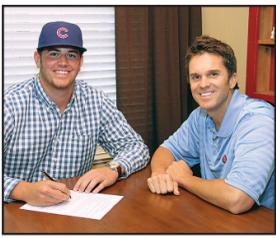


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SNL tax deed situation is a 'mess'

Buyers, county don't want more than 1,655 lots delinquent on taxes

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — County Commissioners voted 5-0 on Tuesday to spend \$130,000 from contingency funds for what County Attorney Ross Macbeth called a "mess."

The money was pulled from the rainy day fund to cover tax deed sales for lots in the Sun 'N Lake Improvement District.

"They don't want it and we don't want to pay the assessments, so it's in limbo. We

have to follow these statutory requirements, which are a waste of money," Macbeth said.

The problem arises from both land speculation and the housing crash, Clerk of Courts Bob Germaine said.

Germaine informed the commission that Florida Statute requires the county to process the deeds and take ownership after a certain time. More than 1,655 lots are now delinquent. The county has no choice.

"If you don't pay your taxes, a certificate is sold. We have a ton of property in Sun 'N Lakes that nobody will touch. There are a lot of assessments out there."

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'How the Other Half Loves'



News-Sun photos by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Ellen Lemos plays Teresa Philips in the HLT production of 'How the Other Half Loves' starting tonight. 'The character is a lousy mother and a nasty wife,' said Lemos.

Confusion creates laughter at HLT

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — "How the Other Half Loves" is the latest Highlands Little Theatre production. It opens tonight and runs through June 24. A comedy directed by Laura Wade, "How the Other Half Loves" was written by Alan Ayckbourn, the popular British playwright. It debuted in 1969.

Americanized and set in 1970, the play is a comedy of manners and confusion. It involves six characters — three couples — who

become entangled in misunderstandings, false assumptions and mistaken identities.

The plot revolves around two couples, the Fosters, who are very well off, and the Philips family, who are on the low side of middle class. A third couple, the Detwilers, are innocents drawn into the fray.

Fiona Foster (played by newcomer Linda Dobson-Hacker) is married to Frank Foster (played by

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Chris Martin tries to open a bottle of wine, while Ellen Lemos leers from the back.

County coffers could lose \$2M

Lower property values to blame

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — The board of County Commissioners were told Tuesday that the county budget could see a \$2 million drop in revenues because of lower property values.

Property Appraiser C. Raymond McIntyre stressed that the June 1 numbers were estimates only and that the certified numbers would be released on July 1, as per state statute, but informed the commission that overall property values were running about 4.16 percent lower in the 2012 tax year as compared to the 2011 certified numbers.

"We have come full cycle. We are back to the 2002-2003 values," said McIntyre.

Last year, the 120,000 county parcels were certified at \$4.7 billion and this year were currently tracking at \$4.5 billion, a \$195.9 million drop.

McIntyre explained that the drop

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CANDIDATE PROFILE

Fleck's goals 'committed to the classroom'

■ **Editor's Note:** The News-Sun will be profiling all the candidates for county offices leading up to the elections.

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Becky Fleck is running for the position of school superintendent. She is currently the assistant superintendent for curriculum and management information systems.

Fleck arrived where she's at the long way around. Even her move out of the classroom into administration was the



Courtesy photo
Long-time district employee Becky Fleck is running for superintendent of schools

result of having to adjust to change.

An "Air Force brat," Fleck spent much of her childhood traveling extensively. She

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APHS' McGrath recognized for outstanding heroism

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — An Avon Park High School has been recognized by the ROTC as a certified hero.

Kenneth McGrath had finished his freshman year when he joined 90 other young people for a camping experience last August. The annual trip into the wild is organized and run by the Union Congregational Church.

Twenty-five of the campers

where riding tubes in the Little Pigeon River nine miles outside of Gatlinburg, Tenn.

It had rained the night before, said Senior Pastor Bill Breylinger, and the river was running fast. "The tubing was good," he added, "but a little more dangerous."

A tree had come down into the river, blocking the right side and leaving only about 3

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'Celebrity Dinner' raises \$9,000 for Pediatric Unit

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — With the help of local celebrities, hungry patrons and Yanni's Prime Choice Restaurant, the Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center Foundation Celebrity Dinner raised more than \$9,000 in its effort to update and expand pediatric services.

Florida Hospital in Sebring has partnered with the Walt Disney Pavilion at Florida Hospital for Children in Orlando, to offer the best and most comprehensive care.

Local notables served an enthusiastic crowd of more than 260 guests, a new record for this benefit's third year. Special thanks to the "waiters" for the evening: Jon and Sharon Beck, First Baptist Church of Avon Park; Dr. Raisa Camilo, Sun 'n Lake Medical Group; Bill Benton, CliftonLarson Allen; Kim Heintz, Highlands Independent Bank; Bill and Lisa Jarrett, Bill Jarrett Ford; Andrew Katsanis, Grace Bible Church of Sebring; Drs. Carmelita and Abe Lim, Carmelita Lim, MD and Associates; Jean Lund, Tom

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Through the efforts of Celebrity Dinner and an 18-month Foundation campaign to raise more than \$200,000, Florida Hospital will offer an updated pediatric unit and expanded services to families in Highlands and Hardee County.

Florida Hospital Foundation would like to sincerely thank the Gertrude S. McGrew Trust and SunTrust Bank Foundation for their generous contributions to help kick off the campaign. For more information, call the Florida Hospital Foundation at 402-5369.



Courtesy photo
Celebrity servers and the Foundation team pose for a group photo.

EDC to hold company picnic

Public invited to pack a lunch Saturday at Henscratch Farms

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — It's a good, old-fashioned summer picnic, and this time the entire county is invited.

"It's open to the public, but the main theme is to let our prominent businesses know about some of our other local businesses," said Kristina Anderson, executive director of the Highlands County Economic Development Commission about Saturday's Highlands County company picnic.

The picnic will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Henscratch Winery on Henscratch Road in Lake Placid.

"One of the biggest areas of business is between businesses. We have some opportunities to there here in Highlands County. This is a great chance to network businesses together," Anderson said on Thursday.

"This will be fun for the whole family. There will be a lot of the traditional fam-

ily events, included a three-legged race, prizes and it's all free to participate," Anderson said.

Her organization will provide the area, fun and prizes, but she encouraged participants to pack a lunch.

"It's a picnic, bring a picnic. We are providing pre-ordered lunch for \$10 if you call our office before 5 p.m. on Friday, but we are encouraging everyone to bring lunch," Anderson said.

"The Winery will be open for taste testing and the gift shop is scheduled to be open. The Shake Shack will also be open," said Anderson.

Anderson said the weather will have cleared by the time the picnic starts and she expects a pretty good turn out.

"I was afraid it was going to be too hot, but with the rain, there should be cooler weather. It will be perfect for a picnic basket," Anderson said.

Contact the EDC at 863-453-2818 or on the web at



Photo by Tom Sileo
From left: Tom Sileo, Ryan Manion, Staff Sgt. Travis Mills and Chloe Mills, Kelsey Mills. Staff Sgt. Mills, 25, is hospitalized at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

A real-life American idol

More than 20 million people tuned in for the season finale of "American Idol" on May 23. While the program's ratings are down, many continue to obsess over every detail of a glorified talent show, even while tens of thousands of U.S. troops fight in Afghanistan.

With all due respect to Phillip Phillips, the winner of this year's contest, I got to meet a real celebrity on May 24 in Bethesda, Md. His name is Staff Sgt. Travis Mills, and the wounded warrior represents all that is good about our country.

The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center is a place where startling examples of our military's post-9/11 sacrifices are tragically commonplace. While walking through the enormous facility's long hallways, I saw several wounded warriors — many with severe injuries — roll by on their wheelchairs.

Many of these heroes are barely old enough to buy a beer.

Staff Sgt. Mills is 25, and his wife, Kelsey, gave birth to their first child about seven months before an Apr. 10 explosion robbed the soldier of both his arms and legs. I was holding their baby girl, Chloe, when the wounded Army paratrooper came out of the hospital elevator with his wife.

Seeing a young, handsome man without four limbs for the first time is a visceral experience. But not for one second did I look away, as I was proud to be in the company of someone who sacrificed so much to protect the families of civilians like me.

As I put my hand on his shoulder to say thanks, the Vassar, Mich. native looked up, smiled, and said five simple words.

"How's it going?" Staff Sgt. Mills said. "I'm Travis."

Perhaps the most unique aspect of the visit was getting to see Travis interact with Ryan Manion. Ryan lost her brother, Marine 1st Lt. Travis Manion, 26, in Iraq on Apr. 29, 2007. We visited the Mills family to show our support and provide emergency financial assistance from the Travis Manion Foundation.

Ryan immediately bonded with the wounded warrior, who shares her brother's first name and his powerful, intrinsic urge to serve our country. As they talked about the challenges of the six weeks since an enemy improvised explosive device changed the soldier's life, Ryan gave him a pep talk.

"You're allowed to spend some time feeling sorry for yourself," she said with a smile. "But just remember that you get to see your beautiful little girl grow up."

Travis nodded his head, looked at Chloe, and incredibly, said he was a lucky man.



If an enemy sniper's bullet had struck Ryan's brother a few inches in either direction, 1st Lt. Manion may have come home in a wheelchair instead of a flag-draped casket.

"I would give anything to have Travis here, no matter what kind of shape he was in," Ryan told the Mills family.

As Ryan showed compassion for another hero named Travis, the quadruple amputee showed the same genuine empathy towards her. Witnessing the interaction between two people who have been so deeply affected by America's post-9/11 conflicts was both sobering and enlightening.

Baby Chloe is too young to understand what's happened to her dad, yet she loves him more than ever. She often sits at the base of his wheelchair — where a patient's legs

would normally rest — and gives him huge bear hugs. Given the love that's surrounding Travis, as well as his positive attitude, there is reason for optimism amid incomprehensible pain.

As Americans, we can no longer ignore the sacrifices of our troops and their families. While there is nothing wrong with distracting ourselves by going to the movies or watching a "reality" TV show, too many of us — particularly some in the national media — are creating an alternate reality while our country is still at war.

My reminder of America's continuing conflict is a red, white, and blue bracelet given to me by the Mills family. On one side is the address of a wonderful website set up to rally around the wounded soldier: travismills.org. "American hero" is written on the other.

Staff Sgt. Travis Mills objects to being called an American hero. In his mind, he was just doing his job. In mine, he is a real-life American Idol.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Commodities to be distributed

SEBRING — Commodities will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m. today at The Salvation Army, 3135 Kenilworth Blvd.; phone 385-7548, ext. 306.

If you already have your 2012 Commodities Card, pick up the commodities in the Drop Off lane. If not, you must come inside and register for the new 2012 year. You will then receive your new card and your commodities.

Red Hatters monthly Bunco luncheon

SEBRING — The monthly Red Hatters Bunco Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. today at The Caddy Shack Restaurant (across from Harder Hall). Lunch is "Dutch Treat" and there is a \$2 donation to play Bunco, which is awarded in prizes.

One does not need to know how to play and all Red Hatters are welcome. Call 382-9882.

Military Order of Purple Heart to hold golf scramble

SEBRING — Harder Hall Country Club will be the site of Saturday's Military Order of Purple Heart Golf Scramble. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Awards will be presented for closest to the pin. Cohan Radio Group is sponsoring a \$2,000 Hole-in-One prize. Mulligans, door prizes and 50/50 drawing will also be a part of the event's activities.

