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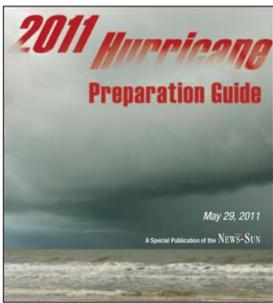
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Several Memorial Day ceremonies planned

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The Highlands County Memorial Day service is set for Monday at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid. The post will receive a new 35-foot flag pole and will be dedicated to recently deceased World War II veteran Gordon Spade. The flag will be presented to Nick and Jan Swanson. A 21-gun salute and Taps by the VFW Post 4300 Honor Guard of Sebring will take place at the event as well. For details call J.P. Plunkett 441-4103.

ALWAYS REMEMBER

Following the raising of the flag to full staff, attendees are invited to gather in the hall for a presentation by Caesar Pinzon, president of the Highlands County Veterans Service Office.

Lake Placid Elks Lodge will hold a Memorial Day program at 11 a.m.

Monday. Col. Buck MacLaughlin from the Avon Park Air Force Range will be the event's guest speaker. Lake Placid JROTC students will also be a part of the program as well as bagpiper Bob Campbell.

The VFW 3880 in Lake Placid will also host a memorial service today at 5 p.m. Call the lodge at 699-5444 for details.

The Sebring Amvets Post 21 will have a Memorial Day service Monday at 11 a.m. The Post is located at 2029 U.S. 27 South. A picnic lunch will be served following the service.

Best and Brightest



Scholarship: Derek Drummond and Lauren Welborn share a proud moment Thursday afternoon during the Alan Jay Automotive Network/Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund luncheon at Island View Restaurant in Sebring. Drummond and Welborn were both awarded \$3,000 scholarships.

Drummond, Welborn receive scholarships

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SUN 'N LAKE — This year's recipients of the 18th Annual Alan Jay Automotive Network and Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund were two Sebring High School seniors, Derek Drummond and Lauren Welborn.

Drummond and Welborn were two of the 10 students in the running for the coveted \$3,000 scholarships.

Students up for the award must be seniors and attend school in Sebring. The candidates must have outstanding academic record as well as be a well-rounded indi-



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Alan Jay Wildstein of the Alan Jay Automotive Network greets guests Thursday during the scholarship luncheon.

vidual both in school and outside of it. The students must be in at least the 85th percentile academically.

The Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce and Alan Wildstein, the owner of
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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Two people were airlifted to Tampa after this Honda Element reportedly rear-ended a Dodge Ram in front of the Lakeshore Mall Thursday night.

Two airlifted after crash on U.S. 27

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — Charges are pending in a two-car accident at Vicki Drive late Thursday.

Sara E. Bogart, 64, of Frostproof, is facing possible charges after her 2010 Honda Element rear-ended Graig Alan Faulkner, 45, of Venice while he was stopped at a red light, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

Faulkner was traveling south on U.S. 27 and had come to a stop at the intersection of Vicki Drive in response to a red light traffic signal around 9:10 p.m. Bogart was traveling south on U.S. 27 and failed to slow down or react to the traffic signal, the report said.

Bogart's Honda collided with the rear of Faulkner's 2005 Dodge Ram, and his vehicle was forced through the intersection and down the road approximately 385 feet

where it struck a light pole.

Bogart's Honda stopped in the intersection of Vicki Drive and U.S. 27 blocking the southbound lanes.

Bogart was observed driving without any lights prior to impact. Trooper Paul Miller stated in the report.

All southbound lanes of U.S. 27 were blocked for more than an hour.

Both Bogart and Faulkner were transported to Tampa Regional Hospital by Aeromed with serious injuries.

The report also stated that both drivers were wearing their seat belts.

The damage to Faulkner's Ram was estimated at \$7,000 and damage to Bogart's Honda was estimated at \$22,000.

The report stated that alcohol was not a factor in Faulkner's case, but the report was marked pending in the alcohol related area of the report referring to Bogart.

Third grade FCAT scores hold steady in state and county

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Despite an adjustment to the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test tightening requirements and adding difficulty to the questions, Florida third graders, including those in Highlands County, maintained their predecessors' test results in 2011.

In the district as a whole, 80 percent of the students tested performed at grade level or higher in math — that is, they scored a three or more on a six-point scale.

Compared to the other school districts in the state, Highlands County's math score ranks just about in the middle, 28th out of 67 districts, and is higher than the

state average of 78 percent.

Glades County students had the highest district math average in the state with 98 percent scoring at grade level or better.

Fewer students are doing as well with their reading.

Here in Highlands County, 71 percent of third graders tested at grade level or above. That is one point

behind the state average of 72 percent.

Highlands students tied with six other counties, while 35 districts scored higher.

The highest district reading score in the state was Santa Rosa County with 88 percent of third graders reading at grade level and higher.

Both Florida and Highlands County results are

holding steady, something that is significant given the FCAT's greater difficulty.

In Highlands, Cracker Trail Elementary School produced the highest scores in both reading and math — 90 percent of the math students are at or above grade level, and 83 percent of its third graders are reading at grade level or better.

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POLICE BLOTTER

City offices closed Monday

SEBRING — Sebring City Hall offices will be closed Monday for Memorial Day. The offices will re-open Tuesday.

There will be no changes in garbage pickups.

Boil water notice rescinded

AVON PARK — The May 25 precautionary boil water notice has been rescinded for the both sides of Hal McRae Boulevard from South Lake Boulevard up to Florida Avenue and over to W.L. Kirkland Street.

The completion of the bacteriological survey is satisfactory, showing that the water is safe to drink.

For information, call 452-4427.

'Ballet in Cinema' shows Sunday

SEBRING — Carmike Cinemas and Emerging Pictures partner to showcase the "Ballet in Cinema" series, an exceptional European opera presented in HD and surround sound. The showing will be exclusively today with an encore presentation on Wednesday, June 8.

AP Depot museum to have calligraphy ... and ice cream

AVON PARK — On Saturday, June 4 the Avon Park Depot Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors can tour the museum and enjoy both the exhibits and the newly installed flooring. Several doorways have been widened to accept wheelchairs. Ice cream cones and cold beverages will be on sale in the railroad dining car.

A workshop — "Introduction to Calligraphy" — will also be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the museum. The workshop is aimed at adults and children, 12

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Camp Cloverleaf



The central quad at Camp Cloverleaf. The auditorium is on the left and the dining hall on the right. Campers cabins line up in two rows down towards the water. The lawn slopes to a sand beach on Lake Frances.

News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

After 20 years, Highlands children back at local gem

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY christopher.tuffley@newssun.com

LAKE PLACID — Camp Cloverleaf, one of Highlands County's wonderful secrets, dozed under the sun Friday morning.

A lawnmower could be heard off in the distance, but otherwise the only sounds were insects buzzing, birds calling, and the breeze coming in from the lake.

It was a moment of peace before the arrival of summer 4-H campers with their high-energy rushing and bustling; splashing and shouting.

The camp — laid out neatly on an expansive lawn sloping gently down to a sand beach and faded wood dock on Lake Frances — is basic and functional, attractive in its simplicity, clean lines and natural setting.

Steve Cooper, who has run the University of Florida facility for 26 years, is already sorting supplies and making preparations for the summer.

Camp Cloverleaf, which many residents of Highlands



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Steve Cooper has been running Camp Cloverleaf on behalf of the 4-H and University of Florida for 26 years. He invites everyone to a camp open-house Friday — parents of camp age children are especially welcome. Check out the camp while enjoying hamburgers and hot dogs, kayaking, boat rides and archery.

County don't even know exists, was built specifically for the 4-H program in 1949.

By 1957 it was fully functioning as a 4-H Club state camp — one of only four — taking in 4-H campers from all over Florida.

It still does that, however, 20 years ago, for unknown

reasons, the Highlands County 4-H program stopped sending its children.

The new 4-H county

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Donation adds history to Avon Park Depot Museum

By ED BALDRIDGE ed.baldridge@newssun.com

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Depot Museum received a little more history on Thursday when they accepted a donation of the bound newspaper archives from the News-Sun.

"I am overwhelmed," said Depot Museum director Elaine Levey.

"This is a great treasure trove for us, for everyone who comes in here to research the county. This is a great gift," Levey said.

The collection of more than 260 bound volumes of the Avon Park Sun, the Sebring News and the Highlands Herald were hand delivered to the Depot on Thursday where a gang of volunteers were ready to help sort and store the large books.

The Depot had copies of bound volumes stretching back to 1919 but their collection ended in 1946.

The News-Sun collection started in 1946 and included bound editions up to 2008, giving the Depot the largest collection of printed newspaper research materials in the county.

News-Sun publisher Romona Washington actually worked at the Avon Park Sun office in the early 1980s and recalls Avon Park Sun publisher Ed Carter donating to the Depot many of the earlier books at that time.

"I am very pleased with this. This enhances our research materials considerably. We had a good collection; now we have a great one," Levey said.

"This is just amazing," said Depot volunteer and 1953 Avon Park graduate Maxine Floyd.

"Well. Actually, back then we were bussed to E.O. Douglass High School. Those were interesting times," Floyd said.

"Looking through these

brings back a lot of memories. Look here, remember Green Stamps?" Floyd asked. "We spent hours licking those things and putting them in a little book so that we could trade them for groceries."

"We have a lot of people who come in looking for newspaper articles for research," Levey said. "This makes history more accessible for everyone. This will allow them to do family histories and track things that were happening that made a difference. I just can't tell you how important these are," Levey added.

Washington admits it was hard giving up the books, but she knows they will be well taken care of in Levey's hands.

"I can't think of a better place than a museum to turn over this kind of history," she said.

The Depot still has to inspect the volumes and catalog them into inventory. Those that need repair then need to be sent out for rebinding, according to Levey.

The museum will then have to find a permanent place for the large collection where they can be sorted properly.

"We have a big job ahead of us. We need to find a place to put these where the public can access them. We need a bigger building," Levey said holding her cheeks and looking around.

"The print edition of the News-Sun will be around for a long time, but all of our pages are now stored digitally," News-Sun editor Scott Dressel said.

"An electronic version of every edition is sent to the University of Florida where it is stored along with many other papers throughout the state as part of the Digital Library Center and Florida Digital Newspaper Library."

Clarification

Rep. Tom Rooney's appearance on May 20 in Sebring was at an event hosted by both the Tea Party and the Highlands County Republican Party.

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 Thursday, May 26:

◆ Abraham de la Cruz-Sanc, 23, of Avon Park, was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

◆ Sheila C. Gibbs, 53, of Sebring, was charged with DUI.

◆ Dewey James Hendrix, 34, of Tampa, was charged with contempt of court reference failed to pay child support payments.

◆ Willie Frank Hicks, 28, of Sebring, was charged with possession of marijuana, possession and or use of drug equipment, and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

◆ Kayla Jewel Huddleston, 21, of Sebring, was charged with burglary of an occupied

dwelling, grand theft and petit theft.

◆ Etanislao Jacob Jimenez, 20, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference resisting arrest without violence.

◆ Perusia Faye Mack, 34, of Avon Park, was charged with two counts of violation of probation reference cruelty to animals.

◆ Francisco Moreno, 44, of Wauchula, was charged with violation of probation reference grand theft.

◆ Jacqueline Kierra Morris, 21, of Lake Wales, was charged with violation of probation reference knowingly driving with license suspended or revoked.

◆ Lishida Thericka Nightingale, 22, of Avon Park,

was charged with petit theft, commit theft resist recovery, and battery.

◆ Hannah Delia Quiggle-Salgado, 31, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference battery.

◆ Tammy Lynn Ritter, 37, of Avon Park, was charged with two counts of violation of probation reference giving false verification to pawnbroker and dealing in stolen property.

◆ Emerido Christina Rodriguez, 24, of Sebring, was charged with failure to appear reference trespass of an occupied structure/conveyance.

◆ Vernon Javon Walker, 25, of Avon Park, was charged with two counts of failure to appear.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Generously sending our graduates off

Highlands County is filled with amazingly generous people.

For example, just hours after devastating tornadoes smashed through Alabama and the south recently, teams of our neighbors were heading north with essential supplies and an eagerness to help.

Locally, concerned citizens have cleaned lakes, built kennels at the Humane Society, and helped construct Habitat for Humanity Houses.

Who knows how many chicken and spaghetti dinners Highlands Countiers have bought in support of good causes, how many times they've had their cars washed, or ordered scented candles, cookies, candy and popcorn.

The businesses of Highlands County support youth athletics, the United Way's Day of Caring, donate to silent auctions and sponsor a vast array of fund raising events.

What brings goose bumps, though, is the help our community gives to our young people graduating high school and heading off to college.

For example, there is Scholarship Recognition Inc., a private organization that exists solely for the purpose of raising funds for scholarships. This year, it's 48th, \$16,600 were distributed to 83 Highlands County honor students selected at random.

There is South Florida Community College. It offers full scholarships to the top 10 percent of all three graduating classes.

Then there are the civic organizations and shared interest clubs that provide scholarships too.

Groups as different as the Orchid Society of Highlands County, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Association of University Women, different art leagues, the 4-H, the Cattlemen and Cattlewomen's associations, the county's master gardeners, women's clubs, the Sebring Chamber of Commerce and the Highlands County

Tennis Association.

Scholarships come from Optimists, Rotarians, Elks, the Kiwanis; from the American Legion Auxiliary to the VFW to the Gator and Seminole clubs — there are simply too many contributors to compile a complete list.

And then, there are the growing number of private family memorial scholarships.

Speaking in round numbers, Highlands County raised close to a million dollars in scholarships for our young people headed out to college this year.

We think that is pretty spectacular — not just for a rural county of fewer than 100,000 souls, but for any community.

It especially hits home when the economy is taken into consideration.

With money so tight it is amazing to us that individuals still found a way to invest in a student's future. It is another reason we're not just happy to be living and working in Highlands County, we're proud too.

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Waiting for the second coming

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

I spent May 21, otherwise called "Judgment Day," with Don. We weren't sitting around waiting for the world to end: instead, we went to Orlando to see the latest "Pirates" movie and visit Universal Studios.

Zero hour (6 p.m.) came and went without notice by either of us. I did notice that the day was filled with Rapture jokes before and after the time. I myself was tempted to not go online to see if I would freak out any of my friends, but my better nature prevailed.

To a Christian, Judgment Day, the day when all of mankind will give account for their lives to God, is a serious business. But it is impossible to take Harold Camping and his predictions seriously.

Camping is the one who predicted the end of the world on the 21st. This is not the first time he's made such a claim. According to this California "preacher" the world was supposed to end way back in 1994; he subsequently said he'd gotten the math wrong.

Camping's group Family Radio International spent millions of dollars taking out ads citing May 21 as Judgment Day. A friend of mine showed me one of the ads, published in the May 13 issue of USA Today. It's a full page ad, filled with Bible quotes and ending with a plea that the reader buy several copies of the paper to send out to others along with a "personalized note pleading them to heed the warning."

You would think that Mr. Camping would be a little humble seeing that his predictions didn't come true a second time. Maybe he'd admit he was mistaken and apologize for riling up some people, people who took him at his word and gave away their possessions in anticipation of the Rapture.

Instead, Camping said that Saturday had been a "spiritual" Judgment Day. According to the article I read in Wednesday's News-Sun, Camping claims that God's salvation and judgment were completed Saturday but the world

itself won't end until Oct. 21.

No, I don't understand what he means, either.

As far as those who gave away their stuff, Camping's apparent response was that Family Radio didn't tell people what to do with their things and that those who had fewer would cope. Not exactly sympathetic, if you ask me.

Camping's reasoning doesn't hold water if you study the Bible. He claims that God has always told his people exactly when judgment was going to occur. This is not true. For example, He didn't give an exact date when the temple in Jerusalem would occur, though he did predict it. You can read about it in the 24th chapter in the book of Matthew.

The chapter also deals with the question of Jesus' return. The Lord makes it clear in Matthew 24:36 that only God knows when that is going to be. Camping tries to dismiss this verse and others like it, saying it only refers to unbelievers. It seems strange to me that Jesus Himself did not make that distinction.

The whole upshot is that we really don't know when the world is coming to an end, just that it will at some point. Keeping this in mind, and knowing no one has promised me even tomorrow, I try to be ready for whenever it comes.

If any good can come from Camping's folly, it's perhaps to make people aware of the need to be ready, whenever the end comes. Are you ready? If you aren't or you're not sure, drop me an email and we can chat about it. Don't wait too long though. Like Jesus said, no one knows when it will all end. It might be sooner than you think.

Laura Ware is a Sebring resident. She can be contacted by e-mail at bookwormlady@embarqmail.com



TODAY'S LETTERS

Avon Park is a three-ring circus

Editor:

What we have here in Avon Park is a three-ring circus. Avon Park has been called the City of Charm. This needs to be changed to the City of Harm.

Someone needs to take a stand. Chief Rowan is the man to do exactly that. Chief Rowan was doing his job as a law enforcement officer should. He has done nothing wrong.

We support you Chief Rowan 100 percent for standing up for what you think and believe in is right. Way to go Chief Rowan.

Charlie And Gloria
McQuien
Avon Park

A new attack on entitlements

Editor:

After observing the American enthusiasm for Social Security and Medicare, the right wing's self-anointed pundits, meeting in solemn conclave, have launched a new attack on entitlements. Led by Charles Krauthammer they have declared entitlements unAmerican.

In support of this brilliant bit of analysis, the revisionists, noting Social Security is not mentioned in the Constitution, observed that the waves of immigrants who came to America in the latter part of the 19th century, came to escape grinding hardship and oppressions in Europe, expecting only an

opportunity for a job. Being willing to work for sweat shop wages, 70-hour weeks, without holidays and subjected to anti-union thugs and Pinkerton bullies suppressing any attempts to improve their lot, these hardy pioneers had no expectations of entitlements and therefore such current expectations are unamerican declared anathema by the rich and famous.

Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid

Bouquet

Kudos to Lake Placid Middle School

Editor:

On Friday, May 20 at the Lake Placid Middle School the veterans were honored by the third annual "Military Day" held at the school. It was an enjoyable day by all who attended. First on the agenda was a great breakfast headed by Mrs. Humphry aided by some students. We thank you all. The food was very good and especially the "SOS" (veterans know what this is).

The entire school held opening ceremonies by having prayer, pledging allegiance to our flag. The R.O.T.C. from LPHS presented the colors. They sure look great and it makes one proud to see our youth of today with such class. There was a short film shown on patriotism. I commend the principal for showing the film as it was very informative and very well done.

Then we all went to the

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All items will run on a first-come basis as space permits, although more timely ones could be moved up.

We believe your viewpoints are just as important as any community leader or government official, so consider this a personal invitation to get your two cents in. The *News-Sun* has a long history of encouraging public discussion through letters, guest columns, and Reader's Response questionnaires. Providing this forum for our readers is a pleasure, not an obligation.

gym where displays were set up by the different veterans organizations and some individuals. One of the students had a display of his grandfathers medals and pictures of which he was very proud of.

The students filed in by grades and were given time to talk to veterans and ask questions. A lot of the did ask questions and they seemed to be very inquisitive about the wars and the experiences that the veterans endured.

The students also signed some patriotic post cards and seemed very eager to put their greetings and thank you's on the cards. The cards are going to be put in the

packages that are sent overseas to our troops.

