Police Department, Sebring Fire Department and several ambulances were on the scene, which had all of the southbound lanes, including the turning lanes, blocked at the intersection. Traffic, which quickly backed up

to the Lakeshore Mall, was eventually stopped at Flare Road and U.S. 27 and drivers were detoured around the accident and onto Hammock Road to connect back to the highway. Sebring Fire Chief Brad Batz stated Thursday that two drivers were transported to hospitals as a result of the accident. The four other drivers refused transport. Chelsea Johnson, 21, was one of the victims transported to a local hospital. Johnson's father, Scott Johnson, arrived to the accident

scene within the first few minutes. "I'm just waiting to see my daughter. She was driving that car there, the Pontiac," Johnson said as he pointed out the Pontiac Grand Prix at the front of the scene. Batz said that the vehicles involved all received minor to moderate damage. The accident is being investigated by Sebring Police Department, which had not released any additional information at press time on Thursday.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
 Supporters of the new entertainment district in downtown Sebring hope the change in the alcohol ordinance will help fill some of the vacant storefronts on the Circle and surrounding streets.

**Entertainment district approved**

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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 SEBRING — There has been much discussion concerning the alcohol ordinance that will affect the area around the Circle, and Tuesday evening's city council meeting continued the

discussion with much opposition and few favoring the idea. However, the verdict left little more to be discussed. The amended ordinance passed with a 3-2 vote. Council president Scott Stanley and Andrew Fells

voted in opposition of the ordinance. Council members John Clark, John Griffin, and Bud Whitlock voted yes. The ordinance will allow bars and nightclubs to operate alongside downtown  
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**Lake Placid looks at making public records more easily accessible**

By ED BALDRIDGE  
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 LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Town Council discussed options to make public records more accessible to citizens, and save money while doing it, at a special meeting on Monday night. "Our goal is to make the records easier to get," said town councilman Ray Royce.

knows me knows I carry around a stack of the packets in the back of my car for reference, and I have to be careful about taking and storing notes and such," Royce said.



**Royce**

"This will force us to put the documents into a format that the public can easily access. It will also help us not to violate the Sunshine laws by inadvertently destroying a possible record. Anyone who

Lake Placid Chief of Police Phil Williams volunteered to do the research for making the meeting minutes and packets more accessible, and informed the council that the project could take about \$13,000 to get it started, including the software Adobe PDF Pro and laptops for each of the council members.

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**AP extends its hunt for new city manager**

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
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 AVON PARK — Faced with only nine applications for the position of city manager, of which just five were said to meet minimum requirements, Mayor Sharon Schuler called a special meeting of the city council Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. "This is not a good pool to

pull from," Schuler said, "and time's awasting. I want to do a better job of due diligence this time." She added the recent political turmoil may have kept candidates from applying, blaming media coverage for the problem. Her question to the council was whether the city should extend its advertising period

for another three weeks to see if more candidates applied. The council opted for the extension in a unanimous vote. The council is faced with considerable time pressure. It has only 180 days from the previous city manager's last day to find a replacement. The last time the council faced a similar situation,

when Sarah Adelt stepped down as city manager in November of 2009, it missed deadlines and then hired a man it fired roughly six months later, creating some of the turmoil to which Schuler referred. In extending the advertising period by three weeks, the city will be left with just 70 days in which to do back-

ground checks of the short listed candidates, interview them and make a selection. The process will have to be completed by mid-September. No one at the meeting knew exactly when the final deadline was. Twelve men had already volunteered to serve on a

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# SHS pool to be one site of world record attempt Tuesday

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — Sebring High School's Art Dorman Pool will be the host location for a unique and exciting event. On Tuesday, thousands of children and adults will dive into pools around the world to set a new record. The World's Largest Swimming Lesson is an attempt to break the Guinness World Record.

Not only will the event serve as a record-breaking moment, it will also shed light on the importance of teaching children to swim.

Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional death of children between the ages of 1 and 14 in the United States.

Some research has even shown that children who do not learn to swim by the third grade likely never will.

Last year was the inaugural WLSL event, which gathered close to 4,000 participants in 34 states in America. Well-known facilities such as Disney's Typhoon Lagoon in Orlando and other high school pools as far away as

Orange County, Calif. all participated in the giant swim lesson last year.

Community members are invited to be a part of this learning experience all while helping to be a part of a large number of people working together to raise awareness and break a record.

For details, contact Jazmin Cuencas at 873-1828.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### District will begin testing siren in Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — The Southwest Florida Water Management District will begin monthly audible testing in July of an emergency siren at a water control structure on Jack Creek in Lake Placid.

The siren was installed as an additional safety measure in the unlikely event of an emergency that could result in the failure of the water control structure. The structure, on Jack Creek at 1152 Peachtree Drive, regulates water levels in Lake June-in-Winter to ensure environmental health, recreational use and aesthetic value of the lake. The district currently owns and operates the structure, which is regularly inspected and maintained to make certain that it is safe and functioning properly.

To ensure the emergency siren performs properly, audible testing will occur on the first Saturday of each month at 12:30 p.m. beginning July 2. During testing, the siren will sound once for approximately 15 seconds and is expected to reach a two-mile radius.

In the event of a real emergency at the structure, the siren will be activated with alternating intervals of three minutes of sound followed by three minutes of silence to alert residents living along Jack or Josephine creeks to evacuate and seek higher ground. This will continue until the conclusion of the emergency situation or until all residents downstream of the structure have been safely evacuated.

The district has scheduled a public meeting to discuss the siren notification system with residents living within hearing range. The meeting will be held in an open house format. District and Highlands County emergency personnel will be available to answer questions. The meeting will be between 4 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30 at H.L. Bishop Park Clubhouse, 10 Lake June Clubhouse

Road.  
For more information, contact David Crane, district structure operations manager, at 1-800-423-1476 or (352) 796-7211, ext. 4535.

### Sponsor a child for Creative Kids Camp

SEBRING — With the school year ending, it's just about time for Highlands Art League's Creative Kids Camp to begin.

For years, the annual camp has been a fun and educational way for kids to spend some of their free time doing something creative and productive. Unfortunately, some of the children who would benefit the most from our program come from families who cannot afford the \$60 a week for classes. The \$60 fee can pay for a week of pastel or watercolor classes, and \$120 can pay for two weeks of clay classes (it is necessary that students participate for two weeks so as to have enough time to complete their projects).

Contributions of all kinds, whether it is monetary, supplies, or just some of your time, are always appreciated.

### Gallery Walk is tonight

SEBRING — Several Downtown Sebring merchants are offering incredible deals and discounts during the next Downtown Sebring Gallery Walk, which will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Visit local businesses, enjoy refreshments and snacks and stroll the charming Historic Downtown Sebring District.

Brenner Pottery Shop and Gallery will offer a 20 percent discount on in-store bathroom accessories. Browse the great selection of glass, jewelry and pottery pieces. Remember to ask about the "Buy Downtown" discount cards. Refreshments will be served.

Local artist Linda Kegley will create a painting at LeAttique during the

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## Workshops set to discuss police, fire pensions and hires

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR and ED BALDRIDGE  
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SEBRING — City council members will hold a budget workshop in the upcoming weeks regarding fire and police pensions as well as new hires for each department.

The council will meet for the first public hearing workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The second meeting will be held June 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor George Hensley, who serves as chair on the firemen's pension board, as well as the rest of the board members were eager to set up the workshop and get started on improvements.

"My concern is, I've been pushing this thing for probably two years now. The problem we are having is logistically we are down a lot of folks in the police department particularly ... but we've asked management to not hire folks in while we try to figure out what we were going to do. If we are going to do this, I ask that we put this on the front burner and get to moving on it," said councilman John Clark.



Clark

Sebring Police Chief Tom Dettman revealed during Tuesday's meeting that the Sebring Police Department was down a total of four officers. "We have two immediate openings and then we have two frozen from the previous budget year. We need to hire two now," Dettman said.

"I know the police department needs help big time. They're running thin," said Andrew Fells.

Sebring Fire Chief Brad Batz spoke Thursday morning of the importance of getting positions filled in his department, as well.

According to Batz, the fire department is down at least three positions. Those three positions are important to getting the job done in a timely fashion.

"We definitely need it. Our tactics and strategies for addressing a fire are based on having seven individuals. We are now working with just five per shift," Batz said. "It does take a bit longer to get the job done, and those on the line have to concentrate on more jobs on the scene. We can do it, be we have to adjust the way we approach certain situations," Batz said.

Chief Batz is confident

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Photo courtesy U.S. Army/Sgt. 1st. Class Mark Burrell

A soldier pulls guard while watching storm clouds roll in over Observation Post Coleman in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar Province on May 5. The soldiers stationed here live in some of the most dangerous terrain in Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Mark Burrell has photographed and documented many of the area's battles.

## All the young dudes

Since arriving in Afghanistan in October, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Burrell has witnessed a lifetime's worth of tragedy and triumph. As a military journalist attached to the U.S. Army's 210th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, his job is to carry the news.

"It's a long war, but there's progress," Burrell told The Unknown Soldiers from Jalalabad, Afghanistan. "Just the littlest things like going out, and maybe you got shot at for a month in this one village, and then, a month or two months later, they're giving you (food) and shaking hands with you."

Getting shot at is a part of life for this 30-year-old soldier from Highland Park, Ill.,



The Unknown Soldiers  
By Tom Sileo

who was at Forward Operating Base Fenty when we talked over Skype. Burrell, who appeared upbeat and focused, had just returned from several days in the field, two of which he spent holed up while the unit he was on patrol with took enemy fire.

"Eastern Afghanistan, in

Nangarhar, Kunar and Nuristan, where I operate, is one of the — if not the most — volatile areas in Afghanistan," Burrell said. "And (the Taliban) is still here, but these guys have really good morale, and we're doing some really good stuff in terms of kicking butt."

Burrell, who spent two years in Iraq, calls recent events in eastern Afghanistan "the most ferocious fighting I've seen in all my tours." He has experienced some terrible things.

"In combat, I've seen such different reactions," the soldier said.

"When bullets start flying

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## POLICE BLOTTER

The News-Sun would like to remind the readers that the names listed below reflect those who have been charged with a crime, but they are all innocent until proven guilty by a court of law. If anyone listed here is acquitted or has charges dropped, they can bring in proof of such decision or mail a copy to the paper and the News-Sun will be happy to report that information. The News-Sun is at 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Wednesday, June 8:

Fortino Perez Altamirano, 35, of Lake Placid, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

Christopher Ryan Bartlett, 26, of Lake Placid, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession and or use of drug equipment.

Prisita Jovan Dwyer, 31, of Lake Placid, was charged with petit theft and passed forged altered bank bill/note/check/draft.

Antonio Lopez Gomez, 54, of Lake Placid, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

Brittany Rushell Hatten, 22, of Avon Park, was charged with driving while license suspended.

Leonardo Rafael Luna, 20, of Lake Placid, was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Troy Lamar Pelham, 36, of Sebring, was charged with two

counts of failure to appear reference make obscene phone call and making repeated harassing phone calls.

Francisco Rivera, 27, of Sebring, was arrested on two out-of-county warrants reference domestic violence.

Raymond Nelson Roy, 33, of Duncannon, Pa., was arrested on an out-of-county and out-of-state warrant reference identity theft and theft by deception/false impression.

Donald Craig Strange, 18, of Avon Park, was charged with burglary of an unoccupied conveyance.

Scott William Tack, 34, of Venus, was charged with DUI, two counts of DUI and damage property, and leaving the scene of a crash involving damage.

Slyke Patricia Vanatta, 21, of Sebring, was charged with battery.

Casey Jo Michelle Vela, 24, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference marijuana sale/manufacture/deliver.

Leonard Lea Wilson, 22, of Sebring, was charged with driving while license suspended.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday, June 7: Ashley Lauren Campbell, 26, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference possession of alprazolam.

Donald Alexander Cone, 43, of Okeechobee, was arrested as an out-of-state fugitive.

Daniel Lee Culverhouse, 21,

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## Survey shows Americans' conflicted abortion views

By DAVID CRARY  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Americans, regardless of generation, are deeply conflicted as they wrestle with the legality and morality of abortion, with large numbers identifying themselves as both "pro-choice" and "pro-life," according to a sweeping new survey.

While a solid majority — 56 percent — says abortion should be legal in most or all cases, 52 percent say abortion is morally wrong.

The detailed and nuanced findings were released Thursday by the Public Religion Research Institute, based on a survey of 3,000 adults — one of the largest ever to focus on Americans' views of abortion.

The survey devoted particular attention to the views of young adults. It noted that 18-to-29-year-olds are far more likely than their elders to support same-sex marriage, but found there is no comparable generation gap regarding abortion.

In addition to its many new findings, the survey tracked other polls over the past 12 years to highlight a sharp discrepancy in attitudes toward the two most prominent hot-button issues of the culture wars.

Views on abortion have been stable, with 56 percent of Americans telling Gallup pollsters this year that it should be legal in most or all cases compared to 57 percent who said that in 1999. In contrast, support for same-sex marriage has surged — from 35 percent in 1999 to 53 percent in 2011, according to Pew Research Center polls.

A key factor in that discrepancy relates to attitudes of the so-called millennials

between the ages of 18 and 29.

"Millennials strongly support gender equality and rights for gay and lesbian people," the survey said. "However ... younger Americans are no more supportive of abortion rights than the general population."

For example, 57 percent of millennials favor same-sex marriage, compared to 32 percent of baby boomers aged 50 to 64. Yet when asked about abortion, support for legal abortions was virtually the same — 60 percent among millennials, 59 percent among boomers.

Ambivalence was reflected in other responses from millennials: 68 percent said legal abortions should be available from health professionals in their community, while only 46 percent said having an abortion is morally acceptable.

The Public Religion Research Institute, which conducted the survey with funding from the Ford Foundation, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization which studies the intersection of religion and public life. Its CEO, Robert P. Jones, said both sides of the abortion debate were likely to find a mix of encouraging and discouraging findings in the new survey.

Early reaction bore out Jones' prediction, as advocacy groups on opposing sides highlighted the findings that buttressed their views, while downplaying less favorable data.

"At the end of the day, Americans are committed to the availability of abortion, and conflicted about its morality," Jones said in an interview. "I would call it a stable tension."



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
Downtown Sebring could have a different look after the passage of a new alcohol ordinance that will make it easier for bars and taverns to open in the area.

## Alcohol ordinance changed for downtown Sebring

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churches. The ordinance also made adjustments to the definition of a school by state statutes. The ordinance excludes licensed day cares, preschools or any kindergartens from the statute.

The ordinance prohibits the sell of alcohol within 500 feet of Sebring Middle School.

The entertainment district will be able to have estab-

lishments that sell alcohol without selling food. The district will consist of several streets that surround the circle beginning from North Commerce Avenue to Pomegranate Avenue, West Center Avenue up Lakeview Drive, up South Ridgewood Drive to Oak and Franklin Avenues, North Ridgewood Drive to Pine Street, and South Commerce Avenue to Pine Street.

## Principals shuffled at all 3 high schools

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there is no confirmation regarding the reasons for the changes.

The speculation circulating among teachers and observers of the school district cites the consistently low school grades Avon Park and Lake Placid high schools produce for the No Child Left Behind federal mandates.

Under that system, both APHS and LPHS have been "D" schools for years.

Raising a school's grade, however, is not easy.

Among several requirements, schools have to show a set percent of improvement among the lowest-scoring 25 percent of students year to year.

These students present the greatest challenge to any school — especially students who speak a second language.

Both Avon Park and Lake Placid have large numbers of students who are new to English.

If a school fails to raise those lowest scores, it may lose a entire letter grade.

In other words, a school may have scored a "C" overall, but receive a "D" because the bottom 25 percent of students did not improve enough.

School districts are penalized for consistently low scoring schools, which is how the federal and state governments force action and change.

In the reorganization process two current principals, Michael Haley at LPHS and Stu Guthrie at APHS, have been transferred to different schools and will serve as assistant principals. Haley is moving to Sebring High, Guthrie to Sebring Middle School.

Guthrie replaces Jackie Allen, who is moving to Hill-Gustat Middle School to replace Margie Rhoades, currently the assistant principal. Rhoades, in turn, is moving to Sun 'N Lake to be assistant principal there.

And Page Green, currently assistant principal at Cracker Trail Elementary School, is moving to Fred Wild Elementary to replace retiring assistant principal Harvey Wilder.

Cox and his staff continue to interview candidates for assistant principal positions at APHS, Cracker Trail Elementary, Lake Country Elementary School and Lake Placid Middle.

Veteran principals Majel Bowerman and Diane Lethbridge retire as of the June 30.

Their assistant principals, Judy Dyer and Linda Laye, respectively, have been promoted to the principal's office.

Julia Burnett, assistant principal at Lake Placid Middle School, replaced Derrell Bryan, who is moving to the district office where he will head the transition to a peer evaluation system.

Of the 15 elementary, middle and high schools in the district (the Kindergarten Center and Career Academy are not included), six will have new leadership in place come the new school year.

Cox is attending a conference in Tampa and was not available for comment.

Due to meetings Wednesday and Thursday, the deputy and assistant superintendents of schools, and the director of human resources were not available either.

For similar reasons, efforts to reach Stivender, Haley, Williams and Guthrie were unsuccessful.

## AP city manager search extended

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selection committee, and it was agreed to go ahead with their help despite their large number.

Both Schuler and council member Paul Miller said they didn't want to make the committee smaller because they didn't want to insult anyone on it, or create hard feelings, as Miller put it.

During the meeting it became obvious the council hopes to hire Julian Deleon, the director of public works who is currently serving as interim city manager.

He has not, however,

applied for the position.

Miller asked Deleon straight out if he would go on the record about taking the job, explaining why he supported Deleon as much as he does.

"For one, I think Julian is doing a wonderful job," Miller said. "He's not afraid of stepping on someone's toes and when you ask for something, he gets the job done."

Council member Parke Sutherland and Schuler disapproved of putting Deleon "on the spot," saying if he wanted the job he would apply for it.

## Sebring to discuss fire, police departments

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in the council and understands the steps that have to be taken in order to get new hires and pension reform.

"It just makes sense for the council to wait until they have all the information. It's

smart. There are so many changes and redrafts of the pension plans that it made sense for the council to wait until next week to look at allowing us to replace positions," said Batz.

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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# Avon Park City Council apparently hasn't learned from past troubles

Because the 'News-Sun' covers the municipal and county governments, no one knows better than we do the challenges facing elected officials.

We watch the confounding process of democracy in a tight economy all the time.

Our hearts go out to those servant leaders willing to take on the complex issues and difficult choices.

At the same time, however, our despair grows as too many officials become more defensive instead of more open; more rigid instead of more flexible.

We are sad to say it, but the Avon Park City Council, in particular, does not seem to have learned a single lesson from the last year or so.

This lack of critical insight is dangerous behavior for any elected official.

While the recall effort is dead in the water, those officials who were targeted shouldn't make the mistake of thinking the tension is behind them. The recall only failed because of technicalities in the dating of signatures, not because of a lack of angry citizens.

No one really wants a recall, of course. What we all want is good, responsive government.

We would be thrilled to see

enlightenment come to the members of the city council. We would be delighted to see proof of lessons learned. We hope a sense of community and shared resolve returns to the City of Charm.

But none of that is going to happen as long as the council members refuse to examine their role in the government's meltdown.

Instead, council members are rationalizing past events and blaming others, never themselves.

Mayor Sharon Schuler, for example, has said on the record that she feels the reason so few people applied for the position of city manager was because of the newspaper and Internet articles referring to city problems.

According to her, the lack of applicants doesn't have anything to do with the way the council dealt with Bruce Behrens, the previous city manager, or the disorganized way in which the city went about choosing him in the first place.

The idea that professionals in the field of government and public service wouldn't keep track of what is happening in Avon Park is naive. City councils, like people, develop reputations. The truth is, Avon Park is perceived as being a difficult employer.

Until the members of the Avon Park city council open themselves up to their constituents and make their governing process transparent,

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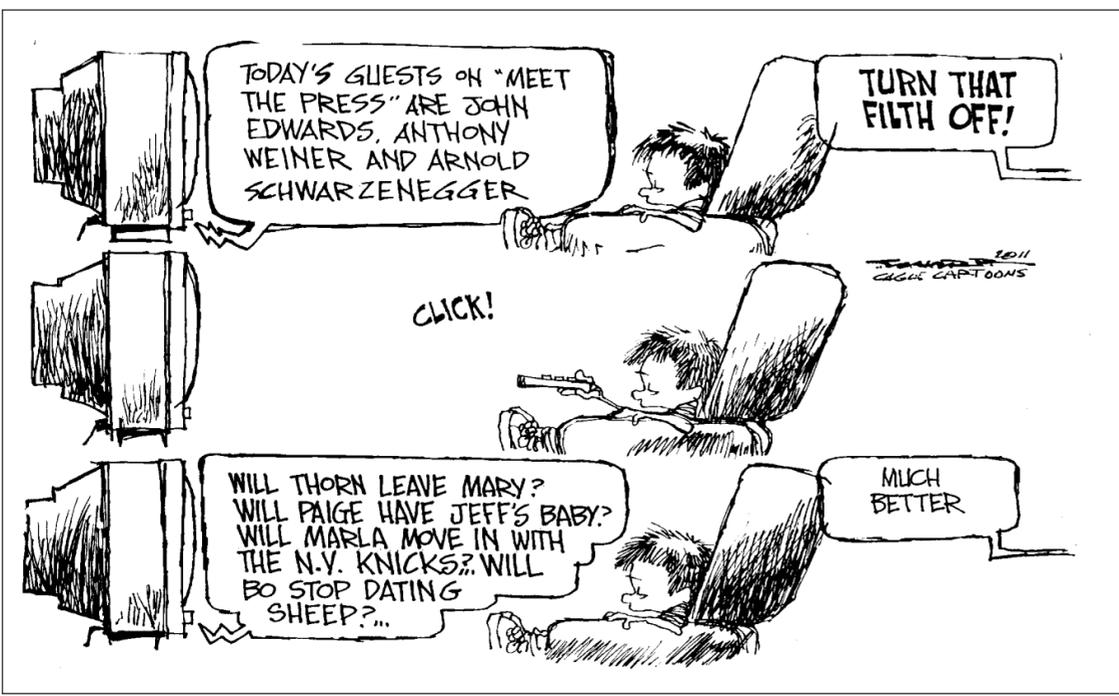
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they will have no chance to make a positive difference.