A grilled lunch will follow the tournament for each participant. Cold refreshments will be available on the golf course.

For more information, contact Harry Marsh at 655-1982 or Fred Arbelo

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Centennial Committee, Chamber prep for celebration

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The Sebring Centennial event calendar has filled up for the main celebration week, Oct. 12-19, and organizers are working to get the final details in place.

Centennial planning committee members and the Sebring Chamber of Commerce teamed up Tuesday

evening during the city council meeting with list of requests for the Centennial week celebrations.

Chamber CEO Kristie Sottile presented council with a request for an Open Container Ordinance waiver for a planned chamber mixer to be held in conjunction with a Centennial event on Oct. 18.

The Centennial Committee, represented by Jane Hancock, also

requested a number of items from the Council Tuesday.

"We are requesting approval for a few road closures, one state road closure," said Hancock.

During the Centennial week celebration, the Sebring Circle will be in full use as parades and other events take place in the area.

Most of the spoke streets as well as South Ridgewood Avenue (state

closure) will be blocked off to traffic, according to diagrams provided by the committee.

Sottile had stated at a previous council meeting plans to update and renovate the downtown Sebring chamber Office location to become more of a point of interest leading up to the Centennial events.

Renovations may include painting, pressure washing and new

lighting. Sottile plans to open the downtown Chamber on Sundays beginning in October.

The waiver request for Open Container Ordinance was approved by council members.

Council also approved requests for closures, hanging of banners and parking lot closures for the week's events.



News-Sun file photo

Kianna Blue, 10, a student at Woodlawn Elementary School, concentrates on distributing dessert at the New Testament Mission as part of last summer's Smart Girls Ministry.

Summer program presents girls with smart choices

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Sherell Simpson is beyond excited and ready for another year of the summer program she designed and founded.

Simpson is the mind behind the Smart Girls' Ministry Inc., a newly labeled a non-profit organization that focuses on uplifting and directing young girls on a path to a better life.

This summer marks the second run of the Smart Girls Ministry Summer Workshop, which will take place June 25-29.

The program is a unique and fun way for girls in grades 5-12 to get a new perspective on their lives while occupying themselves during the summer.

"We are losing our girls," said Simpson. "We are losing them. They are becoming early moms, prostituting themselves, becoming dropouts. This program is a way to uplift them."

Not only is Simpson hoping to steer the girls in a positive direction, she is working to break up the monotony of summer vacation.

"They get bored. My daughter tells me 'Mom, I'm bored.'" This gives them

something to do and look forward to," Simpson said.

Smart Girls' Ministry works to present the young ladies with "positive self-actualized women so that each girl will be able to see their potential." The program is faith-based and ministry and religion play a major role in the everyday process of the program.

"We want the girls to see the vision that God has for their lives. The Lord blessed me and put someone in my path and planted the seed for this (program)," said Simpson.

The first workshop brought in 33 girls, most of which were middle-school aged, Simpson's target group.

Middle schoolers are at a persuasive age and Simpson wants to get those girls in a positive program and lifestyle rather than having them fall into the wrong crowd and begin a life of negative choices.

"This year we are hoping to get 50 girls. Of course, if we get more we won't turn them away. We will do what we can to accommodate everyone," Simpson said. "It's going to be a fun and laugh-filled environment. We will boost them up, that's what we want to

do."

The Smart Girls' Ministry also teaches the girls how to be a service-minded individual through its community outreach day as well as teaching the attendees career goals, planning and life skills, social interaction and much more. The program will also include entertainment from a well-known Miami gospel artist, activities, daily lunches, and snacks.

At the finale of the activity filled week, each of the attendees will receive a certificate of completion and the opportunity to purchase a Smart Girls' Ministry T-shirt for \$10.

"I've had lots of support from the community for this project. The sponsors and donations from Alan Jay and Office Depot has been so great. They donated all of the pencils and papers and folders for the program. And I couldn't have done this without my executive assistant and husband Tyrone Simpson," she said.

Smart Girls Ministry will be hosted by Trinity Worship Center at 512 S. Orange St. in Sebring.

Contact Simpson at 253-4288 or send an email to smartgirlsministry@yahoo.com/.

Sebring man cited for damage to Lake Jackson

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — A Sebring man was charged with damaging state lands along the northwest shore of Lake Jackson in Sebring by using a tractor to clear and till a quarter-mile-long, 100-yard-wide swath of lake bottom.

A month-long investigation by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission resulted in a citation to William D. Askin, 46. Askin admitted to mowing aquatic plants and tilling the exposed lake bottom without a permit. The violation (F.S. 375.314) for damaging state property with a motor vehicle is a second-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to \$1,000 and/or 60 days in jail. Askin will pay a \$459.25 fine.

"In addition to damaging the lake bottom, it is also likely that bird nests were destroyed. However, we did not witness that damage occurring," said Matt Ervin, investigating officer for the FWC. "Anyone responsible for destruction of state and federally protected species could face much steeper fines."

Bird enthusiasts reported the violation to the FWC on May 6. According to Askin, friends who live near the lake asked him to mow the area to improve their view. Askin admitted to having engaged in the practice for several years.

"Unfortunately, this type of illegal activity is becoming more common as Highlands County and other inland areas grow in population, with our wildlife and fisheries suffering for it,"

FWC Lt. Joe Allen said.

Damage to state lands or other illegal activity involving fish and wildlife should be reported to the Wildlife Alert Hotline by texting

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Drowning victim identified

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SEBRING — The identity of a 20-year-old who drowned Friday was released by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office today.

Chief Deputy Mark C. Schrader released the name of Elijan Gaffney and his mother, Taylor Rippen, 19, after requests form the press.

The male toddler was found in a pool around 9:15 a.m. Friday in the Golf Hammock Subdivision and was transported to Florida Hospital, but efforts to resuscitate him failed.

According to Schrader, "the case remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office - Criminal Investigations Unit."

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Don't take us back to days of 'Flori-duh'

The Scott administration's attempt to purge the voting rolls of suspected noncitizens violates federal civil rights laws, the Justice Department warns.

And the GOP-led Legislature's law imposing a 48-hour deadline on the League of Women Voters, Rock the Vote and other third-party groups that hold voter registration drives is a bust, a federal judge rules.

Democrats cry voter suppression. Republicans insist they're simply trying to prevent voter fraud. Who's right?

The problem is the way state GOP leaders in Florida (and various other GOP-led states) are going about it. They want to "prevent" a problem that there's no evidence even exists. It carries the stench of voter suppression in a presidential election year when Florida is among a handful of swing states key to victory for either President Barack Obama or his Republican opponent, Mitt Romney.

Back in the contentious presidential nail-biter of 2000, the integrity of Florida's voting system was challenged by butterfly ballots and dimpled chads and a purge of thousands of voters the state deemed to be ineligible felons when, in fact, they were eligible to vote. Those structural problems were fixed years later by federal and state laws, with new ballot scan machines in Florida and rules that made early voting possible days before the official Election Day. The point was to have access to voting and transparency.

But now, Florida seems to be heading back to those "Flori-duh" days of purging voters who have every right to vote and finding ways to limit young people, immigrants and minorities — who typically lean Democrat — from voting

with onerous rules on voter-registration drives, restrictions U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle called "risky business" for those groups that faced \$1,000 in fines if they submit new voter forms past the 48-hour rule.

Hinkle struck down the 48-hour limit and a requirement that voter registration groups disclose the names of volunteers who don't even collect the forms. His injunction returns Florida to a much more flexible 10-day timeline to submit voter forms.

Scott, who set up residence in the Sunshine State only a few years ago, should be sensitive to Florida voters' concerns about transparency, even if those voters are not from his party. He is the governor of all Floridians, after all. Appealing the judge's decision just a couple of months before the August primary for state and congressional elections would be the wrong course.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

A plan to fill in dredge hole

Editor:

Here's my plan to fill in the "dredge hole" in Lake Jackson at City Pier: Get a large group of people. Some with shovels and some with small water craft (rowboats, canoes, kayaks). Have a large supply of five-gallon pails. Fill pails with "approved" fill.

Lots of good healthy exercise for the shovelers.

Transport to site via small craft — again, good healthy exercise for rowers, paddlers.

Dump into hole. Weight lifting is healthy exercise.

Repeat until hole is filled.

It will take a day, two days, maybe a week. But it will not take two years of talking and assigning blame. Unfortunately, nobody in a position of responsibility will want to do this because nobody will be paid. It will be fun, though, if enough people get involved.

Oh, will also need waivers signed by each volunteer because of the inherent danger of working near water. God forbid the city gets sued.

Tom Walsh
Sebring

hosting our sliced pork barbecue on Saturday, June 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Stuart Park to raise additional funds. Tickets are available by calling Kim at 465-2313, or Brittney at 465-6622. In town, delivery of meals will be available to local businesses, if requested in advance.

The majority of the funding for the fireworks display comes directly from the generous donations of local businesses and citizens in our wonderful town. We are pleased to announce that the Town of Lake Placid has made an extraordinary donation of \$5,000 towards this year's fireworks display!

The cost to put on such a show is approximately \$12,000. Without your generous support, our small club would be unable to produce such a spectacular event year after year. If you are able to contribute to our annual salute to America, please send your donations to: Lake Placid Jaycees Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 2490, Lake Placid, FL 33862-2490.

Donations also may be dropped off at Happiness Farms, Clarke Pest Control or the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce.

We thank you in advance for your support and we invite you and your friends and your neighbors to attend the fireworks display over Lake June at 9 p.m., Tuesday, July 3. We also invite you to join us for our delicious sliced pork barbecue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, June 16, at Stuart Park.

Lyle Wilson and Donald Clarke
Lake Placid Jaycees 2012
Fireworks chairmen

More educated fools than people with common sense

Editor:

Am I the only person confused by what I read in the newspapers and see and hear on TV?

First I hear "vote against Obama Care." Before I vote, can anyone tell me exactly what is "Obama Care?" I hear all kinds of statements, pro and con, but I really haven't read what it is exactly.

Next, all this talk about FCAT. Well, I know it is a test, but exactly what is the test? Does it test to see if the children can read, write (yes cursive, not just print), make change, know how to figure how much paint to buy to paint a wall, how to kill weeds (how much weed killer to buy for a certain size yard), how to double a recipe (or cut one down) and I could go on and on. However, my point is do they know how to live in the real world? They can study advanced math, etc., but do they know the basics? Are the teachers being allowed to teach them these basics or are they held accountable for how well they do on some test?

Maybe I am way off base, but it seems we have a lot of educated fools and a lot of people with no common sense. Am I the only person who feels this way? I think not, but would appreciate hearing other comments.

Alice Finkelstein
Avon Park

Donations sought for LP fireworks

Editor:

We are approaching the time of year when we will again celebrate the birth of our country. It is a time to reflect on the generosity and courage that makes our country the greatest on earth. It is also time to take a moment to remember all those who have sacrificed to build our vast nation from the wilderness that was discovered so very long ago.

It is with the humbling respect and patriotic spirit, that we, the Lake Placid Jaycees, organize the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration every year. As you know, our members work hard throughout the year to raise money for this wonderful event. We will be

Bishop is candidate of choice

Editor:

Whether I am volunteering for Ag-Venture, Highlands County Cattlewomen, or a youth project, I know I can depend on Susie Bishop. She knows how to be part of a team, to organize things and then get busy pulling her share of the work. She has had plenty of practice.