In closing on behalf of all of us that attended we wish to say "Thank You" to Principal Bryan and Beverly House for coordinating this event and allowing us to come to the school to help bring the opportunity for students to learn about military service and what they do and are still doing for our country's freedom.

May God Bless America and hope to see you next year at school.

Suzanne Krueger
Patriotic Instructor VFW
Aux 3880
Lake Placid





Courtesy photo

Walker Memorial Adventist Academy principal William E. Farmer inducts new members into the school's National Honor Society.

NHS members inducted at Walker Academy

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Current National Honor Society members at Walker Memorial Adventist Academy assisted in the 2011 induction ceremony of its newest members May 12 at a school assembly.

With its newest members, Principal William E. Farmer reviewed the high standards to which the NHS ascribes. The candle lighting following his remarks symbolized those standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character. At WMA, a candidate is required to have at least a 3.4 grade

point average to be considered for membership in addition to the other three ideals.

The nine new 2011 members are: Kyle Asumen, Neil Patrick Atiga, Aaron Bautista, Nicholas Garcia, Kristelle Lagabon, Nicholas Ruffini, Jonathan Tungan, Hazel Teope and Natalie Tielves.

The 2010 members are: Karl Asumen, Rexley Demiar, Johnel Lagabon, Jeiel Magpayo, Rochelle Mendoza and Reshma Pinnamameni.

Advisor to the NHS is distance learning facilitator Kaylene Walz.

Astronauts pack up on next-to-last shuttle flight

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL — Endeavour's astronauts took care of some last-minute space station chores Saturday before packing up to come home and end the next-to-last shuttle flight.

The space shuttle and its crew of six will depart the International Space Station late tonight. They worked to repair one of the space station's air purifiers and straightened out the suits that were used in four spacewalks. The final spacewalk of the mission, on Friday, completed the U.S. portion of station construction.

Now that the spacewalks are over, Mission Control

told the astronauts they "can bask in the glow of a job well done."

Shuttle pilot Gregory Johnson said it will be bitter-sweet to leave. He and his crewmates installed a \$2 billion physics experiment at the orbiting outpost, as well as an extension pole and a platform full of spare parts.

"It's been a fantastic mission," Johnson said in a series of news interviews. "It's the sort of mission that astronauts dream of having."

Johnson said he and his colleagues are spending their final hours at the space station doing "everything we can do to help the space station out before we return to

Earth." The station is so big now, he said, that sometimes he takes a wrong turn and finds himself in the wrong chamber.

Endeavour is scheduled to return to Florida before dawn Wednesday, 16 days after blasting off.

After Sunday night's undocking, Johnson will guide Endeavour through a victory lap around the space station. He said he'll try to maintain a good position for the shuttle, "so we can get great photos of one of the final fly-arounds of the space station." The shuttle crew also will test out an experimental navigation system for future spacecraft.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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years old and up. Reservations must be made by Thursday. Call museum director and workshop instructor Elaine Levey at 385-8618. Seating is limited.

Cost of the workshop is \$7, which includes a calligraphy pen, paper and refreshments.

Calligraphy is an artistic style of lettering that can enhance such items as name tags, place cards, greeting cards and certificates. Once learned, it is a lifelong skill.

Normal operating hours for the museum, on Museum Avenue and Main Street at the railroad tracks, are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK
Combat Veterans
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will have NASCAR on the screen at 6 p.m. today. A flag raising ceremony is set for 11 a.m. Monday at the post. For details, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID
The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will have karaoke with Fireman from 3-6 p.m. today. For details, call the lodge at 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will have a memorial service at 5 p.m. today. Music with Tom. For details, call the lodge at 699-5444.

Elks Lodge plans Memorial Day Service

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Elks Lodge will have a Memorial Day Service at 11 a.m. Monday. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Charles E. "Buck" MacLaughlin II, commander of Avon Park Air Ground Training also served in vari-

ous assignments including the 9th Fighter Squadron Director of Operations and 49 FW Director, Joint Test and Training Initiative.

There will also be a special award presentation by the Department of Defense by an active Guardsman to Sheriff Susan Benton, and the Lake Placid ROTC will do the flag ceremony.

Legion Auxiliary plans casino trip

LAKE PLACID — The American Legion Auxiliary, Placid Unit 25 will host a casino trip to Immokalee on Tuesday. Cost is \$25; you receive \$30 free play and \$5 food voucher. Coffee and doughnuts served from 7:45-8:15 a.m. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the American Legion Post, 1490 U.S. 27 North. Sign up early, non-members welcome.

For more information, call 655-0232.

School board members feel some holidays too generous

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Members of the Highlands County School Board informally resolved to re-examine non-teaching district personnel Christmas holiday schedules at their regular meeting Tuesday.

Unlike employees in the private sector, who only get Christmas day and half of Christmas Eve off, some district office employees get as many as five days off over and above what they normally receive for vacations.

Board member J. Ned Hancock was already concerned about the issue when he began a discussion of it during the vote on the 2011-2012 school year schedule.

While this year's schedule, already in a binding contract, went on to be approved 3-2, Hancock and fellow member Andy Tuck made it clear the custom would have to change.

Another issue troubling the two men are the number of days a contracted employee works.

For example, Tuck said that individuals with 11-month contracts were working 216 days. A worker in a private business will typically work 240 days in 11 months.

The board was told this kind of arrangement has been traditional over time.

Tuck said he understood the power of tradition, but that, "the taxpayers see that and want to know if we're paying them for 11 months, why aren't they working 11 months?"



Donuts for Dads

Courtesy photo

Donuts for Dads was the title of a program presented by second-graders at Walker Memorial Adventist Academy recently as the class showed off things they had learned during the school year. A week earlier mom, grandmas and friends were treated at a Muffins for Moms presentation by the class. Among other activities, the second-graders sang the names of the continents, the Books of the Bible, poems and happiness songs. They also sang songs in Spanish and Japanese. Teacher Vonnie Kahler taught English in Japan and while there, learned Japanese. She has won a Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award and has 30 years teaching experience.

OBITUARIES

JEAN ANNE HARPSTER

Jean Anne Harpster, 75, of Indianapolis, passed away Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at Brookdale Senior Living on Fall Creek. Jean was born in Alliance, Ohio, February 21, 1936 to Herman and Anne Weber, the younger sister of Jane Weber Dates.

Jean was Vice President at First National Bank of Warsaw, Ind., and was also employed at Little Crow Foods, and the Episcopal Church. Her most proud position was mother to her two children, Steve and Karen. She always had "made to order" breakfast for them and loved and encouraged them to be the best they could be.

Following her retirement in 1998, Jean and her husband Bob of 54 years, moved to Sebring. Due to their declining health, they moved to Indianapolis in 2010 to be near their surviving son, Steve Harpster, daughter-in-law, Babette, and their one and only grandchild, Jack Harpster.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband Robert "Bob" Harpster, and daughter Karen Lynn Harpster

Smith. She is survived by her sister, Jane Dates, brother-in-law, David Dates, and her beloved Brookdale Senior Living family, especially Trina and Pat.

A celebration of Jean's life will be held at a later date in Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to Rowsburg Lutheran Church, 137 CR 1302, Polk, Ohio 44866-9738. Online condolences may be sent to SRHarpster@gmail.com or mailed to 8460 Brittany Court North, Indianapolis, Ind., 46236.

Arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers

Washington Memorial Chapel.

Death Notices

Joyce Eleanor Malkausky, age 68, of Sebring, passed away on May 26, 2011. Arrangements are being handled by Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring.

Ronald John Warner, 62, of Sebring died May 25, 2011. Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring, was in charge of arrangements.

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Batteries Plus launches 'Time to Care' to support unemployed vets

Special to the News-Sun

Recent studies from the Bureau of Labor Statistics find that the jobless rate of veterans is 15.6 percent, far exceeding the national average of nine percent. Batteries Plus, the nation's largest and fastest growing battery franchise, was shocked by this gap and decided to create a campaign called, "Time to Care", to help bridge it.

Batteries Plus, with more than 450 stores nationwide, has teamed up with USA Cares, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that helps post-9/11 military service members, veterans and their families with basic financial needs. USA Cares, founded in 2003, helps bear the burdens of service by providing military families and veterans with financial and advocacy support in their time of need.

They have helped families in all 50 states and have received over 27,000 requests for assistance. No fees are ever charged and no repayment is ever requested.

The "Time to Care" campaign's goal is to raise awareness about USA Cares and their Jobs for Vets program and raise funds to help veterans get placed back into the work force after serving their country. For one week in May (through Memorial Day) and one week in November (Nov. 5-11) participating Batteries Plus locations across the nation will be teaming up with USA Cares to:

— Donate \$5 from each

regular or lifetime watch battery replacement to USA Cares during these two designated weeks.

— Accept "In-Kind" donations from customers which will go to USA Cares

Batteries Plus will also be contributing \$1 for every person who "likes" the Batteries Plus Facebook page and "supports" the USA Cares Jobs for Vets Cause page — up to \$25,000. For more information, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/BatteriesPlusTimeToCare>

"Veterans are near and dear to Batteries Plus' heart," said Russ Reynolds, CEO. "Many of our franchisees are veterans and many of our stores employ veterans. They are a valuable addition to the Batteries Plus family because of their strong work ethic, loyalty and discipline."

Batteries Plus is a proud member of VetFran, a program created to honor those men and women who have served in the U.S. military and developed to help them transition to civilian life. Batteries Plus offers a \$10,000 discount off their franchise fee in several states to qualified military veterans who are seeking to purchase a Batteries Plus franchise.

"Without the financial help of organizations such as Batteries Plus we wouldn't have the resources to give these veterans what they need," said Bill Nelson, Executive Director of USA Cares.

Restaurant damaged by fire



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Members of the Sun 'N Lake Volunteer Fire Department (above) check the roof of the Hot Rod Grill — formerly Sweetie Pie's — Thursday night. They came to help the West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department (right) with a ladder truck. Unconfirmed reports say lightning was responsible. The restaurant was closed at the time and no one was injured, but the building may be a total loss. The State Fire Marshal is investigating the blaze.



News-Sun photo by KATARINA SIMMONS

Anthony's mother emotional on stand

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The mother of a Florida woman accused of killing her 2-year-old daughter became emotional while testifying during her daughter's trial Saturday, wiping away tears as she described a playhouse built for the toddler.

Cindy Anthony described the layout of her home and also wiped away tears when prosecutors showed a picture of 2-year-old Caylee's bed.

Casey Anthony, who is charged with first-degree murder in the toddler's summer 2008 death, wiped away tears with a napkin during her mother's testimony.

Prosecutors contend the 25-year-old mother suffocated Caylee with duct tape. Anthony's defense team says the child drowned accidentally in a family pool.

The prosecution is looking to refocus its case after experiencing its first setback in the murder trial. State attorneys must decide how to proceed after getting rebuffed late Friday in an attempt to introduce instant messages between Casey Anthony and an ex-boyfriend which they say go to her motive.

The state is portraying Anthony as carefree and cheerful in the weeks after the child was last seen alive in June 2008. The defense has suggested that George Anthony, Casey's father, found Caylee drowned and helped dispose of the body.

2011 now deadliest year for tornadoes since 1950

Associated Press

JOPLIN, Mo. — The death toll from the monster tornado last week in Missouri has risen by seven to at least 139, city spokeswoman Lynn Onstot said Saturday. That makes this the deadliest year for tornadoes since 1950, based on an assessment of figures from the National Weather Service.

The tornado death toll for 2011 is now 520. Until now, the highest recorded death toll in a single year was 519 in 1953. There were deadlier storms before 1950, but those counts were based on estimates and not on precise figures.

Missouri says the number of people still unaccounted for since the Joplin tornado is

now at 105. State Department of Public Safety deputy director Andrea Spillars said Saturday that within that number, nine people have been reported dead by their families, but state officials are working to confirm. She said that the temporary morgue has 142 human remains, but that includes partial remains.

"Some of those remains may be the same person," she said, adding that officials are trying to use scientific means rather than relying on relatives giving visual identifications.

The state has been working to pare down the list of people missing and unaccounted for in the wake of the deadliest single U.S. twister in more than six decades.



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Use financial windfalls wisely



Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

If you're lucky enough to win a multimillion-dollar lottery, you don't need this column; you need a team of legal and financial experts to make sure you don't blow your chance for lifetime financial security. But if you receive a considerably smaller monetary windfall, whether a tax refund, divorce settlement, inheritance or work bonus, there are actions you can take to positively impact on your current financial situation.

First, take a breath. Before going on a spending spree, stash the money in a savings account until you've examined your total financial picture. Weigh existing debts, upcoming expenses and future needs to make sure you apply the money where it's needed most.

Working Americans have larger paychecks this year due to a tax break that cuts their share of Social Security payroll taxes by close to one-third. However, a recent poll on the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) website revealed that

nearly half of the respondents were unaware of this windfall.

"Some people will see an extra \$2,000 in their paychecks this year, but regardless of the amount, put this money to good use while you have it, as the tax cut was only approved for 2011," said Gail Cunningham, spokesperson for the NFCC.

Save for emergencies. To protect your family against the impact of a layoff or other unexpected financial crisis (such as a medical emergency, car accident or theft), set aside enough cash to cover at least six months of living expenses.

Before investing the money, paying off outstanding debt first might be better — things like credit cards, car and student loans, and home equity loans/lines of credit. Start with debts having the highest interest rates first, then work your way down. But remember: Interest for certain types of loans, such as federally insured student loans, mortgages and home equity loans/lines of credit may be tax-deductible.

Many people chronically underfund their retirement savings. One relatively painless strategy is to contribute a portion of your windfall into an IRA or 401(k) plan.

If you've got kids, you're probably already worrying

about paying for college. Although your own retirement security should come first (you can always borrow for education, but not for retirement), if you do get a windfall, consider opening a 529 Qualified State Tuition Plan or a Coverdell Education Savings Account — two savings methods that offer terrific tax advantages.

Once you've used your windfall to pay off debt or start a savings plan, don't slip back into bad habits. Numerous free budgeting tools, including interactive budget calculators, are available online at sites such as the U.S. Financial Literacy and Education Commission's MyMoney.gov (www.mymoney.gov), the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (www.nfcc.org) and Practical Money Skills for Life, (www.practicalmoneyskills.com), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

And finally, don't forget to reward yourself for having the discipline to use your financial windfall wisely.

I like the 90/10 rule, where 90 percent goes for debt pay-off or savings and 10 percent is to splurge on something fun.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

'What's Up Downtown' meeting Tuesday in Sebring

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency will host its next "What's Up Downtown?" meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Still Chic Boutique (112 N. Ridgewood Drive).

Agenda items include centennial activities, themed events, updates on the proposed

entertainment district and updates on the CRA's programs and marketing initiatives.

"We encourage anyone who has an interest in Downtown Sebring to attend these informative meetings," said Pete Pollard, CRA Executive Director.

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NIMS training scheduled at Leisure Lakes Volunteer FD

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – The Leisure Lakes Volunteer Fire Department is conducting National Incident Management System (NIMS) training on Wednesday, June 8 at their new fire station on Lake June Boulevard.

This will be a refresher class for the firefighters on the National Incident Management System (NIMS): An introduction, and how this system helps to provide a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents regardless of size, location, or complexity in order to reduce the loss of life, property damage, and harm to the environment.

This course is required for first responders to be in compliance with the Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD-5) "Management of Domestic Incidents" and

came about in response to the attack on Sept. 11, 2001. It is also a requirement for receiving federal grant funding.

This training will be provided at no cost by Thomas Moran, planning consultant for the Highlands County Health Department. He has been certified to instruct this course and others by the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Management Institute, and the state of Florida. He has been providing training on NIMS to first responders in Highlands County for over three years. He is also a volunteer firefighter for the Leisure Lakes department.

"It is good to have continuing education on this more advanced subject for the development of our future leaders in the fire service," Fire Chief Danny Holmes said.

This year will mark the 10th anniversary of the attack on Sept. 11 and this training will be dedicated to all those who lost their lives and for those who remember.

Camp Cloverleaf to have open house June 4

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director Kelly Duke thinks it was because the camp is so close to home county residents aren't interested. She disagrees strongly.

"Kids love to camp," she said, "even if it's in their own backyard. And Camp Cloverleaf is convenient for parents."

More important, she added, the camp offers a rounded traditional program of swimming, canoeing, kayaking, archery, games, arts, crafts, and bon fires at night, all at an affordable price — \$195 for the five-day sleep away camp — art supplies and meals included.

The only challenge is the relatively small number of places.

The sleep away camp is also open to children from Charlotte and Collier counties. That means the total number of spaces has to be divided by three, leaving 35 places for Highlands County

children, ages 8 to 12.

Anyone in the age group may apply. A child does not have to belong to the 4-H.

Camp Cloverleaf does not want to a "best-kept secret."

Saturday, June 4, it opens its doors to the community, welcoming parents and children; showing off what it has to offer. Even people without children are welcome.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be free of charge, as will rides on the camp's pontoon boat, shooting bows and arrows, and paddling a kayak.

The party starts at 9 a.m. and winds down by 1 p.m.

No reservations are necessary. "Just show up," said Cooper.

The camp is at 126 Cloverleaf Road, which runs from U. S. 27 to Lake June Road. Camp Cloverleaf is nearer the intersection with Lake June Road.

For more information, call Duke at 402-6540.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Matthew Arnold (from left); Jamie Cox; Javier Cruz; Derek Drummond; Reginald Ferguson; Lydia Ford; Lauren Harvey; Brittany Jackson; Jessica Todd; Lauren Welborn are the 2011 scholarship candidates for the Alan Jay Automotive Network/Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. Each candidate received a goody bag, which included a \$250 gas card.

Two students earn \$3,000 scholarships

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Alan Jay Automotive Network, sponsor the annual fund. The chamber raises money for the scholarship program and Wildstein matches the funds that are donated.

"We don't always give out two scholarships each year and we don't always go into the interviews thinking 'We need a guy and we need a girl.' It just happened to work out that way," said emcee and county commissioner, Don Elwell.

The 10 candidates — Matthew Arnold, Jamie Cox, Javier Cruz, Derek Drummond, Reggie Ferguson, Lydia

Ford, Lauren Harvey, Brittany Jackson, Jessica Todd and Lauren Welborn — were each interviewed by Wildstein and a panel from the Commerce.

"We haven't had a field of 10 that are as good as these are from top to bottom," said Wildstein.

The candidates each received a bag filled with goodies including a \$250 gas card donated by Taylor Oil Company. The scholarship fund has given away \$125,000 over the past 18 years.

The scholarships are unique in that they never expire, they can be used at any college (including an out-of-state

institution) and can be used in any year of the students' academic career.

Welborn, who plans to get a degree in special education and teach deaf and the hearing impaired, was shocked that she was one of the recipients of the scholarship and spoke highly of each of the candidates following the banquet.

"I was surprised. Everyone here is great and deserved it but I was secretly pulling for Derek (Drummond). We have been friends since we were little, since we were 3," said Welborn.

Both Drummond and Welborn plan to attend college in the state of Florida.



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June 9 & 10	South Florida Community College two-day fun camp in between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch included. Contact Rick Hitt at 863-784-7036 or visit the website at www.southfloridaedu.com/athletics.
June 13-16 & 20-23	South Florida Community College summer baseball camps 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Mondays through Thursdays, call Panther coach Rick Hitt at 863-784-7036 or visit their website, www.southflorida.edu/athletics.
June 24	South Florida Community College Theatre for the Performing Arts will be offering a live concert Hotel California "A Salute to the Eagles" on Friday, 7:30 pm. For more information, please visit http://performances.southflorida.edu or call the box office at 863-784-7178
June 25	Children's Museum is sponsoring an Amazing Race. teams of two and each team must provide their own car for transportation. Contact the museum for more information, 863-385-5437.