It will take courage for sure, and patience and humility — but if the council wants to be respected and admired it's going to have to not just acknowledge the people who elected it, it will have to embrace them, listen to them and act on their behalf.

Leading a town shouldn't be about power and ego. It isn't for the insecure or fearful. It is about neighbors working together to meet challenges, without fear or favor.

All we want is for the council to do right by the city's citizens.



## The case for actual death panels

Dr. Death is dead. Murad (Jack) Kevorkian, whose name has been synonymous with doctor-assisted suicide, died last week at 83. He spent eight years in a maximum-security prison for helping the sick end their suffering. But Kevorkian was no angel...of death. He was eccentric, flamboyant and obstinate about his pet cause. He taunted the authorities, doing himself no favors in the process. But he did force us as a country to talk for a minute about the rights of the dying.

Kevorkian himself died quietly in a hospital due to a blood clot.

We tend to treat death as something we can beat. You're supposed to beat cancer, the number two cause of death in this country. We celebrate those who triumph over disease. Survivors become centerpieces of schmaltzy fluff segments on the evening news. We whistle past the fact we are all at some point going to die.

Three states have Death with Dignity Laws: Oregon, Washington and — due to a court decision and the failure by the state legislature this year to outlaw it — Montana. In these states there are actual death panels: procedures to carry out the wishes of the dying including how to administer the final overdose of barbiturates.

The problem with the Health Care Reform "Lie of the Year" — the made-up death panels (beside the fact it wasn't true) — is it made end-of-life issues politically taboo. The rumor of a secret Star Chamber Government Death Panel has inhibited any openness to the conversation about physician-assisted suicide.

Yes, opportunistic fear mongering has scared us away from addressing our ultimate fear.

My 12-year-old dog had lymphoma. Her body rapidly decomposed while still alive. Zombie tales must have been first inspired by helplessly watching the sick suffer. That was my puppy — unable to eat or manage stairs. Her nose oozed blood. Her breathing became progressively more labored. She was not going to get better. Her vet pleaded with me to put her down. "It's the best thing you can do for her now." I had my hand on her head as she passed.

I'm not advocating everyone who is sick and not going to get better should be put down. Also, to be clear, I'm not



**Guest Column**  
Tina Dupuy

equating dogs with people. But, I would like to think I myself could be allowed the same compassion my dog received when it comes for my end.

This year's Sundance Film Festival debut, currently airing on HBO is the documentary by Peter D. Richardson, "How to Die in

Oregon." Since the state's Death with Dignity act was passed in 1994, approximately 500 people have partaken. The film opens with #343, Mr. Roger Sagner, being handed a lethal cocktail of drugs while surrounded by his family and loved ones. He's asked if he has any final words. He pauses, looks down at the ground and declares, "I thank the wisdom of the voters of the state of Oregon." Then he sips the barbiturate slurry and lies down. We then follow an activist, a volunteer, an opponent and an advocate of the law. It's pragmatic, honest and intentionally haunting.

The film brings up an interesting question: What do end of life decisions look like in a free country? Currently, they look like they are ruled mostly by religious paranoia and rather than by individual choice. Part of the problem is we hope we won't die, so we don't want to think about it. Since death actually scares us, scaring people about death takes little effort.

A law in Oregon, which has helped 500 people over the last nearly two decades, has not been a "slippery slope," and it has not encouraged statistically more suicides. In short, that law has not lived up to any of the fears put forth by opponents.

And yet, sadly, this type of legislation will rot in the field in most states.

The person who rubbed our face in our own mortality, the most famous and wacky of Death with Dignity advocates, Dr. Kevorkian is no longer with us. He'd probably appreciate the irony in calling his death a loss for the dying.

But to quote another health care reform canard, "Do you want the government in between you and your doctor?" Because in 47 other states — it is.

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## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Don't recall. Run for election

Editor:

Thank you for printing "the other side of the problem" some people are having with some members of the Avon Park City Council. I am a former member of the Avon Park City Council and I am so thankful that during my term that I did not have to face the criticism and slander our city council members are facing today.

I have known the three members being recalled for many years (probably about 35-40 years) and feel that they are reputable citizens who are being unfairly criticized. They were fairly elected by the citizens to fill these positions. I feel they should be praised for standing firm on their beliefs in the midst of the confusion that seems to be making Avon park the focus of disunity and discord. This discord is going to keep reputable and qualified people from seeking membership on the council.

Instead of spending so much time on the recall procedures, why don't these people begin making plans to run for city council during the next election. The vote is a powerful tool and I suggest that using "the vote" instead of recall to accomplish tasks, that undoubtedly some people feel need to be addressed, would be a more democratic method.

I am saddened by the constant discord that seems to be drawing so much negative attention to our city. I love Avon Park and appreciate living here and raising my family here.

I feel that many statements made by some of the

people who are actively supporting the recall procedure need to be questioned and there should be facts given to support their statements. I am sure that the city lawyer, who is present at the council meetings, makes sure that correct procedure and adherence to the City Charter are followed in decisions made by the council.

I have also heard that some people are questioning how the finances of the city are handled. This is a very serious accusation. There are laws and safe guards in place to ensure that there is no way that the council members could misuse city funds.

*Jimmie Garner Butts  
Avon Park*

### The most significant battle of our time

Editor:

When I was growing up, my parents taught me that the family was the backbone of the nation and the farmer was the source of our food supply. In a recent newsletter, I learned that President Obama instructed Attorney General Eric Holder and the Department of Justice to cease defending the Federal Defense of Marriage Act. This is the law that defends marriage between one man and one woman. He also proclaimed the law to be unconstitutional.

Holder immediately notified Congress that the defense of DOMA be withdrawn in all cases pending in the federal judiciary. These cases challenge marriage between one man and one woman for purposes of federal law and benefits for federal employees. He then

sent letters to every court in which DOMA was being challenged to declare that the United States would no longer offer a defense, also pronouncing DOMA unconstitutional.

It is not the prerogative of the Executive Branch to determine whether or not a law is constitutional...Thirty states have passed marriage amendments affirming marriage as being between one man and one woman and 45 have the natural definition of marriage in either Constitution state laws or both.

It seems obvious to me that our president could care less about what the people want. ... Mr. Obama is declaring war on the American people and our values. To redefine the definition of marriage will destroy the institution of marriage and devastate the family unit in America. Legally sanctioning same sex marriage would have far reaching social, moral, economic and political ramifications. Public school curricula will by necessity redefine the family unit to include anyone who associates with another in a loving relationship. Same sex marriage claim the presence of both moms and dads in family is irrelevant to the well being of children. ... Boys without fathers are more likely to become juvenile delinquents...

Same sex marriage will crush religious freedom and criminalize speech. People have already been arrested for carrying signs advocating natural marriage; wedding photographers have been fined for refusing to photograph same sex ceremonies.

I agree with Mat Staver, this is the most significant

battle of our time. I pray we take these things seriously and do everything we can to see that it doesn't happen.

*Willie Clyde (Toole)  
Cloud  
Sebring*

### Bouquet

#### 'Little Women' is a play to not be missed

Editor:

Highlands Little Theatre has done it once more. The actors in "Little Women" would have made Louisa M. Alcott proud. You could just hear in their voices and see in their actions the work each had put in their part.

At 13 Hannah Cribbs played her part as Amy March to the hilt. Lindsey Reck as Jo March was to be applauded. In fact, I can not say enough about any of the cast; they were all outstanding, as were the costumes, set, lighting, as well as hair and makeup. I will admit the sound could have been better. As I heard a number of people say they missed a lot of lines. As I know I did.

I for one sure miss the dinners. Not only were they tasty, but they gave the evening a more special feeling.

I do hope everyone who can afford a night out, like getting out to see a play, will get to the box office Monday- Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to get tickets. Or you may go online, [www.highlandlittletheatre.org](http://www.highlandlittletheatre.org). There is a convenience fee applied for going online. But do get out to enjoy "Little Women." Show the actors and crew we appreciate their hard work.

*Judee VanBrookhoven  
Sebring*

## 'Everyday Heroes'



Courtesy photo  
Florida Hospital salutes its partners in health care during the recent National EMS Week with gifts of freshly baked cookies and tee shirts. Florida Hospital is proud of the exceptional service that Highlands County EMS provides to countless patients every day making them 'Everyday Heroes.' EMS staff members are dedicated to saving lives and limiting suffering, even if that requires personal sacrifice and risk. Pictured are (from left) Lead Paramedic Trevor Cauffield, Florida Hospital ED Nurse Manager Steve Byrum, Florida Hospital Administrative Director of Nursing Deb Vaughn, EMT Austin Maddox, Paramedic Supervisor Lance DuVall, EMT/Paramedic Ron Franklin, Paramedic Training Officer Troy Granata and Florida Hospital ED Clinical Coordinator Kelly Ashworth.

## More Hispanic students finish high school

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO  
Associated Press

MIAMI — A higher percentage of young Hispanic adults is finishing high school, and the number attending a two-year college has nearly doubled over the last decade, according to Census data released Wednesday.

The percentage of Hispanic 18- to 24-year-olds who are not enrolled in high school and don't have an equivalent degree was 22 percent in 2008, down from 34 percent in 1998.

Meanwhile, the number attending a 2-year college increased 85 percent, from 540,000 in 2000 to 1 million in 2008.

"It's an amazing level of growth," said Kurt Bauman, the chief of the Census Bureau's education branch.

Researchers said the numbers on high school completion were the result of several factors, including targeted efforts to reduce the number of Latino students dropping out, as well as an increasing percentage born and attending all their schooling in the United States.

But several experts also

expressed concern that high numbers are choosing two-year colleges, where students tend to have lower completion rates and frequently do not go on to earn a bachelor's degree.

Jose Cruz, vice president

for higher education policy and practice with the Education Trust, pointed to studies that show a majority of Latino students aspire to earn a bachelor's degree, but noted they are overrepresented in 2-year institutions.

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## OBITUARIES

### MARC HUDSON

Marc Edward Hudson, age 27, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2011 in Tampa, Fla. He was born in Avon Park, Fla. to Calvin Paul and Debbie J. (Mount) Hudson. Mr. Hudson worked for Ben Hill Griffin. He enjoyed riding four-wheelers, playing pool, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He was of the Christian faith and had been a lifelong resident of Avon Park.

He is survived by his wife, Kristy Swett Hudson; children, Geo, Lana, Bradley and Harmoni Hudson; father and step-mother, Paul and Caroline Hudson Sr.; mother and step-father, Debbie and Jr. Taylor; grandmother, Helen Hudson; brothers, Paul Hudson Jr., Garrett Smith and Conner Smith; sisters, Stefanie Alvarez (Danny), Sabrina Pantiagua (Javier) and Abby Smith; nephews, Sean, Nathan, Chase, Danny Jr.; and nieces, Shelby and Obdulia. He is survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and many of his lifelong friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 10, 2011 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home with a graveside service to follow in Lakeview Memorial Gardens at 12:30 p.m.

Stephenson Funeral Home  
Avon Park, Fla.

### CATHY MC COOK

Cathy Lavin McCook, 51, passed away on June 4, 2011.

She was born in Avon Park, Fla. on Aug. 12, 1959. She was the daughter of Hattie M.

McCook

Braithwaite (deceased). Although a native and long-time resident of Avon Park, Fla., she had resided in Laurinburg, N.C. for the past several years.

Cathy's chosen career field was that of a phlebotomist and certified nursing assistant. She loved caring for others and did so for many years. She first accepted Christ and was baptized in the Church of Christ in Avon Park in the early 1970s.

In loving memory she leaves to mourn her children, Michele Diaz and son-in-law, Axel Diaz of Sebring, Fla.; grandchildren, Syniah Edwards, Kevin Edwards and Jordan Diaz of Sebring, Fla.; siblings and other family, brother, Michael Smith and sister-in-law Grace Smith of Laurinburg, N.C.; and sister, Brenda Esprit of Jacksonville, Fla., along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition, godfather Alcus Snell Sr., godbrothers, Alcus Snell Jr. and Gerald Snell; and godmother, Yolanda Snell.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 3 p.m. at Avon Park Church of Christ, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825, with Minister Larry Roberts and Minister Herbert Sykes officiating. Repast will be held in the multi-purpose center at the church immediately following the service. Marion's Community Funeral Chapel entrusted with final arrangements.

### SETH McCORMICK

Seth (Skip) C McCormick passed away at his home in Charlotte, N.C. on June 6, 2011 after a valiant one-year battle with cancer. Skip was a 1960 graduate of Avon Park High School.

He is survived in the home

by his loving wife, Lana; son, Erik of Fairfax, Va.; and current Avon Park residents, mother Ethel and brother Terry.

Any remembrances can be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice.

### FRANK SCHUTT

Frank H. Schutt, 94, of Sebring, Fla., (formerly of Monroe, Neb.) died Monday, June 6, 2011 in New Hope, Minn.

Visitation will be on Saturday, June 11, 2011, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with a funeral service following at 10:30 a.m. at the Gass Haney Funeral Home. Pastor Wayne Nestor will officiate. Interment will be the Columbus Cemetery with military honors by the American Legion Hartman Post 84 Honor Guard. The family would like to invite all who attend to join them for a lunch following the burial. Memorials are the donor's choice.

Frank Schutt was born April 1, 1917, near Meadow Grove, Neb., to Charles and Emma (Freeze) Schutt. He attended school at West Emerick District 50. On March 5, 1942 Frank entered the U.S. Army and served during World War II in the 73rd Engineer Light Pontoon Company. After service in the construction of the Alaska-Canada Highway, Frank was sent to the European theater where he served in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns in 1944-45. Upon being honorably discharged, Frank returned to farming in December 1945. On Feb. 6, 1951 he married Ruth Badje at St. John's Lutheran of Green Garden near Madison, Neb. The couple farmed near

Meadow Grove, and in 1960, they moved to a farm near Monroe, Neb. Frank and Ruth retired to Sebring, Fla. in 1981. Frank enjoyed traveling, fishing, music, and had an interest in automobiles.

Frank is survived by a son, Dale (Ann) Schutt of Maple Grove, Minn.; daughter, Grace (Brad) Stewart of Eden Prairie, Minn.; grandchildren, Randy Schutt, Terry Schutt, Kyle Stewart, and Janet Stewart. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Emma Schutt; sister, Caroline Kohl; and wife, Ruth Schutt.

### CHARLES WACH

Charles William Wach, 90, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Saturday, June 4, 2011, in Sebring. He was born April 17, 1921 to Frank Harry and Ethel Mae (Carter) Wach in Bloomington, Ill., and had been a resident of Sebring since 1985, coming from Sarasota, Fla. He was a machinist for the school board and a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 512, Wade Barney Lodge and Sebring Christian Church.

Mr. Wach is survived by his wife, Karin Wach; and sons, Terry Wach and Dennis A. Wach, all of Sebring; nine grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to Sebring Christian Church, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

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# Reporting the war a hard job

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around, people act different."

After recently meeting and bonding with Staff Sgt. Bryan Burgess, 29, and Spc. Dustin Feldhaus, 20, Burrell learned that both of his buddies had been killed, along with four other 101st Airborne Division paratroopers, during a chaotic March 29 battle. Instead of meeting again and sharing some laughs with his friends, Burrell packed up his gear and traveled through the mountains to photograph their memorial service.

"I was in an eight-hour firefight with those dudes, you know?" Burrell said. "I got pretty close to them. I heard about their passing, and I really wanted to go and cover (the memorial service) for them and for their families."

Less than two weeks later, Gen. David Petraeus arrived at a remote forward operating base to award Silver Stars to Capt. Edward Bankston and Sgt. Joshua Bostic, two of the many surviving heroes who helped the 101st win the crucial battle. After the emotional ceremony, Burrell became overwhelmed when several grieving soldiers thanked

him for caring enough to interview them and take their photos. "To me, that's a better feeling than any sort of award or any sort of recognition that someone else could give me," Burrell explained. "It's the dudes that I'm actually with telling me thanks."

Like many fellow troops in Afghanistan, Burrell is frustrated that stories of sac-

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**MARK BURRELL**  
Sgt. 1st Class

rifice from the 10-year conflict aren't filling up television, computer and smartphone screens at home.

"That's the stuff that the media — the mass media — doesn't care about," Burrell said. "They have a 24-hour news channel that doesn't cover things as important, I think, as the soldiers and their loved ones."

Regardless of where his stories end up, Burrell will be in Afghanistan until at

least the late summer, giving his countrymen a window into a war that's mostly out of the spotlight. When asked how he copes with his job emotionally, Burrell, who usually asks the questions, paused.

"It's sort of cathartic to write about it — it's cathartic to take all those photos and keep them all," he responded. "It's crazy; I've seen guys pick up their battle buddies and run through a hail of gunfire to get their guys to a medevac."

"Sometimes, I feel happy with a camera in my hand — I almost hide behind it," the humble warrior admitted. "I feel like I'm looking at (war) through a movie screen or a video."

Along with his camera and heavy backpack, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Burrell hauls scores of haunting images around the treacherous mountains of eastern Afghanistan. The news he risks his life to send home — always unpredictable, sometimes unforgiving — carries tremendous weight.

*To find out more about Tom Sileo, or to read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.*

## POLICE BLOTTER

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of Frostproof, was arrested on an out-of-county warrant.

Bobby Joe Farrell, 46, of Sebring, was charged with two counts of failure to appear reference use or possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis.

Antonio Hernandez, 31, of Stuart, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

Michael Allen Huffstutlear, 34, of Lake Placid, was charged with DUI.

Gary Christopher Ingmire, 31, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference grand theft.

Lincoln Christopher Johnson, 30, of Lake Placid, was charged with grand theft.

John Henry Kerney, 26, of Sebring, was charged with two counts of violation of pro-

bation reference sale/manufacture/deliver of marijuana.

Freddy Alberto Medina, 33, of Avon Park, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

Leonardo Edil Rosado, 37, of Avon Park, was charged with two counts of failure to appear.

Ann White Porter, 34, of Lake Placid, was charged with shoplifting.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Gallery Walk this week. Stop by to watch, and to enter a drawing for an embellished gicleé. Original art will be discounted during the event.

### Scribe's Night Out is Sunday

SEBRING — Scribe's Night Out is a gathering of local writers who share readings of their work with the public at Brewster's Coffee House in Sebring. Sponsored by Heartland Cultural Alliance along with Bruce Rogers, proprietor of Brewster's, the event is held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

After the featured writer, and a short break, the microphone is open to anyone who wants to share their writing, whether published or not. Aspiring writers, especially students, are encouraged to attend and participate in the open mike session.

Scheduled for Sunday is Yvette M. Scholl, author of "The Inheritance" (2004) and "The Legacy" (2008). According to Scholl's bio on Xlibris.com, "Yvette grew up in Cheektowaga, N.Y. Her parents instilled in her the love of learning, especially reading in particular. She discovered science fiction, fantasy, and horror stories." After moving to Texas, Scholl joined the Greater Houston Area Writing Project, which offered her the encouragement to write her novels. She now resides in Sebring.

Scholl is an educator in Highlands County and is ready to enjoy the summer break. She says, "I work best at home in mismatched socks with a cup of hot cocoa within reach."

To schedule a date to read as a featured author, contact Sherry Carlson by email or phone at sherryc@vistanet.net or (954) 319-2140. Books by published authors will be available for purchase at each event.

### Events planned at lodges, posts

LAKE PLACID  
The Lake Placid Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 will host L&L Duo today. Bingo is set for 2 p.m. Saturday with horse races set at 5:30 p.m. A prime rib dinner will be served Saturday, June 18 (get tickets early please). Music with Now & Then from 5:30-7 p.m. For more information, call 699-5444.

The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will host a game of Texas Hold-em at 2 p.m. today. Music with Tom McGannon from 6-9 p.m. Bingo bango will be played at 2 p.m. Saturday. Music with Steve and Peggy from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call 465-0131.

The American Legion Placid Post 25 will host music by Frank E. from 6:30-9:30 p.m. today. Texas Hold-em is slated for 1:30 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day), a roast beef dinner will be served from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 advanced, and \$9 at the door. Music by Gary and Shirley from 5-8 p.m. For more information, call 465-0975.

SEBRING  
The Sebring Moose Lodge will have music by Loose Change from 6-10 p.m. today. Music by Gary and Shirley from 6-10 p.m. Saturday. The Moose game is set for 9 p.m. For more information, call 655-3920.