Susie Bishop, hoping to fill the position of Highlands County Supervisor of Elections when Joe Campbell retires this year, is running in the upcoming elections.

Susie Bishop realizes how important it is for all eligible citizens to be informed and to vote thoughtfully for government officials at every level. She knows that registering voters properly, serving as a resource for candidates, managing polling sites well and processing the results with absolute accuracy are essentials in America's form of government. Because Susie has been closely monitoring and participating in local public affairs for more than 20 years, she has a clear understanding of how public business is conducted.

I know Susie Bishop very well. She is dependable and completely honest. She has boundless energy and lives by very high standards in both her personal and professional conduct. Her varied experience in private business, operations of a non-profit, governmental affairs and a wide variety of volunteer projects, makes her an outstanding candidate for the position of Supervisor of Elections.

And vote for Susie Bishop.

Judy Bronson
Sebring



Obama administration over-regulating farms out of business

The Obama administration is no friend of farmers, and the recent stunt involving the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sending spy planes over the state of Nebraska to keep an eye on where cows drop their patties is the latest example of overreach by an administration that is bent on controlling every aspect of our lives, but farming in particular.

According to the Lincoln Journal Star, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has been overseeing the health of Nebraska's waters for more than 30 years, and its director, Mike Linder, says he's not sure why the flayers are taking place. Why let the states do for themselves what our all-knowing, all-seeing government can do for them?

At an agricultural conference in November 2011 keynote speaker and environmental attorney, Harriet Hageman, warned "The EPA is one of the most insidious organizations in the US." and is "a prime example of regulation without representation."

Farmers and ranchers have similar concerns about Obama's U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). During a bus tour across rural America last summer, Obama was confronted time and again by ranchers and farmers concerned that unsubstantiated regulation was regulating them out of business. According to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, proposed USDA regulations "would cost 114,000



Guest Column

Susan Stamper Brown

jobs nationwide and increase retail meat prices more than three percent." A statistic likely lost on a president whose discriminating palate includes \$100 steaks. Certainly no one can forget the USDA's attempt to impose a Christmas tree "tax" (fee) to "improve the image and marketing of Christmas trees." Bah humbug. Last fall, the Department of Labor (DOL) attempted to regulate the relationship shared between parents and their kids on family farms. According to Politico, the proposed rule would have prohibited those under age 16 from manual labor like stall cleaning using a shovel and using a battery-operated screwdriver.

When I was a kid, this type of manual labor was called Saturday morning chores. The bill also limited exposure to sunlight based upon wind speed and humidity as well as participation in 4-H clubs. And Mrs. Obama wonders why our kids are so fat.

Last but not least, the Department of Transportation (DOT) proposed a rule that would reclassify all farm vehicles as commercial motor vehicles meaning anyone driving a tractor or operating certain farm equipment would require a

commercial driver's license. Never mind the fact that many farm workers are migrant workers who do not qualify for drivers' licenses, let alone commercial drivers' licenses.

Admittedly, farmers have their hands dirty in this corner they find themselves backed into. Farming subsidies almost invite the government to meddle in an industry it plays such a big role in propping up. But farms are not just part of the fabric of this country; American farms provide much needed food aid to the third world. When you apply bureaucratic pressure to any industry, you run the risk of driving those same workers out of the industry, which becomes self-defeating.

Government control of the farming industry is illustrative of the Obama Administration which operates more like a dictatorship than a representative democracy. Whether it's farming, healthcare, the auto industry or energy production, there is no amount of government intervention and overreach that can replace good, old-fashioned American ingenuity and hard work.

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OBITUARIES

MARILYNN BAKER

Marilynn Joyce Baker, 77, of Avon Park, Fla., formerly of Moline, Ill., died Monday, June 4, 2012 in Peru, Ill.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2012 at Esterdahl Mortuary & Crematory, Ltd., 6601 38th Avenue, Moline. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Per her wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. Burial of remains will be at Greenview Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Moffitt Cancer Center - Sarcoma Clinic, Tampa, Fla.

Marilynn was born on Aug. 22, 1934 in Moline, Ill., the daughter of Carey E. and Pylre V. (Peterson) Lewis. She married William Clyde Henderson and then John A. Freude, who preceded her in death on Jan. 15, 1982. She later married Melvin Baker, who preceded her in death on June 6, 1995. Marilynn

worked for a time as the head nurse of Pediatrics at Moline Hospital, leaving in 1978. She then worked at Franciscan, largely in the Alzheimer's Division with a certification in Gerontology. She ended her career as a Parish Nurse for Union Congregational and Hope United Church of Christ in Moline where she was a member. After 46 years as a nurse, Marilynn retired in 1996 to Avon Park, Fla. She was a Red Hatter, Queen of Honeybees in Avon Park, and very active in Union Congregational Church in Avon Park, Fla.

Survivors include daughters, Cathie (Larry) Schaub of Peru, Ill., and Cindy (Damian) Henderson-Deutsch of Moline, Ill.; step-children, Dorothy Burdick of Moline, Ill., Jeff Freude of Des Moines, Iowa, and Michael Freude and Janelle Freude, both of Genoa, Ill.; grandchildren, William R. Crouch, Kristina Tapscott, Zachary Tapscott, and Ethan Deutsch; three great-grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Richard (Donna) Lewis of Omaha, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Donald Lewis; and sister, Betty Coverdill.

Online condolences may be left for the family by visiting her obituary at www.esterdahl.com.

BETTY JANE CAMPBELL

Betty Jane Campbell, 82, of Lake Placid died May 31, 2012 at Good Shepherd Hospice House. Born in Benton, Ill., she moved to

Lake Placid in 1985 from Chicago. She was a cosmetologist and administrator of a medical facility. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lake Placid.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; son, Steven Campbell of Lake Placid; daughter, Linda Eldredge of Lake Clarke Shores, Fla.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Interment will be cared for by Lake Forest Crematory, Avon Park, Fla. Memorial contributions may be sent to Good Shepherd Hospice. Swann's Mortuary, Sebring, is in charge of arrangements.

SOL MOSELEY SR.

Sol Youmans Moseley Sr., 89, died Friday, May 25, 2012 at home in Avon Park, Fla.

Born Feb. 1, 1923, in Lyons, Ga., he served in the Pacific with the U.S. Army's 112th Cavalry during World War II.

In 1946 he and his wife, Jurelle, moved to Avon Park and he soon formed a partnership with Dan Bennett. Bennett and Moseley Building Contractors built many of the homes, schools and churches in Highlands County in the 1950s and 1960s. Sol served as the building inspector for the city of Avon Park in the 1980s.

He was active in the Assembly of God Church until his later years when he attended the Sanctuary Church of God.

He loved to fish and enjoyed taking others fishing. He taught all his grandchildren to fish with a couple inheriting his love for fishing.

Sol was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Jurelle, and grandson, Ronnie Moseley.

He is survived by his wife, Katie; son and his wife, S.Y. and Lynn Moseley; daughter and her husband, Martha Ann and Gary Pendrak; grandchildren, Trevor Moseley, Alecia Heuback, Stephanie Pobst, Christopher and Abigail Pendrak, Michael and Jennifer Pendrak; one sister, Elizabeth Mackintosh; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, June 8, from 5-7 p.m. with the funeral service Saturday, June 9 at 11 a.m., both at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Avon Park.

Death notices

Echard K. Berkshire, 58, of Sebring died June 4, 2012. Swann's Mortuary, Sebring, is in charge of arrangements.

Rubert Harewood, 82, of Sebring died May 31, 2012. Swann's Mortuary, Sebring, is in charge of arrangements.

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at 465-7074. Checks may be mailed to the Military Order Purple Heart, P. O. Box 8201, Sebring, FL 33875.

If you received a Purple Heart from injuries sustained while in the U.S. Military, you are eligible to join the MOPH. The yearly dues are very low. Meetings are held on Saturdays so as not to be conflict with any other activities. For more information, contact Arbelo or Marsh, or write to the above address.

Bridal Fashion Show comes to Circle Park

SEBRING – On behalf of Downtown Downtown Sebring, GB's Ladies & Men's Formal Wear will present a Bridal Fashion Show in Circle Park from 5-8 p.m. today in Downtown Sebring's Circle Park. The event will feature formal wear for brides, bridesmaids, mother-of-the-bride gowns and tuxedos. Intermission music will be provided by A Premier Entertainment. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the beautiful fashions in Downtown Sebring.

Destination Downtown Sebring shopping includes more than 25 stores, boutiques, galleries, eateries and more that will stay open late during this special event. Food vendors will also be open around the Circle Park and near Sadie Kahn Park, next to Linda's Books.

For more information about the monthly Destination Downtown events, which is co-sponsored by the Sebring

Community Redevelopment Agency, visit www.DestinationDowntownSebring.com.

Children's Museum again offers 'The Amazing Race'

SEBRING – The Children's Museum of the Highlands announces the third annual "The Amazing Race For the Children's Museum" will be happening on June 30. This entertaining fundraiser allows competitors to travel around the county following clues and attempting a wide variety of challenges at each location.

Participation is by registration; each team is comprised of two competitors and will pay a team entry fee of \$100. The museum will provide lunch and dinner during the event. Grand prize for the winning team is \$300.

All monies raised stay in Highlands County and help the museum in its effort to provide a safe, interactive place for children and families to learn and grow. For more information about the race or the museum, call 385-5437 or online at www.childrensmuseumhighlands.com.

Community Sidewalk Garage Sale this Saturday

SEBRING — The monthly Downtown Sebring Community Sidewalk Sale will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Downtown Sebring is thrilled to announce the return of the fun and exciting Downtown Community Sidewalk

Garage Sales, which will be held one Saturday a month. During these events, space will be available for vendors to reserve in order to sell merchandise in Downtown Sebring.

To reserve a space, download an application at www.DestinationDowntownSebring.com or contact Linda Tucker at 382-2649.

AP museum closes for summer

AVON PARK – The Depot Museum is closed for the summer and will reopen Wednesday, Aug. 15. However, special arrangements can be made for group tours and dining car lunches. Call 385-8618.

SFCC offers Security Guard certification course

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

This course is required to work as a state of Florida licensed security guard, class D license. Topics covered will include patrol tech-

niques, first aid, terrorism, Florida statutes and those as mandated by the Department of Business Regulation. Cost of the course is \$137 per person. Registration must be complete before the start of the course.

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

New time this Sunday for Scribes Night Out

SEBRING — Because of scheduling problems, Scribes Night Out takes place this Sunday, June 10, from 2-4 p.m., instead of the regular time of 6-8 p.m. The location remains the same: Brewster's Coffee House, just south of Home Depot.

The event will include an Open Mike session, open to any writer wanting to share a sample of their original work. Listeners are also welcome to attend. Admission is free.

Time will also be devoted to business matters.

For more information, call Larry Levey at 385-8618 or Brewster's at 314-8890.

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New bond hearing set for Trayvon Martin shooter

ORLANDO (AP) — A new bond hearing is set for George Zimmerman, the Florida neighborhood watch volunteer charged in the fatal shooting of an unarmed teenager. The hearing is set for the morning of June 29.