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June 2	Bingo - Sebring Hills Association
June 10	Gallery & Downtown Walk
June 11	Saturday Night Cruise Car Show
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Community Education offers driver courses

AVON PARK – South Florida Community College's Community Education Department is offering a series of Alcohol Drug Accident Prevention Training (ADAPT) courses for first-time driver's license applicants.

The four-hour courses will be held 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at the SFCC DeSoto Campus, 2252 N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at the SFCC Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park; and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25 at the SFCC Hardee Campus, 2968 U.S. 17 N., Bowling Green.

Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$32.

The department is also offering a series of Safe Driving Accident Prevention Program (SPAPP) courses for drivers who have received a traffic citation. The four-hour courses will be held from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at the SFCC DeSoto Campus, 2252 N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia; from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at the SFCC Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park; and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25 at the SFCC Hardee Campus, 2968 U.S. 17 N. Bowling Green.

Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$37

All fees may be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Participants may register for either class in Building B on the Highlands Campus or at any SFCC campus or center. For more information, contact the Community Education Department at 453-6661, 465-5300, 494-7500, 773-2252, or 382-6900, ext. 7388 or by e-mail at communityeducation@southflorida.edu.

Course teaches basic terms for Spanish

AVON PARK – Basic Spanish language terms and expressions can be mastered in just 12 weeks, through a course being offered by South Florida Community College's Corporate and Community Education (CCE) Department.

Workplace Spanish meets from 6-8 p.m. Mondays, June 20 through July 9 in Building T, Room 20 of the SFCC Highlands Campus. In addition to classroom instruction, participants will receive a manual with Spanish phrases, an audio CD for listening, and a "Click It" CD for PCs, which allow them to practice their Spanish speaking skills on their own.

Tuition is \$195. For information about the Workplace Spanish series, call Lorrie Key, CCE coordinator, at 784-7033, or e-mail corporatetraining@southflorida.edu. Register at any SFCC campus or center, or call 453-6661, 465-3003, 494-7500, or 773-2252, ext. 7405.

Workshops teach core accounting features of QuickBooks

AVON PARK – Intuit's QuickBooks is rapidly becoming the nation's number one accounting software for small businesses. In June, South Florida Community College's Corporate and Community Education Department will

SFCC Snapshots

offer two workshop series that explain the basic and advanced features of QuickBooks, which business owners can immediately put to use.

Introduction to QuickBooks (CRN 30746) meets Tuesday, June 21, and Thursday, June 23. This workshop will teach users how to create a new company file, work with lists, view a chart of accounts, set up billing items, and track customers, sales, vendors, expenses, and sales tax.

Intermediate QuickBooks (CRN 30747) meets Tuesday, June 28, and Thursday, June 30. Participants will learn how to use QuickBooks for time tracking, managing payroll, calculating job costs, purchasing, and tracking inventory, sales, and backorders. Other topics include creating financial statements, working with reporting, integrating QuickBooks with Microsoft Excel, and importing and exporting data.

All workshops meet 7-9 p.m. in Building 100, Room 162, of the SFCC Lake Placid Center. Tuition is \$129 for each two-part series.

Call Lorrie Key, CCE coordinator, at 784-7033 or e-mail corporatetraining@southflorida.edu. Register at any SFCC campus or center, or call 453-6661, 465-3003, 494-7500, or 773-2252, ext. 7405.

Seminars teach steps for creating effective business Web sites

AVON PARK – In the electronic age, Web sites are a standard tool for businesses to use in marketing their products and services and communicating with customers. South Florida Community College's Corporate and Community Education (CCE) Department is teaching business owners how to develop, design, and manage effective Web sites through a seminar series, Go Global from the Heartland, at the SFCC Highlands Campus.

A two-part introduction to e-commerce (CRN 21601) meets Thursday, June 15. A two-part intermediate series (CRN 21602) meets Friday, June 16. Tuition is \$149 for each day or \$249 for all four classes.

The introductory seminars are "Introduction to E-Commerce," 9-11 a.m., and "Designing Your First Website," 1-5 p.m. Participants will learn how to register a domain name, select a host provider, use templates to design basic websites, and understand technical terms such as HTML, CSS, Flash, and bandwidth.

Intermediate seminars cover "Website Marketing," 9-11 a.m., and "Advanced E-Commerce," 1-5 p.m. These seminars explain how to use various tools to determine a website's popularity and how to reach new customers through Web-based advertising. A professional will evaluate local Web sites for their strengths and weakness. Participants may submit their own Web sites for evaluations by e-mailing the domain names to keyl@southflorida.edu or calling Lorrie Key, CCE program coordinator, at 784-7033. Call Key or e-mail corporatetraining@southflorida.edu. Register at any campus, or call 453-6661, 465-3003, 494-7500, or 773-2252, ext. 7405.

Local students graduate from colleges

Special to the News-Sun
BRIDGEWATER, Va. — Among the 326 students in Bridgewater College's Class of 2011, 82 earned Bachelor of Arts degrees, 218 earned Bachelor of Science degrees and 26 are scheduled to complete degree requirements during summer school sessions, which conclude July 29. The college's president, George Cornelius, conferred the degrees at the May 15 ceremony.

Eleven members of the class graduated summa cum laude – the top academic honor which requires at least a 3.9 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Nine graduates earned magna cum laude honors – a 3.7 or better average. Cum laude honors, requiring a 3.4 grade point average, were earned by 53 graduates. In addition, academic honors at each level require students to meet certain standards on a comprehensive exam; those earning summa cum laude and magna cum laude also must achieve required grade levels on an honors project.

Patricia Ruth Ziegler of Sebring, majoring in biology, graduated cum laude and as a member of the Flory Fellowship of Scholars, the college's honors program.

Highlands Seminole Club awards scholarships

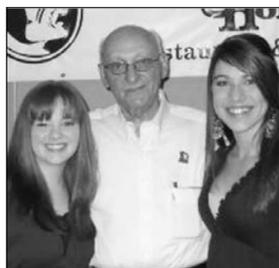
Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – The Highlands Seminole Club awarded three scholarships from the Haywood O. Taylor Endowment on May 19 at the annual Mark Palmer Memorial Shoot-Out and Dinner. The 2011 recipients are Michael Bickman, Jamie Cox, and Morgan Kohl.

Bickman, who is a previous recipient of the scholarship, is currently a student at Florida State University pursuing a degree in Athletic Training. He is a 2010 graduate of Sebring High and son of George and Samantha Bickman.

Cox, a 2011 Sebring High graduate and daughter of Mark and Ila Cox of Sebring, will be attending FSU in the fall to pursue an Arts degree in creative writing.

Kohl, a 2011 Lake Placid graduate and daughter of Walt and Renee Kohl, will also be attending FSU in the fall, pursuing a Biological Sciences degree in a Pre-medical course of study.

The Highlands Seminole Club's Haywood O. Taylor Endowment at Florida State University was initiated in 1992, and the first scholarship was given in 1995. Since that time, more than \$120,000 in scholarships has been awarded to graduates of Highlands County attending FSU. Scholarship applications and selection criteria, along with more information about the club and events, can be found at highlandsseminoles.org.



Courtesy photo
Jamie Cox and Morgan Kohl pose with Haywood Taylor.



Tesha Baker

SEBRING — Travis Baker graduated from the University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences during spring commencement exercises. Maintaining a 3.97 GPA, he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Political Science and minors

in History and Public Leadership from the Bob Graham Center for Public Service.

While at the university, Travis was elected into both the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. He was also a three-year member of the Florida Drumline and The Pride of the Sunshine, University of Florida Marching Band. He recently completed a tour of Florida with the Maranatha Choir and his church, the Gator Wesley Foundation, which is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

Travis has accepted a fellowship at UCLA where he will study for a Ph.D. in Political Science and looks forward to a career in academia.

Travis is the son of

Barbara Baker and the grandson of Dr. Bill and Marge Jernigan of Sebring.

TAMPA – Tesha Lee Baker, of Sebring, graduated from the University of South Florida on May 6, 2011, at the Tampa Convention Center. Baker received her Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner, with emphasis on Family Practice.

Baker is the wife of James L. Baker of Sebring and the daughter of Mike and Peggy Goodson of Avon Park. The family honored the graduate with an open graduation reception on May 13 at the Sebring Quality Inn Conference Center. Family, friends and co-workers gathered to wish her well.

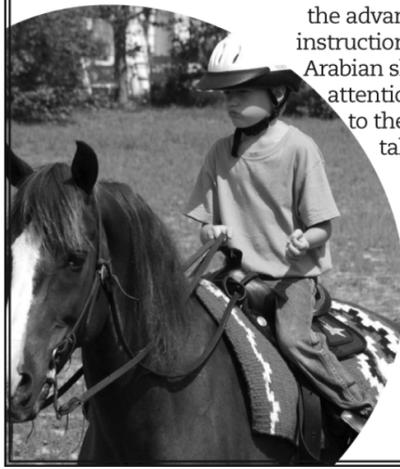
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Kindergarten students learn about gardening

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — “Nowadays children need more opportunities to see that food doesn’t originate in grocery stores,” says Vanessa Kahler, kindergarten teacher at Walker Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Academy. She was awarded two agriculture mini-grants from Highlands County Farm Bureau and the Florida Farm Bureau Federation to start a class gardening project at the school. The children used four plots in the school’s

courtyard garden to raise a variety of crops. They reaped the reward of their efforts after harvesting salad ingredients to eat at lunchtime meals. In addition, they grew sweet corn, peas, cabbage, carrots, beets, garlic and sunflowers. Of the kindergartners’ enthusiasm, Kahler said, “They were excited and eager to watch over their gardens everyday.” Funds from the mini-grants were used to purchase garden tools, fertilizer, seeds and seedlings.



Courtesy photo
Kindergarten students of Vanessa Kahler used plots in Walker Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Academy’s courtyard garden to raise a variety of crops.

Siblings volunteer to help at schools

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Giovanni Shuler and Kaneisha Hamilton visited Woodlawn Elementary School on May 13. Each gave a short speech to the class on why it is important to use your Eagle Expectations, giving examples of how each expectation will help them succeed and SOAR in school. Next, the duo demonstrated some basketball skills as they made shots with the class and cheered students on. They then volunteered during the Walk-A-Palooza (PTO fundraiser walk-a-thon) and in Keranis Noble’s fifth-grade classroom where their brother, Phillip Hamilton, is a student. Giovanni helped with fluency passages and

Kaneisha tutored students in math. The fifth-graders were excited to receive help from two local celebrities. Kaneisha Hamilton is currently a junior at Savannah State University, majoring in accounting and was MVP of the year for the women’s volleyball squad. Giovanni Shuler is a Savannah State University recent graduate in mass communications, and was also named MVP of the year for the men’s basketball team. He is currently attending graduate school. Phillip Hamilton, along with his younger brother, Quashaun in Darlene Brod’s first-grade class, enjoyed their siblings being at school.



Courtesy photo
Giovanni Shuler visits with a Woodlawn Elementary School student during a recent stop at the school.

Students learn the value of vermiculture and verticulture

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Worms, worms, worms, creepy, crawly worms. Most people think worms are icky, but not students from Park Elementary School. Most people do not know that worms are an important part of the ecosystem. Without worms there would be piles of garbage rotting everywhere. “Actually, worms are recyclers!” declared Nathan Seger, a student from Lee Sizemore’s class. Worms take trash and make it into dirt. They eat sooo much garbage,” said Vincent Thompson-Ramos, a kindergarten from Stacie Free’s class.

Students in Free and Sizemore’s classes have been part of a project directed by JoLynne Crout-Deuel. Deuel wrote a grant and received monies to implement her project ideas from Progress Energy, appropriately called “Book Worms.” As part of this project, Deuel purchased South Carolina red worms, and worm hotels, also known as worm labs. Large black plastic circular bins with trays became new homes to thousands of worms that were observed by students frequently. Tyler Frazier, an 8-year-old student, was able to explain how these worms move up a level in the worm hotel, as worms consumed food from the bin. Other kindergartners such as Ryan Rivera learned how worms developed egg sacs at the end of their bodies to make new baby worms. Austin Williams liked to hold the worms and learned they were cold and always moved and tickled his hand when exposed to light. Students saved snacks, measured the amount added to the hotels, and learned to collect and record data to see how much the worms ate. Teacher’s aide Dianna Elders assisted students with the project. She said, “The project gave students a hands on opportunity to see the life cycle of a worm as well as what happens to trash we throw away. It makes students aware of how important it is to take care of the environment. Students really get excited about learning this way.”



Courtesy photo
Students at Park Elementary School in Avon Park have been learning about vermiculture and verticulture thanks to a grant written by JoLynne Crout-Deule.

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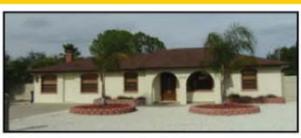
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IN RE: ESTATE OF COLLEEN SUSAN LOSA Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of COLLEEN SUSAN LOSA, deceased, whose date of death was October 28, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 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 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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The date of first publication of this notice is May 22, 2011.

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May 22, 29, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. PC 11-199 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OFELLA MARIE BRIDGES Deceased.

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(Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of ELLA MARIE BRIDGES, deceased, File Number PC 11-199, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida; that the decedent's date of death was November 21, 2010; that the total value of the estate is \$18,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Angela M. Holderread, PO Box 246, LaPaz, IN 46537 and Wayne G. Stump, 1950 S 13th St. Lot 56, Niles, MI 49120.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 May 29, 2011.

Person Giving Notice:
Angela M. Holderread
PO Box 246LaPaz, IN 46537

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May 29; June 5, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-227

IN RE: ESTATE OF FREDERICK BADEN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of FREDERICK BADEN,

deceased, File Number PC 11-227, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was February 18, 2011; that the total value of the estate is \$33,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address
Christopher S. Baden 7861 N. Higgins Feather Dr. Tucson, AZ 85743
Cynthia S. Thomas 14993 Windsor Lane Noblesville, IN 46060
Pamela S. Kester 23620 NE Canyon Loop Rd. Battle Ground, WA 98604

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 May 29, 2011.

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Person Giving Notice:
CHRISTOPHER BADEN
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Tucson, AZ 85743

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
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May 29; June 5, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. PC 11-169 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS E. BRUCH Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of THOMAS E. BRUCH, deceased, whose date of death was September 12, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 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 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is May 22, 2011.

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4367 40th St., SWGrandville, Michigan 49418

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Attorney for Steven T. Bruch
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May 22, 29, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000694 SEC.:

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,

v. GUILDA J. DESRAVINS; JEAN H. DESRAVINS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION INC.;

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-000694 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 7th day of June, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK C, OF SPRING LAKE- VILLAGE III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 54, 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 AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak DEPUTY CLERK

May 22, 29, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000049

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. LOGAN, CHRISTOPHER E., et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000049 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, and, LOGAN, CHRISTOPHER E., et. al., are Defendants. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11 A.M. on the 7th day of June, 2011, the following described property:

LOT 31, BLOCK 30, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES, SECTION P, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 59, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

To be published on 05/22/2011 and 05/29/2011.

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 10th day of May, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
May 22, 29, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001091 SEC.:

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,

v. JAYSON DYALL; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; HIGHLANDS COUNTY; ERMELINDA RAMOS. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-001091 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 14th day of June, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK 176, WOODLAWN TERRACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 96, 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.

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:

Office of the Court AdministratorPhone: (863) 534-4686 TDD: (863) 534-7777 or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid of service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak DEPUTY CLERK
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
May 29, June 5, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-949 GCS

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. Shane D. Fugate a/k/a Shane Fugate, Amanda Fugate and Sylvan Shores Homeowners Association, Inc., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9th, 2011, and entered in Case No. 10-949 GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, is Plaintiff and Shane D. Fugate a/k/a Shane Fugate, Amanda Fugate and Sylvan Shores Homeowners Association, Inc., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 7th day of June, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 42, Sylvan Shores Estates Section D, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 13, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Located: 1503 Black Bear Avenue, Lake Placid, FL 33852 and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 10th day of May, 2011.

Bob Germaine
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak As Deputy Clerk
May 22, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 10-602-GCS

WALKHAMPTON CAPITAL CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs. ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST WILLIAM COLE; COLE/ PAULA LAMAR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAULA LAMAR N/K/A MIKE LAMAR, and CITY OF SEBRING. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated May 9, 2011, entered in Case No.: 10-602-GCS of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST WILLIAM COLE; COLE; PAULA LAMAR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAULA LAMAR N/K/A MIKE LAMAR, and CITY OF SEBRING are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the front steps of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3867 on June 7th, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment: Legal: LOT 5, BLOCK 122, LA PALOMA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 44, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE: 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 10th day of May, 2011.

(SEAL)
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
May 22, 29, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.:28-2008-CA-001322

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. KEVIN R. CHEATWOOD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEVIN R. CHEATWOOD, IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9, 2011, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2008-CA-001322 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, and KEVIN R. CHEATWOOD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; are Defendants. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 at 11:00 AM, on the 8th day of June, 2011, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 9, BLOCK 44, SEBRING LAKES, UNIT 4A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 32, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS A 10 FOOT STRIP RUNNING ADJACENT AND ALONG ROAD RIGHT OF WAY FOR ADDITIONAL ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on May 10, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
Attorney for Plaintiff:
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Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
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May 22, 29, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10525GCS

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. Benjamin J. Taylor, Highlands County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, Regina Gaskins; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9th, 2011, and entered in Case No. 10525GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, is Plaintiff, and Benjamin J. Taylor, Highlands County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, Regina Gaskins; are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 14th day of June, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 4 and Lot 5, in Block 142, Northside Sub-division, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Together with a 1988 Homes of Merit Double-wide Mobile Home. LD #CF24824788A/CF24824788B, Title #45032945/44997022

Located: 6614 Old Orchard Avenue, Sebring, FL 33876 and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 17th day of May, 2011.

Bob Germaine
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
May 25; June 1, 2011

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NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 3.48 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to adopt Rule 3.48, Service Animals at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed new rule shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed rule. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed rule is to adopt a plan in accordance with requirements set forth in recent Florida legislation. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: The purpose of this policy is to implement standards related to service animals as set forth in federal and state law. A service animal is any dog that is trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. The animal must be trained to perform tasks directly related to the person's disability. A service animal is personal property and may not be brought on campus without the knowledge and permission of the school or District administration. A student's need for and use of a service animal must be documented in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. The Superintendent shall develop guidelines for service animals on campus. The specific legal authority includes Sections 1001.41 and 1001.42, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scooby), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,

BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary

May 29, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

Case No. 28-2010-CA-000233-A

BRAMIC, LLC DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Plaintiff(s),

vs LISA LONG A/K/A LISA ANN LONG, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure, dated May 11, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Sebring Courthouse basement in the Jury Assembly Room, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 in accordance with F.S. 45.031, at 11:00 a.m. on the 20th day of June, 2011, the following described real and personal property:

Lots 24, 25 and the Southeasterly 10 feet of Lot 26, Block 190, WOODLAWN TERRACE, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 96, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel ID S-20-34-29-150-1900-0240
Street Address: 1055 Bellevue Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870
Dated this May 17, 2011.