### Sebring Elks plan Flag Day ceremony

SEBRING — The Sebring Elks annual Flag Day ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in the lodge meeting room. The service will be led by Betsy Waddell, CPO, U.S. Navy (Ret.). Assisting will be members of the Veterans Council of Highlands County.

Plan to attend this annual event to pay tribute to the nation's flag. The Friday night dance will begin following the service.

### Family movies showing at the LP Memorial Library

LAKE PLACID — The June presentation of free Saturday 2 p.m. Matinee films at the Lake Placid Memorial Library includes Yogi Bear (PG) this week. The public is invited to attend. Seating is limited.

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

### Drum Circle gathers Saturday

SEBRING — The Community Drum Circle and Primal Connection Percussion Ensemble performance

in the Kenilworth Lodge, 1610 Lakeview Drive from 8-10 p.m. Saturday. The public is welcome.

Bring an instrument if you have one. Bring a friend. Join the Primal Connection and make a joyous sound. No experience necessary.

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## Black & White

### July 16th to July 17th

An innocent audience member is poisoned and three others have close calls. All have one thing in common: a name. But, outside of that, they have very LITTLE in common. One is a waitress, one is a kindergarten teacher, and one is a "personal escort." The detective who takes command must decide which is the real intended victim. . .and which one is the murderer. Some naughty bits including the "personal escort" character.

Saturday evening includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, Sunday includes dessert, all catered by Chef Mac. Web sales close on July 13. Call **863-382-2525** to check availability after that date.

## Highlands Little Theatre

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Dressing in Black and/or White is requested. Costume prizes will be awarded.

Highlands Little Theatre's July 4th Celebration will include...Live Entertainment, Cake Walk, and nice cold beverages. Please join us!

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# Florida black bear, 15 other species removed from threatened list

Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE — The iconic Florida black bear and 15 other species, including the brown pelican, white ibis, snowy egret and alligator snapping turtle, lost their threatened status Wednesday because studies show they are no longer at high risk of extinction. The native bear, considered

threatened since 1974, was among 16 removed from the state imperiled species by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. A study found that the bear's numbers had increased from 500 in the 1950s to more than 2,000 in the early part of this decade. Commissioners voted 6-0 to remove the 16 species from the list,

but the change will not take place officially until they come up with a management plan. That could open the door to bear hunting in Florida, which was banned in 1994. "This is a time for celebration," said Commissioner Rodney Barreto. Not everyone, though, was celebrating. Jennifer Hobgood, Florida direc-

tor of the Humane Society of the United States, said the bears are at risk of inbreeding because they live in isolated groups. They should remain protected until those groups can be connected and interaction with humans is reduced, she said. Since 1998, the bear's image has been featured on the state's "Conserve Wildlife" specialty

license plate, which has generated about \$500,000 per year for wildlife commission programs. The delisting is the result of a directive by the commission to its staff in 2007 to revise the imperiled species system. Since then staffers have conducted biological status reviews for 61 species considered threatened or of special concern.

## Sun 'N Lake K-Kids give to Kiwanis



Courtesy photo

K-Kids at Sun 'N Lake Elementary School present the Kiwanis Club of Sebring with a check for \$763.75 from their first service project for the Kiwanis ELIMINATE Project.

## Meetings on state's Medicaid overhaul to begin today

By KELLI KENNEDY  
Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida health officials will hold public meetings around the state starting Friday to get input from Medicaid beneficiaries on sweeping changes to the program for poor and disabled patients.

Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican who made millions as a health care CEO before his election, signed a bill last week that places the health care of nearly 3 million Florida residents into the hands of for-profit companies and hospital networks.

The Agency for Health Care Administration is required to hold the public meetings before seeking the federal approval of the state-wide changes. The agency must submit a plan to federal health officials by Aug. 1.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services signaled earlier this year it's willing to work with the state on the overhaul, but stressed Florida's plan must address concerns about patient care, transparency and accountability under the pilot program.

State lawmakers also set aside \$2 million to pay a consultant to help coordi-

nate the process with federal health officials.

The meetings are slated to start Friday in Tallahassee and end June 17 in Fort Myers.

The Republican-led Legislature overhauled the program this session saying Medicaid costs were overwhelming the state budget and promised privatization would rein in costs and improve patient care. Critics fear the bills build on a flawed five-county experiment where patients struggled to access specialists and doctors complained the treatments they prescribed were frequently denied.

Unhappy patients in pilot counties of Broward and Duval have flooded past Medicaid meetings to air complaints.

But supporters say they have addressed the pilot program's shortcomings and it now includes increased oversight and more stringent penalties, including fining providers up to \$500,000 if they drop out. The measures also increase doctors' reimbursement rates and limit malpractice lawsuits for Medicaid patients in hopes of increasing doctor participation in the program.

The bills (HB 7107 and HB 7109) also require

providers to generate a 5 percent savings the first year, which could save the state about \$1 billion.

Long-term care patients will be the first to enroll in the statewide program starting in October 2013. The rest of the population will join the following year.

The law does not require plans to spend certain percentages on patient care and administrative costs, but instead calls for managed care plans to repay profits over 5 percent to the state.

Democratic leaders in the House and Senate voiced concerns about the statewide expansion saying there was little evidence the pilot program improved patient care or saved money after five years.

"We anticipate a lot of public participation and we are ready to listen to constructive comments and suggestions about ways in which the agency can most effectively implement the statewide Medicaid managed care program," AHCA spokeswoman Shelisha Coleman said.

Online: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide—mc/index.shtml>

## LP wants to improve public records

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The council also discussed options like streaming video over the Internet for their meetings, putting all meeting agendas, packets and background on the Internet, and putting public records into the universal PDF format.

According to Town Clerk Arlene Tuck, the savings on just copies, toner and staff time would add up to tens of thousands each year.

"This will more than pay for the cost of the software to put this into place," Tuck told the council. "I think we should move forward with this."

"Our goal is to make this

public and council friendly," Williams said. "We hope to look at getting all of codes, minutes and agendas online first."

County Commissioner Don Elwell, who was at the meeting Monday, encouraged the council to move forward with the transparency and cost savings that going paperless would bring.

"It was estimated that we at the county level could save about \$28,000 per year in just copies. The staff had to make 10 copies for every packet, which could be upwards to 280 pages. I think that now everyone but (commission chairperson Barbara Stewart) is getting it electronically,"

Elwell said. "It is really easy to do," said County Commissioner Jack Richie, who was also at the special meeting.

"You can bookmark and flip backwards and forwards, and the county staff really makes it easy to access by setting up some pre-made bookmarks.

"We saved a lot of money, and you will too. It takes a little getting used to, but you will really like it when you do it," Richie said.

The council directed Williams to get firm estimates on each item, such as the software, and present different option packages at a future meeting.

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# DEED TRANSFERS

## April 18

Citimortgage Inc. to Samuel L. Crotty, PT L8/9 Blk 8 Town of Avon Park, \$16,000.

Aida Jusino to Barty G. Bobich, L22 Blk 45 Leisure Lakes Sec. 11, \$32,000.

Charles Joseph Mooney to Michael Ragusa, L2 Blk 7 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 8, \$65,000.

Fannie Mae to Justin H. Stockton, L116 Twin Lakes Est., \$74,900.

Bruce Ihrke to Lee C. Maule, L29 Blk 9 Venetian Village Revised, \$43,500.

Louise L. King to Tito Guglielmi, L1B Blk 252 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13 Replat, \$64,000.

Fannie Mae to HCR 0311, Unit 6-B The Manors, \$56,100.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. to Cindy L. Hurner, L467 Sebring Hills, \$64,900.

Mark A. Sessums to Highlands Independent Bank, PT L7 Blk 16 In Sec. 22-33-28, \$47,500.

Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc. to Terry A. Mace, L6 Blk 288 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$12,900.

Arthur A. Wiczoreck to Arthur A. Wiczoreck, L3 Blk E Spring Lake Sec. 1, \$56,300.

Farm Credit of Florida to Paul E. Fabry, Parcel 23 In Sec. 4-39-30, \$45,000.

Donald H. Vandello to Lyndon V. Lawler, L20 Blk 5 Venetian Village Revised, \$76,000.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Timothy L. Mann, L21 Blk 1 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 6, \$64,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to Peggy W. Burcham, PT L10 Blk 10 Town of Avon Park, \$15,500.

Highlands Independent Bank to Hugh Gillard, L67B Vantage Pointe Phase II, \$10,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to William Wade Smith, L1/25 Blk 143 Leisure Lakes Sec. 2, \$83,500.

Jeremy Randolph to Mary Louise Pushcar, PT L7/8 Blk 16 Sun 'N Lakes Est. Acres Sec. 27, \$67,500.

Michelle Teague to James D. Wisenberg, L11 PT L12 Blk 130 Lakeview Place Add, \$54,900.

Eric J. Silsby to Richard L. Temple, L23 Blk 252 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$102,000.

Robert Carrubba to Richard G. Ferrando, L8 Blk K Lake Placid Camp Florida Resort Replat, \$105,000.

Naser A. Abueqab to Perry Smith Family Ltd., PT Sec. 27-37-33/Other/Easement, \$310,000.

Malcolm W. Ross IV to Gary R. Asbury, L17/18 Blk 10 Lake Blue Est., \$160,000.

William Cruz Jr. to Steven T. Straily, L11 Blk 706 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 4 Revised Replat, \$143,000.

Warren H. Glass to David D. Denkhaus, L16 Blk 87

Placid Lakes Sec. 8, \$145,000.

## April 19

Bank of America to John Parker, L84-A Blk 143 Placid Lakes Sec. 11 Revised Resub, \$64,400.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to David A. DeLoach, PT Sec. 9-33-29/Other/Easement, \$95,000.

Jose L. Morejon to Lenora L. Robinson, L22 Blk 50 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 2, \$62,000.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to John C. Caspare III, L660 Sebring Hills, \$40,000.

Hyla Thompson to James Moran, L1 Blk 1 Lake Josephine Heights 2nd Add, \$35,500.

Donna M. Griffith to Albert Flapan, L97 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. E, \$65,000.

Heartland National Bank to Kyle W. Sager, L4204-4208 Avon Park Lakes Unit 14, \$5,500.

Marnie G. Crane to Denver R. Luckadoo, L11-15 Blk 6 Istokpoga Park Sub, \$80,000.

Donna Enderle to John F. Thomas, L7 Istokpoga Shores Unit 1, \$125,000.

## April 20

Bayview Loan Servicing to Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County Inc., PT L1/2 Blk 48 Original Town of Sebring, \$75,000.

Lawrence Wilson Williams to Hosmer Compton, L1-11/32 Blk 7 Lake Groves Resub, \$65,000.

Walter J. Wakefield to Jack N. Hatfield, Unit 5-C North Bldg. Edgewater Arms Condo Apts., \$29,000.

William Eugene Adams to Roger Lee Foltz Sr., L24 Holiday Acres 1st Add, \$30,000.

Terrence G. Van Arkel to Michael Lillpop, L7088-7090 Avon Park Lakes Unit 22, \$9,000.

Todd Loren Weaver to James L. Johnson, Unit 102-II The Masters 1st Condo, \$6,300.

Teri Lee Varney to James L. Johnson, Unit 102-II The Masters 1st Condo, \$6,400.

Carlos Martinez to Juan L. Martinez, L15 Blk 153 Sebring Highlands, \$36,400.

Dolores I. Burr to Thomas D. Ricca, L55 Blk 51 Placid Lakes Sec. 6, \$82,500.

Robert B. McCutcheon to Bruce Doughty, L409 Fairmount Mobile Est., \$49,500.

## April 21

James W. Bullis to E. James King III, PT L45 Blk 250 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$45,000.

James W. Bullis to E. James King III, PT L45 Blk 250 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$40,000.

Highlands County Title & Guaranty Land Co. to Nelson Cruz Candelaria, L6

Blk 75 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 6, \$3,300.

Maria D. Sorto to Douglas J. Diaz, L300 Sebring Ridge Sec. A, \$60,000.

John W. Hayes to Stephen B. Henderson, L39 Country Club Lake Est., \$85,000.

Donald E. Martin to Stanley L. Butrum, PT L32/34 Hickory Hills Unrec, \$50,000.

Henriette Poulin to Jose Gonzalez, L14 Blk 6 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 1, \$15,000.

Rose Mary Ballantyne to James E. Steiner, Unit 7 Lakeview Villas Condo, \$39,000.

Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc. to Hemant Mukund Phadke, L6 Blk 194 Placid Lakes Sec. 18, \$29,900.

Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc. to Santosh Malhari Kate, L28 Blk 102 Placid Lakes Sec. 14, \$29,900.

Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc. to Jose L. Medina Jr., L32 Blk 280 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$10,900.

Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc. to Clarence H. Harris, L26 Blk 9 Placid Lakes Sec. 19, \$11,900.

Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc. to Carlos E. Irizrry, L8 Blk 252 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$7,900.

Mary Panatieri to Manuel Patino, L612 Sebring Hills Sub, \$29,000.

Donald Gonzalez to George T. Morgan, L509 Sebring Ridge Sec. E, \$38,000.

Donald F. Cuiksa to Ole Jacob Bull, Cluster 20 Unit D Country Club Villas I Phase III Spring Lake/Other, \$70,000.

Joanne Pondo Daversa to Robert J. Ford Jr., L6991/6992 Avon Park Lakes Unit 22, \$83,900.

Walter Christensen to Philip A. Kaiser, L11 Blk 2 Lake June Pointe Phase 1, \$280,000.

Mack S. Isaacs to Patricia Bowen, PT L108/109 Blk 275 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$130,000.

Steven T. Bruch to Charles M. Olesek, L314 Highlands Ridge On Lake Bonnet Phase III, \$120,000.

HSBC Bank USA to Gil Kaelin, L17/18 Blk B Cherokee Hts., \$17,300.

Wauchula State Bank to

Carl G. Canevari, L428 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. D, \$86,000.

Robert J. Beattie to Lori Ray, L267-269 Sebring Ridge Sec. B, \$86,400.

Diane L. Thompson to Donna Sullivan, L19 Blk 5 Sebring Villas 1st Add, \$59,000.

C. Lamar Heath to John R. Cowmeadow, PT L18 Blk G Hillside Lake Est., \$60,000.

M & T Bank to Don J. DeVaughn, L12 PT L9 Blk H Town of Avon Park, \$14,000.

Robbin M. Vanhemel to Richard N. Kugler, L6 Blk 6 Highlands Park Est. Sec. B, \$4,000.

Bonita Mae Gehring to Murray B. Fitzgerald, L4 Granada Villas Condo, \$45,000.

Wayne R. Valle to Jon L. Grimme, L2 Pine & Lake Sub, \$96,000.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Aaron Tubbs, L823 Sebring Hills, \$52,500.

Lois Miriam Davis to Raymond A. Butler, L1 Blk 4 Harry Lee Trailer Park, \$10,000.

Clifford R. Rhoades to John E. Casali, L1/2 Blk 54 Lakewood Terraces, \$75,000.

Gary Neal to Jeffrey Bartfield, PT L1/2 Blk 47 Sebring Lakes Unit 4A, \$2,500.

Horizon Investment Co. of Florida to Perry Smith Family Ltd., PT Sec. 14-37-33/Easement, \$1,100,000.

Joan M. Kenney to Michael K. Sturgille, L63A Cormorant Point Sub Replat/Other, \$140,000.

## April 26

Ann R. Reinwand to Amanda Rae Johnson, L7/13 Blk 129 Northside Sub, \$30,000.

Harry C. Moore to Robert Oliver Sr., L11 Blk 1 Tulane Park, \$4,000.

Carol Ann Rymer to Harold E. Heavner, L33 Kingswood Manor Tract A, \$57,000.

Margaret Klupsch to William T. Hallam, PT L124 Blk 275 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$77,500.

George P. Mathey to Robert P. Berger, L30 Istokpoga Shores Unit 2, \$87,500.

Replat 27 to Jessie Bentz, L4A Blk 10 Lake Blue Est., \$69,800.

Highlands Independent Bank to Claudy Antoine, PT L7 Blk 16 Town of Avon Park, \$5,000.

Anidem Inc. to John 14:6, L23 Blk 62 Map of Sebring,

\$50,000.

Gary R. Ingalls to Earl Fisher, L49 Knoll Sub, \$7,000.

Arthur C. Stifel to Dennis C. Callaway, L6 Blk 1 Assembly Point Sub, \$148,000.

## April 27

Crystal Gunn to Edward J. Majcher Jr., PT L9/10 Orange Villa Est., \$70,500.

Mildred DeLuca to Maria Anglero, PT L4 Blk 30 Avon Park Est. Unit II, \$11,500.

William R. Jarrett to Edward C. Kammeyer, L45 Sebring Falls, \$85,000.

Richard Q. Banks Sr. to James R. Davis, L21/22 Blk 6 West Beach Sub, \$53,000.

Norman B. Simmons to Ronald L. Shupert, L51 Grayce's Mobile Est., \$28,000.

Apex Inc. to Edna B. Brown, L2/3 Blk A Lake Placid Camp Florida Resort Replat, \$59,400.

Springleaf Home Equity Inc. to Mom Haven 13 LP, PT L2 Blk E Price & Gorhams Sub/Other, \$6,200.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Chad Anderson, L22 Blk 1 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 12, \$39,000.

Suntrust Bank to Fernando M. Abanilla, PT Sec. 10-35-29, \$85,600.

Judith A. Myette to Marcel N. Chin, L18 Prospect Ridge Sub, \$85,000.

Vicki L. Basham to Pearl J. Barfield, L9155-9159 Avon Park Lake Unit 28, \$75,000.

CCS Golf Club Inc. to Highlands County Tennis Assn. Inc., PT Sec. 9-35-28, \$150,000.

## April 28

Family Traditions Property to Jelisa Ward, L5 Blk 232 East-Palmhurst, \$27,000.

Highlands County Habitat for Humanity to Sherita Ann Baggett, L1 Mason's Ridge, \$87,900.

Highlands County Habitat for Humanity to Priscilla Serrano, L3 Mason's Ridge, \$81,500.

Linda M. Massey to George A. Hall, PT L1/2 Blk 4 Rae's Sub, \$25,000.

Ruth D. Lair to Edmund J. Fischer, PT L6 Blk C Crosby's Sub, \$59,000.

Kyle Lagrow to Benjamin J. Byrd, PT Sec. 23-35-29, \$210,000.

William D. Parker to Delfino International Inc., PT L3/4 Blk 5 Town of Sebring 1st Add, \$352,200.

Kerry D. Meeker to

Richard Larry Hart, L7 Blk C Avon Lakes, \$121,900.

William Cecil Lemons to Ralph N. Rex, Unit 6G Casa Del Lago Condo Phase 6, \$140,000.

## April 29

Danny Thomas Mitchell to Michael A. Merolle, See Instrument, \$19,000.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Dawn L. Zahller, L17 Blk 11 Lake Blue Est., \$90,000.

Peggy Warneke Hopkins to Candice McDonald, PT L1117/1118 PT L1116 Avon Park Lakes Unit 3, \$33,000.

Richard W. Ruppel to Harold Franklin Stites, Unit 3B Golfview Townhomes Condo, \$74,000.

Mary Lee King to Rogelio Rico, PT L6 Blk 44 Town of Avon Park, \$11,000.

Donald B. Soldini to Jillian V.L. Castle, L17 Blk 112 Placid Lakes Sec. 15, \$12,900.

Donald B. Soldini to Luis Rodriguez, L1 Blk 154 Placid Lakes Sec. 12, \$56,900.

Donald B. Soldini to David Levy, L28 Blk 76 Placid Lakes Sec. 7 Resub, \$29,900.

Donald B. Soldini to Gabriel C. Ukala, L37 Blk 141 Placid Lakes Sec. 11, \$27,500.

TD Bank to Frederick A. Bowen, L9 Blk 285 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$60,500.

TD Bank to John Hughes, L16 Blk 258 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$66,000.

Lisa M. Dupont to Warren Scott Handley, L11 Blk 34 Placid Lakes Sec. 3, \$50,000.

Linda R. Renich to Theodora D. Gunn, L2-4 Blk G Tomoka Height Sec. IX, \$50,000.

Dale M. Bury to Carlos Del Campo, PT L14 In Sec. 30/31-36-30, \$41,000.

Summer Tucker to James R. Spiegel, PT L12-14 Blk 190 Woodlawn Terrace, \$35,000.

Richard Elmer Haley to Donald Vickers, L31 Blk 7 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 8, \$6,000.

C. Philip Laucks to Arlene Anholt, L41 Prairie Oaks Village, \$173,500.

June M. German to James W. Howard, L3 Blk B Tomoka Heights Sec. IX, \$205,000.

Harvey L. Clemons to John C. Place, L307 Highlands Ridge On Lake Bonnet Phase III, \$125,000.

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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-266

IN RE: DAVID W. CARTWRIGHT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DAVID W. CARTWRIGHT, deceased, whose date of death was January 21, 2011, and whose social security number is 228-13-9568, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is June 10, 2011.