Zimmerman returned to jail Sunday because his \$150,000 bond was revoked after prosecutors claimed he

and his wife, Shellie, deceived the court during an April bond hearing.

At the hearing, Shellie Zimmerman testified that the couple had limited funds for bail because she was a full-time student and her husband wasn't working. Prosecutors say Zimmerman actually had raised \$135,000 in donations from a website he created.

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HLT unveils latest play tonight

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veteran Bill Farmer). Fiona, however, is having an affair with Bob Philips (played by newcomer Kevin Hacker).

Bob's wife Teresa (played by HLT veteran Ellen Lemos) is something of a shrew. She certainly isn't going to let him get away with anything. For example, in one scene she attacks Bob with a soup ladle.

Chris Martin (another veteran HLT actor) plays the character of William Detwiler. Dawn Balsamo, a newcomer, plays his wife Mary.

William and Bob work for Frank. The complication occurs when Bob and Fiona independently use William and Mary as alibis to hide their affair from their spouses.

This leads to confusion about who is having an affair with whom.

The staging of the play is different from the usual. With the curtain up as the audience gathers, the set is divided into two living rooms — the swank Foster home on the one side and the scruffy Philips house on the other.

When the couples are in their homes at the same time it is like watching two plays at once. Finely tuned timing keeps the audience from becoming as confused as the characters.

In one dinner scene the dining room table is divided in half and two meals on two different days are played side-by-side.

"The play is very demanding," Lemos said, "one of the hardest roles I've played. It's been a real challenge."

She laughed. "There are a lot of fights. I kick everybody's butt."

The worst part, Lemos added, "is that Teresa is really mean, and I found myself talking to my real husband like



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Don't mistake Linda Dobson-Hacker's polishing. In fact, her character is rich and she has enough free time to have an affair. It's that affair that is at the core of the play.

that. I had to tone down the drama."

Dobson-Hacker said she got involved because her husband is a good friend of Wade's.

Wade assured Dobson-Hacker she would be fine. "I'll pull the performance out of you," Dobson-Hacker said Wade told her. "And she did. I'm having more fun than I've had in years,

and that's a true statement. (Fiona) has a sexy side to her that I really enjoy playing."

Bill Farmer has been in dozens of HLT productions. When Wade came to him saying, "I've got a perfect part for you, he's an idiot," Farmer wasted no time. "I'm in," he told her. "It's a very funny part in a very funny show."

Tax deeds put lots of SNL lots in 'limbo'

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Germaine said. Advertising fees for the lots, said Administrative Services Director Jed Secory, are \$50.40, but the certified mail fees of \$4.44 plus the registered mail fee to Canada, Puerto Rico, both close to \$15, and the sheriff's office fee of \$40 to process the tax deed are all part of the county's expenses on top of the taxes.

"It was a mess before the housing boom, and then it was solved for a short time, now it's a problem again," said Macbeth.

One of the problems with the sale of the property is the special assessments on Sun 'N Lake properties for internal improvements and golf course upkeep.

"Some of the folks decide they don't want to buy the lots once they learn of the assessments," Germaine said.

A quick search of the Clerk of Courts website at www.hcclerk.org shows liens for assessments on several properties that exceed \$45,000 on lots appraised around \$7,000.

The Sun 'N Lake Improvement District will not foreclose for special assessments, according to Macbeth, because the county's property taxes will be due.

Germaine explained that approximately \$2.1 million in back taxes were now due on the 1,655 parcels the county will soon own.

"We won't pay the assessments and they won't foreclose on the assessments because they don't want to pay the taxes. So these will sit in limbo," Macbeth said.



News-Sun photograph by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
(From left) Chief Dennis Green, Kenneth McGrath and Major J. Kendall Galloway at Avon Park High School. McGrath has been awarded the Gold Valor award by the AF JROTC. Last summer, while on a church camping trip, McGrath was instrumental in saving a classmate's life when he got caught under a fallen tree

McGrath honored for life-saving act

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feet of clearance on the left. Breylinger pointed out the danger to the tubers.

All was well, until Evan Stover — who is autistic — was swept toward the tree. The tube was pulled under the trunk and Evan's legs were caught. He initially saved himself by clinging to the trunk, but the water flowed over his head and it was all he could do to keep from being sucked under.

Breylinger, McGrath and another young man, Carl Rivera, saw what happened. Like Stover, however, they could not steer in the swift current, so shot by Stover and had to clear a rapids before heading back.

Breylinger said what happened next was one of the bravest acts he's witnessed.

McGrath steered to shore, threw his tube to one side and ran back to Stover as fast as he could.

"He was very quick," Breylinger said. "He didn't stop to think. He raced across an island to reach the tree."

McGrath said the only way he could help was to get into the water himself, wading in waist deep, dealing with a slick rock bed. Even then the current was so strong all Kenneth could was hang on to Stover and help him keep his head above water. Breylinger and Rivera were not far behind and quickly joined McGrath. It took all three of them to get Stover to shore.

Breylinger and McGrath praise Stover for remaining calm in a life or death situation. "He didn't panic at all," McGrath said.

McGrath is a member of the high school's Air Force JROTC program.

Breylinger wrote a letter documenting the incident. The letter was passed on the headquarters for AFJROTC at

Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

As result, McGrath has been awarded the Gold Medal of Valor. It recognizes "outstanding voluntary acts of self-sacrifice and personal bravery ... (with) conspicuous risk of life above and beyond the call of duty."

McGrath, going into his junior year, wants to go to the U. S. Naval Academy and then become a Marine.

"Kenny is special," Breylinger said Thursday morning. "He's a very responsible young man."

County to have \$2M less to work with due to property value loss

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in property values was driven this year by a drop in market values.

"For residential and some commercial property, we are seeing lower sale prices," McIntyre said.

"Agricultural property and some commercial rentals are based on income from the property, including mobile home parks. Those are kind of stable right now," McIntyre said.

The removal of groves due to disease has affected some of the tax collections, according to McIntyre, but not significantly.

"Grove owners get a sort of abatement from the state to encourage them to remove diseased trees, but that is expected.

"That property returns to a market value assessment if it remains vacant. Vacant land prices have continued to slightly decrease," said McIntyre.

"Based on the 2011 sales, we continue to see vacant land slow. It is not like roller coaster slide, and it seems to be tapering out. But it continues to drop," McIntyre said.

County Administrator Ricky Helms explained to the public that the impact of the estimated tax drop would be approximately \$2 million less in revenue in the general fund.

"Property taxes equal 56 percent of the \$56 million dollar general fund," Helms said. "If you want to know the dollar impact, just over \$2 million."

Fleck running for superintendent

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lived in Bogota, Colombia for an extended period of time. "It gave me a broader perspective," she said.

When her father retired, the family settled in Highlands County where he had grown up.

Fleck entered Sebring High School, but moved on to South Florida Community College in her junior year, graduating with a high school diploma through SFCC's adult education program half way through what would have been her senior year.

She married Chuck Fleck right of school, had two "beautiful" daughters, and stayed home to raise them.

As time passed, however, she became restless. In 1975 she went back to SFCC and earned a Licensed Practical Nurse certification.

It became clear to her before long, however, that she needed more education.

Fleck went back to school and earned a bachelor's degree in teaching. She chose to specialize in exceptional student education, joined the district and entered the classroom.

"I loved teaching," said Fleck, who was once voted teacher of the year at Sebring Middle School. She described a special five years when she and Sandi Whidden — now principal at Sebring Middle School — taught in a pilot program focused on early drop-out prevention.

Something happened then that changed the course of her career. She began to lose her hearing. The problem got so bad she could no longer hear young voices, and needed aids to hear adults.

Unable to teach, but unwilling to leave education, Fleck turned to administrative work. She was an assistant principal at Sebring High School and later the principal of Lake Placid Middle School.

Fleck said the longer she spent in schools the more she became aware of the importance to prepare students for the digital future. As a principal she helped pilot several programs aimed at bringing computers into the classroom and providing students with Internet access.

When she was recruited to head the department of Management Information Systems it was a natural fit, she said.

Then curriculum director Anne Lindsey left the district. Fleck was again recruited to take over that position. In keeping the 21st century economy, Fleck took on curriculum in addition to her MIS duties.

Now, Fleck said, she has been recruited again, this time to run for elected office. "People said it was time for an instructional leader at the helm," she said.

Fleck said, "My goals are committed to the classroom." They include increasing student achievement by providing more support and resources to schools and teachers, utilizing technology to the fullest, and developing a plan "to create effective instructional leadership succession at each of our schools."

Fleck also wants to coordinate emergency response efforts with county agencies and law enforcement and provide on-going emergency training for all school administrators and staff.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 282011CA000733XXXXX
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWTAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-0A21, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0A21, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHNNY HARRISON; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated March 20, 2012, entered in Case No. 282011CA000733XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWTAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-0A21, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0A21, is the Plaintiff and JOHNNY HARRISON; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 20th day of June, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 4304 AND ALL OF LOTS 4305 AND 4306, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 14, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 7, 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
DATED at Sebring, Florida, on March 21, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
AS DEPUTY CLERK
June 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 11000526-GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JUSTIN C. JACKSON, CHRISTINA M. JACKSON, CLARK JACKSON, PATRICIA JACKSON, and ROBERT M. FOX, JR., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on May 31, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on June 26, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.
Lot 17 and Lot 18, in Block 70, of TOWN OF AVON PARK, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 58, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida, of which Highlands County was formerly a part. Lying in Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida.
Address: 108 South Forest Avenue, Avon Park, Florida 33825
Real Property Tax ID Number: A-22-33-28-010-0700-0170
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
June 8, 15, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 09-001137-GCS
DIVISION: JUDGE LANGFORD
CHEMICAL BANK WEST, a Michigan banking corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
ROBERT C. RILEY; DIXIE K. RILEY; TEAM FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., a Michigan corporation; COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS I OF SPRING LAKE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; SPIRES ROOFING INC. and UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
Cluster 29, Unit E, COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS I PHASE III OF SPRING LAKE, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 15, at Page 139, being a replat of a portion of Tract C of Country Club Villas I of Spring Lake, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 74, lying Section 16, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida,
Parcel ID: C163530-010029000E0
Property Address: 2210 Villaway East, Sebring, FL 33876
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, beginning at 11:00 a.m. eastern standard time, on June 26, 2012.

If a third party bidder is the purchase, the third party bidder must pay the documentary stamps attached to the Certificate of Title in addition to the bid, and shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to 5% of the final bid. The deposit must be cash on cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Final payment must be made on or before 2:00 p.m. of the date of the sale by cash or cashier's check.
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 sixty (60) days after the sale.
DATED on May 31, 2012.