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
As Deputy Clerk
May 29; June 5, 2011

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NOTICE OF FINAL AGENCY ACTION BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the District's Final Agency Action is approval of the Modification of Water Use Permit on 18.3 acres

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to reach said office no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday, June 16, 2011 at which time they will be opened. Bids received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The Board will not be responsible for the late deliveries of bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail or any other type of delivery service. One or more County Commissioners may be in attendance at either or both of the above meetings. Highlands County Local Preference Policy will apply to the award of this bid. Vendors submitting responses must submit bids on all work to receive consideration. A Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in an amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must be included on bids over \$100,000.00. If the successful bid is greater than \$200,000.00, a Public Construction Bond will be required. Bid must be accompanied by evidence of bidder's qualifications to do business in the State of Florida, in accordance with F.S. 489. The principal features of the Project are: LUMP SUM PRICE BID: THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF RELOCATING GOPHER TORTOISES WITHIN THE SEBRING PARKWAY PHASE III 130 FEET WIDE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY, WHICH RUNS NORTH OF SEBRING PARKWAY PHASE I AT THE 90 DEGREE CURVE THROUGH THE 130 FEET WIDE STRIP OF THE ABANDONED RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO APPROXIMATELY COLLEGE DRIVE AND MEMORIAL BOULEVARD. THE AWARDED BIDDER MUST OBTAIN PERMITS FROM THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FWC) BEFORE TORTOISES CAN BE MOVED. THE PEDESTRIAN SURVEY, CONDUCTED BY POLSTON ENGINEERING, INC., LOCATED 29 ACTIVE TORTOISE BURROWS AND 11 INACTIVE BURROWS. UPON RELOCATION OF THE GOPHER TORTOISES, THE COUNTY WILL PROCEED IN CLEARING THE SITE FOR THE FUTURE ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION. All workmanship and materials shall meet the requirement of the Florida Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (dated 2010) and be in compliance with all permits issued. The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (HCBC / COUNTY) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof, and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsive and responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of Highlands County. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid. The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Highlands County is an equal opportunity employer, a fair housing advocate and a handicap accessible jurisdiction. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 286.26 Florida Statutes should contact Melissa Bruns, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: HYPERLINK "mailto:mbruns@hcbcc.org" mbruns@hcbcc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service. Board of County Commissioners Purchasing Department Highlands County, Florida Website: HYPERLINK "http://www.hcbcc.net" www.hcbcc.net May 29, June 5, 2011

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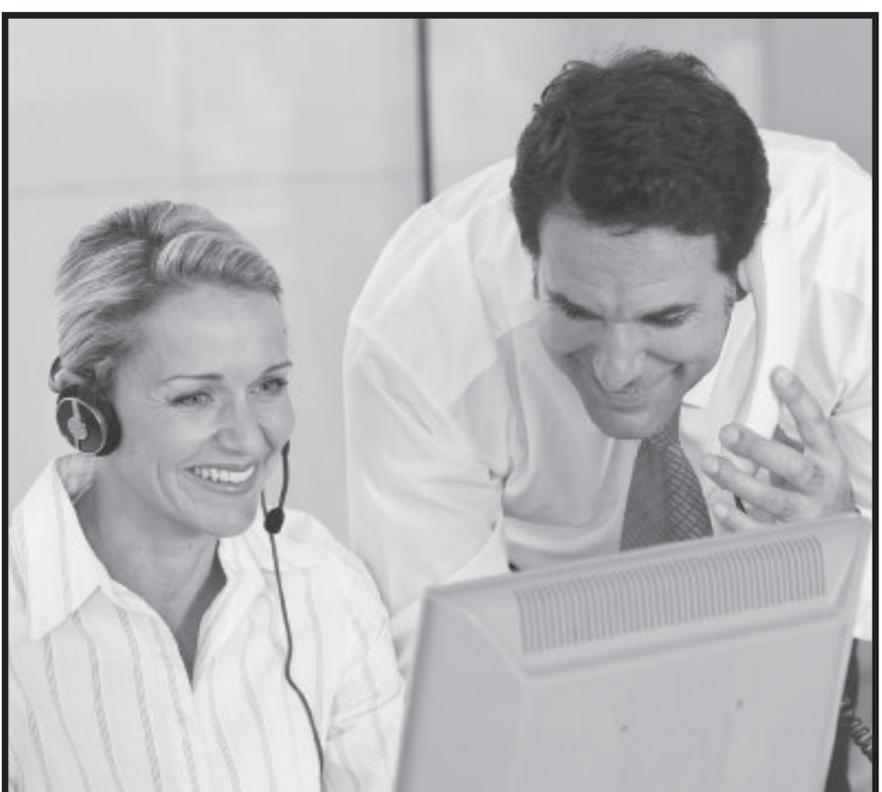
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
An afternoon thunderstorm	A t-storm in spots in the afternoon	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	A t-storm possible in the afternoon	A t-storm possible in the afternoon
91° / 69°	89° / 68°	89° / 68°	90° / 69°	89° / 70°
Winds: E at 8-16 mph	Winds: ENE at 10-20 mph	Winds: ENE at 15-25 mph	Winds: ENE at 15-25 mph	Winds: ENE at 12-25 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	93°
Low Tuesday	62°
High Wednesday	92°
Low Wednesday	58°
High Thursday	94°
Low Thursday	69°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	44%
Expected air temperature	90°
Makes it feel like	93°

Barometer

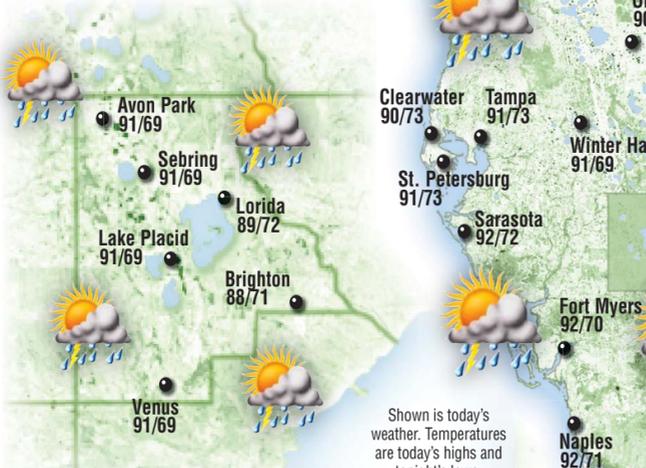
Tuesday	29.96
Wednesday	29.97
Thursday	29.89

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	4.11"
Year to date	14.14"

Regional Summary

Sunshine mixing with some clouds today; breezy during the afternoon with a shower or t-storm around. Partly cloudy tonight. A shower or t-storm in spots tomorrow and Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday: chance for a t-storm.



Farm Report

A thunderstorm this afternoon; breezy. Winds east-northeast 8-16 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 60%.

Weather History

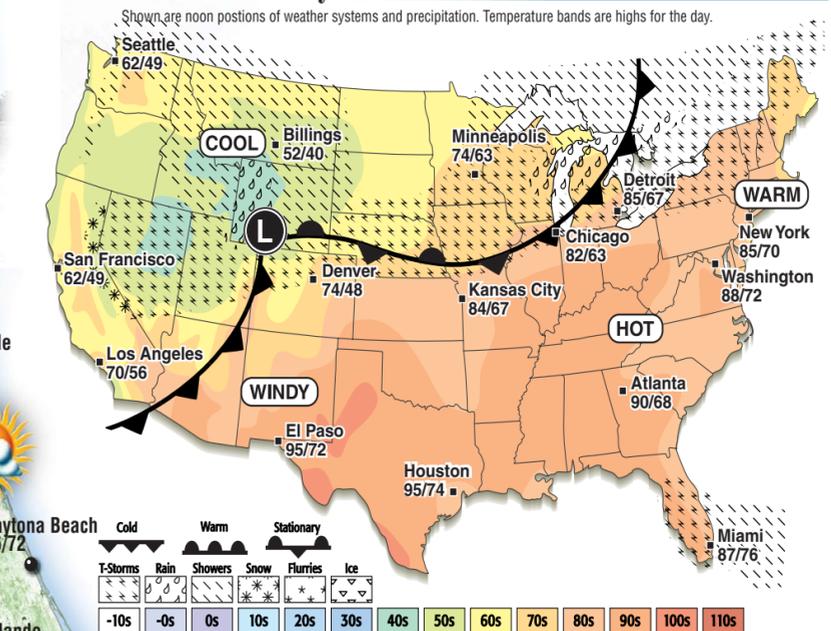
Severe sandstorms lasting two days hit Yuma, Ariz., on May 29, 1877. Such sandstorms have helped create the unique landscape in the Southwest.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:35 a.m.	6:34 a.m.
Sunset	8:12 p.m.	8:13 p.m.
Moonrise	4:07 a.m.	4:45 a.m.
Moonset	5:34 p.m.	6:29 p.m.



National Forecast for May 29



National Summary

Showers and thunderstorms will linger in the Great Lakes and interior of northern New England as a storm system pulls away from the region to the north today. A few spotty showers and thunderstorms will erupt along the spine of the Appalachians during the afternoon. Meanwhile, warm air will surge across the East from the southern Plains. In contrast, temperatures will be cool throughout the West and northern Plains. A storm system traversing the central Rockies is responsible for ushering in this pocket of chilly air.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	90/54/s	78/54/s	84/63/s	Los Angeles	70/56/c	72/57/pc	72/57/pc
Atlanta	90/68/s	90/68/s	91/70/s	Louisville	92/71/s	95/73/s	95/71/pc
Baltimore	89/66/pc	95/69/pc	95/68/s	Memphis	94/72/s	92/73/s	94/74/s
Birmingham	90/71/s	92/69/s	92/71/s	Milwaukee	72/60/t	81/65/pc	81/59/t
Boston	79/66/pc	85/65/t	75/59/s	Minneapolis	74/63/c	84/64/t	78/56/pc
Charlotte	88/66/s	90/65/pc	94/67/s	Nashville	92/70/s	94/71/s	96/70/s
Cheyenne	67/43/r	62/37/pc	76/45/s	New Orleans	88/73/s	87/72/s	90/72/s
Chicago	82/63/t	90/66/s	85/58/t	New York City	85/70/pc	88/73/t	88/61/s
Cleveland	84/64/t	88/67/pc	88/67/s	Norfolk	84/68/pc	86/70/pc	89/72/s
Columbus	90/67/pc	94/69/s	92/68/s	Oklahoma City	90/70/s	84/71/pc	88/68/pc
Dallas	94/73/pc	89/73/pc	91/74/pc	Philadelphia	88/68/pc	93/74/pc	92/70/s
Denver	74/48/c	73/43/pc	80/49/s	Phoenix	90/67/s	87/69/s	99/74/s
Detroit	85/67/t	88/69/s	86/65/pc	Pittsburgh	88/66/pc	90/62/s	93/67/s
Harrisburg	88/65/pc	93/66/pc	96/67/s	Portland, ME	73/58/pc	83/57/t	72/52/s
Honolulu	89/74/s	90/75/s	89/74/pc	Portland, OR	62/50/pc	65/52/c	66/49/sh
Houston	95/74/pc	93/74/pc	93/73/pc	Raleigh	88/68/s	92/71/s	95/70/s
Indianapolis	90/69/pc	91/71/s	91/67/pc	Rochester	84/64/t	85/63/pc	88/65/s
Jackson, MS	90/66/s	92/68/s	93/69/s	St. Louis	92/70/pc	93/70/s	92/71/pc
Kansas City	84/61/pc	83/68/pc	84/65/t	San Francisco	62/49/pc	61/52/pc	64/53/s
Lexington	92/67/s	95/68/s	92/67/s	Seattle	62/49/pc	65/49/c	65/49/sh
Little Rock	90/68/s	91/70/s	93/71/s	Wash., DC	88/72/pc	96/74/pc	95/73/s

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	92/79/t	89/78/t	88/76/t	London	61/52/sh	59/43/c	59/45/pc
Athens	79/65/s	78/67/s	81/67/s	Montreal	77/63/t	81/59/s	81/61/s
Beirut	74/62/s	77/65/s	78/67/s	Moscow	74/59/sh	72/54/s	72/49/s
Berlin	71/57/c	83/65/s	79/50/pc	Nice	78/65/s	78/64/pc	76/64/pc
Bermuda	78/70/s	77/70/s	78/71/s	Ottawa	78/62/t	81/57/s	83/66/s
Calgary	58/37/pc	58/42/c	61/41/sh	Quebec	70/59/t	73/52/s	73/55/pc
Dublin	62/43/sh	57/39/pc	58/51/pc	Rio de Janeiro	71/62/pc	73/64/s	77/65/s
Edmonton	65/32/s	70/39/s	67/42/s	Seoul	84/59/pc	81/63/pc	75/59/r
Freeport	85/72/s	86/71/pc	85/71/pc	Singapore	88/79/t	88/79/t	90/81/t
Geneva	76/58/pc	81/59/sh	65/50/r	Sydney	64/52/r	66/54/r	68/55/r
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Jerusalem	73/57/s	73/55/s	75/57/s	Vienna	76/61/pc	81/65/s	83/66/t
Johannesburg	63/45/s	67/45/s	57/30/s	Warsaw	70/53/c	78/59/s	86/61/pc
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Heading down the introduction line, Corbin Hoffner greets former foes Josh Delph of Bartow and Justin Shafer of Lake Wales before exchanging high fives with Jack Lopez of Deltona and Tyler Greene and Michael Kelly of West Boca Raton, his teammates for this weekend's FACA Baseball All-Star Classic at Firemen's Field.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Hoffner taking it all in

By DAN HOEHNE
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SEBRING – Of course, the spring time rains came down Friday night, delaying Corbin Hoffner's chance to take the field among the Florida Athletic Coaches Association All-Stars.

And when the game finally ended after midnight, his East squad's 16-3 loss to the West team wasn't exactly the sort of outcome he might have hoped for.

But the Sebring senior did play the last five innings at first base and showed the keen batting eye that garnered him an on base percentage of over .500 this past season by drawing a walk in one of his at bats.

And yet, this weekend of Hoffner, who recently signed to play at St. Petersburg College next year, is about more than just playing in this

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CORBIN HOFFNER

prestigious event.

"They're both great achievements and I'm proud of myself," he said. "With college, that's what's set in stone, knowing where I'll be

going to school, and this is just exciting and about taking it in and having fun."

And even though the event is virtually in his back yard and could have easily been commuted to from home, Hoffner decided to fully take part, even staying with the rest of the players at the Kenilworth Lodge.

"That's just something I wanted to do," he said. "To be around the players, getting to know all the different guys, that's made it a lot of fun."

Among his teammates are bitter rivals from recent years, Justin Shafer and Colton Davis of Lake Wales.

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NBA Finals match-ups

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

A position-by-position look at the matchups in the NBA finals between the Miami Heat and Dallas Mavericks:

CENTER: Joel Anthony vs. Tyson Chandler. Chandler receives plenty of credit for giving the Mavericks an interior defensive presence they long lacked, and he can score some, too: He had 14 points and 17 rebounds in a Nov. 27 victory over Miami.

Anthony can give the Heat a boost with a timely offensive rebound or blocked shot, but he provides next to nothing offensively.

Miami's best lineup probably has Chris Bosh and Udonis Haslem playing together up front.

Edge: Mavericks.

POWER FORWARD: Chris Bosh vs. Dirk Nowitzki. Nowitzki is having as good a postseason as anyone, scoring 28.4 points per game and shooting nearly 52 percent from the field.

He had two 40-point games in the Western Conference finals and now has the chance to make amends for a low point in his career, when he shot only 39 percent in the Mavs' six-game loss to Miami in 2006.

Bosh occasionally found it tough understanding his role as the No. 3 behind LeBron James and Dwyane Wade but has it figured out now.

He's coming off an excellent East finals, averaging 23.2 points to earn a shot against his hometown team.

Edge: Mavericks.

SMALL FORWARD: LeBron James vs. Shawn Marion.

Quickly swept aside in his lone finals appearance, James has done everything it takes to give himself another shot, from clutch 3-pointers to timely defensive stops against the opponents' top offensive player.

The Heat know that if they keep it close, James can win it for him.

The versatile Marion's insertion into the starting lineup allowed the Mavericks to overcome the season-ending loss of Caron Butler in January, and he even delivered 26 points in the series-clinching victory over Oklahoma City in the last round.

Edge: Heat.

SHOOTING GUARD: Dwyane Wade vs. DeShawn Stevenson.

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Ostrander wins over Warner

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – Perhaps not to the level of the movie "Rudy," but Kaitlyn Ostrander's story is an inspirational one.

Battling injuries that limited her the two previous seasons, endless hard work and dedication helped her overcome and succeed to a level that had her signing a college scholarship to play softball at Warner University next year.

"I'm really excited," she said. "I went there for a try out and they called me back,

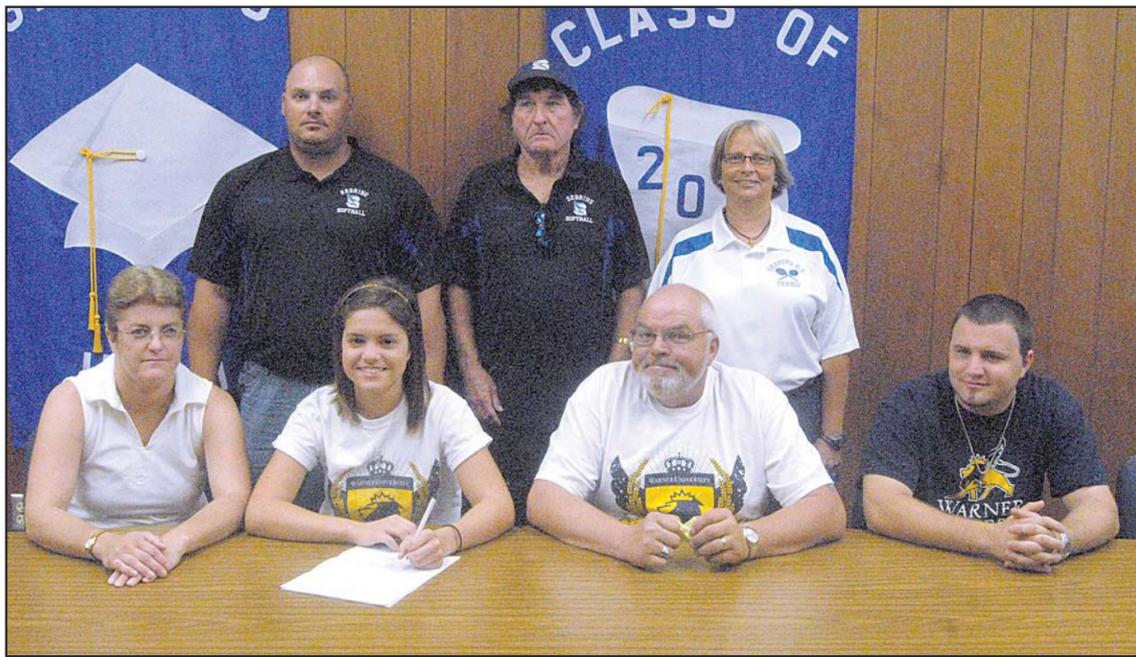
'For me, that was it, that's when it became real'

KAITLYN OSTRANDER
Warner signee

which really got me excited. A couple days later they sent me an email that said they were looking forward to seeing me on the team. For me, that was it, that's when it became real."