/s/ Patricia J. Cartwright  
Patricia J. Cartwright, Personal Representative  
1025 Bellevue Avenue  
Sebring, FL 33870

/s/ Joy Smith-McCormic  
Joy Smith-McCormic, Esq.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Florida Bar No.: 0598844  
1701 J. Redman Pkwy  
Plant City, Florida 33563  
(813)719-6605 Fax No.: (813)717-9808

June 10, 17, 2011

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-245

IN RE: ESTATE OF EILEEN VIVAN WILCOX a.k.a. EILEEN V. WILCOX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EILEEN VIVAN WILCOX a.k.a. EILEEN V. WILCOX, deceased, whose date of death was October 11, 2010, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-5545, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is June 10, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Carolyn Sue Law  
1955 N. Homeric Road  
Avon Park, Florida 33825

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ David F. Lanier  
E-Mail Address: lanier@embarqmail.com  
Florida Bar No. 045399  
DAVID F. LANIER  
P.O. Box 400  
Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400  
Telephone: (863)453-4457

June 10, 17, 2011

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-237

IN RE: ESTATE OF JANE S. MACISAAC Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JANE S. MACISAAC, deceased, whose date of death was August 23, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is June 3, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Karen M. Murray  
164 Green Hills Drive  
Shelburne, TN05482

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Clifford M. Ables III  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 178379  
CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III, P.A.  
551 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE.  
SEBRING, FL 33870  
Telephone: (863) 385-0112

June 3, 10, 2011

## 1055 Highlands County Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: CA10 860 GCS

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. PLAINTIFF, vs. YANET P. TORRES, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 21, 2011 and entered in Case No. CA10 860 GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is a Plaintiff and YANET P. TORRES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF YANET P. TORRES; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are Defendants, ROBERT W. GERMAINE as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Room 105, Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 on June 20, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 12498, LOT 12499, LOT 12500, LOT 12501, AND LOT 12502, OF AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT 39, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 82, 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 21st day of March, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Annette E. Duff  
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

June 3, 10, 2011

## 1055 Highlands County Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA Case #: GC-10-1080

CARLA RENEE BENNETT, Personal Representative Plaintiff(s), vs. AMY BROWN, a/k/a Amy A. Brown, FRANKLYN BROWN, CAPITAL ONE BANK and CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, et al Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Commerce Street Entrance of the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of June, A.D. 2011.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Honorable Court, this 23rd day of May A.D. 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
June 3, 10, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 11-189-PCS

IN RE: ESTATE OF EUGENIA S. CHAMBERS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EUGENIA S. CHAMBERS, deceased, whose date of death was February 1, 2011, and whose social security number is \_\_\_\_\_, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is June 3, 2011.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
CONNOR J. CHAMBERS, JR.  
P.O. Box 859  
Parrish, FL 34219  
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
DAVID W. WILCOX, Esquire  
Florida Bar No. 0281247  
308 13th Street West  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
941-746-2136

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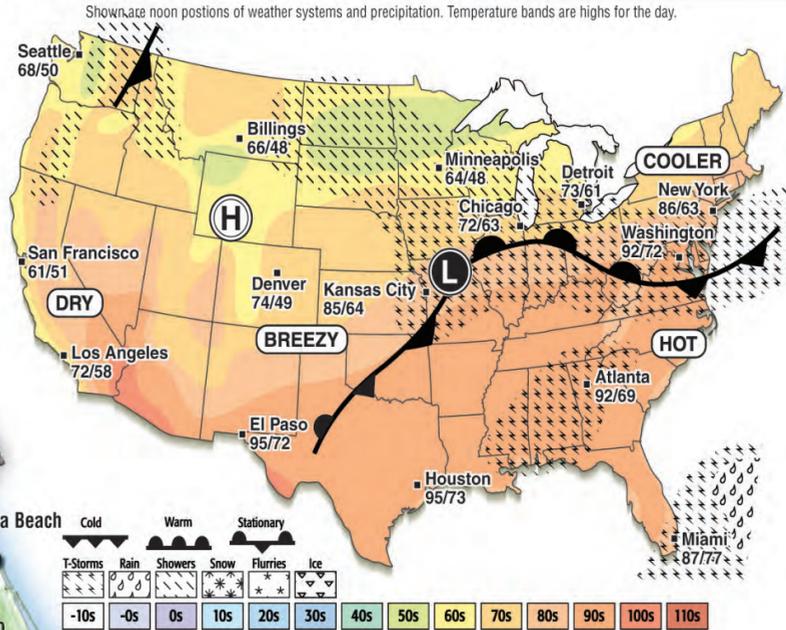


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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A thunderstorm in the afternoon	A couple of afternoon thunderstorms	Chance for an afternoon t-storm	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	Chance for an afternoon t-storm
92° / 70°	91° / 72°	92° / 73°	93° / 73°	92° / 73°
Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SW at 7-14 mph	Winds: WNW at 8-16 mph

National Forecast for June 10



Almanac

**Temperature**  
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	96°
Low Sunday	57°
High Monday	95°
Low Monday	60°
High Tuesday	94°
Low Tuesday	67°
High Wednesday	94°
Low Wednesday	68°

**Heat Index**  
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	44%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	95°

**Barometer**

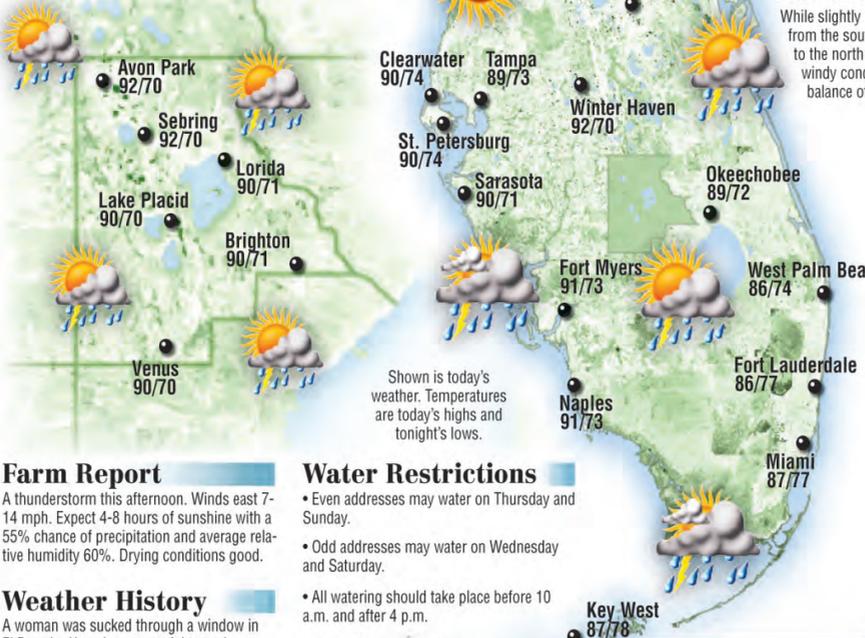
Monday	29.91
Tuesday	29.93
Wednesday	29.91

**Precipitation**

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.07"
Year to date	14.93"

Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with a thunderstorm in the afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight with a shower or thunderstorm. Showers and a thunderstorm tomorrow afternoon. Sunday: a thunderstorm possible in the afternoon.



Farm Report

A thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds east 7-14 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 60%. Drying conditions good.

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 woman was sucked through a window in El Dorado, Kan., by a powerful tornado on June 10, 1958, and carried 60 feet. The record "Stormy Weather" was found next to her.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:33 a.m.	6:33 a.m.
Sunset	8:18 p.m.	8:18 p.m.
Moonrise	3:07 p.m.	4:12 p.m.
Moonset	2:08 a.m.	2:48 a.m.



National Summary

While slightly cooler air will infiltrate parts of the Upper Midwest and Northeast, the heat and humidity will remain from the southern Plains to the Southeast today. A wide area of thunderstorms will continue to impact areas just to the north of the sweltering heat from the Midwest, through the Ohio Valley and into the mid-Atlantic. Dry and windy conditions will continue to promote an enhanced risk for fires across much of the Southwest, while the balance of the West will remain dry and pleasant.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	86/62/s	88/61/s	89/61/s	Los Angeles	72/58/pc	70/58/pc	69/60/pc
Atlanta	92/69/t	91/70/t	94/70/t	Louisville	94/72/t	93/69/t	84/65/s
Baltimore	92/66/t	84/66/t	86/64/t	Memphis	96/75/pc	95/75/pc	92/74/c
Birmingham	95/67/t	94/70/t	94/70/t	Milwaukee	64/57/r	68/50/pc	63/50/s
Boston	76/58/pc	73/57/pc	72/59/pc	Minneapolis	64/48/c	64/50/pc	72/57/pc
Charlotte	92/66/t	90/65/t	92/66/t	Nashville	94/69/pc	95/71/t	90/69/t
Cheyenne	70/45/pc	74/49/pc	78/51/pc	New Orleans	91/72/t	90/72/pc	90/74/t
Chicago	72/63/r	77/53/r	68/52/s	New York City	86/63/t	74/62/t	80/64/pc
Cleveland	78/61/t	86/61/t	74/53/pc	Norfolk	91/74/t	91/72/t	88/71/t
Columbus	86/68/t	89/65/t	76/58/s	Oklahoma City	96/70/s	95/68/t	98/68/s
Dallas	98/74/s	96/74/pc	98/74/s	Philadelphia	90/68/t	80/64/t	84/68/t
Denver	74/49/pc	79/53/pc	84/52/s	Phoenix	98/75/s	100/77/s	100/75/s
Detroit	73/61/t	81/58/t	74/55/pc	Pittsburgh	84/62/t	84/64/t	78/60/pc
Harrisburg	90/66/t	84/68/t	84/61/pc	Portland, ME	74/52/pc	68/52/s	66/53/c
Honolulu	86/75/s	88/75/s	89/74/s	Portland, OR	69/53/pc	70/52/c	72/56/c
Houston	95/73/s	95/73/pc	95/74/s	Raleigh	95/69/t	91/69/t	91/67/t
Indianapolis	84/69/t	87/61/t	78/60/s	Rochester	74/56/pc	81/63/t	73/54/pc
Jackson, MS	95/68/t	95/70/pc	94/69/t	St. Louis	93/73/t	89/65/t	80/68/pc
Kansas City	85/64/t	81/63/pc	80/67/c	San Francisco	63/51/pc	63/53/pc	65/55/pc
Lexington	93/66/t	92/66/t	83/61/s	Seattle	68/50/pc	67/51/c	70/53/c
Little Rock	96/72/pc	94/71/t	94/73/pc	Wash., DC	92/72/t	89/72/t	84/67/t

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	88/79/t	88/77/t	88/78/t	London	61/48/sh	61/47/sh	63/57/r
Athens	82/70/s	86/70/s	82/69/s	Montreal	72/54/s	68/51/pc	64/55/c
Beirut	84/70/s	80/64/s	79/64/s	Moscow	73/55/c	72/57/r	73/48/s
Berlin	73/54/pc	75/53/pc	73/55/pc	Nice	73/60/sh	74/63/sh	74/62/sh
Bermuda	82/72/pc	80/71/pc	78/72/pc	Ottawa	69/53/s	69/51/t	64/55/c
Calgary	69/48/sh	56/48/sh	65/48/pc	Quebec	68/48/s	70/53/s	66/51/pc
Dublin	55/41/s	57/43/sh	55/46/r	Rio de Janeiro	75/62/sh	72/64/sh	76/68/pc
Edmonton	72/48/pc	63/48/pc	67/48/pc	Seoul	84/66/c	84/66/s	80/64/r
Freeport	87/73/t	89/75/t	88/78/pc	Singapore	88/77/t	86/79/t	86/77/t
Geneva	67/55/r	68/52/r	74/59/c	Sydney	63/47/pc	63/49/r	63/50/r
Havana	89/72/t	87/74/t	88/74/t	Toronto	66/53/pc	67/60/t	74/57/pc
Hong Kong	90/80/pc	87/81/sh	88/82/r	Vancouver	63/53/pc	67/53/sh	65/53/pc
Jerusalem	84/63/s	80/57/s	76/55/s	Vienna	72/58/c	77/60/pc	76/60/pc
Johannesburg	60/43/s	66/44/s	64/42/s	Warsaw	72/55/c	63/53/r	70/50/pc
Kiev	83/60/sh	78/57/pc	79/60/pc	Winnipeg	66/46/pc	70/50/s	69/60/pc

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News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN  
State Farms' Josh Rivera slides in ahead of Kyle Helms' tag at the plate, though the Firemen would prevail, 12-4, in Tuesday's Dixie Ozone City Tournament semifinal.

## Firemen reach title game

By LAUREN WELBORN  
*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING – Despite a well fought battle on the diamond for both teams, Firemen emerged victorious over State Farm Tuesday night at the Max Long Recreational Complex with a 12-4 win.

Firemen would show their determination early as starting pitcher DJ McPhail turned away the first three State Farm batters. This strong start and alleviation of scoring pressure would swing things strongly

in Firemen's favor.

After Alex Lopez crossed the plate on a passed ball, Sean Osceola's ground ball would just escape the diving reach of third baseman Danny Cardoso.

Jay Bible then blasted a home run to give Firemen an early lead at 4-0.

State Farm, however, would not be silenced just yet.

During a previous at-bat, Everett Hurst just barely missed a home run as the ball ricocheted high off the right-

field wall.

Ever persistent, Hurst's next attempt would find its way over the fence.

This same home run would set the pace for State Farm in the next inning of play.

A few too many errors on Fireman's behalf would allow Brendan Doty, Alex Colon and Josh Rivera to put three more runs up on the board for State Farm.

State Farm was creeping in and the Firemen could no longer end the game early due to the mercy rule as the

See DIXIE, Page 4B

## NFL, players meet

By BARRY WILNER

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Whether they are meeting in secret locations or in the middle of Times Square at rush hour, talks between NFL owners and players are a good sign.

Commissioner Roger Goodell has been saying that ever since the lockout began on March 12.

Players, agents and lawyers familiar with the negotiating process second the notion.

Both sides met Wednesday for a second straight day in New York, with Judge Arthur Boylan joining Goodell and NFLPA chief DeMaurice Smith.

It was the second time this week that the sides got together. Last week, they met twice near Chicago.

Also on hand were five team owners and five players.

That's a critical component for reaching a new collective



bargaining agreement.

"Having meetings on a regular basis is not nearly as important as having productive talks," said agent Ben Dogra, whose clients include Patrick Willis and Sam Bradford. "If having productive talks encompasses meeting on a regular basis, then it is a good for them to meet as often as possible."

Both sides seem ready to do that as they await a ruling about the legality of the lockout from the federal appeals court in St. Louis.

The factions aren't due back in court until August. On Wednesday, Judge Susan Nelson moved up a hearing for the league's motion to dismiss the players' antitrust suit from Sept. 12 to Aug. 29 — nine days before the regular season is scheduled to begin.

"NFL owners and players continue to be engaged in confidential discussions before Chief Magistrate Judge Boylan," the two sides said in a joint statement. "Both sides met again this week as part of ongoing court mediation. Those discussions

See NFL, Page 4B

## Knight selected by Phillies

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – Highlands County and Florida's Heartland is no stranger to professional baseball, having seen it's fair share of home grown products drafted into the Major League ranks – from Hal McRae to Thomas Gordon to Gabe White and Andrew McCutchen.

You can add one more to the list.

Unheralded and overlooked, perhaps, during his high school career, there was more going on behind the scenes for Johnny Knight, culminating in the news Wednesday that the Philadelphia Phillies had selected him in the 49th round of the 2011 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

"It was an amazing moment," Knight said Wednesday, hours after seeing his name on the draft tracker. "Ever since I picked up a glove I wanted to be at this point. Going pro has always been my dream."

Though he wasn't making a big name for himself with gaudy numbers, his talent was being seen.

Knight had been seen by a Philadelphia scout and invited to a pre-draft workout three weeks ago and performed well.

"They took him late because they knew nobody else had scouted him

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Courtesy photo  
Johnny Knight was celebrating a game-winning hit in April, and had reason to celebrate again Wednesday when he found out he'd been selected in the Major League Baseball draft.

## Tubbs tabbed by "Sports Talk"



Courtesy photo

Blue Streak sophomore running sensation, Taylor Tubbs, was a featured guest on Ed Lynch's "Sports Talk" show on Saturday, June 4. Tubbs was honored as the Sports Talk 2010-2011 Highlands County Female Athlete of the Year. She placed 9th in the Class 3A state meet in the 1,600-meter race with a time of 5:21:01. She also ran a personal record 20:14 in the District 5K cross country meet and qualified for Regional competition. The "Sports Talk" show airs Saturdays immediately following the Noon News on WWTN 730-AM. Scheduled guests for June 11 are Sebring High School baseball player, Matt Randall, and Blue Streak basketball player Toby Solebello.

## Prospect practices patience

By BRETT MARTEL

*Associated Press*

NEW ORLEANS — Former first-round draft choice and top Florida Marlins prospect Matt

Dominguez admits that all the talk in March about how close he was to breaking into the big leagues

See MARLINS, Page 4B

## YMCA/Highlands Eagles Flag Football

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING – The Highlands County YMCA and Highlands Youth Football Eagles as a joint venture teamed up to offer flag football this year. The teams began practicing for their season on May 17.

Teams were divided into four age group divisions 5-6, 7-9, 10-11 and 12-14 years old.

Each division has four teams with approximately 15 players each with the exception of the 5-6 year olds, which only have two teams.

Games began on Saturday, June 4 at 8:30 a.m. at the Highlands County Sports Complex.

It was very exciting as the fields were crowded and a lot of action was taking place.

For the first time ever, Cheerleaders were on the sidelines cheering the teams on.



Courtesy photo  
The Highlands County YMCA and Highlands Youth Football Eagles got their flag football season underway Saturday at the Highlands County Sports Complex.

Highlands Youth Football Eagles Cheerleaders began practicing with the flag football players and will be cheering the teams on at every game.

A lot of good hustling and football was displayed on

Saturday.

As with every game day, there were some wins and losses, but it isn't always about the win.

Coaches from the YMCA and Highlands Eagles staff are committed to teaching

the kids about having fun, learning the fundamentals of football, developing relationships, playing as a team and demonstrating good sportsmanship.

The season will last for six weeks with the next

game on Saturday, June 11 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Highlands County Sports Complex. Come on down to see your football and support your local YMCA and Highlands Youth Football Association.

# THE SCOREBOARD

## NBA Playoffs

**FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7) (x-if necessary)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Chicago 4, Indiana 1  
 Miami 4, Philadelphia 1  
 Boston 4, New York 0  
 Atlanta 4, Orlando 2

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Memphis 4, San Antonio 2  
 L.A. Lakers 4, New Orleans 2  
 Dallas 4, Portland 2  
 Oklahoma City 4, Denver 1

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Chicago 4, Atlanta 2  
 Miami 4, Boston 1

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Dallas 4, L.A. Lakers 0  
 Oklahoma City 4, Memphis 3

**CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Miami 4, Chicago 1

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Dallas 4, Oklahoma City 1

**FINALS (Best-of-7)**  
**Miami 2, Dallas 2**  
 Miami 92, Dallas 84  
 Dallas 95, Miami 93  
 Miami 88, Dallas 86  
 Tuesday: Dallas 86, Miami 83  
 Thursday: Miami at Dallas, late  
 Sunday, June 12: Dallas at Miami, 8 p.m.  
 x-Tuesday, June 14: Dallas at Miami, 9 p.m.