BOB GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk

ATTENTION: Americans with Disabilities Act: If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

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IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIEN HOLDER 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.
IF YOU ARE THE PROPERTY OWNER, YOU MAY CLAIM THESE FUNDS YOURSELF. YOU RE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A LAWYER OR ANY OTHER REPRESENTATION AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ASSIGN YOUR RIGHTS TO ANYONE ELSE IN ORDER FOR YOU TO CLAIM ANY MONEY TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED. PLEASE CHECK WITH EITHER THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AT 590 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870; (863) 402-6565, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE SALE TO SEE IF THERE IS ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE FORECLOSURE SALE THAT THE CLERK HAS IN THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT.
IF YOU DECIDE TO SELL YOUR HOME OR HIRE SOMEONE TO HELP YOU CLAIM THE ADDITIONAL MONEY, YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY ALL PAPERS YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN, ASK SOMEONE ELSE, PREFERABLY AN ATTORNEY WHO IS NOT RELATED TO THE PERSON OFFERING TO HELP YOU, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SIGNING AND THAT YOU ARE NOT TRANSFERRING YOUR PROPERTY OF THE EQUITY IN YOUR PROPERTY WITHOUT THE PROPER INFORMATION. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT A LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE, SUCH AS: HEART OF FLORIDA LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC., 1000 S. HIGHLAND AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870. TELEPHONE NUMBER, (863) 519-5663OR THE FLORIDA BAR'S FLORIDA ATTORNEYS SAVING HOMES TOLL FREE HOT LINE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000312
TD BANK, N.A., as substituted Plaintiff for MERCANTILE BANK, A DIVISION OF CAROLINA FIRST BANK, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH MERCANTILE BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOEL REVELS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 5, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-000312 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein TD BANK, N.A., is Plaintiff and JOEL REVELS; et al., defendant(s).
I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 20th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
Lot 15, Block 135, Leisure Lakes Section Six, according to the Plat recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 37, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Street Address: 1102 Redbird Street, Lake Placid, FL 33852
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 9th day of May, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk
June 1, 8, 2012

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866-60-2187) TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FINANCIALLY FOR THEIR SERVICES. IF THEY CANNOT ASSIST YOU, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO REFER YOU TO A LOCAL BAR REFERRAL AGENCY OR SUGGEST OTHER OPTIONS. IF YOU CHOOSE TO CONTACT ONE OF THE SERVICES FOR ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD DO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE.
June 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 10000336GCS
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
MIRTA S. MIGNONE A/K/A MIRTA H. MIGNONE; MIKE MIGNONE, et al. Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 20, 2012, and entered in Case No. 10000336GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and MIRTA S. MIGNONE A/K/A MIRTA H. MIGNONE; MIKE MIGNONE are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on June 20, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 13, BLOCK B, SEBRING PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 21st day of March, 2012.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
DATED this 21st day of March, 2012
Important

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
June 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000312
TD BANK, N.A., as substituted Plaintiff for MERCANTILE BANK, A DIVISION OF CAROLINA FIRST BANK, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH MERCANTILE BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOEL REVELS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 5, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-000312 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein TD BANK, N.A., is Plaintiff and JOEL REVELS; et al., defendant(s).
I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 20th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
Lot 15, Block 135, Leisure Lakes Section Six, according to the Plat recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 37, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Street Address: 1102 Redbird Street, Lake Placid, FL 33852
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 9th day of May, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk
June 1, 8, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 12-180
IN RE: ESTATE OF PAMELA LOWERY Deceased.
Division Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Pamela Lowery, deceased, whose date of death was March 29, 2012, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 0072, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is June 8, 2012.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Anthony S. Fontaine
1511 NW 18th Terrace
Cape Coral, Florida 33993
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Charlotte C. Stone
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June 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 11000755GCS
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
LAZARA ROBERT, et al. Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11000755GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is the Plaintiff and LAZARA ROBERT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on June 19, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 56, BLOCK 10, OF ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES UNIT NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 23rd day of May, 2012.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
Important
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
June 1, 8, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 11-0000-38-GCS
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a national banking association, Plaintiff,
vs.
JE. FUTCH CUSTOM HOMES, INC., a Florida corporation, JEFFREY E. FUTCH, an individual, TERRI L. FUTCH, an individual, and ANY UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

RE-SCHEDULE OF NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Agreed Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 23, 2012, setting the sale date as noticed herein, entered in the Captioned Matter of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and JE. FUTCH CUSTOM HOMES, INC., et al; are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Jury Assembly Room, Sebring, FL 33870 or as soon as the sale may be had, in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes, on the 19th day of June, 2012, the following described property:
Lot 38, Lot 39, Lot 40, Lot 41, Lot 118, Lot 119, Lot 120 and Lot 121, LESS Highway Right of Way, in Block R, of SUNSET POINT SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 34, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Property Address: 2031 US Highway 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, IF ANY, 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.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on May 4, 2012.

CLERK OF COURT
BOB GERMAINE
(SEAL)
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
DEPUTY CLERK
June 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001350
DIVISION:
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
ASHLEY FRYE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling May 25, 2012 Foreclosure sale dated May 24, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-001350 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and ASHLEY FRYE, STEVEN M. GUELF, D.M.D., P.A., Highlands County, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 19th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 6 AND ALL OF LOT 7, BLOCK 146, LAKEWOOD TERRACES, SHEET 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 94, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 4034 ELSON AVE., SEBRING, FL 33875-4801
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 in Highlands County, Florida this 24th day of May, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
June 1, 8, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: FC-12-103
MARIA M. AYALA, Petitioner,
and,
VINCENTE AGUIRRE, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Vicente Aguirre
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to: Maria M. Ayala, Petitioner, 1857 N. Homeric Road, Avon Park, Florida 33825, on or before June 22, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of Court, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, either before service on Petitioner, or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
DATED: May 16, 2012

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2009-CA-000697
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR
BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCE-
SOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS
BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
VERONICA SHIELDS; et al.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION -
FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS
TO: VERONICA SHIELDS AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF VERONICA SHIELDS, IF ANY,
including any unknown spouse of the Defendant,
if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her
respective unknown spouse, heirs, devisees,
grantees, assignees, creditors, lien holders, and
trustees, and all other persons claiming by,
through, under or against the named Defendant;
and the aforementioned named Defendant and
such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant
and such of the unknown named Defendant as
may be infants, incompetents, or otherwise not
sui jurs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to
foreclose a mortgage on the following described
property, to-wit:

Being a parcel of land lying in Section 12,
Township 38 South, Range 30 East, Highlands
County, Florida and being more particularly de-
scribed as follows:

Commence at the south one-quarter (1/4) corner
of said Section 12; thence bear S 89 degrees
38'47" W, along the South line of said Section
12, for a distance of 93.03 feet to a Point; thence
bear N 00 degrees 49'11" W for a distance of
1606.45 feet to a point; thence bear S 86 de-
grees 48'44 W for a distance of 49.89 feet to a
point; thence bear N 00 degrees 49'11" W for a
distance of 803.76 feet to the Point-of-Beginning;
thence continue N 00 degrees 49'11" W for a
distance of 233.15 feet to a point; thence bear S
88 degrees 27'20" W for a distance of 905.80
feet to a point; thence bear N 22 degrees 10'08"
W for a distance of 276.92 feet to a Point-of-Cur-
vature of a curve concave to the east and having
for its elements a radius of 143.13 feet, a central
angle of 69 degrees 25'14". A chord bearing of N
12 degrees 32'29" E and a chord distance of
163.01, thence bear along said curve for an arc
length of 173.42 feet to the Point-of-Curvature
of a curve concave to the south and having for its
elements a radius of 186.68 feet, a central angle
of 31 degrees 53'29"; a chord bearing of N 63
degrees 11'51" E and a chord distance of 102.67
feet; thence bear along said curve for an arc
length of 103.91 feet to the point-of-tangency of
said curve; thence bear S 84 degrees 26'35" E
for a distance of 73.66 feet to a point; thence
bear N 88 degrees 27'20" E for a distance of
1481.01 feet to a point; thence bear S 00 de-
grees 03'13" W for a distance of 676.31 feet to a
point; thence bear S 81 degrees 51'13" W for a
distance of 70.36 feet to a point; thence bear S
88 degrees 27'20" W for a distance of 597.74
feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

Containing 20.6 acres, more or less, and being
subject to any and all easements, restrictions,
reservations and rights of way of record.

Together with and subject to the following de-
scribed easements:

A 50.00 feet perpetual non-exclusive easement
for right-of-way, ingress, egress and regress lying
in Sections 1 and 12, Township 38 South, Range
30 East, Highlands County, Florida, and being
more particularly described as the West 50.00
feet of said Sections 1 and 12, Township 38
South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida;

And
Being 70.00 feet easements for the purpose of in-
gress, egress, utilities and drainage, lying in Sec-
tions 1 and 12, Township 38 South, Range 30
East, Highlands County, Florida, and being more
particularly described as follows: being the East
70.00 feet of Sections 1 and 12, Township 38
South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida;

And
Lying in Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 30
East, Highlands County, Florida and being 35.00
feet on either side of and parallel with the follow-
ing described centerline:

Commence at the Southwest corner of said Sec-
tion 1; thence bear N 00 degrees 30'32" E along
the West line of said Section 1, for a distance of
200.23 feet to the Point-of-Beginning of said cen-
terline of easement; thence bear N 89 degrees
10'08" E for a distance of 5288.00 feet to the
intersection with the East line of said Section 1,
and the point of terminus of said centerline of
easement;

And
Lying in Sections 1 and 12, Township 38 South,
Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, and
being 35.00 feet on either side of and parallel
with the following described centerline:

Commence at the Southwest corner of said Sec-
tion 1; thence bear N 00 degrees 30'32" E, along
the West line of said Section 1, for a distance of
200.23 feet to a point; thence bear N 89 degrees
10'08" E for a distance of 3058.61 feet to the
Point-of-Beginning of said centerline of easement;
thence bear the following bearings and distances
along said centerline of easement;
S 08 DEGREES 54'09" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
256.25 FEET TO A POINT;
S 39 DEGREES 34'01" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
191.60 FEET TO A POINT;
S 26 DEGREES 14'39" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
214.13 FEET TO A POINT;
S 33 DEGREES 09'48" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
125.94 FEET TO A POINT;
S 54 DEGREES 34'35" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
60.99 FEET TO A POINT;
S 72 DEGREES 60'41" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
105.22 FEET TO A POINT;
S 89 DEGREES 44'11" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
360.18 FEET TO A POINT;
S 75 DEGREES 06'10" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
241.98 FEET TO A POINT;
S 14 DEGREES 55'30" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
107.03 FEET TO A POINT;
S 05 DEGREES 22'55" E FOR A DISTANCE OF
287.70 FEET TO A POINT;
S 24 DEGREES 07'15" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
163.72 FEET TO A POINT;
S 00 DEGREES 12'06" E FOR A DISTANCE OF
252.14 FEET TO A POINT;
S 26 DEGREES 49'52" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
152.10 FEET TO A POINT;
S 10 DEGREES 10'09" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
301.16 FEET TO A POINT;
S 07 DEGREES 60'61" E FOR A DISTANCE OF
123.88 FEET TO A POINT;
S 32 DEGREES 17'50" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
329.78 FEET TO A POINT;
N 04 DEGREES 26'36" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
73.66 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE OF A
CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH AND HAVING
FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS OF 186.68 FEET, A
CENTRAL ANGLE OF 31 DEGREES 53'29"; A
CHORD BEARING OF S 63 DEGREES 11'51" W
AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 102.57 FEET;
THENCE BEAR ALONG SAID CURVE FOR AN ARC
LENGTH OF 103.91 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-CUR-
VATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH-
EAST AND HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS
OF 143.13 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 69 DE-
GREES 26'14"; A CHORD BEARING OF S 12 DE-
GREES 32'29" W AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF
163.01 FEET; THENCE BEAR ALONG SAID CURVE
FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 173.42 FEET TO THE
POINT-OF-TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE
BEAR:

S 22 DEGREES 10'08" E FOR A DISTANCE OF
309.76 FEET TO A POINT;
S 08 DEGREES 54'55" E FOR A DISTANCE OF
292.18 FEET TO A POINT;
S 08 DEGREES 06'57" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
198.17 FEET TO A POINT;
S 33 DEGREES 10'02" E FOR A DISTANCE OF
134.22 FEET TO A POINT;
S 02 DEGREES 12'00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF
266.15 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE OF A
CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST AND HAV-
ING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS OF 139.87
FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 70 DEGREES
02'46"; A CHORD BEARING OF S 30 DEGREES
33'27" E AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 160.54
FEET; THENCE BEAR ALONG SAID CURVE FOR AN
ARC LENGTH OF 170.99 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-
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Tax ID: C-12-38-30-010-0000-021A
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This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, Co., L.P.A., whose address is 550 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 550, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, on or before 30 days after the date of first publication, which is July 2, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Witness my hand and seal of this Court on the 22nd day of May, 2012.