Along with her hard work, it is Ostrander's versatility that serves her well, as a hitter, fielder and left-handed pitcher.

"Wherever I put her, she was effective for me,"



Kaitlyn Ostrander had her big day Friday, signing a scholarship to play softball at Warner University. Joining her were, back row, left to right, Sebring softball coach Joe Sinness, assistant coach Larry Johnson and athletic director Terry Quarles. Front row, left to right, Ostrander's mother Linda, father Phil and brother Phil Jr.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Sebring head coach Joe Sinness said. "If I lead her off, she'd get on base. If I had her hitting third or fourth, she drove in runs. And her won-loss record pitching doesn't show how well she did. She really carried us for a good part of the season."

A season which saw the predominantly young Lady Streaks battle through injury and, well, youth, with Ostrander emerging as a

team leader as well.

"She did a real good job of keeping calm when things got tough and that really effected the younger players well," Sinness said. "Her sophomore and junior seasons, she really was battling injuries, but she worked at it. I'd see her going into the gym at 5 a.m. and coming out at 6 a.m. so that she could get on the field. She's one of the toughest people I've ever

known."

Something that Ostrander recognizes, even above her talents as a ball player.

"There are two outfield positions open and hopefully I can swing my way into one of them, but it will take a lot of work," she said. "But I'm very aggressive and competitive. I want to beat everybody else, so that gives me the drive to get better."

A drive that served her

well this season as she posted a .342 batting average and was among the team leader's with 20 RBI and 24 runs scored.

And in the end, it paid off.

"She's always wanted to go to Warner," mother Linda said. "That she'll get to go there and play softball, it's just great and with all the hard work she's put in, she

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News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE
Red Devils Mason Jahana (coming into screen) Mitchell Roland (55) and Dillon Brown (65) converge on Lake Placid quarterback Tyler Kelsen (11) Friday. Kelsen left the game with a broken collar bone.

Red Devils rumble past GreenDragons

By ED BALDRIDGE

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LAKE PLACID – Avon Park easily walked away with a 21-3 victory over Lake Placid on Friday in a spring football match up at Roger Scarborough Memorial Field.

A circling storm that flashed some lightning, never amounted to more than a light drizzle, but sent both teams to the locker room after just four plays.

But after an hour break, the sky rumbles settled down and the Devils went back to work eating up yards, going to a deep and fast backfield.

Avon park head coach Andy Bonjokian took advantage of a very well-stocked stable, which included alternate quarterbacks Jarviel Hart and Ryan Dick, running backs Roger Pringle, Charles Louis, Jeff Satine, Martavious Dewberry and Antione Dorceau, all who stood out at various times when they touched the ball.

Charles Louis would grind out the first TD early for the Devils, two plays after the lightning break, and Dick would connect for two.

One was to Hart, who ran it in, and one to Tyler Johnson, also a TD, to open up the game for the Devils.

"I am real pleased with the effort. We did not fold when we made mistakes, and that was a big, big thing," Bonjokian said. "We made plenty of mistakes, but we didn't fold when they happened."

"Our offensive line did well. We did a great job getting off the ball. We were real fortunate things worked out the way they did," Bonjokian said. "We are going to work on off season conditioning. Mental mistakes concerned me. We put the ball on the ground four or five times and that concerned me. But we got some breaks and we were fortunate that

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THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING SUNDAY

Noon Indianapolis 500 ABC
5:30 p.m. NASCAR – Coca-Cola 600. FOX

COLLEGE BASEBALL SUNDAY

9 a.m. SEC Tournament SUN
2 p.m. SEC Tournament SUN

COLLEGE LACROSSE MONDAY

3:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament Final ESPN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL SUNDAY

1 p.m. NCAA Tournament Super Regional ESPN
3:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament Super Regional ESPN

GOLF SUNDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – BMW Championship GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – Senior Championship NBC
3 p.m. PGA – Byron Nelson Championship CBS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SUNDAY

1 p.m. Boston at Detroit. TBS
1:30 p.m. Cleveland at Tampa Bay. SUN
2 p.m. Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs. WGN
8 p.m. Cincinnati at Atlanta ESPN2

MONDAY

2 p.m. Houston at Chicago Cubs WGN
6:30 p.m. Texas at Tampa Bay. SUN

TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. Texas at Tampa Bay. SUN
7 p.m. San Francisco at St. Louis ESPN

NBA PLAYOFFS TUESDAY

9 p.m. Dallas at Miami ABC

TENNIS SUNDAY

Noon French Open, Fourth Round NBC
Noon French Open, Round of 16 ESPN2
Noon French Open, Quarterfinals ESPN2
5 p.m. Easter Bowl Junior Championships SUN

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Kansas City at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	32	19	.627	—
Florida	29	20	.592	—
Atlanta	28	24	.538	4½
New York	23	27	.460	8½
Washington	22	28	.440	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	31	21	.596	—
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	3½
Cincinnati	27	25	.519	4
Pittsburgh	23	26	.469	6½
Chicago	22	27	.449	7½
Houston	19	32	.373	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	28	22	.560	—
Arizona	27	24	.529	1½
Colorado	24	26	.480	4
Los Angeles	23	29	.442	6
San Diego	20	31	.392	8½

Friday's Games

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

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Washington, 1:35 p.m.
 Arizona at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 St. Louis at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
 Florida at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Atlanta, 8:05 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	3	2	17	8	7
New York	4	2	5	17	17	10
Houston	3	4	5	14	15	13
Columbus	3	3	4	13	8	10
New England	3	4	4	13	10	14
D.C.	3	4	3	12	13	18
Toronto FC	2	4	6	12	17	17
Chicago	1	4	5	8	13	17
Sporting K.C.	1	6	1	4	11	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	7	2	5	26	19	12

FC Dallas	6	3	3	21	14	10
Portland	5	3	2	17	13	14
Seattle	4	4	5	17	14	12
Real Salt Lake	5	1	2	17	9	2
Colorado	4	3	5	17	14	12
Chivas USA	3	4	3	12	11	10
San Jose	3	4	3	12	12	12
Vancouver	1	5	5	8	12	16

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

Wednesday's Games

New York 2, Colorado 2, tie
 FC Dallas 1, Seattle FC 0
 Los Angeles 1, Houston 0

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Toronto FC, late
 New York at Vancouver, late
 Chivas USA at Columbus, late
 Los Angeles at New England, late
 FC Dallas at Houston, late
 San Jose at Chicago, late
 Sporting K.C. at Colorado, late
 Seattle FC at Real Salt Lake, late

Sunday's Games

D.C. United at Portland, 5 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated OF Grady Sizemore from 15-day DL.
 DETROIT TIGERS—Traded 2B Scott Sizemore to Oakland for LHP David Purcey. Recalled 2B Danny Worth from Toledo (IL). Recalled LHP Andy Oliver from Toledo. Optioned RHP Ryan Perry to Toledo.
 TEXAS RANGERS—Recalled LHP Michael Kirkman from Round Rock (PCL). Sent RHP Brett Tomko outright to Round Rock.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Placed RHP Homer Bailey on 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Mike Leake from Louisville (IL).
 COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled INF-OF Eric Young Jr. from Colorado Springs (PCL). Designated INF Jose Lopez for assignment.
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed C Humberto Quintero on 15-day DL. Purchased contract of C Robinson Cancel from Oklahoma City (PCL).
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Announced LHP Dan Merklinger cleared waivers and was assigned outright to Huntsville (Southern) and OF Brandon Boggs accepted his outright assignment to Nashville (PCL).
 NEW YORK METS—Activated OF Angel Pagan from 15-day DL. Called up RHP Dale Thayer from Buffalo (IL). Optioned OF Fernando Martinez to Buffalo.
 Designated LHP Pat Misch for assignment.
 SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed INF Orlando Hudson on 15-day DL, retroactive to May 26. Recalled INF Logan Forsythe from Tucson (PCL).

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.

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.

A.P. Fishing Derby

AVON PARK – The Avon Park Air Force Range Fish, Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Program and the Winter Haven Kiwanis Club are having their 7th Annual Fishing Derby Saturday, June 4 for boys and girls aged 16 and under, accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

Registration will be from 7-8:30 a.m., at the Outdoor Recreation office in building 600, with fishing from 9-11 a.m. with weigh-in, contests, lunch and awards immediately following.

Trophies will be awarded in four age classes with hot dogs, chips and soda provided by the Breakfast Rotary of Avon Park and the Winter Haven Kiwanis Club. For more information, call 452-4254 or visit www.avonparkafr.net.

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 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.

If there is a camp date that you could attend but the age group is different than yours please call and special arrangements could be made.

Individual private sessions for indoor and sand are available year-round.

Call/Email to schedule today!

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

July 2011

Sand:11-14 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 8:30 -10:30 a.m. (Grades 9-12) \$60

Indoor:11-14 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 11:30-1:30 p.m. (Grades 5-12) \$60

–Attend Both Sand and Indoor camps July 11-14: \$100

Indoor: 25-28 (4 days) Monday-Thursday

Morning Session (Grades 5-8) 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$60

Afternoon Session (Grades 9-12) 2-4:30 p.m. \$75

Contact Coach Crawford with any questions at kim.crawford@southflorida.edu, cell: 863-835-2377, or Office: 863-784-7037.

Sebring Summer Swim

SEBRING – The summer season for swimming is upon us as the Sebring High School pool is open to the public.

Pool hours for open swim will be 6-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday's and Sunday's – additional hours will be added once school is out.

Cost is \$2 per swimmer with big savings for frequent swimmers.

A family pass can be bought for \$50 for the first swimmer and \$15 for each additional family member.

Swimming lessons will also be available with four separate sessions throughout the summer for eight different levels of instruction, ranging from Adult Beginner, Parent and Tot, Fundamentals, Introduction to Water Skills, Pre-School Aquatics, Fundamental Aquatic Skills, Stroke Development, Improvement and Refinement, Personal Water Safety and Diving Fundamentals and Fitness.

Session I runs from June 13-24, session II from June 27-July 8, session III from July 11-22 and session IV from July 25-August 5.

Water aerobics return as well, with certified instructor Ricki Albritton, Tuesday's and Thursday's from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost is just \$2 per workout, or just \$1 if you have the Summer Swim Pass – the first class is Thursday, May 5.

Summer swim lesson sign up will be Monday May 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, May 28 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the front office at Sebring High School.

For questions call 471-5500 ext. 228 and leave a message for Pat Caton.

YMCA Soccer Camp

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA will be hosting a Youth Soccer Camp for ages 6-14 on Monday, June 13, Wednesday June 15 and Friday, June 17.

The cost \$40 for members and \$ 60 for non-members.

Registration fee includes a camp T-shirt.

Call 382-9622 for questions.

Hoffner enjoys 'opportunity of a lifetime'

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"It's all good," Hoffner said. "Between the lines, we're competitors and it's a rivalry, but we're teammates now and it's fun hanging out with them."

Adding to the fun aspect was Hoffner watching his younger Blue Streak teammates doing their annual job of working the field up and getting it ready for play.

"I remember last year, I was out there working on the field," he said. "It's kind of nice to be able to be on this side and just sit back and enjoy the experience."

And while he is the lone Highlands County representative taking part in the event, Hoffner knows there are others that could well have joined him.

"I know Jesse (Baker), Johnny (Knight) and Evan (Lewis) were in the running but I guess they just came up short," he said. "I also think (Lake Placid's) Colby (Delaney) had a chance and (Dylan Weber-) Callahan had a chance and had real good years. Also Drew Reeves from Avon Park had a good year and could have been here."

But it's Hoffner who has the opportunity, and with his



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Corbin Hoffner shows off his FACA Baseball All-Star cap before his East squads' 16-3 loss to the West team in a rain-delayed start.

college situation secure, he has the ability to enjoy it all the more.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime to play with and against kids at this level, kids that are going to get drafted, getting to face kids with this potential" he said. "I'm not worried about the scouts or anything. I'm going to get my education and go to school no matter what. I just

want to enjoy this and have fun."

Hoffner was slated to start at first base in Saturday's consolation game against the North squad, as well as pitch the final two innings.

And however he does, at the least, he'll be enjoying his moment among the elite.

See Wednesday's News-Sun for a recap of Hoffner's Saturday performance.

Kat hopes to swing into Royal line-up

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deserves it.

"It will be hard with her leaving, she's the baby, but she'll be close by so we can continue to see her play and support her."

Originally thinking toward a major in education, Warner was a good choice educationally.

"They are one of the few schools that pretty much guarantees placement once you get your degree," Ostrander's father Phil mentioned.

But as her college career gets closer, she has thoughts toward Psychology.

"I needed some credits so I took a psychology class this year and really liked it," she said. "So that's something I'm thinking about going into."

Her future is ahead of her and coming ever closer as the Warner offseason conditioning program is already underway.

But amid the uncertainty, decisions and hard work that lay ahead, if her past indicates anything, it is that Kat Ostrander will figure it out



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
While a strong presence on the mound, it's at the plate and in the outfield where Kat Ostrander is looking to work her way at Warner University next season.

and find a way to get it done.

Sebring Elks Tourney

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – This month's Elks golf tournament will be held Monday, June 6, at Golf Hammock Country Club (change in venue from Harder Hall to Golf Hammock).

Cost for the 8 a.m. shotgun start is \$25 per player.

To register either your team or as an individual player, contact Jack McLaughlin at 471-3295, or by email at jacknjudy33872@gmail.com.

Check in no later than 7:40 a.m. in the Harder Hall restaurant area.

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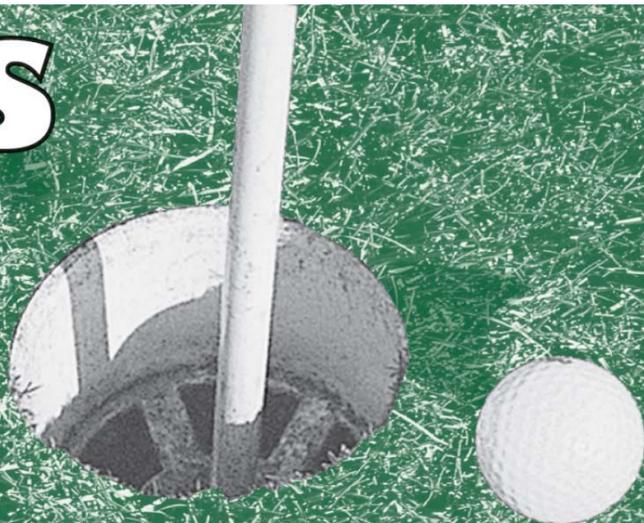
Gymnastic Camp	June 20th - June 24th	Ages 3 - 16
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Avon Park's Charles Louis bulls his way for a few more yards Friday night in Lake Placid.

AP shows weapons galore in spring win

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things worked as they did." "The new schedule is going to be exciting. We are going to play in places that we have not played in a long time and we will have a chance to renew some old rivalries," Bonjokian said about the changes in district in the upcoming season.

On the Dragon side, running backs A.J. Gayle and Travarian Williams carried most of the load, but could not seem to shake the Devil defense for the big runs.

But it was alternate quarterback Robert Walton who would take the lead in rushing with his option to keep on more than one occasion.

Field goal kicker Vincente Barajas hit a 16 yarder for three in the last seconds of the delayed first quarter for the Dragons only score.

Offensively, the green

machine struggled with timing and with momentum, especially after starting quarterback Tyler Kelsen left the game early with an injury.

"Tyler broke his collarbone in the first or second quarter.

'The improvements we've seen this spring have been huge.'

JASON HOLDEN
Lake Placid head coach

But if you are going to break it, this is the season to do it," said Lake Placid head coach Jason Holden.

An optimistic Holden was not put out by the loss, but saw a lot of bright spots in his young team.

"We are super young. The guys were hustling," he said.

"Defensively, guys are running to the football. Team speed is better, but we still don't have that guy who will run away with it. The improvements we've seen this spring have been huge. If we can follow up with that we can be fine."

"Defensively, we played our assignments real well. Offensively, we are still working on assignments. We missed a few blocks over there and you could see some confusion out there. Avon Park has some speed over there, and we need to work on our assignments," explained Holden. "We have to get stronger, and hit the weight room over the break."

In other spring game action, new Sebring head coach LaVaar Scott got his career off on the right foot with a 20-6 win over the Panthers at Mulberry Friday night.

Finals outlook sees Mavs with some advantages

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Wade wrecked Dallas' first finals appearance, averaging 34.7 points and winning MVP honors as the Heat rallied from 2-0 down to win the series.

He scored 42, 36, 43 and 36 points in the final four games.

As unpopular as "The Decision" might have made James, Wade could hear the loudest boos when the series shifts to Texas.

Stevenson is a good defender and will hit an occasional 3-pointer, but the Mavericks will have one of their reserves in here when they need to get anything done offensively.

Edge: Heat.

POINT GUARD: Mike Bibby vs. Jason Kidd.

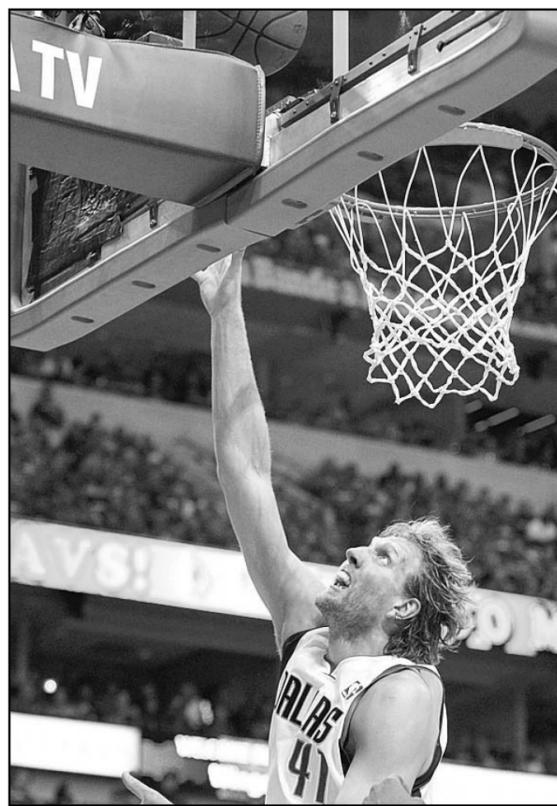
Nearly was the point guard matchup in the 2002 finals, but Bibby's Sacramento Kings lost Game 7 of the West finals to a Lakers team that went on to sweep Kidd's New Jersey Nets.

Bibby rarely has been a factor since joining the Heat during the season and lacks the speed to take advantage of the 38-year-old Kidd, who has perhaps lost a step on offense but has played terrific defense to give himself a third attempt at a ring.

He has guarded Kobe Bryant and the much-taller Kevin Durant at times, and might get a crack at Wade in big spots in this series.

Edge: Mavericks.

RESERVES: Mario Chalmers, Mike Miller, Udonis Haslem, James Jones, Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Juwan Howard vs. Jason Terry, J.J. Barea, Peja Stojakovic and Brendan Haywood.



MCT photo

Dirk Nowitzki, on fire in this season's playoffs, could pose a big match-up problem for the Heat.