## NHL Playoffs

**FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7) (x-if necessary)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Washington 4, New York Rangers 1  
 Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 3  
 Boston 4, Montreal 3  
 Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh 3

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Vancouver 4, Chicago 3  
 San Jose 4, Los Angeles 2  
 Detroit 4, Phoenix 0  
 Nashville 4, Anaheim 2

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Tampa Bay 4, Washington 0  
 Boston 4, Philadelphia 0

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Vancouver 4, Nashville 2  
 San Jose 4, Detroit 3

**CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 Vancouver 4, San Jose 1

**STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7)**  
**Vancouver 2, Boston 2**  
 Vancouver 1, Boston 0  
 Vancouver 3, Boston 2, OT  
 Boston 8, Vancouver 1  
 Wednesday: Boston 4, Vancouver 0  
 Friday: Boston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.  
 Monday, June 13: Vancouver at Boston, 8 p.m.  
 x-Wednesday, June 15: Boston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

## Major League Baseball

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	35	26	.574	—
New York	33	26	.559	1
Tampa Bay	33	29	.532	2½
Toronto	32	30	.516	3½
Baltimore	29	31	.483	5½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	26	.567	—
Detroit	33	28	.541	1½
Chicago	30	34	.469	6
Kansas City	26	36	.419	9
Minnesota	23	38	.377	11½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	35	28	.556	—
Seattle	32	30	.516	2½
Los Angeles	30	34	.469	5½
Oakland	27	36	.429	8

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 4  
 Cleveland 1, Minnesota 0  
 Baltimore 4, Oakland 0  
 Detroit 8, Texas 1  
 Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle 1  
 Toronto 8, Kansas City 5  
 Tampa Bay 4, L.A. Angels 1

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Minnesota 3, Cleveland 2, 10 innings  
 Boston 11, N.Y. Yankees 6  
 Baltimore 3, Oakland 2  
 Texas 7, Detroit 3  
 Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 4, 10 innings  
 Toronto 9, Kansas City 8  
 Tampa Bay 4, L.A. Angels 3, 10 innings

**Thursday's Games**  
 Toronto at Kansas City, late  
 Boston at N.Y. Yankees, late  
 Seattle at Detroit, late  
 Oakland at Chicago White Sox, late  
 Texas at Minnesota, late

**Friday's Games**  
 Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
 Seattle at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
 Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
 Oakland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
 Texas at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.  
 Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	37	25	.597	—
Atlanta	34	28	.548	3
Florida	31	29	.517	5
New York	29	32	.475	7½
Washington	27	35	.435	10
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	37	26	.587	—
Milwaukee	35	27	.565	1½
Cincinnati	32	31	.508	5
Pittsburgh	30	30	.500	5½
Chicago	24	36	.400	11½
Houston	24	38	.387	12½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	35	27	.565	—



# LIVE SPORTS ON TV

## BOXING FRIDAY

**8:30 p.m.** Kenny Galarza vs. Irving Garcia. . . . . ESPN2

## COLLEGE BASEBALL FRIDAY

**Noon** NCAA Super Regional. . . . . ESPN2  
**3 p.m.** NCAA Super Regional. . . . . ESPN2  
**7 p.m.** NCAA Super Regional. . . . . ESPN  
**10:30 p.m.** NCAA Super Regional. . . . . ESPN2

## SATURDAY

**Noon** NCAA Super Regional. . . . . ESPN  
**3 p.m.** NCAA Super Regional. . . . . ESPN  
**6 p.m.** NCAA Super Regional. . . . . ESPN2  
**7 p.m.** NCAA Super Regional. . . . . ESPN  
**9 p.m.** NCAA Super Regional. . . . . ESPN2

## GOLF FRIDAY

**9 a.m.** EuroPGA – BMW Italian Open . . . . . GOLF  
**12:30 p.m.** PGA – Greater Hickory Classic . . . . . GOLF  
**3 p.m.** PGA – FedEx St. Jude Classic. . . . . GOLF  
**6:30 p.m.** LPGA – State Farm Classic. . . . . GOLF

## SATURDAY

**1 p.m.** PGA – Greater Hickory Classic . . . . . GOLF  
**3 p.m.** PGA – FedEx St. Jude Classic. . . . . CBS  
**4 p.m.** EuroPGA – BMW Italian Open. . . . . GOLF  
**6:30 p.m.** LPGA – State Farm Classic. . . . . GOLF

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FRIDAY

**7 p.m.** Tampa Bay at Baltimore . . . . . SUN  
**4 p.m.** Regional – Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, . . . Cincinnati at San Francisco or Texas at Minnesota . . . FOX  
**7 p.m.** Tampa Bay at Baltimore . . . . . SUN  
**7 p.m.** Oakland at Chicago White Sox . . . . . WGN

## SOFTBALL SATURDAY

**3 p.m.** Chicago Bandits vs. Florida Pride . . . . ESPN2

## TENNIS FRIDAY

**2 p.m.** Easter Bowl Junior Championships . . . . SUN

## TRACK AND FIELD SATURDAY

**1 p.m.** NCAA Outdoor Championships. . . . . CBS  
**3 p.m.** Adidas Grand Prix . . . . . NBC

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

Arizona	33	29	.532	2
Colorado	29	32	.475	5½
Los Angeles	29	34	.460	6½
San Diego	28	35	.444	7½

### Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 8, Arizona 5  
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Philadelphia 2  
 Atlanta 1, Florida 0  
 Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 2  
 St. Louis 7, Houston 4  
 N.Y. Mets 2, Milwaukee 1  
 San Diego 2, Colorado 0  
 Washington 2, San Francisco 1

### Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati 1  
 San Francisco 3, Washington 1  
 Colorado 5, San Diego 3  
 Pittsburgh 3, Arizona 2, 12 innings  
 Philadelphia 2, L.A. Dodgers 0  
 Atlanta 3, Florida 2, 10 innings  
 Houston 4, St. Louis 1  
 Milwaukee 7, N.Y. Mets 6

### Thursday's Games

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

### Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 Arizona at Florida, 7:10 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Houston, 8:05 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
 Washington at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

## Major League Soccer

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	6	3	3	21	15	10
New York	4	2	7	19	19	12
Columbus	4	3	6	18	14	15
D.C.	4	4	4	16	16	20
Houston	3	5	6	15	17	17
New England	3	6	4	13	10	16
Toronto FC	2	5	7	13	13	23
Chicago	1	4	7	10	15	19
Sporting K.C.	1	6	3	6	12	19

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	8	2	6	30	20	12
FC Dallas	7	3	4	25	17	12
Seattle	5	4	6	21	16	13
Real Salt Lake	6	3	2	20	13	6
Colorado	4	3	7	19	16	14
Chivas USA	4	4	5	17	16	14
Portland	5	5	2	17	15	18
San Jose	4	4	4	16	16	14
Vancouver	1	6	7	10	14	20

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

### Wednesday's Game

Columbus 2, Real Salt Lake 1  
**Thursday's Game**  
 Chicago at Sporting Kansas City, late

### Friday, June 10

New England at New York, 8:30 p.m.

### Saturday, June 11

Real Salt Lake at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.  
 San Jose at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.  
 Chivas USA at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
 Vancouver at Seattle FC, 10:30 p.m.  
 Toronto FC at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.  
 Colorado at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

### Sunday, June 12

Chicago at Columbus, 4 p.m.  
 Sporting Kansas City at FC Dallas, 7 p.m.

## Transactions

### BASEBALL

**American League**  
 BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled C Luis Exposito from Pawtucket (IL). Placed RHP Bobby Jenks on the 15-day DL. CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed RHP Jake Peavy on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 6. Recalled RHP Lucas Harrell from Charlotte (IL). CLEVELAND INDIANS—Called up INF Cord Phelps from Columbus (IL). Optioned OF Shelley Duncan to Columbus. Transferred RHP Alex White to the 60-day DL. DETROIT TIGERS. Activated LHP Phil Coke from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Omir Santos to Toledo (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed RHP Joba Chamberlain on the 15-day DL. Claimed RHP Jeff Marquez off waivers from the Chicago White Sox. Recalled RHP Amauri Sanit from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Optioned RHP Hector Noesi to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Transferred INF Eric Chavez to the 60-day DL. OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Assigned INF Andy LaRoche outright to Sacramento (PCL).

SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled DH Mike Carp from Tacoma (PCL). Optioned OF Mike Wilson to Tacoma. TEXAS RANGERS—Fired hitting coach Thad Bosley. Named Scott Coolbaugh hitting coach. Placed 2B Ian Kinsler on the paternity list. Recalled INF Chris Davis from Round Rock (PCL).

### National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated RHP Aaron Cook from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Greg Reynolds to Colorado Springs (PCL). Transferred LHP Jorge De La Rosa to the 60-day DL. FLORIDA MARLINS—Fired batting coach John Mallee. Named Eduardo Perez batting coach. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Activated C Nick Hundley from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Blake Tekotte to San Antonio (Texas).

### COLLEGE

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE—Announced it will add women's lacrosse for the 2013 season. NORTHWESTERN—Named Fred Hill men's assistant basketball coach.

## SFCC Summer Youth Camps

AVON PARK – South Florida Panther Baseball will be holding Summer Youth Camps from June 13-16 and June 20-23 for children aged 6-13.

Camps run from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and cost \$80 per camp or \$150 for both. Registration and sign-in begin at 8 a.m. with the camp to follow, including baseball fundamentals, position instruction, station rotation, games, swimming pool time and a camp T-shirt.

SFCC head coach Rick Hitt will serve as camp director with Panther assistant coach Andy Polk and members of the Panther baseball team will be on hand as instructors.

Campers should bring their individual baseball attire as well as a bathing suit and towel.

The camps will be held at the SFCC Panther field at the Highlands County campus in Avon Park.

For more information, call Coach Hitt at the following campus phone numbers at extension 7036:

Avon Park/Sebring, 453-6661; Lake Placid, 465-5300; Arcadia, 494-7500; Wauchula, 773-2252.

## SFCC Fun Camps

AVON PARK – SFCC Athletics will host a Two Day Fun Sport Selection camp on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10 for girls and boys aged 6-16.

Each day the camp runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with campers choosing their own sport, whether Beach Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball or Soccer.

During the morning portion each day, campers will stretch, do plyometrics, agility drills, work on strength and flexibility, learn arm and body care and get introduced to the Fitness Center.

Lunch is then provided with the campers then delving into the sport they chose and wrapping it up with activities in the SFCC pool.

Registration and check-in from 8:15-8:55 a.m., and pre-registration is not necessary as walk-ups are accepted.

The rate for one day is \$50 and \$95 for both days.

The camp will be administered by SFCC head and assistant coaches, with help from SFCC student-athletes.

For questions or more information, contact Camp Director and SFCC Athletic Director Rick Hitt at 784-7036.

## Dragon Summer Hoops

LAKE PLACID – Green Dragon Basketball will be holding its' annual summer camp from June 13-17 at the Lake Placid High School Gymnasium for boys and girls in grades 2-8.

Camp will run each day from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., with the final day ending at Noon.

Cost of the camp is \$65 and all campers will receive a Dragon Basketball camp T-shirt.

Campers can bring lunch or purchase lunch items at camp concessions each day.

Drinks and other snacks will be available at a reasonable cost.

Half-day options are also available.

Call or text Linda Veley for details and other information at 441-0299, or email [veley131@comcast.net](mailto:veley131@comcast.net).

## Lake Placid Youth Bowling

LAKE PLACID – The Royal Palms Youth Bowling League, for ages 7 and up, begins its' new season Saturday, Sept. 3.

The sign-up fee is \$25, which includes a shirt, and new bowlers are welcome.

Bowling is every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. through December 10.

Weekly cost is \$11 and includes three games of bowling, shoes and prize fund.

All Youth Bowlers are also eligible for reduced rate open bowling, though some restrictions may apply, and free bowling with instruction on Friday's from 4-6 p.m. – must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call Frank Peterson at 382-9541, or Donna Stanley at 441-4897.

## Firecracker 5K

SEBRING – The 17th Annual Firecracker 5K Run/Walk is set for Monday, July 4 at the Highlands Hammock State Park at 7:30 a.m.

The annual run to celebrate the nation's birthday will feature plaques for overall, master and grand master male and female winners, age group awards in 5-year age divisions, technical tee shirts and plenty of ice-cold watermelon and other refreshments for runners.

Entry fee is \$20 thru June 27 and \$25 from June 28 thru race day registration.

Tee shirts guaranteed to only the first 200 entrants, so sign up early!

Those desiring an entry form may email [cbrojek@comcast.net](mailto:cbrojek@comcast.net) or call Chet Brojek at 385-4736.

Mail your checks made payable to

Central Florida Striders, along with the signed application, to Chet Brojek, 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872.

Each year we urge runners and walkers to wear red, white and blue on race day and to entry early as we always have a large turnout for our nation's birthday celebration.

The race benefits the boys' and girls' cross country teams at Avon Park High School.

## Panther Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – This summer the South Florida Community College volleyball program has more camps to offer than ever before.

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### June 2011

Sand:13-16 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. (Grades 9-12) \$60

Indoor:13- 16 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 11:30-1:30 p.m. (Grades 5-12) \$60

–Attend Both Sand and Indoor camps June 13-16: \$100

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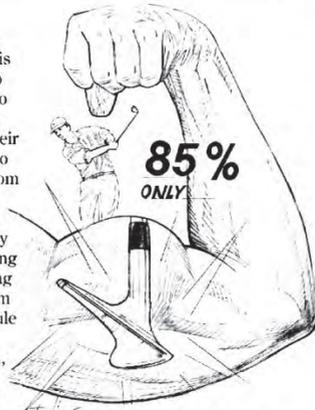


## SENIOR TIP MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKE WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

### 'Macho, Macho Man'

Confidence is always good in sports, and sometimes an aggressive attitude is needed, but when it comes to trying to "nuke" your short irons like the pros to make you feel "macho," it's a bad idea. Amateur and senior golfers can't let their egos get the better of them by trying to prove they can hit a pitching wedge from 140 yards or a sand wedge from 120. Even if they can reach the target from these distances (and they almost surely can't), shots that require an all-out swing are rarely accurate. So instead of having a disastrous hole trying to recover from a hazard or out of bounds, make it a rule to never swing with more than 85 percent effort when hitting your 8-iron, 9-iron, pitching wedge or sand wedge. Always choose the club that you know you can easily and confidently hit the needed distance. You will hit your short approach shots consistently close to the flag for a macho low score.



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

and Sally Dworak.

The Morrison Group played an event on Monday, May 30.

Winning first place was the team of Ken Koon, Peter March, Tim Thomas and Gil Heier with minus-26; and second place, Bob Streeter, Len Westdale, Romy Febre and Jim Cercy with minus-25.

The men's association played a Men's Day on Saturday, May 28.

Winning first place was the team of Russ Rudd, Gil Heier, Jim Cercy and Lefty St. Pierre with minus-32; and second place, Tim Thomas, Dick McClay, Al Farrell and Len Westdale (draw) with minus-25.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Cliff Steele, 19-foot-1-inch; No. 5, Cliff Steele, 6-foot-11-inches; No. 12, Russ Rudd, 16-foot-9-inches; and No. 17, Russ Rudd, 17-foot-6-inches.

An afternoon scramble was played on Friday, May 27.

Winning first place was the team of Charlie Seralde, Len and Rhonda Westdale, Jim Sisemore and Tom Stewart with minus-15.

The ladies association played a pro am tournament on Thursday, May 26.

Winning first place was the team of Sally Dworak, Anne Purcell, Frances Neil and Carol Roy with Even.

Individual winners were: Tying for first/second places were Anne Purcell and Carole McClay. Third place, Karen Speaker.

The Morrison Group played an event on Thursday, May 26.

The winners were: First place, Gil Heier and Lefty St. Pierre with 127; second place, Ken Koon and Don McDonald with 134; and third place, Larry Roy and Peter March with 138.

The men's association played a pro am tournament on Wednesday, May 25.

Winning first place was the team of Harold Kline, Neil Purcell, Ken Koon and Donald McDonald with plus-7; and second place, Lefty St. Pierre, Dick Long, Jim Cercy and Cliff Steele with plus-5.

Individual winners were: First place, Romy Febre with plus-3.5; and second place, Harold Kline with plus-2.

The Golfettes played a game on Tuesday, May 24.

Winning first place was the team of Sally Dworak, Donna Johnson, Linda Therrien and Frances Neil with minus-27.

The Morrison Group played a game on Tuesday, May 24.

Winning first place was the team of Jim Cercy, Paul Johnson, Harold Kline and Keith Kincer.

### SpringLake

On Wednesday, June 8, the SpringLake Women's Golf Association played an Individual Net Score - Flighted Tournament on the Panther Creek course.

Flight A winner was Linda Pfleger who had a net 66 for the lowest score of the day.

Teri Swisher came in second with 70.

Mary Cebula won first place in Flight B with 69, while Rita Jaskowski took second with a 71.

In Flight C, Margaret Mazzola had a good day, netting 68, for first and Julia Starr, with 70, was second.

### Golf Hammock

On Monday, June 6, the Mezza Group played at Golf Hammock.

Taking first place in Group A was Dennis Shank with a plus-6 while Jim Gulick took second at plus-4 and Joe Hynzy was third with plus-1.

In Group B, Pat Dell took first with plus-5 with Larry Hotzwarth second at plus-3.

Lee Stark's plus-5 held up to win Group C and Terry Yandle and Frank Branca tied for second at plus-3 apiece.

The Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock on Monday, June 13 at 8 a.m.

Arrive early to register. For more information, call Joe Hynzy at 318-7960.

### Lake June West Golf Club

A scramble was played on Thursday, June 2.

Winning first place was the team of Frank Gallagher, Joanne McGill, Ken Rowen, Charlotte Mathew and Gloria Huggett with 49; and second place, Joe and Joyce Schultz, John and Sue Ruffo and Betty Billau with 50.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Gloria Huggett, 7-foot-3-inches. (Men), No. 13-foot.

The men's association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, June 1.

Tying for first/second places were the teams of Rich Loomis, Jim Lynch, Dick Reaney and John Ruffo; Joe Swartz, Dave Colvin, Don Bishop and Roger Childers with 43 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Dick Reaney, 20-foot-4-inches; and No. 8, Rich Loomis, 7-foot-8-inches.

### Pinecrest

The Association played Men's Team and Individual Pro-Am Points Wednesday, June 8, with Jim Cozine, Ron Taylor and Keith Strickland winning the team side of the event with +11 points.

Jim Gulick took A Division, individually with +5, Ed Northrup won B Division with +8 and Strickland came up with +8 as well to top C Division.

### River Greens

An afternoon scramble was played Friday, June 3.

Winning first place was the team of Russ and Bev Rudd, Len and Rhonda Westdale.

The Morrison Group played an event on Thursday, June 2.

Tying for first/second places were Don McDonald and Larry Roy; J.R. Messier and Tim Thomas with 57 each. Third place, Bob Biever and Ken Koon with 58.

The ladies association played a pro am tournament on Thursday, June 2.

Winning first place was the team of Barbara Stuber, Frances Neil, Carol Roy and Donna Johnson.

Individual winners were: First place, Karen Speaker; and second place, Linda Therrien.

The men's association played a pro am tournament on Wednesday, June 1.

Tying for first/second places were the teams of Butch Smith, Frederick Evans and Joe Graf; Peter March, Neil Purcell, Bob Streeter and Russ Rudd

with plus-12 each.

Individual winners were: Tying for first/second/third places were Cliff Steele, Dick Long and Joe Graf.

The Morrison Group played an event on Tuesday, May 31.

Winning first place was the team of Larry Roy, Gil Heier, Len Westdale and Russ Rudd with minus-26; and second place, Cliff Steele, Tim Thomas, Jim Cercy and Harold Kline with minus-24.

The Golfettes played a game on Tuesday, May 31.

Winning first place were Carol Roy and Carole McClay; and second place, Kay Conkle and Linda Therrien.

Tying for third/fourth places were Michele Koon and Donna Johnson; Bev Rudd

# Aggressive Eagle Racing takes first at DeSoto

Special to the News-Sun

Aggressive Eagle Racing finished first at Desoto Superspeedway Saturday, June 4, in the Pro Truck Division.

Driver of the No. 2 Pro Truck, Gerald Campbell, ran the 50-lap race in a field of 12 trucks.

Campbell finished third in the first of two heats earlier that day.

Campbell started in the fifth position (third row, inside) for the feature race.

The 50-lap race ran, with caution laps, a total of 91 laps while the first 30 laps ran caution free.

The next to the last caution happened when the leader was spun in turn two of lap 43.

Both the leader and another driver involved in the caution were sent to the rear of the field.

This placed Campbell in pole

position for the restart of the last seven laps.

Campbell shot out five car lengths in the restart, giving him clean air and room to follow a good line to keep the lead.

Campbell raced his first season at Punta Gorda Speedway.

He placed second in the points standings there.

This is his fifth race this season at Desoto Super Speedway finishing third twice and second on the other two occasions.

This is Campbell's fist win at Desoto Super Speedway. He is currently second in the point standings (17 points behind the leader).

Aggressive Eagle Racing also ran in the Rookie Truck Division with #21 Pro Truck driver Randy Leonard.

Leonard finished third out of

seven in his heat race and started fifth in his feature.

Leonard was spun early in the race when another driver drove under him in Turn 1 while attempting a four-wide pass.

He quickly recovered to finish fourth in the 25-lap feature.

Leonard ran three races last season at Punta Gorda Speedway.

This is his first full season in Pro Trucks as he carries racing experience from early days at Hialeah Speedway.

Leonard is currently second in the points standings for his division.

Aggressive Eagle will be racing at Desoto Super Speedway on Saturday, June 18.

Both Pro Trucks are sponsored by Campbell's Collision Center, APS of Lakeland and Racing4Rights.

Aggressive Eagle Racing can be



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Gerald Campbell poses on his No. 2 truck after winning at Desoto Superspeedway Saturday in the Pro Truck Division

found on Facebook for updates and race schedules.

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News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Jay Bible is greeted by his Firemen teammates after his first-inning home run got things started in Tuesday's 12-4 win over J.R. State Farm.

## Dixie Ozone title game pits Pool Paradise against Firemen

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fifth inning came to an end, seeing ten for Firemen and now four for State Farm. Quick to earn the advantage back, Robert Spooone's seeing-eye single scored Kyle Helms, who reached on a walk. Clint Patrick then ripped a double to score McPhail, thus earning back two more runs for Firemen. With the previous shaky

defense fresh on their mind, the Firemen held strong in the bottom of the sixth and were able to earn the win. Head coach Bobby Helms was very pleased with Firemen's performance. "Everyone hit the ball; we batted though the lineup and I am proud of the team." Firemen continued on to battle Pool Paradise Thursday night for the title of Dixie Ozone champions.

Pool Paradise is currently ranked first, and undefeated in this division. With their powerhouse offense, Firemen are aware of the expected intensity of the game. "We need our bats to continue the way they were tonight," coach Helms said. "There are mental hurdles to jump, but all we have to do is come out and play."

## Run 4 the Blue Streaks

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING — The boys and girls Cross Country team of Sebring High School will be holding the "Run 4 the Streaks FUNdraiser" Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m. at the Sebring Public Library. The cost of \$5 will see all money raised going to Blue Streak Cross Country, with

additional donations accepted and appreciated. The run is not a race, but just a fun run or walk. From the library, it will proceed as an out-and-back along Lakeview Dr., with each half-mile marked out to two miles, so participants can choose to run, or walk, any distance from one to four miles.

There will be T-shirts given away and watermelon at the end. Registration will be the day of the run from 6:15-7 p.m. For more information, go to the Run4theStreaks Event on Facebook, or email girls Cross Country coach Krista Fredrikson at [kfredrikson@gmail.com](mailto:kfredrikson@gmail.com).

## Heartland Soccer Club

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING — Heartland Soccer Club tryouts for incoming 9th-12 grade boys for competitive teams will be on Tuesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 16 from 5-7 p.m. and on Saturday, June 18 from 8-11 a.m. at the

Highlands County Sports Complex, field "D." Incoming 9th-12 grade girls will practice on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sebring High School practice field behind the tennis courts.