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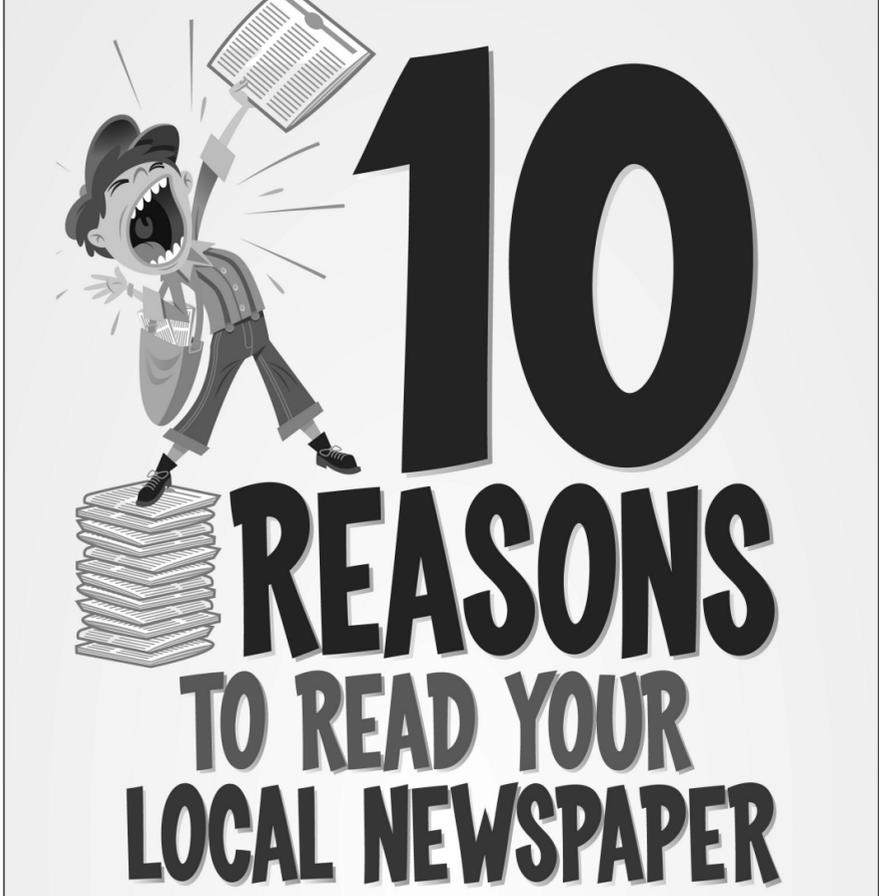
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Variable clouds, t-storms; humid	A couple of showers and a t-storm	Some sun with a shower or t-storm	Some sun with a t-storm possible	Some sun with a t-storm possible
88° / 72°	88° / 72°	89° / 72°	90° / 73°	86° / 69°
Winds: WSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: SSE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSE at 3-6 mph	Winds: SSE at 4-8 mph	Winds: S at 6-12 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	93°
Low Sunday	62°
High Monday	93°
Low Monday	72°
High Tuesday	90°
Low Tuesday	71°
High Wednesday	87°
Low Wednesday	71°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	60%
Expected air temperature	88°
Makes it feel like	96°

Barometer

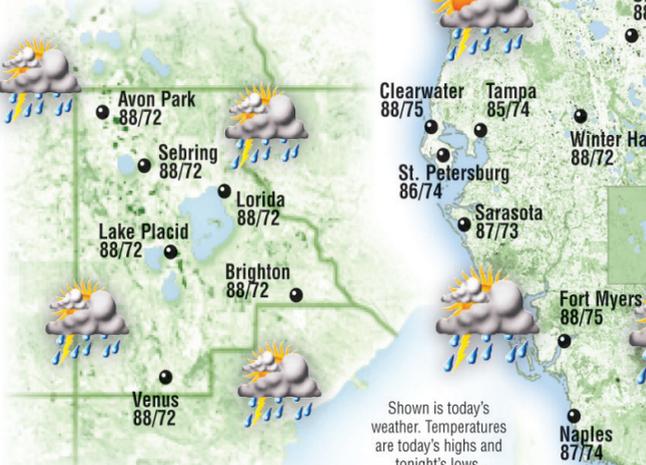
Monday	29.79
Tuesday	29.88
Wednesday	29.84

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	1.87"
Year to date	11.88"

Regional Summary

Variable cloudiness today with showers and thunderstorms; humid. A thunderstorm in spots in the evening; otherwise, partly cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sun tomorrow and Sunday.



Farm Report

Humid today with showers and thunderstorms. Winds west-southwest 6-12 mph. Expect less than 2 hours of sunshine with a 65% chance of precipitation.

Weather History

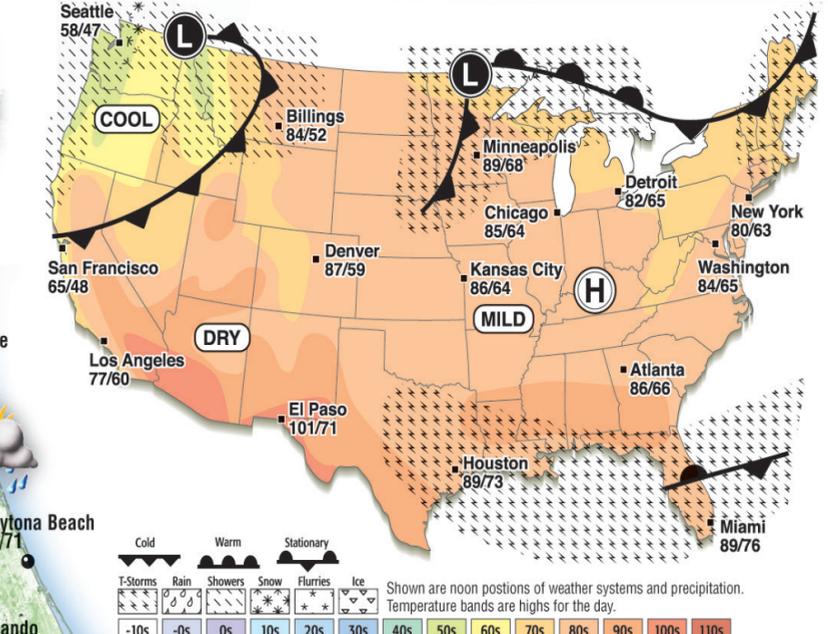
A twister struck Cleveland, on June 8, 1953, killing 20 people and causing more than \$20 million damage. Only six deadly twisters have ever hit Cleveland.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:33 a.m.	6:33 a.m.
Sunset	8:17 p.m.	8:18 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:03 a.m.
Moonset	10:54 a.m.	11:52 a.m.



National Forecast for June 8



National Summary

High pressure across the Ohio Valley today will bring warmer temperatures to the Mississippi Valley, lower Midwest and mid-Atlantic. A series of fronts stretching from the Minnesota to Maine will trigger a few thunderstorms in the Upper Midwest and New England. Meanwhile, a nearly stationary front draped across the Gulf of Mexico will also generate numerous drenching storms from eastern Texas to Florida. Mainly dry and sunny conditions will extend from the western Plains into the Desert Southwest.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	92/63/s	93/62/s	90/60/s
Atlanta	86/66/s	87/67/pc	87/68/t
Baltimore	84/57/pc	87/61/pc	89/65/s
Birmingham	88/68/s	88/69/t	88/70/t
Boston	76/60/t	79/59/pc	75/56/pc
Charlotte	85/60/s	88/64/s	89/66/s
Cheyanne	82/53/t	86/48/s	73/43/pc
Chicago	85/64/s	87/65/s	90/70/s
Cleveland	79/61/s	84/65/pc	87/65/s
Columbus	82/61/s	87/65/s	89/67/s
Dallas	85/71/pc	92/75/pc	95/77/pc
Denver	87/59/t	96/55/s	81/49/s
Detroit	82/65/s	86/66/pc	86/65/s
Harrisburg	83/57/pc	83/60/pc	85/61/pc
Honolulu	86/71/s	86/72/s	86/72/s
Houston	89/73/t	89/74/t	92/76/pc
Indianapolis	82/62/s	86/63/s	91/70/s
Jackson, MS	91/66/pc	88/69/t	89/70/t
Kansas City	86/64/pc	90/72/s	91/74/pc
Lexington	83/56/s	86/61/s	90/65/s
Little Rock	88/66/pc	92/71/pc	93/71/t

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	91/78/pc	91/77/pc	91/79/pc
Athens	81/70/s	91/70/s	91/70/s
Beirut	80/71/s	83/73/s	87/72/s
Berlin	73/54/sh	73/53/pc	75/57/c
Bermuda	75/70/r	77/71/s	79/71/r
Calgary	63/44/sh	53/42/r	58/48/r
Dublin	57/46/r	59/46/sh	61/48/r
Edmonton	70/44/pc	60/44/r	63/48/r
Freeport	85/78/pc	84/75/t	86/77/t
Geneva	72/48/r	72/50/pc	64/51/sh
Havana	88/73/t	88/73/t	90/71/t
Hong Kong	88/82/t	87/82/sh	89/82/sh
Jerusalem	81/62/s	83/66/s	86/66/s
Johannesburg	64/36/c	53/31/s	53/33/s
Kiev	75/61/pc	80/65/sh	84/66/t

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	7:22 a.m.
Low	12:07 a.m.
High	4:58 p.m.
Low	10:36 a.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	12:17 a.m.
Low	6:13 a.m.
High	12:36 p.m.
Low	6:34 p.m.

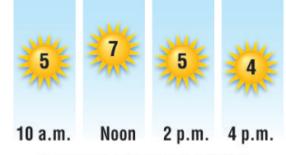
Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	11.67'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.



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

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	89/73/c	87/74/t	93/74/t
Clearwater	88/75/t	87/75/t	89/75/t
Coral Springs	88/72/c	88/74/t	90/75/t
Daytona Beach	85/71/t	87/72/t	87/71/t
Ft. Laud. Bch	89/75/pc	88/75/t	89/77/t
Fort Myers	88/75/c	87/74/t	94/74/t
Gainesville	87/67/t	88/70/t	87/70/t
Hollywood	89/74/pc	90/75/t	92/77/t
Homestead AFB	87/74/pc	88/75/t	90/76/t
Jacksonville	85/66/t	85/70/pc	86/70/t
Key West	87/80/pc	88/82/t	89/82/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Decisions, decisions

Two area hurlers have very different options



News-Sun photo courtesy of KIM GAUGER
Corbin Hoffner made it official Wednesday, signing his name in front of area scout Ed Durkin to become a member of the Chicago Cubs organization.