With Miller and Haslem healthy after battling injuries most of the season, the Heat can put their best possible lineup on the floor at the most important time.

Haslem defended Nowitzki well in 2006 and will get opportunities again.

But the Mavericks can surround their All-Star with plenty of perimeter shooting off their bench by going to Terry or Stojakovic, and Barea's penetration is a good change of pace from Kidd.

Haywood provides a solid backup in the middle to Chandler.

Edge: Mavericks.

COACHES: Erik

Spoelstra vs. Rick Carlisle. Few coaches had tougher jobs than Spoelstra, who many thought wouldn't be around at the finish even if the Heat were.

But team president Pat Riley believes in him and so do the Heat's superstars, whom Spoelstra built into one of the league's best defensive squads.

Carlisle brought a similar defensive-minded approach to a team that was previously offense first, and his calm demeanor here will be an upgrade over Avery Johnson, who lost his cool while the Mavs were losing control of the series five years ago.

Edge: Even.

YMCA Soccer Camp

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Highlands County Family YMCA will be hosting a Youth Soccer Camp for ages 6-14 on Monday, June 13, Wednesday June 15 and

Friday, June 17.

The cost \$40 for members and \$ 60 for non-members.

Registration fee includes a camp T-shirt.

Call 382-9622 for questions.

King loses to Kvitova in French Open's 3rd round

Associated Press

PARIS — The last U.S. woman in the French Open, 115th-ranked Vania King, lost 6-4, 6-2 to No. 9-seeded Petra Kvitova in the third round Saturday.

King was one of nine Americans who entered the women's tournament.

The last time a U.S. woman other than Serena or Venus Williams reached the fourth round at Roland Garros was 2005.

King explained that she didn't grow up being a big fan of playing on red clay, the surface used at the French Open.

"To be honest, I used to hate clay. I was, like, running on glass. That's what it felt like to me on clay," said the 22-year-old King, who lives in California and Florida. "So I feel like I've come a long, long way since then."

King has won two Grand Slam doubles titles, but she's

never been past the third round in singles at 20 major tournaments.

Kvitova, a semifinalist at Wimbledon last year, dictated play Saturday, compiling 30 winners, 22 more than King.

Kvitova faces No. 6 Li Na of China next.

King was bothered Saturday by a sore right groin muscle.

After the first set, she was treated by a trainer.

"If I can't run, then I might as well not be on the court, because that's the way I play," King said.

But she didn't blame her lopsided loss on her leg, instead giving credit to Kvitova.

"Especially on my serve, I felt like I was struggling, because she was taking the first ball and pounding it as hard as she could," King said.

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Indianapolis 500

Where: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a 2.5 mile quad-oval located in Indianapolis.

When: Today at 11 a.m. (all times ET).

TV: ABC.

Last year's winner: Dario Franchitti

Track details

Year completed: 1909 (first Indianapolis 500, 1911)

Frontstretch: 3,330 ft. (1.02 km)

Backstretch: 3,330 ft. (1.02 km)

Banking: Corners — 9 degrees; Straights — 0 degrees

Seating capacity: 250,000 +

Race records

Most victories: Three way tie with four a piece — A.J. Foyt (1961, 1964, 1967, 1977); Al Unser (1970, 1971, 1978, 1987); Rick Mears (1979, 1984, 1988, 1991)

Most pole positions: Six by Rick Mears (1979, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1991)

Fastest average winning speed: 185.981 mph (299.307 kph) — Arie Luyendyk, 1990

Slowest average winning speed: 74.602 mph (120.06 kph) — Ray Harroun, 1911

Starting grid

The qualifying order of the 2011 Indianapolis 500:

Pos.	Driver	Car No.
1.	Alex Tagliani	77
2.	Scott Dixon	9
3.	Oriol Servia	2
4.	Townsend Bell	99
5.	Will Power	12
6.	Dan Wheldon	98
7.	Buddy Rice	44
8.	Ed Carpenter	67
9.	Dario Franchitti	10
10.	Takuma Sato	5
11.	Vitor Meira	14
12.	J.R. Hildebrand	4
13.	James Hinchcliffe	06
14.	Bertrand Baguette	30
15.	Davey Hamilton	11
16.	Helio Castroneves	3
17.	John Andretti	43
18.	E.J. Viso	59
19.	Bruno Junqueira	41
20.	Justin Wilson	22
21.	Jay Howard	88
22.	Tomas Scheckter	07
23.	Tony Kanaan	82
24.	Simona de Silvestro	78
25.	Paul Tracy	23
26.	Danica Patrick	7
27.	Ryan Briscoe	6
28.	Marco Andretti	26
29.	Charlie Kimball	83
30.	Graham Rahal	38
31.	Alex Lloyd	19
32.	Pippa Mann	36
33.	Ana Beatriz	24

SOURCE: IZOD INDYCAR

A CENTURY OF RACING

By Eric Goodwin, McClatchy-Tribune

One of the most illustrious races in the world of motorsports, the Indianapolis 500 celebrates its centennial this year. Take a look at some of the history and traditions that have defined the annual sporting event, famously dubbed “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”



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Kissing the bricks

Indianapolis Motor Speedway earned the nickname “The Brickyard” when, in August 1909, it was paved with 3.2 million street-paving bricks after its original surface of tar, sand and gravel proved unsafe for motor racing. (The first Indianapolis 500 was in 1911.) Due to wear and repavement projects, by 1962 only a 3-foot wide strip of bricks near the start/finish line remained of the brick track, but the nickname stuck.

The practice of the Indianapolis 500 race winner kissing the yard of bricks actually has its roots in NASCAR Sprint Cup racing. In 1996, driver Dale Jarrett won the Brickyard 400 at the track. Following the race, Jarrett and his team knelt and kissed the bricks. The practice has since become a tradition in both series.

◀ **Sam Hornish Jr. kisses the yard of bricks in celebration of his 2006 Indianapolis 500 win.**

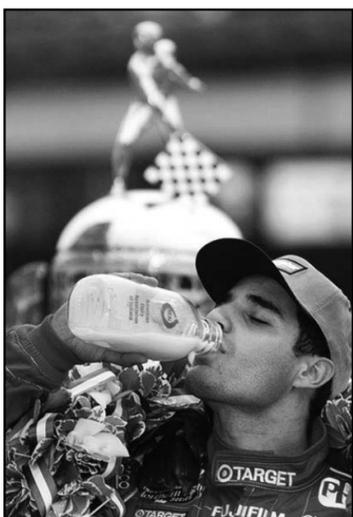


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Championship flora

Wreaths have long been awarded to contest champions, dating back to the ancient Greeks. In motorsports, the winner's wreath already was a staple of Grand Prix racing when the Indianapolis 500 adopted the tradition in 1960. The Indy 500 champ that year, Jim Rathmann, had a wreath of “several exotic-looking, dark yellow and brown flowers” placed on his shoulders after winning the race. The following year, winner A.J. Foyt was presented with a garland of red and white carnations. For the last 30 years, however, the Indy 500 winner's wreath has featured 33 ivory-colored Cymbidium orchids with burgundy tips and 33 miniature checkered flags (representing the race's starting grid) interwoven with red, white and blue ribbons.

◀ **Eddie Cheever wears the winner's wreath while saluting fans after his 1998 Indianapolis 500 victory at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.**



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Chugging milk

Milk became the beverage of Indianapolis 500 winners after a dairy executive saw a picture of winner Louis Meyer drinking a bottle of buttermilk in Victory Lane after his third Indy 500 win in 1936. (The story goes that when he was growing up in New York Meyer's mother told him that buttermilk would replenish him on a hot day.) The executive mistook the buttermilk for regular milk, and made plans to have a bottle of milk presented to the race winner the following year. Milk became a part of the post-race festivities from 1937 through 1941, and then again in 1946. The tradition returned in 1956 and has been a big part of the winner's celebration ever since.

◀ **Juan Pablo Montoya drinks milk after winning the 2000 Indianapolis 500.**



COURTESY OF SARAH STIERCH

The big prize

Originally commissioned by the Borg-Warner Automotive Co. (now BorgWarner), the Borg-Warner Trophy has been presented to the winner of the Indianapolis 500 since 1936.

Crafted of sterling silver and standing taller than five feet, the trophy features bas-relief facial sculptures of every Indy 500 champion, and includes their name, date of victory and average speed.

The race winner doesn't get to take the trophy home, however, as it stays on display in the Hall of Fame museum at Indianapolis Motor Speedway year-round. Instead, winning drivers are given an 18-inch (45.72 centimeters) tall, sterling silver replica of the trophy, affectionately nicknamed “Baby Borgs.” Winning car owners began receiving Baby Borgs of their own in 1997.

Borg-Warner trophy stats

Height: (with base) 64.75 in. (about 1.65 m) (without base) 52 in. (1.32 m)
Weight (with base): Approximately 110 lbs. (49.9 kg)



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Facial sculpture of the first Indianapolis 500 winner, Ray Harroun, on the Borg-Warner trophy.



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▲ **Drivers take off at the start of the 2000 Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.**

▶ **Driver Joe Dawson races across the finish line to win the 1912 Indianapolis 500.**



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Untitled, mixed media portrait by Chyna Berry of Sebring High School.



Courtesy photo
'Zen Skull,' a sculpture by Kristi Martin of Sebring High School.



Courtesy photo
'Half and Half,' a mixed media portrait by Omar Montiel of Avon Park High School.



Courtesy photo
High school seniors throughout Highlands County are competing for a \$500 scholarship at the Student Art Show at Highlands Museum of the Arts.

Student Art Show on display at Highlands Museum of the Arts

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Seniors from Avon Park, Sebring and Lake Placid high schools are enjoying their own showing at the Highlands Museum of the Arts, and competing for a \$500 scholarship for Best in Show. A reception was held Friday to honor the young artists and announce the scholarship award.

Local artists Anne Watson and Bill Snyder

will judge the entries for the Best in Show award, as well as recognition for Bests in Watercolor, Acrylic, Tempera, Ink, Drawing, Mixed Media, Clay, and Sculpture.

Highlands Museum of the Arts is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and is adjacent to Highlands Little Theater in the Alan Altwater Cultural Center (behind Sebring Public Library).

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Maureen Hecox (second from left) and members of her Duffer's Dancers show off their new shirts for the line dancing group that meets weekly at Duffer's Sports Grille in Sebring. The group will be changing their line dancing lessons to Wednesday nights instead of Mondays as of June 1.

Line dancing becomes popular at Duffer's Sports Grille

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING - The Duffer's Dancers are stepping it up in style.

Maureen Hecox, a certified line dancing instructor in Sebring, has been offering weekly line dancing lessons at Duffer's Sports Grille since March. The group has grown steadily to about 30 dancers and they have named themselves the Duffer's Dancers. They have even printed up shirts for their

members which are available for any new dancers.

The classes will continue in the summer but will be moved to Wednesday nights instead of Mondays. There will be no class on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Wednesday night classes will start June 1. Classes are from 6-8 p.m. and are free to the public.

The classes consist of men and women who are wanting to learn some basic line

dancing moves to various songs. Hecox first walks everyone through the steps and then turns on the music so everyone can put their moves to work. She reviews the steps every week with everyone.

Several members have found the dance classes to be a great form of exercise to improve their health.

Duffer's is at 6940 U.S. 27 North, Sebring. For more details, call 382-6339.

Hardee County native Ballard's new book gets good reviews

Special to the News-Sun
Chip Ballard's latest book, "The Snapshot & Other Stories: Tales from Flowing Wells," released by RoseHeart Publishing in January, is drawing considerable attention and getting fine reviews on Amazon.com.

Local readers of Ballard's first book, a murder mystery titled "Peace River," quickly realized the fictitious Pinewood County bore a striking resemblance to Hardee; and that Flowing Wells could easily pass for Zolfo Springs.

When asked by a reporter why he set his fiction in such an obscure location, Ballard replied, "It's the place I know best, the place and the people, rich and poor, landed and landless, good and evil."

One reviewer compared the collection of short stories to a heavyweight fight.

He concludes, "The reader, though bruised and battered, emerges all the wiser and all the more enlightened for having seen how the other half really lives. The reader could not ask for a whole lot more than that."

"Reading this book is an experience not soon to be forgotten, and a trip we should all take."



Chip Ballard

Another reviewer wrote, "Reading these short stories was like peeking through a keyhole and getting bits and pieces of the sadness and joy and worries of home grown folks . . . There are few writers who make me slow down and read every word and nuance, but Chip Ballard is one who did this over and over through every story."

Christian novelist and Lake Placid Journal editor George Duncan praised the book, saying, "Chip Ballard is a literary cartographer and his heart-terrain is Southern slice-of-life, often from childhood. All the stories in the volume are very good and several are so mem-

orable that acid could not erase them from your brain. The style and slang in these stories is Southern, but the territory is universal. Ballard has mapped out the domain of the human heart. I can think of no higher compliment to pay a writer."

Ballard admits he is flattered, and humbled, by the high praise. "But," he added, "I'm sure some people won't understand or appreciate what I attempted in this book, but I am grateful for those who do. I maintain it is a moral book, in spite of some bad people and bad language. That's life. We can hide from it, but we can't deny it."

Ballard's third book, "Chip Ballard's Literary Escapades," which consists of 64 columns and feature stories he has published in newspapers and magazines over the years, including 16 pictures, will be available before the end of the year.

"Peace River" and "Snapshot" may be purchased at most major bookstores, or ordered from Amazon.com. If you would care for an autographed copy, call Ballard at 863-735-0960, or e-mail chipkyle746@embarqmail.com.

Brewster's plans art show

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Brewster's Coffee House announces the grand opening of its newly designed art gallery. An art show and artist reception will take place Sunday, June 5, at 6 p.m.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available and beverages for sale. Live music will be playing throughout the reception.

Brewster's Coffee House is at 2191 U.S. 27 North in Central Plaza (314-8890) and is a member of the Heartland Cultural Alliance.

Owner Bruce Rogers avidly promotes the arts in Highlands County. The walls of his establishment have been home to many artists for several years. However, he recently recreated the gallery atmosphere by installing a

professional gallery hanging system along with modifying the lighting.

The present gallery showing has been on view since April and will continue through June. New art work will be displayed continually after that for three month intervals. Some genres on display are paintings, photography, giclee, etc.

"We want our customers to know that the art in Brewster's is constantly changing, staying fresh and of the highest quality in the area," said Rogers.

Arts and culture are vital to help build and sustain strong economic diversity and vibrancy. According to Florida Tax Watch Tourism Research Report, 74.9 percent of visitors to Florida participate in cultural activi-

ties and help to stimulate Florida's economy in positive and meaningful ways.

Art enterprises are highly entrepreneurial and attractive to tourists. The arts also create a highly desirable quality of life that draws businesses and educated workers to further stimulate the economy.

Brewster's Coffee House is ready to introduce people to the artists whose work is presently on display. All art work is available for purchase.

Brewster's customers already know that Brewster's is one of the few places in Highlands County to enjoy some big city culture and great coffee. As customers continue to come back week after week, they will be able to check out what local artists are doing.

Summer reading program set at LP Library

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Memorial Library invites its young readers to travel the globe this summer.

This year's theme is "One World, Many Stories." Children and their families will enjoy multicultural stories, music, activities and crafts. The Wednesday programs will be offered on June 15, 22, 29, July 13 and 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Guest appearances include Native-American storyteller Van Samuels; DeeDee Jacobson, environmental horticulturist from the University of Florida Highlands County Extension Service; stories and crafts with Miss Kathy, and Jan and Geovani, the Working Dog. Children will be encouraged to read daily and keep track of the books read on a reading log. Their names will appear in a paper chain that will be displayed at the library throughout the summer. They will also receive small incentives as they complete their weekly readings.

In addition to the five-week summer program the Lake Placid Memorial Library continues to offer Storytime for 3- to 5-year old children every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Summer family film matinees will be offered Saturdays at 2

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

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by Patricia Valentine

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Legoland Florida announces opening date

Special to the News-Sun

WINTER HAVEN — Legoland Florida has announced its official opening date will be Saturday, Oct. 15.

Inspired by America's love affair with all things Lego, the new 150-acre theme park will cater to kids ages two to 12 with more than 50 "pink-knuckle" rides — from roller coasters to race cars — as well as family focused shows and attractions.

Park officials disclosed the date, a closely guarded secret since the park broke ground last year, to help families already planning vacations in the fall.

"I'd estimate 80 percent of the inquiries we've received have been about our opening date," said Legoland Florida sales manager Todd Andrus. "Guests are all but begging to know the date, so they can book their flights and accommodations and purchase admission tickets."

The park also unveiled a new online reservations program to make the vacation booking experience even easier. Travelers can now book tickets, accommodations, airlines and rental cars through



A view of the Legoland park in California.

the Legoland Florida website.

"Planning a family vacation can be daunting, especially for families with very young children," said Andrus, a father and frequent traveler. "Packing alone is enough to overwhelm even the most organized parents. That's why we designed our online system to be both user-friendly and convenient,

allowing parents to book the essentials and then print out everything they'll need right at home."

The other key benefit of the program, Andrus explained, is that it features 13 preferred hotels in Central Florida that are officially endorsed by the park. Part of the "Bed and Brick" program, the hotels are all family friendly and collectively

provide a range of price points and assets to accommodate different styles and budgets.

Each of the hotels in the program will offer special rates and ticket/room packages.

For more information: www.Legoland.com; [Facebook.com/Legoland/Florida](https://www.facebook.com/Legoland/Florida) and [Twitter @LegolandFlorida](https://twitter.com/LegolandFlorida).

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■ **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 Catylitz class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

■ **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 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; Web site, 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. Pastor Brett Morey, 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 Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:45 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. Very Rev. José González, V.F. Masses — Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, noon; Sunday Family Mass, 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon 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. 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 452-0088.

Got Milk? June is National Dairy Month

Got milk? You might want to get some if you don't. June is National Dairy Month and it is a great time to appreciate all of the benefits we derive from dairy products and those who produce them. To get some perspective on the life of a dairy farmer, let's put ourselves in their boots for just a moment.

Will you make sure that the cows are milked three times a day? Vaccinate the entire herd against diseases? Sell the manure to a local land owner? Join a dairy coop? Keep records of all the purchases, sales and taxes? Maintain a database of all the goings on of the farm? Work in any and all kinds of weather including hurricanes to ensure your animals' safety? Get up before the sun rises and come in after dark? Make sure that all the cows are fed, exercised, healthy and happy?

No wonder an entire month is dedicated to dairy appreciation. Dairy plays an important role in our everyday lives. Milk and dairy products contain many nutrients and provide a quick and easy way of supplying these nutrients to the diet within relatively few calories. Dairy products provide calcium,

phosphorous, magnesium, protein, vitamin B12, Vitamin A, zinc, riboflavin, folate, vitamin C and iodine. One glass of milk alone can make a contribution to the daily recommended intake of many important nutrients for all age groups.

National Dairy Month, which started out as National Milk Month, was created in 1937 and was established to help stabilize dairy demands during time of peak production. Dairy Month was initially funded by a one-cent-per-pound butterfat tax in the month of June.

Since the '30s, Dairy Month has grown by leaps and bounds. The American Dairy Association became the leader in the event's campaigns in 1955. Today the month is celebrated by giving away free dairy products, dairy food demonstrations, cow milking contests, cattle shows and even parades.

More than 1,000 new dairy products are introduced every year. And that's a good thing since dairy products such as milk contain nine



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essential nutrients which help to manage weight, reduce risk of high blood pressure, osteoporosis and certain cancers.