Boys and girls, 13 and under, will have tryouts on July 19, 21 and 23 at the Highlands County Sports Complex, times TBA. For questions, contact Coach Bowyer at 273-3891 or Coach Brown at 381-0600.

## Marlins prospect back in swing

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might have gotten to him. The 21-year-old third baseman says he may have put pressure on himself and started swinging at bad pitches. That led to his demotion during spring training to the

minors, where he was hit by a pitch that fractured his left elbow. Dominguez is healthy again and starting for the Triple-A New Orleans Zephyrs. Manager Greg Norton says Dominguez's defense is better than most

major leaguers and he only needs to work on hitting better against more mature pitchers. In 19 games at in Triple-A, he's batting .262 with four homers and 17 RBI.

## Arenas fined for Twitter comments

*Associated Press*  
DALLAS — Gilbert Arenas is in trouble with the NBA again. Arenas wrote on his Twitter page Wednesday that he was fined for comments he made on the social media site. NBA spokesman Tim Frank confirmed the Orlando guard had been fined, but declined to give the amount or the reason because it was not publicly

announced. In a series of postings on his "agentzeroshow" page, Arenas made a joke, apologized to the ladies it may have offended, and asked someone to message him the NBA's Twitter rules.

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## Knight has decisions to make, relishing the moment

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enough," Knight's mother, Kim Gauger said. "This had been the area scouts plan ever since they met him." And the late position of the selection isn't indicative of where the raw but bursting with potential Knight will end up, when you consider the likes of Mike Piazza was taken in the 62nd round of his draft. But the mere selection also doesn't necessarily change his plans to play at St. Petersburg College next season, for which he signed a scholarship on May 10. "Our thoughts are whatever is best for him," Gauger said. "Either way, he will get his education paid for. He's leaning toward going pro, of course, but we are still thinking." And nothing, thus far, is settled. "(The Phillies) will be here next week to talk about plans," Gauger said. "He'll be playing with his summer ball team, the Freshwater Storm, and they will be watching him. They are looking to sign him toward the end of the summer or sooner and we'll see where we stand." And wherever they stand, Knight knows what's ahead. "If I go to the minors then I'll have to realize that it is a job and I have to be dedicated to it," he said. "But being in the cage after practice, running when I don't want to has finally paid off. "I believe anyone can make it to this point, it just depends on how your work



Courtesy photo

Things are looking up for Johnny Knight, with a scholarship already in hand, after being drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday.

ethic is," he continued. "Without that, you won't make it." But those are all thoughts for the future, while this moment in time is one to celebrate and relish for what it is. "I know that I had pretty much given up around the 47th round and went to try

and take a nap," Gauger said. "Then I heard a big 'YES' come out of Jonathan's room and he came storming out of his door." "They didn't call me before and I was just following it on the tracker," Knight said. "Hearing my name called was very exciting and a relief."

## NFL labor talks continuing

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are expected to continue."

A person familiar with the talks told The Associated Press that the owners and players will meet again "soon and often." That means in the near future, not in a month or anything like that." The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks were supposed to remain confidential. On hand at the latest talks were owners John Mara of the New York Giants, Jerry Richardson of the Carolina Panthers, Robert Kraft of the New England Patriots, Clark Hunt of the Kansas city Chiefs and Dean Spanos of the San Diego Chargers. Representing the players were NFLPA President Kevin Mawae, Mike Vrabel, Tony Richardson, Domonique Foxworth and Jeff Saturday. Goodell told Buccaneers ticket holders Wednesday that "any time we're talking that's a positive because I believe both sides want to find solutions." "I believe it's the objective of everybody involved with the NFL to play a full 2011

season," Goodell said during the conference call. "That's certainly what we're working towards, and I think the players are working towards that, too. It's for the good of the game, it's for the good of the

*'I don't think having the meetings is necessarily a sign for optimism.'*

**BEN DOGRA**  
NFL player agent

people involved in the game, and it's absolutely good for the fans." But don't get too excited about the recent talks. "I don't think having the meetings is necessarily a sign for optimism," Dogra said. "But the fact both sides are meeting and will continue to meet in undisclosed locations, and that ownership is present, is a good sign that both parties are continuing to talk through the issues." Added Don Yee, agent for

Tom Brady and an adjunct law professor at Southern Cal: "I think it is far too early for optimism. Generally, nothing in the sports business happens until the very last minute, and we're nowhere close to that yet." Still, the timing is crucial. Although June usually is a slow month in the NFL, teams already would have signed free agents and some rookies; held mini-camps and offseason training activities; and laid out plans for a full training camp beginning at the end of July. But other than conducting the draft in late April, the NFL has been dormant. "I'm still optimistic we're going to have 16 games," said Bengals guard Bobbie Williams, an alternate player representative. "July is not here yet, and June just started. We still have time here to get this thing done. Now when July starts running out, then it's a different ballgame. Come ask me again."

*AP Sports Writers Joe Kay in Cincinnati and John Wawrow in Buffalo contributed to this story.*



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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Florida Hospital Medical Mission Team touches lives in the Dominican Republic

Special to the News-Sun

“Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ” is not only Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center’s mission, it’s a challenge the staff gladly accepts.

During three days last month, Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center’s Medical Mission Team accomplished 73 surgeries, more than 90 emergency room consultations, over 200 general medical consultations and other procedures at a remote clinic in Sanchez, Dominican Republic.

“Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center has adopted the Dominican Republic as the official country of our international mission work.

This international mission effort provides a channel for us, as U.S. citizens and healthcare professionals, to share our resources and personal care with those in need beyond our borders,” said Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center Lake Placid Vice President and Administrator Warren Santander.

Last August, a team of 13 clinicians went to rural Limon, Dominican Republic, and performed 60 surgeries in two and a half days. The experiences that were generated and the people served, made lasting impressions on each team member. This year’s trip took place in a slightly larger town, Sanchez, close to the clinic visited last year.

The Florida Hospital team worked closely with the Dominican Union of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the Centro Medico Vista del Jardin



Some of the Medical Mission members take a break after dinner for a quick picture.

Courtesy photo

(Adventist Hospital in Santo Domingo), Medical Missionaries International (for rental equipment, supplies, transportation and personnel) and director of the Sanchez Clinic Dr. Sarah Green to organize and prepare for the trip.

The medical mission team grew to 24 members this year, introducing additional specialties such as obstetrics, urology, neurology, pediatrics, orthopedics and dentistry. The team included: Dr. Juan Alvarez (orthopedics), Dr. Veronica Alvarez (dentistry), Dr. Miguel Beltre (internal medicine), Dr. Mía Branch (obstet-

rics), Dr. Raisa Camilo (pediatrics), Dr. Jorge Gonzalez (internal medicine), Dr. Kwabena Pobi (urology), Dr. Thomas Seifert (dentistry), Dr. Allen Skipper (general surgery), Dr. Subhash Tiwari (psychiatry/neurology), Dr. Arthur Verga (general surgery), registered nurses Melisa Gonzalez, Ellie Hatch, Carin Lentz, Catherine Miner, Deanna Reed, Derick Roache and Virginia Skipper, as well as Warren Santander, Lydia Santander, Juan Colon, Justina Colon, Julie Christian and Victoria Skipper.

Florida Hospital Lake Placid

Administrator Warren Santander and Florida Hospital Heartland Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jorge Gonzalez have organized a follow-up trip clinic in August to plan for future support and missions including possible construction efforts, medical equipment donations, and other improvements that will enhance the quality of care available to those whom the rural clinic serves.

To learn more about how you can help or for more information, contact Warren.Santander@AHSS.org or by calling 699-4336.

### Snapshots

#### Community outreach events planned

Ace Homecare community outreach events for June 2011 include:

- Today - 7 a.m., Health Fair, Arc residence, Pleasant Street, Avon Park; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street, Avon Park; 10:30 a.m., Health Fair, the Palm Apartments, Hal McCrae Boulevard, Avon Park.

- Monday - 8 a.m., Health Fair, Hammock Estates, Hammock Road, Sebring; 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

- Tuesday - 7:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lakeside Gardens, County Road 621, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Heron's Landing, Heron's Landing Lane, Lake Placid; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Lake Placid Meal Site, Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid; 1 p.m., Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27, Sebring.

- Wednesday - 9 a.m., Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street, Avon Park.

- Thursday - 9 a.m., Health Fair, Maranatha Village, Arbuckle Creek Road, Sebring; 10:30 a.m., caregivers support group, Balmoral Assisted Living Facility, 93 Balmoral Road, County Road 621, Lake Placid

#### Free amplified telephones distribution

SEBRING — Hearing Impaired Person will distribute free amplified telephones to Florida recipients who have a hearing or speech loss in Conference Room at Nu-Hope Elder Care Services, 6414 U.S. 27 South, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday.

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## E. coli outbreak prompting experimental treatments

Antibiotic treatments show success, but worries about fatal side effects remain

By DAVID RISING and KIRSTEN GRIESHABER

Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany — Faced with an unprecedented E. coli outbreak, a team of German doctors is trying something equally new: an antibiotic therapy that some fear could do more harm than good.

The treatment has shown initial success but there are worries about possibly fatal side effects.

Dr. Friedrich Hagenmueller, medical director at the Asklepios Hospital-Altona in Hamburg, the northern city at the epicenter of the outbreak, says that with patients' lives at stake the unorthodox therapy is worth trying. The world's deadliest E. coli outbreak has killed 24 people and infected over 2,400.

Most bacterial infections are treated using antibiotics. But officials at the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention typically recommend against using them in E. coli cases because of concern they might cause the bacteria to release toxins faster.

Both WHO and CDC say the use of antibiotics to fight E. coli may be warranted in exceptional cases, and do not say the treatment would necessarily lead to deaths.

The only conventional treatments for E. coli are drinking water and intravenous fluid replacement, but Hagenmueller says more aggressive methods are necessary because of the risk of triggering a condition that can cause deadly kidney failure and has hit an unpre-

cedented 462 people in the outbreak.

With early signs of success, a handful of other German hospitals have started trying antibiotic treatment as well.

“The idea is to destroy the bacteria at the start,” Hagenmueller said. “Hit it hard on the first day of the infection with an antibiotic.”

Andrea Ellis, a WHO epidemiologist, said the agency recommended against using antibiotics to treat E. coli because it speeds the bacteria's release of toxins into the intestines and also could lead to kidney complications.

But Stephen Smith, a microbiologist at Trinity College in Dublin who is not connected to Asklepios, defended the hospital's methods and cast doubt on the link between antibiotics and faster toxin release, saying not all antibiotics had the same effect.

“This is a novel strain so maybe we need novel treatments,” he said.

The first E. coli patients started coming to European hospitals in early May, and their numbers spiked mid-month. In Hamburg alone, more than 800 people have been sickened.

Though E. coli often hits children and the elderly the worst, this time most of the patients have been between ages 20 and 50, in top physical condition, and 77 percent of them women.

It's not yet known why the E. coli strain is affecting that particular group of people; one theory is they are most likely to be eating the vegetables it is believed to be carried on. European officials

have yet to pinpoint the source of the outbreak.

Most of the 177 E. coli patients treated at Asklepios stabilized and were sent home a week after receiving conventional treatment.

But a large minority — about one-third — developed serious complications. Though the diarrhea calmed, many started collecting fluid — as much as 15 kilograms (33 pounds) — in their stomachs, legs and lungs, Hagenmueller said.

Others suffered epileptic seizures and neurological problems that robbed them of their speech. Liver problems

*‘This is a novel strain so maybe we need novel treatments.’*

STEPHEN SMITH  
microbiologist

have also been reported among the E. coli patients treated at the hospital. In the most serious cases, patients are exposed to a life-threatening attack on kidney function.

“Uncomplicated to complicated happens very quickly,” Hagenmueller said. “Over the last three weeks each and every day there has been some surprise for us.”

Doctors have often tried experimental therapies during outbreaks including SARS and Ebola when there were no good alternatives. In Hong Kong and Canada, doctors initially thought SARS patients were responding to a new drug regimen, but as they rolled it out in more

patients, they found the treatment was toxic and in fact weakened patients' immune systems.

About two weeks ago, Hagenmueller decided to try antibiotics on Nicoletta Pabst, a 41-year-old homemaker, who was admitted with a severe case.

Pabst said she was willing to try anything.

“He explained everything to me and I was ready to try it out, anything to make me feel better again would have been right at the time,” she said. “I was so sick.”

Hagenmueller said there was only “weak scientific evidence” to support the theory that antibiotics could cause the bacteria to release more toxins in the body.

“Nicoletta Pabst did fantastically and she was a very serious case,” he said. “She did so well that she went home in a week.”

Last week, the hospital adopted antibiotics as its regular treatment for all new serious cases. A total of six Asklepios patients have been treated with antibiotics since the outbreak started.

“We've had five from last Friday and they are all progressing well, so I'm feeling a little optimistic, though the number five is too small to

mean anything,” Hagenmueller said.

Pabst said she was just grateful doctors are trying whatever they can to fight the outbreak.

“I think the key to my quick recovery was not only the antibiotics treatment but also that he gave it to me in a very early stage of the illness,” she said. “And who knows, maybe that even prevented my getting HUS.”

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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Dry mouth, eyes could be symptoms of condition

ARA Content

Many people suffer from dryness symptoms, especially dry mouth and dry eyes. But millions of Americans may not know that these symptoms could be signs of a more serious medical condition, like Sjögren's (SHOW-grins) syndrome.

Although most people have never heard of it, Sjögren's is the second most common autoimmune disorder in the United States, affecting almost 4 million people. If left untreated, Sjögren's symptoms can lead to serious health problems.

Today, it takes about seven years from the first onset of symptoms before a person is diagnosed with Sjögren's. That's a long time to suffer from chronic dryness. That is why motivated patients living with Sjögren's are taking the Defy the Dry campaign to their local communities to educate friends and family about dryness symptoms and Sjögren's.

These volunteer Awareness Ambassadors are also asking healthcare providers to take action by making sure that dryness symptoms are a part of the conversation they have with their patients. The Defy the Dry campaign is sponsored by the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation (SSF) and Daiichi Sankyo, Inc.

"One of the main reasons for the delay in obtaining a diagnosis of Sjögren's is that patients and doctors are simply not talking with each other about dryness symptoms.

"Patients may wait too long to discuss their symptoms with their doctor or may not communicate how much their symptoms affect their daily lives. Additionally, dryness is not always at the top of the list of symptoms that physicians discuss with patients during every visit," says Steven Taylor, CEO of the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation.

"With the Defy the Dry campaign, we hope to cut the time to diagnosis of Sjögren's in half within five years."

Sjögren's is an autoimmune disorder in which a person's immune system attacks and destroys the moisture-producing glands (e.g. the salivary and tear-secreting glands) in the body. Dry mouth and dry eyes are the hallmark symptoms of Sjögren's; other symptoms may include joint pain, fatigue, a change in taste or smell, or tooth decay.

While there is no known cure for Sjögren's, treatments are available that may help improve symptoms and prevent further health issues.

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There are several things to look for when shopping for supplements.

## Shop like a pharmacist

**Dear Pharmacist:** Are there certain ways to shop and ensure that I buy high-quality supplements?

— J.J., Boynton Beach

**Answer:** Yes. Here's some advice that can help you make better selections:

Check for artificial colors — Dyes and lakes are unnecessary additives to make supplements prettier but many are coal tar derived. Because there is no benefit obtained from artificial colors, I think they should be avoided.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration allows colors because they say they pose no risk when used properly, but I think that depends on who you ask. Some colors like tartrazine (a.k.a. FD&C Yellow 5 or E102) can trigger allergies in people; skin rashes, hives, migraines, nasal congestion, asthma, anxiety, depression or diarrhea. Some colors are are suspected in hyperactivity (ADHD) and DNA damage (think cancer).

Colors are frequently used in medications to help distinguish tablets, but less frequently used in supplements. Do you want pretty or pure?

Check for allergy-causing ingredients — I think it's nice when a maker takes special care to avoid the items that many are sensitive to. Try to avoid wheat, gluten, dairy, corn, soy and sugar. There are many additives, some natural ones too, that can



Dear Pharmacist  
Suzy Cohen

trigger problems. Download a free brochure called "Food Additives" from [www.FoodAdditives.org](http://www.FoodAdditives.org).

Check for USP certification — It stands for "United States Pharmacopeia." When you're shopping at your local pharmacy, picking supplements, you sometimes see the three initials, "USP," printed smack dab on the label, which means the product has been certified.

By the way, the USP-National Formulary is kind of like a very thick cookbook of sorts that provides directions on manufacturing, disintegration, solubility and testing parameters.

What I like about the USP certification process is that it's a third-party verification program that is recognized as a sign of quality in more than 130 countries. I think it's nice when someone other than the makers is able to certify quality, purity and potency. Just FYI, many good products are USP certified, even though it's not designated on the label.

You can learn more at

[www.USP.org](http://www.USP.org) and in my book, "Drug Muggers," where I've offered you product lists and guidelines to find the highest quality vitamins and minerals based on my 22 years of experience.

Check for bizarre or unnecessary additives — Like high fructose corn syrup, carmine (red bug colorant), or shellac. The insidious thing here is that you can't always tell what's actually "added" because it's done during manufacturing.

For example, today on the FDA website, I learned that a big company has amended the food additive regulation to permit the use of hydrogen peroxide (!) in the manufacture of modified whey. If you love whey protein shakes, make sure it's derived from organic cow's milk that has never been injected with growth hormones.

### Did You Know?

If you're suffering with itchy watery eyes, conjunctivitis or seasonal eye allergies, try Zaditor eye drops. It used to be prescription, but it's sold Over The Counter now and it's strong.

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

## Cardiac cells might help fix heart attack damage

*Cells that rebuilt muscle found in mice*

By MALCOLM RITTER

AP Science Writer

NEW YORK

Scientists say they've found cells in the hearts of mice that can make new muscle after a heart attack, raising hopes that doctors can one day help the human heart repair itself.

In an embryo the cells help build the heart, but in adulthood they generally go dormant, said researcher Paul Riley of the Institute of Child Health in London. The new study found a way to reactivate them, he said.

The findings suggest that someday it might be possible to develop a drug for at-risk people to keep those dormant cells ready in case of a heart attack, said Riley, an author of the report in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. But that would be at least 10 years away, he stressed.

The cells are found in the outer layer of the mouse heart. Researchers found that if they injected mice with a particular substance and gave the animals a heart attack, the cells migrated to the site of injury and made new muscle. They also found several indicators that the heart then worked better, although they said it's not clear whether that's due to the new muscle or other known effects of the injected substance.

Steve Houser, director of the Cardiovascular Research Center at Temple University, who wasn't involved in the study, said other teams have also reported potential repair cells in the heart, including some cells being tested in humans.

He also cautioned that "very little in the cardiac world has translated from mice to man."

Yet, he said the new research was well done and will "stir the field" of heart regeneration studies.

## Merck ends trial study of Staph infection vaccine

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Merck & Co. and Intercell AG said Wednesday they have ended a trial of a potential vaccine for Staph infections because the vaccine was not working, and because patients who took the vaccine were more likely to die.

The companies said a data monitoring committee unanimously recommended that they cancel the study of V710, which is designed to prevent Staphylococcus aureus infections.

Merck and Intercell said the data showed the vaccine was "unlikely to demonstrate a statistically significant clinical benefit." They also said patients who were

treated with V710 were more likely to have multiple organ failure and die.

They said a review of the data showed the increased risk of death was not statistically significant.

Merck, of Whitehouse Station, N.J., and Intercell of Vienna suspended enrollment of patients in the trial in April. At the time, the companies said the drug met key goals, but that they would conduct more analysis of the risks and benefits of the vaccine.

Staph infections are often acquired in hospitals and they can be highly resistant to antibiotics, and lead to serious complications and death.

## UF researchers show new way to target tumor cells

Special to the News-Sun

GAINESVILLE — Whether a tumor flourishes or dies depends, to an extent, on the acidity of the environment in which it lives, and a certain enzyme plays a key role in that balance, according to new research from the University of Florida.

An enzyme known as carbonic anhydrase IX ("carbonic anhydrase nine") influences tumor biology by working to keep acidity — or pH — at a level at which normal cells perish, but cancer cells thrive.

"We don't know why cancer cells can tolerate low pH — but they do, and we believe that carbonic anhydrase is a significant player in picking the specific pH at which the cells are happiest," said biochemist Susan Frost, Ph.D., of the UF Shands

Cancer Center, who led the research team.

The enzyme may serve as a new and important target for visualizing, diagnosing and treating cancer. The findings are published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry.

Breast cancers are often characterized by oxygen-deprived regions that clinicians generally use as an indicator of poor prognosis in patients. Such oxygen-deprived — or hypoxic — regions occur when new blood vessels that form to feed a tumor become compressed, cutting off circulation and the supply of oxygen and nutrients.

Lack of oxygen leads to metabolic processes that make the cells' external environment more acidic. Those conditions favor cancer cell survival

and resistance to chemotherapy agents.

The enzyme carbonic anhydrase IX is expressed in connection with these oxygen-deprived areas.

In a study of breast cancer cells, the researchers used a novel technique to track how oxygen is exchanged between carbon dioxide and water molecules via a chemical process spurred by the enzyme. That allowed measurement of the enzyme's activity both inside and outside the cell.