Sebring's Hoffner selected, signed by Cubs

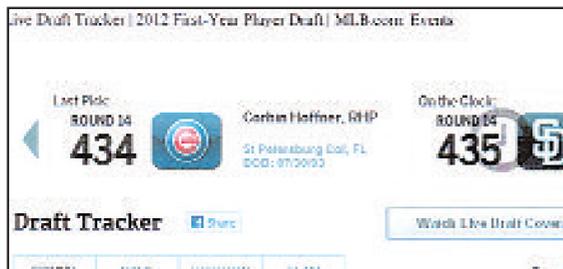
By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – It's been a whirlwind this week for Sebring graduate Corbin Hoffner, who as of Wednesday night officially became a member of the Chicago Cubs organization.

It was little more than 24 hours earlier that area social media was engulfed in the news that Hoffner had been drafted by the Cubs in the 14th round of the 2012 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, and already area scout Ed Durkin was in the Hoffner home for his final decision – whether to sign with the team or to give his college career one more year and perhaps improve his stock for next year's draft.

It had, after all, been a breakout season for the towering right-hander in his first year at St. Petersburg



Courtesy photo
The moment that everything began to change for Corbin Hoffner, his name being called as the 14th-round draftee of the Cubs.

College.

After a strong career as a Blue Streak, Hoffner took to the mound for the Titans and posted a 2.52 ERA and amassed 73 strikeouts in his 71 innings pitched.

Those numbers, along with his 6-foot, 5-inch frame, had heads turning and he got an invite to a workout and an indication of what was to come.

"I went to a Cubs pre-draft

workout a couple of weeks ago in Clearwater at Jack Russell Stadium," Hoffner said. "They told me they would be in touch."

After Monday's first two rounds were done, the 40-round draft headed into Tuesday.

"Around the eighth round, both the Blue Jays and the Cubs called and were wondering

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Lake Placid's Weber-Callahan has tough choice

By DAN HOEHNE

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While Corbin Hoffner made his decision Wednesday and is off toward his baseball future, Lake Placid grad Dylan Weber-Callahan's is still up in the air.

Much like his good friend from Sebring, Weber-Callahan had a breakout freshman season with the Bees of the Savannah College of Art and Design, otherwise known as SCAD.

After a few relief appearances to get his feet wet, he cracked the starting rotation and by season's end was the staff ace.

"During my first few appearances I was definitely a little nervous," he said.

"After that first start against Flagler College, I began to relax a little bit more and realized that I could handle pitching

against teams of this caliber."

The stats certainly bore that out, as Weber-Callahan would post a 2.17 ERA, giving up just 19 earned runs in 78.2 innings, tossing one shutout among his five complete games.

"In high school I batted, played first, third, right and pitched, which gave me minimal time to work on my pitching," he said.

"Once I got to SCAD, I was only focusing on one position. I think that was the main reason for my improvement this season."

He and the Bees capped off the season in fine fashion, going into the Sun Conference Tournament as the final seed, they took down top-seed Embury-Riddle, 7-1, behind Weber-Callahan's complete-game performance. The team

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Courtesy photo
Former Green Dragon Dylan Weber-Callahan saw a fantastic freshman year at SCAD lead to a very tough choice to make.



Fishin' Around

Don Norton

Back in local waters

For those of you who read BASS TIMES, a publication of B.A.S.S., editor Matt Vincent started his column with this statement, "In a museum in Havana there are two skulls of Christopher Columbus; one when he was a boy and one when he was a man."

In May of 2004, that was my opening paragraph in my first column at a previous newspaper.

Tall tales and outright lies have always been associated with fishing and fishermen.

I have been known to stretch the truth a time or two when it comes to fishing, but I will do my best to keep the information in this column honest, interesting and most of all informative.

I moved from Avon Park, to Medina, Ohio, in 2006 and moved back to Sebring in April of this year.

My wife and I couldn't be happier!

Although I grew up in Ohio, Florida became my home back in 1990 and for the last 6 years in Ohio, I've been daydreaming about the great fishing and weather here.

Sure, I did my share of fishing for walleye, smallmouth and steelhead, in fact I even qualified for a few "Fish Ohio" awards, but it just wasn't the same.

Once bass fishing gets in your blood, it never leaves.

So now that I'm back, I'm anxious to get out on the many great fishing lakes we have here in Highlands County and share my fishing successes and failures with you.

One of the most interesting things about this area is the variety of lakes and rivers we have to fish – and I fish them all.

I also fish bass tournaments – or at least I make a donation and show up – so from time to time I will be reporting on who won, what they caught and hopefully, what they were using.

Although I'm passionate about bass fishing, I also fish for bluegills, specks and occasionally catfish, so there's no telling what I may write about in this column.

I even do a little saltwater fly-fishing on the flats, which often results in a fish or two.

You'll notice the column is in Friday's paper and not Sunday's. The reason is sim-

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Kurt Busch needs more than a weekend off

By PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press

Kurt Busch is the Charlie Sheen of NASCAR.

Both have made a wreck of their careers.

The latest outrage from Busch got him barred from the trip to Pocono this weekend, giving him plenty of time to cut his grass, or clean out the garage, or fix that broken faucet.

But the most worthwhile project on his to-do list should be figuring out how to stay on the track once he gets back on it.

In case you missed it — which would've been hard, since the whole thing was captured on video — NASCAR's mercurial former champion had another of his all-too-familiar meltdowns, this time when asked a relatively benign question by a respected motorsports reporter who's been around the garage for years.

Busch answered with a none-too-subtle threat, and the governing body responded with what passes for a harsh penalty by its usually lenient standards.

Hey, Kurt, why don't you

sit this one out, came the word from NASCAR headquarters.

In fact, we insist on it.

"Actions detrimental to stock car racing ... violation of probation ... verbal abuse to a media member."

Well, that about covers it.

At least give NASCAR credit for doling out a one-race suspension, since they are usually the kings of vague probationary periods that don't amount to much of anything.

But, since Busch already was on probation for behavior even more bizarre, the stock car suits should've leveled an even harsher sanction.

A half-dozen races would've been more appropriate, giving Busch a good chunk of the summer to consider what a jerk he's been, time and time again.

Busch responded with a pseudo-apology through a public relations firm, but it may not be enough to save a job that was supposed to be nothing more than a fallback position to begin with.

Not even halfway through their first season together,



MCT photo
Kurt Busch seems to be at a potential crossroads in his career.

Phoenix Racing owner James Finch has just about had enough of the 2004 Cup champion — and, really, no one can blame the boss.

According to Finch, Busch's fiery impatience on the track has already caused him to wreck 14 cars this season, three of them beyond repair.

For a low-budget team like

Phoenix, that's inexcusable. But it's his behavior beyond the actual racing that is the biggest concern.

Busch, for all his talent, has simply become too much of a loose cannon for anyone to put up with.

He can't seem to get out of his own way.

"Here's the deal: Quit wrecking the cars, get a good

finish, be nice to people," Finch told SiriusXM NASCAR Radio on Tuesday. "That's not real hard to do."

For Busch, it apparently is. Once the suspension is done, Finch said he'll let Busch hang around on a race-by-race basis.

But this partnership feels like it's sucking on its last breath, which leaves one of the sport's most talented drivers facing the very real possibility that he'll soon be without a job, right when he should be in the prime of his career.

Busch is just 33 years old, with a resume that already includes 24 wins, 15 poles and 170 top-10 finishes.

But his act seems a lot older.

"Hopefully if we can get Kurt's mind right, we can win some races," Finch said. "If we can't get his mind right so we can race into the future, then I'll go do something else. It's just that simple."

Whether this is the wake-up call that Busch finally heeds is anyone's guess.

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LIVE SPORTS ON TV

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 3, Miami 2
 Miami 93, Boston 79
 Miami 115, Boston 111, OT
 Boston 101, Miami 91
 Boston 93, Miami 91, OT
 Tuesday: Boston 94, Miami 90
 Thursday: Miami at Boston, late
 x-Saturday, June 9: Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Oklahoma City 4, San Antonio 2
 San Antonio 101, Oklahoma City 98
 San Antonio 120, Oklahoma City 111
 Oklahoma City 102, San Antonio 82
 Oklahoma City 109, San Antonio 103
 Monday: Oklahoma City 108, San Antonio 103
 Wednesday: Oklahoma City 107, San Antonio 99

FINALS
Oklahoma City vs. Miami-Boston winner
 Tuesday, June 12: Miami-Boston winner at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
 Thursday, June 14: Miami-Boston winner at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
 Sunday, June 17: Oklahoma City at Miami-Boston winner, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 19: Oklahoma City at Miami-Boston winner, 9 p.m.
 x-Thursday, June 21: Oklahoma City at Miami-Boston winner, 9 p.m.
 x-Sunday, June 24: Miami-Boston winner at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, June 26: Miami-Boston winner at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

STANLEY CUP FINALS
Los Angeles 3, New Jersey 1
 Los Angeles 2, New Jersey 1, OT
 Los Angeles 2, New Jersey 1, OT
 Monday: Los Angeles 4, New Jersey 0
 Wednesday: New Jersey 3, Los Angeles 1
 Saturday, June 9: Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
 x-Monday, June 11: New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, June 13: Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	32	24	.571	—
New York	31	24	.564	½
Tampa Bay	31	25	.554	1
Toronto	30	26	.536	2
Boston	28	28	.500	4
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	31	25	.554	—
Cleveland	30	25	.545	½
Detroit	25	31	.446	6
Kansas City	24	31	.436	6½
Minnesota	22	34	.393	9
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	33	24	.579	—
Los Angeles	29	29	.500	4½
Seattle	26	33	.441	8
Oakland	25	32	.439	8

Tuesday's Games
 Cleveland 4, Detroit 2
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 0
 Baltimore 8, Boston 6, 10 innings
 Kansas City 1, Minnesota 0
 Toronto 9, Chicago White Sox 5
 L.A. Angels 6, Seattle 1
 Texas 6, Oakland 3

Wednesday's Games
 Cleveland 9, Detroit 6
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 1
 Baltimore 2, Boston 1
 Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2
 Toronto 4, Chicago White Sox 0
 Seattle 8, L.A. Angels 6
 Oakland 2, Texas 0

Thursday's Games
 Cleveland at Detroit, late
 Texas at Oakland, late
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, late
 Baltimore at Boston, late
 Toronto at Chicago White Sox, late

Friday's Games
 Kansas City (Hochevar 3-6) at Pittsburgh (Bedard 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Blanton 4-6) at Baltimore (Arrieta 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Porcello 3-4) at Cincinnati (Latos 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Hellickson 4-2) at Miami (Nolasco 6-3), 7:10 p.m.
 Washington (Strasburg 6-1) at Boston (Doubont 6-2), 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Drabek 4-6) at Atlanta (Beachy 5-4), 7:35 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 0-2) at Minnesota (Walters 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
 Houston (W.Rodriguez 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (Tomlin 2-3) at St. Louis (Westbrook 4-5), 8:15 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 6-4) at Colorado (White 2-3), 8:40 p.m.