Dairy contains protein, which helps build and repair muscle tissue and vitamin A to help maintain healthy skin.

To help you celebrate Dairy Month, here are some interesting "dairy facts:":

— The first cow in America arrived in Jamestown colony in 1611. Until the 1850's, nearly every family had its own cow. The first regular shipment of milk by railroad was between Orange County, N.Y., and New York City and began in 1841.

— In 1856, Gail Borden invented the condensed milk process. This process removed some of the water from milk so it would take up less space. Refrigeration came into use in 1880, and the first pasteurizing machine was introduced in 1895.

— Dairying has improved through the years. Today, one cow can produce the milk that it once took 10 cows to produce.

— Around 9.2 million cows are being milked on 110,000 farms in the United States. More than 99 percent of all dairy farms are family owned and operated.

— Cows are milked for an average of 3-4 years. A cow must have a calf in order to produce milk.

Calves are fed milk until they are 8-9 weeks old.

— The average cow is 2 years old when she has her first calf. A young female cow is called a heifer.

— Cows are ruminants, which are cud chewing mammals. Sheep and camels also are ruminants. A cow chews her cud (regurgitated, partially digested food) for up to eight hours each day.

— Dairy cows provide 90 percent of the world's milk supply. The best cows give over 25 gallons of milk each day. That's 400 glasses of milk! U.S. cows give an average of 2,000 gallons of milk per year. That's over 30,000 glasses of milk.

— Contrary to popular belief, cows do not have four stomachs; they have four digestive compartments: The rumen holds up to 50 gallons of partially digested food. This is where cud comes from.



Courtesy photo

Before milking machines were invented in 1894, farmers could only milk about six cows per hour. Today, farmers use machines to milk more than 100 cows per hour.

Good bacteria in the rumen helps digest the cow's food and provides protein for the cow. The reticulum is called the hardware stomach because if cows accidentally eat hardware (like a piece of fencing scrap), it will often lodge here causing no further damage. The omasum is sort of like a filter. The abomasum is like our stomach.

— Cows drink about a bathtub full of water and eat around 40 pounds of food a day.

Corine Burgess is the Natural Resources Specialist for the Highlands County Natural Resources Department assisting the Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District (www.highlandss-wcd.org).

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail redemer1895@aol.com Web site: redeemeravon.com. The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

■ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church,** 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0551. Rev. Elizabeth L. Myers, 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.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

■ **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries,** (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA),** 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always

welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS,** 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. 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.

■ **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.

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.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church,** 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening 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. Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Web site is www.christiantrainingministries.net

■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

■ **Highlands Community Church,** a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

■ **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. 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. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups.

Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

■ **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. Web site: 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. Web site: 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, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. A variety of Sunday school classes for adults and children are at 9:45 and 11 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. 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: avonpark-sda@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

■ **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 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.

■ **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.

■ **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

■ **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 or check the Web site sebringemmanuelucc.com. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SFCC announces 2011-12 Artist Series lineup

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — South Florida Community College's Artist Series will once again offer a stellar lineup of entertainment for the 2011-12 season, which begins in November.

Starting out the season on Monday, Nov. 14, is Benise "The Spanish Guitar." Dubbed the "Latin Riverdance," flamenco guitarist Benise presents a must-see production with a cast of 11 to 13 musicians and dancers that has performing arts centers around the nation buzzing. Benise journeys through the cobblestone streets of Old Havana, an Arabian desert, the romantic canals of Venice, the oldest bullring in Spain, a Paris café, and a 2,000-year-old Buddhist temple.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, Steve Lippia presents "Simply Sinatra." Walk down memory lane celebrating the music of Old Blue Eyes. Sinatra's musical director Vincent Falcone thought he had stumbled on an old Sinatra recording the first time he heard Steve Lippia's demo tape. He has headlined sold-out shows from Las Vegas to Atlantic City, accompanied by a 10-piece band.

The Irish Tenors take the stage on Tuesday, Dec. 13. There's a lot to say for the skill of The Irish Tenors, as demonstrated by the PBS specials and sold-out tours. The three tenors bring the magic of the holidays to this performance with the help of a 30-piece orchestra.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, pianist Ethan Bortnick performs. At the ripe age of 9, Bortnick has done what many musicians work toward throughout their entire careers. He has



Courtesy photo
Comedian and actress Lily Tomlin entertains the South Florida Community College Artist Series crowd on Wednesday, Feb. 29.

appeared on the Oprah show, the Tonight Show with Jay Leno and has opened concerts for Elton John, Josh Groban, Reba McEntire, and more. He brings some of music's biggest hits and classics to life, along with some of his own compositions while sharing the inspirational stories behind each piece.

Tschaikowski St. Petersburg State Orchestra takes the stage on Monday, Jan. 30. Formed during the years following World II, this 90-piece orchestra from St. Petersburg, Russia, presents a popular program featuring Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite," Sibelius' "Violin Concerto" with soloist Michael Krutik, and Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition."

Damn Yankees is presented on Monday, Feb. 6. Joe Boyd sells his soul to the devil, Mr. Applegate, for "one good long ball hitter" for his baseball



Courtesy photo
Closing out the South Florida Community College Artist Series season on Saturday, March 31, is Circurious.

team. His wish is granted, turning him into a sports superstar, who must go back to his wife by 9 p.m. on the final game day, or Mr.



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Tschaikowski St. Petersburg State Orchestra takes the South Florida Community College Artist Series stage on Monday, Jan. 30.



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The Irish Tenors take the South Florida Community College stage on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Applegate gets his soul. Stand up and cheer for the musical comedy that proves "You Gotta Have Heart" and remember, "Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets."

On Monday, Feb. 13, Stig Rossen "Lovers and Heroes of Broadway" returns by popular demand. The European star will be accompanied by special guest Jacquelyn Piro Donovan. Rossen presents an evening of well-known Broadway and pop favorites and is best known for playing the lead role in Les Misérables in London's West End.

Comedian and actress Lily Tomlin entertains the crowd on Wednesday, Feb. 29. She has created a number of trademark characters, such as Ernestine the cheerfully sinister telephone operator, Edith Ann the 5-year-old in a giant rocking chair, and her recurring role as Roberta McCluskey on the television show Desperate Housewives. At the proud age of 71, she may have trouble lifting all her Emmy, Tony, and Grammy awards, but definitely not an audience's spirits.

Nova Scotia's spectacular new musical production

"Drum!" takes the stage on Thursday, March 8. The performance features 20 musicians, dancers, drummers, and singers from four of the principle cultures — Black, Acadian, Aboriginal, and Celtic — brought together in a heart-pumping fusion of music, dance, poetry, video, rhythm, and song.

Closing out the season on Saturday, March 31, is Circurious. Indulge your curiosities and celebrate your senses with aerialists, acrobats, contortionists, jugglers, illusionists, singers, dancers, and world record holders.

SFCC's 2011-12 Artist Series performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts. Season subscriptions are currently on sale. Prices start at \$254 for all 10 shows. Order forms can be obtained by visiting the SFCC Box Office, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., or by calling 863-784-7178. Order forms can also be downloaded at <http://performances.south-florida.edu>. Single tickets go on sale in October.



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Disconnecting in a too-connected world

48 hours with no iPhone a refreshing break

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**
AP Technology Writer

FRANKLIN, N.Y. — The knowledge that I'd be cut off from Internet and cellphone service in just a few hours started to relax me long before I reached the secluded, serene site of a two-day yoga retreat in upstate New York.

For 43 magical hours, chirping birds replaced car horns and sirens. Two-hour yoga classes, hammock-lounging and hot-tubbing replaced sitting at my desk in Manhattan.

The best part: Absolutely nothing replaced my iPhone. It sat powered off at the bottom of my backpack all weekend save for a brief stint as an alarm clock to wake me from a nap.

I readily admit that I am powerless. Without a forced break from email, text messages, Facebook and an endless stream of online news and blogs, I am an information addict. Spending a few days without mobile service in an age where smartphones have become like limbs for many, I found immense value in disconnecting from our always-on, always-connected world.

It wasn't easy. During the three-hour ride upstate, I clutched my phone and reloaded Facebook, Gmail and Hotmail every 10 to 15 minutes. I followed our route on Google Maps, checked in to Route 17 on Foursquare and scanned the app for The New York Times for news updates for the fourth, fifth, sixth time.

As we neared the no signal zone, I called my hus-

band to say goodbye for the second time and left a message for a friend to wish him well on medical-school admission tests that he was taking that weekend. I checked email once more.

Should I have called my mom? Posted one last update on Facebook about the looming Rapture? See if I missed any tech news by taking Friday off?

My goodness, what have I become?

Then, "No Service" appeared in the top left corner on my phone, and that was that. I took a deep breath, turned off the phone and turned to my surroundings and later, inward.

Facebook came up at least twice during the retreat at Heathen Hill. Both times, our yoga instructor was leading the 18 of us through relaxation techniques. Forget about work, she said, forget about your children at home, for a moment, and forget about Facebook. We lay on our mats, listening to the softly tapping rain and chirping birds and complied. We breathed.

It's become an increasingly rare treat to disconnect from "real world" while on vacation. For many people, work and family left behind require constant email and phone contact. Wireless access through Wi-Fi is plentiful and often free, as I have discovered in the Irish countryside, in the outskirts of my hometown of Budapest, Hungary, and in parts of the Catskills, notwithstanding the pocket where my yoga retreat took place.



Metro Services

Being able to connect to anyone at any time can become an addiction.

Like many people, I have also developed a bit of an unhealthy attachment to my iPhone in the past couple of years, though it's not to the point where that I sleep with it under my pillow.

Convenient as it is, there are plenty drawbacks to the constant ability to check in — to friends, strangers, work, news, gossip and whatever else my phone gives me instant access to. Sometimes I don't even notice when I subconsciously reach for my phone when there's a lull in a conversation over dinner or when I want to avoid awkward small talk in the elevator.

Then there's the type of information I'm getting. Sure, some of it is valuable, but more of it is on the caliber of cute animal stories and incidental Facebook updates from friends or casual acquaintances. After

coming back from the retreat, I extended my Facebook ban, so it's been five days already. I'm not sure I've missed much, except perhaps a few laughs or headshakes at friends' posts.

So what did we do, without news, Twitter and email in the Catskill Mountains? Yoga, and lots of it.

Our teacher instructed us to turn inward. That's especially difficult to do in the age of social media, when many of us seek validation even for the most minute actions and passing thoughts of our lives. Why do I need to tell my Facebook friends that it's raining again? And when someone responds, why do I feel weirdly validated in my existence?

I won't call it addiction, but for the first few hours of the retreat, I found myself regularly reaching for my

iPhone — for what, I don't know. It was like a phantom limb, unnerving in its absence.

By the second day, the feeling was gone, thanks to vigorous exercise, yogic breathing and our beautiful surroundings. We dined on homemade vegetarian dishes, another break from my regular days as an avid carnivore. I also brought a book with me, printed on real paper. It's called "Living Dead in Dallas," part of a series about Southern vampires that is now a show on HBO. It helps me relax, OK?

At night we sat by the campfire, roasted marshmallows and drank wine. Then sleep, breakfast and more yoga.

I don't advocate disconnecting forever from the Internet or social media, and I admit a weekend was just enough. We needed GPS to find our way back to the city, for one thing. Some email addresses were exchanged, too.

And, as we left, we promised our newfound yoga friends: "I'll find you on Facebook."

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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; or mail them to *News-Sun* Community Calendar, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

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.

■ **Inerstate chapter of A.B.A.T.E.** meets the last Sunday of every month at The Blue Crab, 825 Ridgewood Dr., Sebring at 11 a.m.

■ **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.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **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.

■ **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

■ **AI-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.

For more information call 385-5714.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets from 8-9 p.m. at Episcopal Church, Lakeshore Drive, Sebring. For more details, 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 Placid Post 25 Lake Placid** has shuffleboard at 1 p.m. Lounge hours are 12-9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Happy hour from 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **Highlands County Concert Band** rehearses 7-9 p.m. every Monday at Sebring High School band room. All musicians are welcome. Vic Anderson, musical director. Call Bill Varner at 386-0855.

■ **Highlands County Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. at the Lakeside house, 1513 S. Highlands Ave., Avon Park.

■ **Highlands County Sewing Group** meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Highlands County Agri-Civic Center in the 4-H laboratory, Sebring. For details, call 402-6540.

■ **Highlands Sertoma Club** meets noon, Takis Family Restaurant, Sebring.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** will have classes in Drawing and Painting, conducted by Anne Watson, from from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd.

From 1-4 p.m., Mary Gebhart will teach Fabric Painting at the center. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Elks 2661** opens its lounge at 1 p.m. at the lodge. Ladies crafts at 2 p.m. Sign up for darts is at 6:30 p.m. Music from 5-8 p.m. It is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Library** has storytime at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** plays cards at 2 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only. Lodge closes at 6 p.m.

■ **Let It Begin With Me Alanon Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Monday at Heartland Christian Church, 2705 Alt. 27 South, Sebring. For details about Alanon, a self-help group for families and friends of alcoholics, call 385-5714.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous Never Alone Candlelight** meets at 8 p.m. at 133 N. Butler Ave. in Avon Park, near the First Congregational Church. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

■ **Rotary Club of Highlands**

County meets at 6:15 p.m. at Beef 'O Brady's, Sebring.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Mondays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** has pizza and darts at 7:30 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** has the lounge open from 12-7 p.m. For more details, call 471-3557.

■ **Sebring Historical Society** open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Located in back side of Sebring Public Library building on Lake Jackson. For information, call 471-2522.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Optimist Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. first and third Mondays at Sebring Library. For details, call Gabriel Read, 453-2859 or Barbara Stringer, 453-6661, Ext. 305.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly FL 632, Sebring** meets at 2 p.m. for weigh-in at the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, Sebring. For details, call 659-1019.

■ **Veterans of Foreign War Post 3880** euchre, 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

TUESDAY

■ **AI-Anon Family Groups** meet for discussion and Twelve Step study at noon, Union Congregational Church, 105 N. Forest Ave., Avon Park. Parking available south of old church.

■ **American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid** has shuffleboard and euchre, both at 1 p.m. Lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Boy Scout Troop 156** meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Lodge, 202 Robert Britt St., Avon Park. Boys ages 11-17 are eligible to join. For details, call 452-2385.

■ **Avon Park Library** has storytime at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

■ **Busy Bee Craft Club** meets 9-11 a.m., Fairway Pines, Sun 'N Lakes Boulevard, Sebring. Everyone is welcome. For more details, call 382-8431.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meets every Tuesday night at "The Rock," Union Congregational Church, 28 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park. A barbecue meal is served at 6 p.m. for a donation. At 6:45 p.m., members meet. At 7:30 p.m., the group breaks up into small groups for men and women. The program is designed for drug and alcohol addiction, divorce, death or illness grief, low or lost self-esteem or identity due to dysfunctional relationships, depression/anxiety, or any other need for healing. For details, contact Celebrate Recovery coordinator Pam Sim by calling 453-3345, ext. 106.

■ **Fletcher Music Club** meets every Thursday and Tuesday at Fletcher Music Center in Lakeshore Mall, Sebring. For more details, call 385-3288.

■ **G2G (Grandparent to Grandparent)**, a support group to help grandparents raising grandchildren, meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at One Hope United, 7195 S. George Blvd., Sebring. Call 214-9009.

■ **Heartland Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus** meets from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Sebring High School Music Room, Sebring. All men who enjoy singing are invited. Reading music is not required. Call 471-2294 or 386-5098.

■ **Highlands County Quilt Guild** meets first and third Tuesday, St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Sebring. Call Lynn Ullinn for meeting times at 314-0557 or e-mail luckyduck@mymailstation.com.

■ **Highlands Tea Party** has an educational and informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Quality Inn, 6525 U.S. 27 in Sebring. Call 699-0743.

■ **Hope Hospice** grief support group meets at 11 a.m. at 319 W. Center Ave., Sebring; and 4:30 p.m. at Southern Lifestyle ALF, across U.S. 27 from Florida Hospital Lake Placid. Call 382-0312.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** has classes in Parchment Embossing from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd., taught by Maria Lorant. For information, call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Elks 2661** opens its lounge at 1 p.m. at the lodge. Happy hour is from 2-5 p.m. Card games at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Grief Support (Hope Hospice)** meets at 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Southern Lifestyle, 1297 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid, with Charlie Stroup. Refreshments served. Door prize given. Call 465-0568.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** has euchre at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Lorida Community Club** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Lorida Community Center to plan events.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets from 9-10 a.m. every Tuesday at Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 W. Avon Blvd. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Visit www.FloridaRidgeIntergroup.com. For details, call 382-7731. Visit www.oa.org for more information on OA.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and has blood pressure screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. first and third Tuesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. For details, call 465-4888.

■ **Nar-Anon Support Group** for family members or friends of someone with a drug problem or addiction. Nar-Anon helps attain serenity and a more normal life for those affected by the addictions of loved ones, regardless of whether or not he/she has stopped using. 6 p.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring.

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■ **Rotary Club of Sebring (Noon)** meets at noon at the Sebring Civic Center, near the

library in downtown Sebring. For information, call 385-3829 or 471-9900.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** will have Duplicate Bridge games every Tuesday evening. If interested in playing Duplicate Bridge, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** plays darts, beginning with sign in at 6 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m. No experience necessary. Cost is \$2. For more details, call 471-3557.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves soft shell tacos 5-7 p.m. at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages from 1 p.m. to closing. Euchre is played at 6:30 p.m. 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., Sebring. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

■ **Sertoma Club** meets at 7 a.m. at Dee's Restaurant, Sebring. For details, call Scott Albritton at 402-1819.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter FL 99** meets from 6-7 p.m. at the Atonement Lutheran Church, 1744 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 655-1743.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter FL 618** has weigh in from 4-4:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church, 1400 CR-17A N., Avon Park. Meeting is at 4:45 p.m. For details, call 452-1093.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, plays darts 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** has sandwiches at 5 p.m. and Franke from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

WEDNESDAY

■ **50 Plus Singles Connection** is an activities club for all persons over 50. Members gather for dinner at various local restaurants and have other activities. The group meets at Beef O'Bradys on the last Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. For information call 452-1669.

■ **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families. New Life Group** meets Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. at Grace Bible Church, 4453 Thunderbird Road, Sebring. For details, call 446-0461. For details on the organization, go to www.adultchildren.org.

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Burgers served from 5-7 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Noon Rotary Club** meets noon, Rotary Club building, corner of Verona Avenue and Pine Street, Avon Park.

■ **Balance Transitions (Support Group For People Suffering From Mental Illness)** meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. with Qi-Gong to follow at 2:45 p.m. at 4023 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. Call 386-5687.

■ **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.

■ **The Bridgettes** meet at 12:15 p.m. at Sebring Recreation Center to play bridge. For details, call Sandra Yates at 655-5815.

■ **Christian Fellowship Group** meets 7 p.m. For details, call 381-9005 or 381-9007.

■ **Country Swingers** has dances at the Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., Sebring. Membership is required. Beginners dancing from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Advanced dancing is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. New dances taught every other week. Call 655-2398.

■ **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.

■ **Highlands County Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. at the Lakeside house, 1513 S. Highlands Ave., Avon Park. For details, call the 24-hour hotline 1-800-850-7347 or (941) 616-0460.