The researchers were able to show, for the first time, a direct link between an increase in both the production and the activity of the enzyme and oxygen deprivation in tumor cell environments. Other researchers previously showed indi-

rect connections between the processes, using pH decrease as a marker for carbonic anhydrase expression. Further, the UF scientists showed directly that the lowering of pH occurred as the activity of the enzyme increased.

"This is clearly a very important result confirming what we already suspected," said Claudiu Supuran, Ph.D., a chemist who pioneered work on carbonic anhydrase as an anti-tumor target, and published his findings in the journal Nature Reviews.

"This is confirmation that carbonic anhydrase is a very important future target for anticancer drugs." Supuran was not involved in the current study.

Blocking the enzyme activity could help kill cancer cells by upsetting the pH balance.

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# RELIGION

## A wake up call to seniors

High school seniors, you have reached a milestone in your secular education that you should be proud of, but it is only the beginning. Please consider the following rules you need to add now to your graduation credits. (These 11 rules are attributed to Bill Gates but this could not be verified)

Rule 1: Life is not fair-get used to it.

Rule 2: The world doesn't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will not make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: They called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forests from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the

### Guest Column

Frank Parker

slightest resemblance to anything in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

Those of us with miles, wrinkles, and years can attest to the truthfulness of these rules. However, some youth want to sow a few wild oats and then pray for a crop failure. Yet, Galatians 6:7 and 8 has stood the test of time since Creation "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap."

But, divine wisdom will direct a different course of travel: "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, I have no pleasure in them."

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13)

This highway guarantees success here and in eternity through Jesus, the Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. (John 14:6)

Frank Parker is a Sebring resident and can be contacted at frankparker27@yahoo.com

### Snapshots

#### Car wash Saturday at FBC of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — The youth of First Baptist Church of Lake Placid will hold a car wash from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday in the church parking lot at 110 E. Royal Palm St.

Proceeds to support youth summer programs. Donations are greatly appreciated.

#### Day of Remembrance is Sunday

SEBRING — The Sons of Allen of Greater Mount Zion is presenting a Day of Remembrance on Sunday.

The theme this year for our Men's Day is "Men Seeking God's Will For Their Lives." In accordance with Greater Mount Zion's custom, the Sons of Allen will be in charge of the morning worship service at 11 a.m., when Pastor James T. Blount will deliv-

er the message.

The Sons of Allen of Mount Zion will also have a 4 p.m. program. All members of Sons of Allen units throughout the Lively Lakeland District are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in this fellowship service. Other local men's ministries are also invited and expected to attend.

Minister William Dickey Jr. of Mount Olive A.M.E. Church at Avon Park will deliver the message at the 4 p.m. fellowship service. Everyone is invited to attend and share.

Those seeking further information may contact Bro. James W. Aaron, program chairman, at 214-5678.

#### Church adding Sunday service

LAKE PLACID — The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church, which has met regularly at Lake Placid

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### Church News

#### Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — The Day of Pentecost Sunday Celebration will be led by the Rev. Jefferson Cox. Eucharist Assistant/Lector is Ed Graff.

Bible study canceled until the fall.

Council meeting is changed to Tuesday, June 14, at 6 p.m. in the counting room.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden, at on the east side of the church, is open to the community as well as the congregation seven days per week. All are welcome to do this walking meditation.

#### Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — "Seize Your Dream" (Psalm 138: 8) will be the message presented by Larry Roberts on Sunday. The Lord's Supper is served every Sunday.

The Sunday evening service will be a Bible study from the book of Psalms.

There will be a youth get-together on Sunday night.

Avon Park Church of Christ is at 200 S. Forest Ave. For information, call 453-4692.

#### Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Associate Minister Casey L. Downing will bring the Sunday morning message titled "Possessing, Not Possessed" at the Sunday morning service.

The Wednesday night Bible study will continue the book of Hebrews.

#### Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — Adults are invited to Wednesday evening's mid-week Bible study and discussion time. This is an informal setting with open discussion and studying the Scriptures.

Communion is offered weekly.

#### Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon "Cleaning House" with Scripture from Acts 2:1-21.

The church is at 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on Country Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit sebringemmanuelucc.com.

#### First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — Rev. Jon Beck will be speaking at the morning service and evening service on Sunday.

Wednesday's activities include a prayer meeting, children's activities and youth activities.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more infor-

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mation, call 453-6681 or email info@fbcap.net

#### First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Jerry Harper will preach the Sunday morning message.

The church is at the corner of Washington and Kemper Avenues in Placid Lakes. A nursery is provided for all services. For more information, please call 465-5126 from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday or e-mail the church at placid-lakes@hotmail.com

#### First Christian Church

AVON PARK — "The Church God Intended" is the sermon title this week and the Scripture is coming from Matthew 16:13-19 and Ephesians 3:1-12. Pastor Greg will be sharing how every voice is inviting His presence.

Wednesday evening Bible study is available for all ages, from infant through senior adults.

MOPS, a program for Mothers Of Preschoolers, starts in a few weeks. Keep a watch here for more information, or call the church office

Office hours have changed to Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W.

Camphor (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail us at firstchristianap@embarq-mail.com. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

#### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Linda Correll and Betty Simpson. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler, Chris Baker, Carol Graves and Michael Graves.

Greeting the congregation will be David Campbell. Sandra Laufer will lead the Call to Worship.

Noel and Juanita Roberts will be working with children's church this month.

Lighting the candles during the month of June will be Catherine Baker. Diane Thibodeau will be with the children in the nursery during the month of June.

Rev. Ron's Sunday morning sermon is titled "God's Righteous Judgment," taken from Romans 2:1.

#### First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Johnson's sermon is entitled "Where Are We Looking?" based on Psalm 121.

Special music will be pro-

vided by Margaret Phillips singing "He Touched Me."

Sunday school is available for all ages. Maxine Johnson, adult teacher, continues the study of David in his writing of Psalm 51 regarding repentance. The Family Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

This week, several Senior High youth will be attending Bonclarken "Horizon" camp at Flat Rock, N.C.

On Saturday, June 18, there will be a Church Work Day from 8 a.m. until noon.

The church is at 215 E. Circle Street (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). Call the church office at 453-3242.

#### First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "Being in Christ in 3 D" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Monday through Friday, Summer Day Camp (for ages 11-14) will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in fellowship hall. Program includes lunch, snacks and activities (Bible lessons, sports, crafts and games). Program is free other than field trips. Space is limited. Sign up in the church office.

#### First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message on Sunday morning, "Birth of the Church," with Scripture taken from Acts 2:1-44.

Family fellowship dinner and Bible study on Wednesday evening with dinner will be in the Family Life Center.

Vacation Bible School is

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Monday through Friday for kindergarten through fifth graders from 9 a.m. until noon.

Friday, June 17, is Family Movie Night with the movie "Blindsight."

Listen Live on WITS-AM 1340 each Sunday to hear the worship service.

Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is at downtown at 126 South Pine Street.

Visit [www.sebringfirstumc.com](http://www.sebringfirstumc.com)

## Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Home Bible study continues The Future Revealed, Revelation 8 on Tuesday. Class provided for children.

Sunday, Pastor Ron Zimmer continues the Summer series on the Psalms. If you miss a message, just log on to [ustreamtv](http://ustreamtv.com), and the enter [gracepointetv](http://gracepointetv.com) in the search box.

Summer Camp meeting is Monday through Friday at

the Wimauma Convention Center.

## Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Fran VanHooreweghe is preaching this Sunday on "Pentecost Power" with Scripture from Acts 2:1-11.

Communion is offered during the service weekly.

The service will also include George Kelly singing "Greater is He That is in Me."

## Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — On Sunday morning, Pastor Jerry McCauley will preach "A Wonderful New Life!" in the Summer Heritage Service in the Sanctuary. The Celebration (Blended) Worship Service will recognize Claude Burnett for receiving his license as a pastor. Pastor Fred Ball will preach about Pentecost in the Sanctuary at this service. Pastor Claude Burnett will then preach in the New Song (Contemporary) Worship

Service in Rob Reynolds Fellowship Hall. Since it will be Pentecost Sunday, worshipers are encouraged to wear red.

Nursery is available in the Creepy Crawly Clubhouse for all morning activities. Children's Church begins in the Sanctuary then moves to the SonShine Clubhouse.

Memorial's Vacation Bible School, "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid," runs from Sunday through Thursday for children from pre-school to eighth grade. The opening is at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in the Sanctuary. Dinner follows in Rob Reynolds Hall. The children will travel around to some great centers and learn what it was like when Jesus was a kid. Each evening will end at 8 p.m. Registration is available at the church office or when the students arrive that evening.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. in Lake Placid.

## Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "God

Has Expectations," is taken from Joshua 1:7-16 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message in Sunday morning and evening services.

The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study.

## St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday morning, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr. will bring the message "Power of the Spirit!" with Scripture reading from Acts 2:1-21 on Sunday.

Wednesday evening is the youth program. All youth are welcome. For information on the youth program, call St. John Church at 382-1736.

On Thursday evening, Over Eaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the Educational Building, room 3.

## Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, Pentecost Sunday, Pastor Keith Simmons will

be preaching on "Many Gifts, One Spirit" and the Scripture will be I Corinthians 12:3-13.

Sunday school will meet in the Fidelis Room. They will be studying "Moses and Aaron Respond" with Scripture from Exodus 24:10-16, 27-31.

## Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Rev. David Altman will speak from Hebrews 11 in the Sunday morning worship service. Children's church and a nursery are available. Prayer for all nations will be the focus in the Sunday evening worship service.

The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. For information call 385-0752.

## Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — "Joseph, the Just" is the title of Pentecost Sunday morning's sermon, given by the Rev. Don Davis, Sunday. The Scripture is taken from Genesis 50:15-36.

## Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

The Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon will be: "Build With The Spirit." Fellowship follows the service.

## The Way Church

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum's message will be an introduction to First and Second Timothy.

The Wednesday night Youth program has been reinstated. Now called The J Unit, they also meet Sunday evenings.

Saturday, June 18, will be Church Work Day beginning at 8 a.m.

The Way Church is at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive. Church phone is 471-6140 and the pastor's cell is 214-6190. For church information and the pastor's messages go to [www.theway-church.org](http://www.theway-church.org).

# PLACES TO WORSHIP

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## APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For information contact 840-0152. Pastor Larry Carmody.

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 5 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

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

## BAPTIST

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

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

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

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL

33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: [office@apfellowship.org](mailto:office@apfellowship.org); Web site, [www.apfellowship.org](http://www.apfellowship.org).

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Scott King youth minister; and Joy Loomis, music director. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. Orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 4 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday schedule: 8-10 a.m., basic computer class/Sonshine House; 7-9 p.m. conversational English and citizenship classes/Sonshine House. Regular Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6:30 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. children's mission groups. Call 453-6681 for details. Primera Mision Bautista, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, Johnattan Soltero, Pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 10 a.m., Bible Study; 11 a.m., Worship Service. Wednesday schedule: 7 p.m., Bible study.

■ **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 Street. (2 blocks south of Interlake Blvd) Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Email: [www.fbclp.com](mailto:www.fbclp.com). Pastor Brett Moresy, senior pastor. 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 and Sunday Evening Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Adult-LifeSource classes, prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and Kids K-5-MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. Men meet at 8 a.m. every Tuesday for prayer breakfast and women's prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m. every Wednesday, both at the Family Restaurant.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA

groups meet. First Lorida is the "Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, minister of youth and activities. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Bautista 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 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 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 Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

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

0869.

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor; Aaron Snider, Youth Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 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.

■ **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. [www.stcath.com](http://www.stcath.com). Very Rev. José González, V.F. Masses — Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, noon; Daily Masses 8 a.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment. Enroll your students today for Catholic School grades Pre-K3 through 5th grade.

■ **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; Marco Gallardo, 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 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at [www.firstchristianap.com](http://www.firstchristianap.com). Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Ray Culpepper, Family Life Minister; Jon Carter, Music Director. Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 6 p.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

# RELIGION

## You are happiest doing the will of God, and that means a change

A little over four years ago, I accepted the call to be pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Lake Placid. At that time, my wife was carrying our first child. We made the move from Arcadia and settled in to begin a special work. What a blessed time we have had here, making friends, seeing God change lives, and watching the Lord provide our every need. I clearly see how God was furthering my preparation for my life's calling.

You see, since taking my first mission trip to Mexico at age 12, I always desired to be a foreign missionary. I never imagined living out my life here in America. As I grew up in a pastor's home, I learned of the staggering need for the Gospel to be taken to virtually untouched areas of the world.

At age 17, I surrendered to be a missionary at Camp Glory in Haines City. Following my high school graduation, I studied missions at Crown College in Powell, Tenn. There I was more informed of the 97 percent of unreached people groups in the 10/40 window

(this is the area that spans across northern Africa across the Middle East to East Asia). Amazingly, of the more than 5,000 languages in the world today, less than 400 have the Bible translated and published.

About three years ago, my family attended a conference in Tennessee with First Bible International. While there, we were challenged of getting the Bible into the mother language of thousands of tribal peoples who are still blinded to the truth.

There I met the director of Bible Baptist Translators Institute (BBTI), Rex Cobb. I immediately had a desire to attend and subconsciously knew that one day I would be able to pursue my desire to be a missionary by preparing at this institute in Bowie, Texas.

Earlier this year, we had a missionary couple going to New Guinea to work with an unreached people group. They in fact, are attending BBTI this August. Then we had a family visit our church that just left the pastorate to travel throughout America to minister to



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churches and create awareness of the unreached peoples of the world. It just so happened that Bro. Haifley is a field representative of BBTI.

Meanwhile, God had already begun working in our lives. Last Thanksgiving, our family was given a beautiful 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan. This March, we were given a new laptop computer. Then we had a couple in the park where we live come and beg us to let them buy our trailer. We were given a deal that we couldn't resist that allows us to stay, as needed, through next year.

Thanks to God's provision, we

are debt free and have the essential tools to enter the next step to become the missionaries God would have us to be.

Throughout this time, I have been reading biographies of great missionaries such as William Carey, Adoniram Judson, Hudson Taylor, Jim Elliot, and Viggo Olsen. My heart began yearning to go to those with no preacher or Bible. As I look around, I see many Bible preaching churches, and know there are ample opportunities for people to hear the Gospel if they wish.

Jesus told his disciples to "Go preach the gospel to every creature." I wish simply to go to a group of people who have never heard and if need be, provide a Bible for them in their own language. As my wife and I discussed the Lord's working in our lives, we agreed it is now time to go. If we stay, we will not be obedient nor happy. To get a glimpse of what we would like to see accomplished, watch the video on the home page of [www.firstbible.net](http://www.firstbible.net).

On May 29, I announced to our church my resignation as pastor which will be effective June 29. Our church has voted John Hankins, former pastor of Independent Baptist Church in DeSoto City, to be the interim pastor. He will begin the first Sunday of July.

I greatly appreciate your prayers for my family as we will move to Texas this August to start classes for one school year. We will be learning how to adapt to a new culture, learn a new language, phonetic skills necessary for Bible translating, field medicine, and how to teach English as a second language.

Remember, you are happiest when doing the will of God. Be sure you are doing what God created you to do for His glory.

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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](mailto:redemer1895@aol.com) Web site: [redeemeravon.com](http://redeemeravon.com). The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

■ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church,** 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6:15 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

## GRACE BRETHREN

■ **Grace Brethren Church,** 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at [www.sebring-grace.org](http://www.sebring-grace.org).

## INTERDENOMINATIONAL

■ **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries,** (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

## LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA),** 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always

welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS,** 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at 471-2663 or see [christlutheranavonpark.org](http://christlutheranavonpark.org).

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Gary Kindle, Pastor; Lea Ann Curry, Parish Nurse. Worship services: 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday school for children and adult Bible classes is 9:15 a.m.; and Praise worship service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Communion is served the first and third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday worship service is broadcast on WITS 1340 AM at 8 a.m. 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 Family of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 11 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-1163.

■ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at [www.newlife-sebring.com](http://www.newlife-sebring.com).

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting

times and dates). Visit us online at: [www.Trinitylutheranlp.com](http://www.Trinitylutheranlp.com).

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site [www.bfcspring.com](http://www.bfcspring.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 worship, 6 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: Phone, 314-0482, [lindadowning@live.com](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Web site is [www.ctmforme.com](http://www.ctmforme.com)

■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. [www.GBCconnected.org](http://www.GBCconnected.org)

■ **Highlands Community Church,** a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

■ **Union Congregational Church,** 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday worship services are at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Millennium Church. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. We also offer a Saturday service at 6 p.m. with Pastor Tiger Gullett in the Millennium Church. Nursery/child care is available for all services. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at [www.weareunion.org](http://www.weareunion.org). All teachings are taken from the Manufacturer's Handbook - The Holy Bible. Come join us.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail [unity@vistanet.net](mailto:unity@vistanet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://www.unityofsebring.org). 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups.

Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

■ **The Way Church,** 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:381-6190. Email: [thewaychurch@hotmail.com](mailto:thewaychurch@hotmail.com). Web site: [www.TheWayChurch.org](http://www.TheWayChurch.org)

## PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Worship services: Sunday morning worship, informal, 8 a.m.; regular, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Youth Group and Kids Quest, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: [covpres@strato.net](mailto:covpres@strato.net). Web site: [www.cpcsebring.org](http://www.cpcsebring.org). Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

■ **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, adult and college age, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Youth Group (ages 11-18), 4-7 p.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available for Sunday worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Gail Sparks, director of youth ministry.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** [www.fpcsp.com](http://www.fpcsp.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 9-10 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is from 11 a.m. to noon. Sunday school classes for adults and children will be 10:10-10:50 a.m. in the educational building. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

■ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA),** 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School,

9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, [springlakepc@embarqmail.com](mailto:springlakepc@embarqmail.com). Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church,** 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: [avonparkada@embarqmail.com](mailto:avonparkada@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; and Associate Pastor Kameron DeVasher. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is [www.discoverjesus.org](http://www.discoverjesus.org)

■ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church,** 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

## THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,** 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

## THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army - Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site [www.salvationarmy-sebring.com](http://www.salvationarmy-sebring.com) or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

## UNITED METHODIST

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870.

The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: [www.fumcap.org](http://www.fumcap.org).

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. Bible Fellowship Class, 6 p.m. (October-May only). We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that want to know Christ and make Him known. Call the church office at 465-2422 or check out our church Web site at [www.memorialumc.com](http://www.memorialumc.com).

■ **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.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. [www.stjohnsebring.org](http://www.stjohnsebring.org)

■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church,** 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** where God is still speaking, 3115 Hope Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (1.8 miles west of U.S. 27 and Hammock Road). Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion with worship first Sunday of month; Chapel Communion, 8:45 a.m. all other Sundays. All are welcome to receive the sacrament. For more information, call the church office at 471-1999 or e-mail [eucc@earthlink.net](mailto:eucc@earthlink.net) or check the Web site [sebringemmanuelucc.com](http://sebringemmanuelucc.com). No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar provides a brief listing of local clubs and organizations who meet on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the group to update the *News-Sun* on any changes in this listing by calling 385-6155, ext. 516; send any changes by e-mail to [editor@newssun.com](mailto:editor@newssun.com); or mail them to *News-Sun* Community Calendar, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

## FRIDAY

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.

**Alzheimer's Association Support Group** meets at 6 p.m. second Friday at the Oaks of Avon in Avon Park. For details, call 385-3444.

**American Legion Post 25** hosts a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Cost is \$6. Shrimp also is available for same price. Open to the public. Tickets in the lounge on Friday night. Lounge hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

**American Legion Post 74** has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. For details, call 471-1448.

**Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.

**Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. For details, call 385-8118.

**Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers a class in Lake Placid at the Sunshine RV Resort from 9-11 a.m. Friday. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at [sam-dunn@samdunn.net](mailto:sam-dunn@samdunn.net).

**Heartland AIDS Network** meets 9 a.m., second Friday, Heartland Professional Plaza Learning Center, Sebring.

**Heartland Clubs** meet at 3:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Placid Lakes Town Hall Building, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 699-6773.

**Highlands Social Dance Club** hosts ballroom dancing every Friday, October through March from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Dance the night away to the music of the area's Big Bands. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Call 385-6671.

**Lake Country Cruisers** has a car show from 5-8 p.m. second Friday at Woody's Bar-B-Q parking lot, Lake Placid. There is a live disc jockey and door prizes.

**Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. There is a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 per person. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

**Lake Placid Moose** serves wings, fish and burgers at 6 p.m. Music provided from 7-11 p.m. Pool tournament is at 8 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

**Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

**Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at [www.naftheartland.org](http://www.naftheartland.org).

**S.A.L.T. Council** (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meets the second Friday each month at 10 a.m. in the conference room of Florida Hospital Home Care Services located at 4005 Sun 'n Lake Blvd. For more information contact Grace Plants at 273-1421.

**Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Fridays. For

details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

**Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves chicken or fish baskets from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring, for a \$4 donation. Blind darts is played at 7 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

**Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** serving buffet dinner at 5-7 p.m. Elks and guests invited. Dance music in ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and dance is \$10 donation. For reservations, call 385-8647 or 471-3557. Smoke-free environment. Lounge is open from 1-10 p.m.

**Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

**Sebring Recreation Club** plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** serves steak by the ounce from 5:30-7 p.m. every fourth Friday at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

## SATURDAY

**American Legion Post 25** serves sirloin burgers from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Jam session is from 2-4 p.m. The lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Members and guests invited. For details, call 465-7940.

**American Legion Post 69** in Avon Park serves dinner at 5 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m.

**American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

**Avon Park Public Library** has a free Adult Film Series at noon. For details, call 452-3803.

**Cancer Support Group** meets from 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Fellowship Church, 2935 New Life Way, Sebring, hosted by Sue and Kristi Olsen. Call 446-1284 or 385-2974.

**Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** provides free assisted riding sessions for adults and children with special needs from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 118 W. College Drive, Avon Park. Call Mary McClelland, coordinator, 452-0006.

**Highlands Shrine Club**, 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) has a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., country store open from 8 a.m. to noon and pancake breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vendors are welcome. No setup fee is charged for the summer months. Plenty of off road parking. A monthly social is planned at 6:30 p.m. on the second Saturday at the club. There will be dinner and music provided for dancing. Reservations are required by calling 382-2208.

**Highlands Woodcarvers** meet from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at 825 Sunbird Terr. (Community Center off Thunderbird Road). Call Bob Seybolt at 471-6077.

**Lake Placid Art League** has a class in Pastels/Acrylics taught by Llewellyn Rinald from from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

**Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** opens the lounge at 1 p.m. Card games are played at 1 p.m., and Bar Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

**Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at [www.naftheartland.org](http://www.naftheartland.org).

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets at 10:30 a.m. at First

Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Lake Placid. For more details, call 382-1821.

**Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Music is from 7-10 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

**Sebring Hills Association** has a pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at the clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave. All the pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee or tea you can eat or drink for \$3 for members and \$3.50 for non-members.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** serves breakfast from 8-11 a.m. and horse racing at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Saturday at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves a meal for \$6 from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

## SUNDAY

**American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

**American Legion Post 74** open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

**Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

**Lake Placid Moose** has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).

**Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

**Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For details, call 699-5444.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

## MONDAY

**Al-Anon - LET IT BEGIN WITH ME** family group meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Heartland Christian Church on Alt. 27 in Sebring. The church is behind Southgate Shopping Center where Publix is. Call 385-5714.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting, 8-9 p.m. at Episcopal Church, Lakeshore Drive, Sebring. Call 385-8807.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Rosewood Center, 517 U.S.

27 South, Lake Placid.

**Alanon** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 202-0647..

**American Legion Post 74 Sons of Legion** meet at 6 p.m. Executive board meets at 7 p.m. on second Monday at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Happy hour from 4-6 p.m. Post open noon-8 p.m. Call 471-1448.

**AmVets Post 21** meets 6 p.m. second Monday, at the post, 2029 U.S. 27 South, Sebring. All members welcome.

**AmVets Post 21** plays darts at 7:30 p.m. for members and guests. For details, call 385-0234.

**Avon Park Lakes Association** has shuffleboard at 1 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.

**BALANCE Dual Diagnosed (Addiction and Mental Health) Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Florida Hospital Sebring, Conference Room 1. Qi-Gong to follow at 7 p.m. Call 386-5687.

**Boy Scout Troop 482** meets 7 p.m., 34 Central Ave., Lake Placid.

**Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. For details, call 385-8118.

**Diabetes Insulin Pump Support Group** meets the second Monday from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Florida Hospital Heartland Division Diabetes Center, 4023 Sun 'N Lake. Call 402-0177 for more information.

**Diabetes Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday from 1-2:30 p.m. in Florida Hospital Conference Room 3 in Sebring. Call 402-0177 for guest speaker list.

**Fairmount Mobile Estates Lunch Bunch** meets at noon second Monday at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring. For details, call 382-0481.

**Florida Association Home and Community Education** meets from 9-11 a.m. weekly on Mondays at The Agri-Center. The group of sewers and crafters make items for residents of adult congregate living facilities. Call Penny Bucher at 385-0949.

**Grand Prix Cloggers** EZ Intermediate and Intermediate Clogging class are held at 9 a.m. every Monday at Reflections on Silver Lake, Avon Park. Call Julie for further information at 386-0434.

**Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** meets the second and fourth Monday at the Sebring Country Estates Civic Association clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart). Dancing will be held every month until April 2008. Classes are being started now in the Sebring and Lake Placid area. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or visit the Web site at [www.samdun.net](http://www.samdun.net).

**Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** is offering pony rides every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 p.m., weather permitting. \$5 donation per child. Call 452-0006 for more information. All proceeds raised support our free equine assisted riding program for adults and children with special needs, which resumes in September.

**Heartland Pops** rehearses at 7 p.m. Mondays at Avon Park High School Band Room, 700 E. Main St., under the direction of Anthony Jones. Musicians of all ages are welcome. For information, call 314-8877.

# RELIGION

## Snapshots

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Christian School (148 E. Interlake Blvd.) on Monday evenings (7 p.m. Sentinel School of Theology) and Tuesday evenings (church services at 7 p.m.), is now adding Sunday morning services to its schedule. The pastor is Juanita Folsom.

Sunday services will be at 10:30 a.m. beginning this Sunday and everyone is welcome to come and see what new things God is doing in and through His church.

For more information, check the website at [www.juanitafolsomministries@yahoo.com](http://www.juanitafolsomministries@yahoo.com).

## Crusaders in concert June 18

SEBRING — The Crusaders will be featured for a southern gospel dinner concert at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 at Dee's Place Restaurant, 138 N. Ridgewood Drive, downtown Sebring.

Donations only. Make reservations soon because seats are limited. Call 471-2228.

## Sebring Parkway Church of Christ plans Hometown Nazareth

SEBRING — A summer family event called Hometown Nazareth will be hosted at Sebring Parkway Church of Christ from June 19-22. Families step back in time at Hometown Nazareth, exploring what it was like to live in the town where Jesus grew up. Kids and adults participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-times snacks, visit Jesus' mom Mary and collect Bible Memory Makers

to remind them of God's Word.

Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration, a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

Hometown Nazareth will run from 6-8 p.m., each day. For more information, call 385-7443.

## VBS planned at First Baptist in AP

AVON PARK — First Baptist Church of Avon Park will host vacation Bible school June 19-23.

The VBS will be for ages 3 though fifth grade and will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each day. The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave.

Call Judy Hendrickson and 453-6681 for details.

## VBS planned at Covenant Presbyterian

SEBRING — "Kingdom of the Son - A Prayer Safari" will be the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School at Covenant Presbyterian Church from June 20-24.

Il kids grades K-6 are invited from 9 a.m. until noon each day. The African Safari theme provides a way to capture their attention as they get to know God as their heavenly Father. The VBS kids will hear of stories from Jesus' life, discover exotic animals, play exciting games, create crafts, and enjoy lively songs and skits as they seek to know God through prayer.

Covenant Presbyterian Church is at 4500 Sun 'n Lake Blvd. in Sebring. Children may be registered at [www.pcsebring.org](http://www.pcsebring.org), at 385-3234, or they may come as a walk-in.

**LAKE DENTON CAMP CALENDAR 2011**  
[www.lakedentoncamp.org](http://www.lakedentoncamp.org)  
RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION CALL PAM 863-453-3627  
Email: [lakedentoncamp@embarqmail.com](mailto:lakedentoncamp@embarqmail.com)

**SUMMER CAMPS**

4yrs Old-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	June 10/11	\$25.00 Camper+10.00 parent (must be accompanied by same gender parent or older sibling)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	<b>June 26-30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	<b>July 24-30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$180.00</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	<b>July 31- August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$180.00</b>

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## Blockbuster 'Super 8' revels in innocent film geekery

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**  
AP Movie Critic

"Super 8" is the rarest of things this time of year: a summer blockbuster that's completely earnest and irony-free, not filled with cheeky pop-culture references or cheesy product placement. The effects, while spectacular, also happen to be germane to the plot, and they have an intimate, tactile quality, rather than seeming too glossy or removed from reality. (And they're NOT in 3-D. Yes, it is indeed possible.)

So all you're left with is ... story. And strong performances. And well-developed characters. And a believable emotional arc. And genuine thrills.

And that's apropos, given that it's a love letter to the man who skillfully wove together all those elements in inventing the modern blockbuster.

J.J. Abrams has crafted a loving, meticulously detailed homage to Steven Spielberg, who's one of the film's producers — specifically, the director's work from the late 1970s and early '80s — but it never feels like a rip-off, and it certainly never lapses into parody. As writer and director, Abrams effectively conveys a mood — a mixture of innocence, fear and ultimately hope — that Spielberg managed to create again and again. He also captures a familiar sense of childhood loneliness — a need to escape and belong — and the adventures that can spring from that yearning.

The kids at the center of this sci-fi thriller, many of whom had never appeared in a feature film before, are total naturals and bounce off each other with effortless, goofy humor. And lookie here: The boy who's the film's freshly scrubbed and hugely likable star, Joel Courtney, bears more than a slight resemblance to an "E.T."-era Henry Thomas.

Yes, "Super 8" is Spielbergian not just in tone but in technique, as well. Several of the director's preferred camera angles and movements are on display, especially from his early days: crane shots, the way he pushes in from underneath on an actor's face, the way he makes lights in the night sky look simultaneously mystical and menacing. (Cinematographer Larry Fong's work repeatedly calls to mind "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — in a good way.)

Some sort of strange encounter is indeed happening in the small, blue-collar town of Lillian, Ohio, in the summer of 1979. First comes the train crash, a marvel of screeching wheels and fiery, flying freight cars that a group of aspiring filmmakers just happens to witness while shooting a low-budget zombie flick on — you guessed it — Super 8 film. Then the neighborhood dogs go missing. Then the electricity goes out — and then the appliances and wires themselves disappear. Finally the military takes the whole place over, led by Noah Emmerich (and you know he's a villain from the first moment you see him because ... well, because he's Noah Emmerich; the generic



Elle Fanning, left, plays Alice Dainard and Joel Courtney plays Joe Lamb in 'Super 8,' from Paramount Pictures.

government bad guys are the weak link here).

We will respect the desire for secrecy that has become a trademark of the creator of "Lost" and refrain from elaborating further. Anyway, it's the MacGuffin — what's happening in Lillian isn't nearly as important as how the kids react to it, and how it forces them to reconsider their relationships with their parents.

Courtney's character, 12-year-old Joe, and his dad (Kyle Chandler), the town's deputy sheriff, are both struggling with the death of Joe's mother months early in an industrial accident; they don't know how to grieve individually and they don't know how to support each other, either. Joe finds a welcome distraction in serving as a makeup artist and supporting player for his best friend, Charlie (Riley Griffiths), a bossy film nerd working on his latest production.

Even before the train crash sent everyone into a tizzy, Joe had found himself swept up in his first crush: on the film's leading lady, the teenaged Alice, played by Elle Fanning with her usual preternatural poise and ethereal beauty. But the accident itself, while frightening, isn't necessarily a bad thing to these kids; as Charlie boisterously points out, it also adds production values.

A love of movies infuses every moment of "Super 8," and not just the work of



### Movie Review

#### 'Super 8'

**Rating:** PG-13 (intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence, language and some drug use)

**Running time:** 112 minutes

**Review:** ★★★ (of 4)

Spielberg. Abrams borrows heavily but he also tells a story that's very much its own entity. The idea that being a part of a film can provide a gateway to an exciting, new life — regardless of which side of the camera you're on — is infectious, and so devoid of cynicism that's it's hard not to be charmed.

That feeling carries through all the way to the closing credits, so make sure you stay in your seat for the full payoff.

#### 'Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer'

Here's the kindest thing we can say: The kids sure do work awfully hard.

They mug and they mope. They run around and jump

up and down.

They throw themselves headlong into pratfalls and vomit gags with equal elan.

If only the material were worthy of such dedication. Instead, director John Schultz's adaptation of the popular children's book series by Megan McDonald is a shrill, shallow cacophony of individual antic moments without much narrative momentum.

Little kids — we're talking really little kids — might find it a pleasant diversion, with all that perky noise and incessant motion.

For everyone else, it'll be death. Australian newcomer Jordana Beatty stars as the title character, a young girl in idyllic suburbia who's psyched to share the summer with her closest friends. But then, one by one, they get dragged away to more exotic destinations.

So she's left with her younger brother, Stink (Parris Mosteller), and their Aunt Opal (Heather Graham), whom they've never met.

But hey, what do you know?

Aunt Opal is one of those wacky aunts, the kind who like to do art projects in the middle of the living room and make elaborate feasts that destroy the kitchen.

The kind you only see in movies.

Rated PG for some mild rude humor and language. 91 minutes. One star out of four.

## Woman's helping hand at work comes across as interference

**Dear Abby:** It has recently come to my attention that at work I am considered "bossy." It came as a shock to me.

I'm hurt that my co-workers and department manager think of me this way.

I know I come on strong sometimes when it comes to helping customers, but I view it as helping.

When I suggest to co-workers that they keep their areas clean and orderly, it is perceived as bossy. I'm just trying to help them not get fired for slacking off.

I'm older than some of my co-workers and my manager. I tried for the manager position, and was initially angry when someone else got it.

But now I see she does a good job, and I respect her. It seems, however, that my actions have sent the wrong message.

What can I do to mend fences? Or, should I just forget about it and look for something else?

— *Misjudged in Albuquerque*

**Dear Misjudged:** No, you should apologize to anyone you might have offended. And, as well-intentioned as you are, in the future resist the urge to correct your fellow employees. Your job is to be part of a team, not a scolding schoolmarm. Sometimes it's how you say something, not necessarily what was said, that's the problem.

**Dear Abby:** My daughter, "Alana," has a 7-year-old son my husband and I have helped to raise while she got her life together and pursued her lucrative career. "Tristan" excels in school and is a great little man. The problem is, every time Alana gets a new boyfriend, she rushes to make the boyfriend Tristan's "daddy."

The men my daughter chooses are crude, rude and, without fail, feel a need to "straighten out" Tristan. My grandson does not need straightening out because he is polite, engaging and a good soul.

The newest guy in Alana's life, "Jeff," told me point blank that if Alana doesn't stop babying her son, Tristan will grow



**Dear Abby**

up to be a girl!

This man is homophobic, sexist, racist and controlling.

Alana claims she's "in love" and fails to see the potential harm this guy could inflict on Tristan. We do not employ corporal punishment, but Jeff has already said (several times) he would "beat his butt"! What should we do?

— *Fearful Nana in Georgia*

**Dear Nana:** Where is your daughter meeting these people? It appears her taste in men is atrocious, and she has serious self-esteem issues. You and your husband need to get across to her how harmful it is for her to repeatedly introduce men to her son as "daddies." Parents should wait until they know their prospective mates well enough to be assured they won't injure the child physically or psychologically.

If Alana insists on marrying Jeff, offer to take Tristan to live with you. If that's not acceptable, the next time Jeff says he'll "beat Tristan's butt" respond point blank that if he lays a hand on your grandson, you'll report him to Child Protective Services.

You could also point out to your daughter that now that she has her life together and a "lucrative career," the last thing she would need is a scandal because she tolerated such a thing happening to her son.

And while you're at it, make it plain that trying to "toughen up" a 7-year-old the way this man is suggesting would not only be counterproductive, it could damage him in ways she can't imagine.

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# TRAVEL

Summer vacation season is here! And whether you're flying around the globe or taking a train into the city, here are some tips to do it safely.

— South Florida Sun-Sentinel

# SAFELY

## THE AIRPORT

- Stay alert and watch your bags and computer carefully at all times. Don't let anyone but uniformed airline personnel handle or watch your bags.
- Always carry proper identification such as a state issued driver's license or passport.
- Do not bring anything on board for another person unknown to you or not traveling with you, however innocent or small the package or item may appear.
- Watch out for staged mishaps, like someone bumping into you or spilling a drink. Often it's a ploy to divert your attention from your valuables.
- Carry your purse close to your body and keep your wallet in an inside front pocket. Better yet, use a money pouch under your clothes.
- Keep a separate record of the contents of checked luggage in case your luggage is lost or tampered with. And keep anything of value in a carry-on that stays with you.
- To avoid problems when passing through customs or security checkpoints, keep medicines in their original, labeled containers. Bring copies of your prescriptions and the generic names for the drugs. If a medication is unusual or contains narcotics, carry a letter from your doctor attesting to your need to take the drug. If you have any doubt about the legality of carrying a certain drug into a country, consult the embassy or consulate of that country before you travel.



## YOUR DESTINATION

- Don't answer the door in a hotel or motel room without first verifying the identity of the person at the door. If the person claims to be an employee, call the front desk.
- When returning to your hotel or motel late in the evening, use the main entrance of the hotel. Be observant before entering parking lots.
- Lock the door whenever you are in your room.
- Don't display guest room keys in public or leave them on restaurant tables, at the swimming pool, or other places where they can be easily stolen.
- Do not draw attention to yourself by displaying cash or expensive jewelry.
- Check to see that any sliding glass doors or windows and any connecting room doors are locked. Keep all hotel doors and windows locked.
- Discreetly carry a map and be familiar with the area you are visiting.

If driving, keep maps and rental agreement concealed, not lying on the seat or the dashboard.

- Don't leave purses or pocket-books on the back of a chair when dining out; keep them in your lap.
- Don't announce room numbers in public. Insist that hotel personnel write down your room number at check-in rather than stating out loud the number of your room.
- Before taking a cab, ask the staff about directions and estimated costs to familiarize yourself with the area.
- Only take taxis clearly identified with official markings. Beware of unmarked cabs. Compare the face of the driver with the one on his or her posted license.
- Keep car doors locked while you are driving.

## TRAVELING ABROAD

- Check country-specific information and travel warnings and alerts at the State Department's website ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)).
- Always try to travel light, so you can move quickly and keep a free hand.
- Carry the minimum number of valuables, and plan places to conceal them. When you have to carry your cash, passport and credit cards, you may wish to put them in various places rather than all in one wallet or pouch.
- Bring travelers checks and one or two major credit cards instead of cash.
- Use covered luggage tags to avoid casual observation of your identity or nationality.
- Don't bring anything you won't need during your trip. Remove unnecessary credit cards, irreplaceable family photos, your library card and similar items from your wallet.
- Make two photocopies of your passport identification page, airline tickets, driver's license and the credit cards that you plan to bring with you. Leave one photocopy of this data with family or friends at home; pack the other in a place separate from where you carry the originals. Pack an extra set of passport photos to make replacement easier if your passport is stolen.
- Leave a copy of the serial numbers of your travelers' checks with a friend or relative at home. Carry your copy with you in a separate place and, as you cash the checks, cross them off the list.
- Try to stay in larger hotels that have more elaborate security. Consider booking a room from the second to seventh floors — high

enough to deter easy entry from outside, but low enough for fire equipment to reach.

■ Avoid scam artists by being wary of strangers who approach you and offer to be your guide or sell you something at bargain prices.

■ Do not flash large amounts of money when paying a bill. Make sure your credit card is returned to you after each transaction.

■ Ask your credit card company how to report the loss of your card from abroad, as 1-800 numbers generally not work from other countries.

■ You can register your travel with the State Department so you can be contacted in case of emergency at <https://travel.registration.state.gov>

■ Try to seem purposeful when you move about. Even if you are lost, act as if you know where you are going. Try to ask for directions only from individuals in authority.

■ Deal only with authorized agents when you exchange money, buy airline tickets or purchase souvenirs. Do not change money on the black market.

■ If your possessions are lost or stolen, report the loss immediately to the local police. Keep a copy of the police report for insurance claims and as an explanation of your plight.

■ If you see your way being blocked by a stranger and another person is very close to you from behind, move away. This can happen in the corridor of the train or on the platform or station.

■ Do not accept food or drink from strangers. Criminals have been known to drug food or drink offered to passengers.

■ Where possible, lock your compartment. If it cannot be locked securely, take turns sleeping in shifts with your traveling companions. If that is not possible, stay awake. If you must sleep unprotected, tie down your luggage and secure your valuables to the extent possible.

■ Do not be afraid to alert authorities if you feel threatened in any way. Extra police are often assigned to ride trains on routes where crime is a serious problem.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Well-organized, systematic robbery of passengers on trains along popular tourist routes is a problem in many countries. It is more common at night and especially on overnight trains.

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## RENTING A CAR

Choose a type of car that is commonly available locally. Avoid cars that are marked as rentals. If available, choose a car with universal door locks and power windows, which give the driver better control of access.

■ Rent a car with air conditioning to allow you to drive with windows closed. Thieves snatch purses through open windows of moving cars.

■ Avoid driving at night.

■ Never pick up hitchhikers.

■ Carjackers and thieves operate at gas stations, parking lots, in city traffic and

along the highway. Be suspicious of anyone who hails you or tries to get your attention when you are in or near your car.

■ Criminals sometimes pose as good Samaritans, offering help for tires that they claim are flat or that they have made flat. Or they may flag down a motorist, ask for assistance and then steal the rescuer's luggage or car. They often work in groups, one person carrying on the pretense while the others rob you.

■ Some criminals try to drive victims off the road, or causing an "accident" by rear-ending you.

■ In some urban areas, thieves simply smash car windows at traffic lights, grab your valuables or your car and get away.

## TRAINS

Always expect a train at railroad crossings. Freight trains do not travel on predictable schedules, and passenger train schedules often change.

■ Cross tracks only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings. Observe and obey all warning signs and signals.

■ Never walk down a train track. It's illegal and dangerous. By the time a locomotive engineer sees a person or vehicle on the tracks, the train cannot stop quickly enough to avoid a collision.

■ An approaching train is often closer and moving faster than you think.

■ Don't depend on the "clackety-clack" sound for a warning of approaching trains. Modern trains are quieter than in the past.

■ A train may extend 3 feet past the width of the rails, making the safety zone for pedestrians well beyond the rails themselves.

■ Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train passes. A second train might be blocked by the first. Trains can approach from either direction.

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