■ **Highlands Senior Center** is open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their new clubhouse, 3400 Sebring Parkway (the old Lions Club). Two live bands to dance to and great lunches. All area seniors are invited to join the festivities. Call 386-0752.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club**, 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) meets from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and socializing for members and any interested person. For details, call 382-2208.

■ **Kiwanis Club of Sebring** meets every Wednesday at noon at Homer's Restaurant. Call Grace Plants 273-1421 for more information.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** is open to members and their guests. Shuffleboard is at 1:30 p.m. Mah-Jong from 1-5 p.m. Lounge opens at 12:30 p.m. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** plays cards at night. Open to members and qualified guests only.

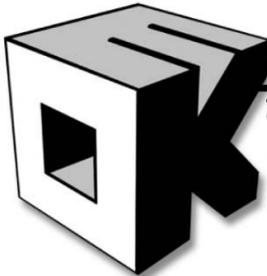
■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Dinner served every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous Never Alone Candlelight** meets at 7 p.m. at 133 N. Butler Ave. in Avon Park, near the First Congregational Church. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

■ **Over The Hill Gang** meets 10:15 a.m., Jim's Pistolarrow Range for target shooting. For details, call 655-4505.

■ **Rotary Club of Lake Placid (Morning Rotary)** meets at 6:44 a.m. at The Heron's Garden, 501 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid, just north of the Tower. Visiting Rotarians always welcome. Coffee only is \$2; full breakfast is \$7. Call 465-4834.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Wednesdays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.



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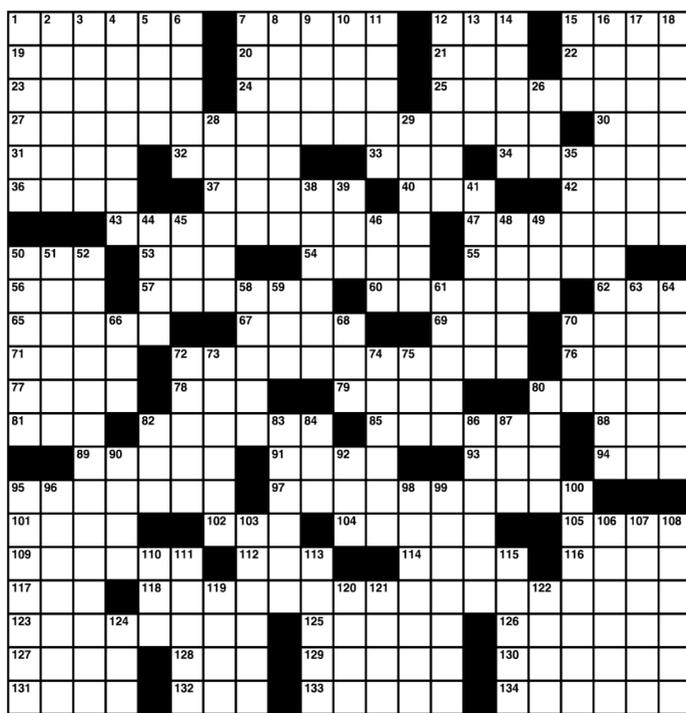
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- 1 Modern letters
 - 7 Surprise at the end
 - 12 Hot air
 - 15 Sight from Salzburg
 - 19 Trumpet relative
 - 20 Bandleader Shaw
 - 21 Job: Abbr.
 - 22 Dismiss
 - 23 Even (with)
 - 24 Composer Saint—
 - 25 Like some bandits
 - 27 George Bush in late 1992, say
 - 30 Green gp.
 - 31 Persian Gulf prince
 - 32 Unruly crowds
 - 33 In-flight no.
 - 34 Rip into
 - 36 Oaxaca "Of course!"
 - 37 "It Ain't All About the Cookin'" memoirist Deen
 - 40 Cut off
 - 42 Houston school
 - 43 Delivery lead-in
 - 47 Bolts again
 - 50 Animation frame
 - 53 Wine bottle word
 - 54 Requiem Mass hymn word
 - 55 Nook download
 - 56 60 minuti
 - 57 Souped-up wheels
 - 60 "Psst!"
 - 62 How a player may turn
 - 65 "Have ___!"
 - 67 Missed ___
 - 69 It's charged
 - 70 Either 2007 Best Director
 - 71 H.S. freshmen may take it
 - 72 Make-believe intro
 - 76 Webster's entries: Abbr.
 - 77 Twenty somethings?
 - 78 Poet's preposition
 - 79 Prehistorical author Jean
 - 80 "Understand?"
 - 81 Who, in Quebec
 - 82 "Soap" actor Robert
- 85 Phone button
- 88 Code carrier
- 89 Take away
- 91 Noggin
- 93 "Ciao!"
- 94 "___ Blues": Beatles "White Album" song
- 95 Facets
- 97 Heads-up discovery
- 101 Field shield
- 102 Numerical prefix
- 104 He replaced Gumbel on "Today"
- 105 Old U.S. gas
- 109 Soldiers
- 112 Baby docs
- 114 Hi's spouse, in comics
- 116 At what point
- 117 Old rule in India
- 118 Danube School artists
- 123 Pub
- 125 Worst or best conclusion?
- 126 Like olde England
- 127 Winans of gospel
- 128 Former Giants closer Robb ___
- 129 ___ Islands: autonomous Danish province
- 130 Eye slyly
- 131 French bean?
- 132 One may have several scenes
- 133 Some grenades, briefly
- 134 Lifts
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- 1 Places to study anglais, perhaps
 - 2 Endearing words from Étienne
 - 3 Friend of Athos
 - 4 At risk
 - 5 Heavy metal
 - 6 Pick alternative
 - 7 Launches may originate from one
 - 8 Concludes
 - 9 Roman road of yore
 - 10 Trig ratio

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- 11 "Veronica Mars" actress Thompson
- 12 Treating nicely
- 13 Proactiv target
- 14 Essence
- 15 Liberia's cont.
- 16 Edward Lear output as a unit
- 17 Assortment for sale
- 18 Gets ready for surgery
- 26 Dined
- 28 Quit (on)
- 29 "Maybe"
- 35 Back for a buck?
- 38 Home in bed, perhaps
- 39 Word with ball or guitar
- 41 Exploit
- 44 Sore
- 45 Monastic title: Abbr.
- 46 "Uh-uh"
- 48 WWII issue
- 49 Actor ___ Diamond Phillips
- 50 2002 Hewlett-Packard acquisition
- 51 Title words repeated after "Como una promesa," in a 1974 song
- 52 Kaufman play based on the Matthew Shepard incident, with "The"
- 58 Gave two stars, say
- 59 It produces lieutenants
- 61 Return
- 63 Purify
- 64 GM tracking system
- 66 Dol. parts
- 68 Generation
- 70 B-F span
- 72 Not under, with "at"
- 73 One of the Gallos
- 74 "Aha!"
- 75 Casual shirt
- 80 Secluded valley
- 82 Big ___
- 83 They're extemporaneous
- 84 ___-TURN
- 86 Spanish airline
- 87 Author Rand
- 90 Bank seizure, for short
- 92 12th-century date
- 95 Engage
- 96 Hillshire Farm parent company
- 98 Holiday warmer
- 99 Community inhabitants
- 100 Longbow wood source
- 103 Porcupine, e.g.
- 106 Himalayan leader
- 107 Soap, e.g.
- 108 Starts
- 110 Mideast org. since 1964
- 111 Gym plus
- 113 Sneer (at)
- 115 Ninnies
- 119 Tiny amt. of time
- 120 At a distance
- 121 Chute opener?
- 122 Old Nair rival
- 124 Bit of a laugh

Stop and smell the roses, Capricorn

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20) – Aries, frustration sets in and it is easy to get pushed to your limit. A close friend can put you in better spirits in a matter of minutes. Connect with this person.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) – Taurus, you will be in a social mood this week and that means that a party or some other event is certain to be in your future. Open up the event to many for extra fun.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) – Gemini, making hard decisions about your personal life is not easy. However, it has to be done this week if you are to move on to something else that needs attention.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – Cancer, unless you can censor yourself, it's best to avoid social situations this week. There are too many chances for you to say something that can get you into trouble.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) – A new hobby can occupy your time, Leo. Now you just have to find something that you will enjoy. Perhaps an outdoor activity that will be perfect for the warm weather.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) – It could be time to make another move, Virgo. The current situation is just not working out as you would like. Recognize when it is time to move on.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Familial obligations can put a damper on social situations, Libra. But it's not often that family call on you for some support. Clear your

Snapshots

calendar later in the week.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – This is the week to break out of your shell, Scorpio. Try something adventurous and completely out of your comfort zone. You might just enjoy the results.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Schedule a vacation or time away from someone, Sagittarius. The absence will let you better understand the dynamic of the relationship, so it can blossom.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – Capricorn, though the sentiment may seem trite, stop and smell the roses. Rushing to and fro is not the way to get things done this week. It is time to slow down.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) – Aquarius, it's been a challenge balancing everything, but this week you will finally fall into a groove. Your spouse or a close friend will be instrumental to your success.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Pisces, creative thinking can present clever ways to handle mundane tasks or special things that need attention.

Famous birthdays

May 29 - Melissa Etheridge, singer, 50; May 30 - Steven Gerrard, athlete, 31; May 31 - Brooke Shields, actress, 46; June 1 - Heidi Klum, model, 38; June 2 - Justin Long, actor, 33; June 3 - Anderson Cooper, journalist, 44; June 4 - Russell Brand, actor, 36.

Perfect' husband may just be hiding imperfect secret

Dear Abby: My husband is gentle, romantic, strong, kind and considerate. He's the "perfect 10." The problem is, I think he has an "afternoon delight."

He's home every night and tells me every day that he loves me. We have been married many years. We're young at heart, but not so young in years. I'm not asking for advice, because leaving him is not an option. The signs have been there, and I have proof. Our home life is good.

I just want to understand why this has been going on. Do some men need more than just marriage?

— *For Better Or Worse in Trenton, N.J.*

Dear Better Or Worse: There is a name for men who need more than

just marriage. They are called bachelors. Married men who stray are known as cheaters and adulterers. If your husband has someone on the side, then the surest way to find out why it's happening is to inform him the jig is up, explain that you have proof, and demand an explanation.

Dear Abby: It has been a long time since I've told a man I'm interested in him or that I really like him. What advice could you give me to keep me from feeling like an idiot and saying the wrong thing? He's a special guy and I don't want to screw this up.

— *Nervous in Reading, Pa.*

Dear Nervous: Do it gradually. Start out by describing the qualities



Dear Abby

he has that you find special — his sense of humor, his intellect, his style of dress, his wonderful manners, how kindly he treats others. Another time, tell him how much you enjoy his company, and how comfortable you feel with him because of the things you have in common.

Tell him he looks wonderful if he makes the extra effort.

Paying compliments will get your message across. Unless he walks around with his head in a bucket, he'll understand what you're trying

to convey. Trust me.

Dear Abby: My husband and I recently found out that I am pregnant. We are, of course, very excited. We have decided to wait until I have completed my first trimester before telling family and friends.

We are friends with a couple who is having a difficult time getting pregnant, and we want to be sensitive to their feelings.

We attend the same church and we plan on announcing our pregnancy in church. Do you think we should inform the couple privately? If so, what should we say?

— *Friends in Texas*

Dear Friends: The thoughtful thing to do would be to approach the

couple shortly before you make the public announcement and tell them that you will be announcing the pregnancy in church — but because you are so close, you thought they should know first.

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What about the children?

It was a very cold winter night in North Carolina. But the anticipation of a hayride through a beautifully lighted Christmas display helped us keep vigil on the long line.

Even our 5 1/2-year-old grandson exhibited great patience as we hopped around trying to keep warm. Finally our wait ended as our turn to board the hayride came.

As we moved along down the darkened trail, glowing, twinkling lights ahead welcomed us into a winter wonderland. We meandered along slowly taking in sights to the left, right, ahead and behind.

Then as our journey was coming to an end, we saw a tribute to our men and women in uniform. This being a highly visible military community, it was very appropriate even (or, perhaps, especially) at this time of the year.

I said, "Look, Jonathon, this is to honor your Daddy."

He responded, "This is for my Daddy?"

"Yes," I said, "and for all



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

of the people serving in the military." He was quiet for a while as he viewed a flag in lights, special effects, and listened to the patriotic music in the background. He knew what it meant to not have his daddy around as he was living in the heart of a long deployment.

His next words amazed and, at first, confused me.

"But, what about the children? Don't they remember the children?"

We had just come through display after display designed to bless little children and give them a sense of wonder and delight. Why this question? And, then, it hit me.

The ones who remain at home...wives and loved ones who keep the home fires burning; the little ones who

are not able to understand why daddy isn't home and who have only a small concept of time; these are also serving and deserve our prayers, praise and honor.

Even the Bible commends our standing firm amidst the many changes and challenges of life by encouraging us to be secure in God's armor, as seen in Ephesians 6:10 and 13, NKJV, where it says, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might...Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

On this Memorial Day Weekend — as we remember all those who gave their lives, were wounded or who are still serving for "liberty and justice for all" — let's also remember the children and the spouses who also serve who only stand and wait. Selah

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■ Just prior to Memorial Day weekend, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) places American flags before the grave-stones and niches of service members. The ceremony is called "Flags In."



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■ Frank Woodruff Buckles, the last surviving American World War I veteran, passed away on Feb. 27, 2011, at age 110. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on March 15, 2011.



ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

■ Arlington has one of the larger columbariums in the country for cremated remains. Ongoing construction will expand the columbarium so that it will house the remains of more than 100,000 people.



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■ The Tomb of the Unknowns is one of the more-visited sites at Arlington. The 79-ton Yule marble tomb was completed in 1932, at a cost of \$48,000. It's guarded by the U.S. Army 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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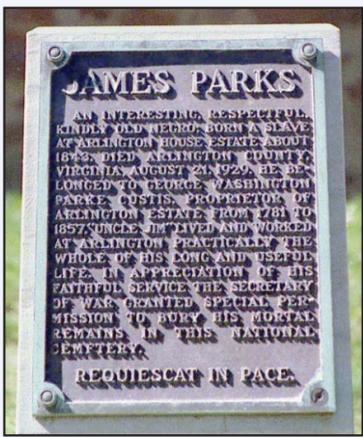


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■ There is one man in the cemetery who was also born on the property. His name is James Parks and he was a slave there that dug some of the very first graves in Arlington National Cemetery. Parks is buried in section 15.



ARLINGTON HOUSE

■ There are almost 3,800 former slaves who lived on the Arlington Estate interred in Section 27. Their headstones can be told apart from the others by the inscription "citizen" or "civilian."

■ Thurgood Marshall was laid to rest in Arlington. Marshall was the first black justice in the United States. He was appointed to the position in 1967 by President Lyndon B. Johnson.



NATIONAL ARCHIVES

■ There are four former Supreme Court chief justices buried in Arlington: William Howard Taft, Earl Warren, Warren Earl Burger and William Hubbs Rehnquist.

■ The first woman Naval pilot, Barbara Rainey, is buried in the cemetery. She was killed in an air accident while training another pilot.

■ Mary Robert Rinehart, America's first woman war correspondent during World War I for the Saturday Evening Post, is buried in Arlington. Rinehart also wrote mystery novels, including "The Circular Staircase" and "The Bat."



NATIONAL ARCHIVES

■ There are 19 astronauts buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

■ There are two presidents buried in Arlington National Cemetery, William Howard Taft and John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Lying just across the river from Washington D.C., Arlington National Cemetery bears witness to America's history, pays tribute to our military and recognizes the sacrifice made by our men and women in uniform.

The Arlington Mansion and the surrounding 200 acres were designated an official military cemetery on June 15, 1864, by Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

Since then more than 300,000 people have been buried there. Among them: Soldiers from all the nation's wars (pre-Civil War dead were reinterred after 1900), presidents, Supreme Court justices and former slaves of the property.

The cemetery is still active and conducts nearly 6,900 burials each year.

Here are a few things you may not know about Arlington National Cemetery.

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■ There are currently about 5,000 unknown military servicemen and women interred at Arlington National Cemetery. The first two unknowns, both Union Soldiers, were laid to rest on May 15, 1864.

■ The flags in Arlington National Cemetery are flown at half-staff from a half hour before the first funeral until a half hour after the last funeral each day. Funerals are normally conducted five days a week, excluding weekends.

■ The Arlington Estate was originally built as a memorial to George Washington by one of his grandsons, George Washington Parke Custis. Congress bought the property on March 3, 1883, for \$150,000.

■ The first serviceman laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery was Private William Henry Christman from the 67th Pennsylvania Infantry on May 13, 1864.

■ Robert E. Lee lived on the property with his wife as a custodian but was never an owner of the property.

■ There are four Medal of Honor recipients in section 27 of Arlington National Cemetery. They are:

Landsman William H. Brown, U.S. Navy during the Civil War

Sgt. James H. Harris, U.S. Army during the Civil War

Pvt. James Richmond, U.S. Army during the Civil War. Richmond captured the flag at Gettysburg during the Civil War.

Sgt. Thomas Shaw, U.S. Army during 1881's Indian Campaigns.

VISITING ARLINGTON:

More than 4 million people visit Arlington National Cemetery every year. The site, which includes a comprehensive visitor center, is opened to the public at 8 a.m. 365 days a year. Between April 1 and Sept. 30, the cemetery closes at 7 p.m. The rest of the year it closes at 5 p.m.

There is no charge to visit the cemetery, but you must pay to park.

BURIAL AT ARLINGTON:

Active duty Armed Forces members, veterans retired from active military service, certain decorated veterans, former prisoners of war and U.S. presidents, are among those eligible to be buried at Arlington. Also eligible: Spouses, widows, minor children and certain unmarried adult children of eligible veterans. A complete list of eligibility requirements is available online at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

Upon the passing of an eligible veteran or family member, funeral directors can contact the Interment Office at Arlington to make arrangements (1-877-907-8585).

ONLINE:

■ www.arlingtoncemetery.mil — Find information on funerals, including eligibility requirements and scheduling services, as well as visitor info.

■ <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/> — Find out locations of those buried in Arlington National Cemetery, or any other government cemetery.



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SALUTES AND TRADITION

The "21-gun salute" is often confused with the ceremonial act of firing three volleys at military and police funerals, but these are two completely different rituals. The "21-gun salute" stems from naval tradition and is an expression of welcome offered to dignitaries, like U.S. presidents.

The ritual of firing gun salutes has existed for centuries and the act of firing an odd number of shots reflects long held superstitions that odd numbers are considered lucky. Early naval gun salutes consisted of seven shots. Forts on shore, which could store more gunpowder, would sometimes fire three shots for each shot fired by the ship, thus 21.

The firing of three rifle volleys by the honor guard at military and police funerals is a burial custom, intended as a reminder, not a salute or greeting. The tradition most likely stems from battlefield practices. As firearms were introduced, the custom of firing three volleys was established to cease fighting

so the dead and wounded could be retrieved from the battlefield.

After the last rifle volley during a funeral, the bugler then sounds taps also known as "Butterfield's Lullaby." When taps is played at a funeral, only serving members of the military or veterans should salute. Civilians should place their right hand over their heart.

— Jennifer Pritchard, MCT

SOURCES: ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY WEB SITE, WWW.HISTORY.NAVY.MIL, WWW.WEST-POINT.ORG