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National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	32	22	.593	—
Atlanta	31	25	.554	2
Miami	31	25	.554	2
New York	31	26	.544	2½
Philadelphia	28	30	.483	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	31	24	.564	—
Pittsburgh	28	27	.509	3
St. Louis	28	28	.500	3
Milwaukee	25	31	.446	6½
Houston	24	32	.429	7½
Chicago	19	37	.339	12½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	36	21	.632	—
San Francisco	32	25	.561	4
Arizona	27	30	.474	9
Colorado	24	32	.429	11½
San Diego	19	38	.333	17

Tuesday's Games
 L.A. Dodgers 2, Philadelphia 1
 Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 12 innings
 Atlanta 11, Miami 0
 Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 4
 Houston 9, St. Louis 8
 Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 0

BOXING FRIDAY
10 p.m. Kelly Pavlik vs. Scott Sigmon. ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL FRIDAY
Noon NCAA Tournament ESPN2
3 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2
7 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2
9 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN

SATURDAY
Noon NCAA Tournament ESPN2
3 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2
6 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2
9 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2

GOLF FRIDAY
9 a.m. EuroPGA – Nordea Masters GOLF
Noon LPGA – Wegmans Championship GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – FedEx St. Jude Classic GOLF
6:30 p.m. PGA – Regions Tradition GOLF

SATURDAY
3 p.m. PGA – FedEx St. Jude Classic CBS
4 p.m. LPGA – Wegmans Championship GOLF
7:30 p.m. PGA – Regions Tradition GOLF

GYMNASTICS SATURDAY
1 p.m. 2012 Visa Championships NBC

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SATURDAY
1:30 p.m. Slam Dunk and 3-Point Championship CBS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FRIDAY
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Miami SUN
8 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Minnesota WGN

SATURDAY
4 p.m. Houston at Chicago White Sox WGN
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Miami FOX

NBA PLAYOFFS FRIDAY
9 p.m. Oklahoma City at San Antonio, if nec. TNT

SATURDAY
8:30 p.m. Boston at Miami, if nec. ESPN

NHL STANLEY CUP SATURDAY
8 p.m. Los Angeles at New Jersey NBC

TENNIS FRIDAY
11 a.m. French Open, Men's Semifinal NBC

SATURDAY
9 a.m. French Open, Women's Final NBC

UEFA SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS FRIDAY
11:30 a.m. Poland vs. Greece ESPN
2:30 p.m. Russia vs. Czech Republic ESPN

SATURDAY
11:45 a.m. Netherlands vs. Denmark ESPN
2:30 p.m. Germany vs. Portugal ESPN

WORLD CUP QUALIFIER FRIDAY
7 p.m. USA vs. Antigua & Barbuda ESPN
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Arizona 10, Colorado 0
 San Diego 6, San Francisco 5

Wednesday's Games
 San Francisco 6, San Diego 5
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Philadelphia 5
 Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 3
 Atlanta 2, Miami 1
 Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 4
 St. Louis 4, Houston 3
 Milwaukee 8, Chicago Cubs 0
 Arizona 6, Colorado 1

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

Friday's Games
 Kansas City (Hochevar 3-6) at Pittsburgh (Bedard 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Blanton 4-6) at Baltimore (Arrieta 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Porcello 3-4) at Cincinnati (Latos 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Hellickson 4-2) at Miami (Nolasco 6-3), 7:10 p.m.
 Washington (Strasburg 6-1) at Boston (Doubont 6-2), 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Drabek 4-6) at Atlanta (Beachy 5-4), 7:35 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 0-2) at Minnesota (Walters 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
 Houston (W.Rodriguez 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (Tomlin 2-3) at St. Louis (Westbrook 4-5), 8:15 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Reinstated LHP Zach Britton from the 60-day DL and optioned him to Norfolk (IL).
 Transferred RHP Stu Pomeranz to the 60-day DL. Signed LHP Jamie Moyer to a minor-league contract and assigned him to Norfolk.
 DETROIT TIGERS—Placed C Alex Avila on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of C Bryan Holaday from Toledo (IL). Designated C Omir Santos for assignment. Recalled RHP Jose Ortega from Toledo.
 TAMPA BAY RAYS—Activated 1B-OF Brandon Allen from the 15-day DL and designated him for assignment.
National League
 ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Placed INF Lyle Overbay on the paternity list. Recalled OF A.J. Pollock from Reno (PCL).
 CHICAGO CUBS—Placed RHP Blake Parker on the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Manuel Corpas from Iowa (PCL).
 NEW YORK METS—Activated OF Jason Bay from 15-day DL. Placed RHP Chris Young on paternity list. Reinstated RHP Pedro Beato from the 15-day DL.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Citrus Golf Day

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

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

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

Range balls and a participation prize raffle ticket will be included for all golfing participants. For additional information call 385-8091.

Flag Football

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

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

SFCC Volleyball Camps

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sebring Cheer Clinic

SEBRING – The Blue Streak Cheerleaders will be hosting a cheer clinic from Monday through Thursday, June 11-14, in the Sebring High School gym.

The clinic is open to children from age 4 through eighth grade and will meet each day from 3-5:30 p.m.

There will be a different theme of crafts, fun and cheers each day and attendees will be taught cheers and chants from the nationally ranked and four-time state champion Blue Streak squad.

The clinic culminates with a Pep Rally at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, and attendees will also perform at a Sebring football game.

Cost is \$50 before June 1, \$60 after, and there are discounts for multiple family members – \$50 first child and \$35 each additional member of same family.

For more information, contact Wendy Cloud at cloudw@highlands.k12.fl.us.

Sebring Pool Hours

SEBRING – The Sebring High School Pool is open to the public with availability Mondays through Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. and from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays

Additional hours will be added once school is let out for the summer.

Cost is \$2 per swimmer, with family passes available at \$50 for first member and \$20 for each additional family member.

Other activities at the pool include Water Aerobics, which begin Tuesday, May 8 and meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$2 per class, though with a summer pool pass, the cost is trimmed to \$1. Swimming lessons are also going to be offered throughout the summer.

The first session runs from June 11-22, the second from June 25-July 6, the third

from July 9-20 and the fourth from July 23-August 3.

Cost is \$50 for each two-week session. To register for swim lessons, come to the front office of Sebring High School beginning Monday, May 7, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The office secretaries will be able to sign you up.

For more information or questions on all pool activities, call and leave a message for Ms. Pat Caton at 471-5500, ext. 229, or email catonp@highlands.k12.fl.us.

APHS Summer Cheer Clinic

AVON PARK – The Red Devil Cheerleaders will be hosting a summer cheer clinic Monday through Thursday, June 11-14.

Each day, the clinic will run from 9 a.m.-Noon in the Avon Park High School gym, for aspiring cheerleaders from age 4 through eighth grade.

Cost is \$40, with additional children from same family costing \$25.

Lunch and a camp T-shirt will be provided and all clinic cheerleaders are invited to perform at the Devils first home football game this upcoming season.

For any questions, or more information, contact Tammy Williams at 414-7660 or Rose Kirby at 452-4311.

Purple Heart Golf Scramble

SEBRING — Harder Hall Country Club will be the site of the Saturday, June 9, Military Order of Purple Heart Golf Scramble.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Awards will be presented for closest to the pin.

Cohan Radio Group is sponsoring a \$2,000 Hole-in-One prize.

Mulligans, door prizes and 50/50 drawing will also be a part of the event's activities.

A grilled lunch will follow the tournament for each participant.

Cold refreshments will be available on the golf course.

For more information, contact Harry Marsh, 655-1982 or Fred Arbelo, 465-7074. Come out and support.

Checks may be mailed to the Military Order Purple Heart, P. O. Box 8201, Sebring, FL 33875.

If you received a Purple Heart from injuries sustained while in the U.S. Military, you are eligible to join the MOPH.

The yearly dues are very low. Meetings are held on Saturdays so as not to conflict with any other activities.

For more information, contact Commander Fred Arbelo or Harry Marsh, or write to the above address.

Friends in the Fight Golf

SEBRING – Friends In The Fight is an organization formed to support youth battling cancer in the community.

Friends In The Fight will hold a Golf Tournament and Barbecue Saturday, July 14, at the Country Club of Sebring. The tournament starts at 8 a.m. and the format is 2 players per team, with the Front 9 a Scramble and the Back 9 an Alternate Shot.

The registration fee is \$65 per player and includes greens fees, cart and lunch. Barbecue tickets are available for \$10 per person.

Meals can be picked up at the Country Club of Sebring or in Lake Placid, with 100-percent of the money raised used to help local families.

For additional information call Renee Kohl at 273-1112, Kym Smoak 441-7119 or email growstrong@live.com.

Forms are available online at www.fbclp.com – click on "events."

Look for updates on Facebook at "Friends in the Fight Highlands County."

Habitat 5K

SEBRING – Home Run for Habitat 5K Run/Walk will take place at Highlands Hammock State Park Saturday, July 14, beginning at 7 a.m.

Entry fee is \$15 through July 6, and \$20 after and through race day.

Entry fee includes a race T-shirt.

Awards will be given to age groups and overall male and female winners.

The entry fee will be waived for those who collect \$50 or more in pledges.

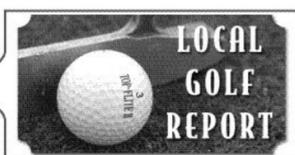
Funds raised will benefit a Habitat home in Sebring.

Top three entries, with the most raised in pledges, will be given a special award on race day.

Pledges must be collected and turned in at race check-in on July 14.

Download entry form at www.habitathighlands.org or email spallone@habitathighlands.org.

Call 385-7156 for more information.



SpringLake

On Tuesday, June 5, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association kicked off their monthly Pick Your Partner Two Day Tournament with Day 1 being played on the Panther Creek course.

It turned out to be another one of those days where nobody really felt they played well, but the team scores were very close for the Best Ball event on Day 1.

Three teams in the A Flight tied for first place with net One Best Ball scores of 66.

Those teams were Jan Hard and Jack Hoerner, Joe Austin and Bryan Carlson, and Gary Behrendt and Jon Brower.

The team of Edd Vowels and Don Cunning shot a net 67 and the team of Ken Kirby and Bob Hinde came in at 68.

In the B Flight, two teams tied for first place at 66; Charlie Keniston and Gale Monda and the team of John Delaney and Jay Payne.

Ed Clay and John Schroeder scored 69 and Gene Hearn and Dan Porter tied at net 70 for last place with Jim Foote and Dave

Senior Tip

MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKE WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

10-Minute Miracle

If you've been to PGA Tour events, I'm sure you've witnessed the extensive pre-round practices that all pros do. You know that you, too, should have a pre-game practice. Many amateurs and seniors never practice before their round, or many can't afford the luxury of the extra time required to practice before playing. If your first swing of the day is on the first tee and you have a lousy round or, worse, get injured, don't wonder, What happened? You should at the very least follow this pre-round routine, which takes only 10 minutes. **1)** Go to the practice tee and stretch your lower back (2 minutes). **2)** Hit 6-10 balls, without rushing. Hit half with an easy pitching wedge, half with a middle iron (3 minutes). **3)** Go to the edge of the practice green and hit several chip shots (2 minutes). **4)** Hit three or four long putts to different targets; just before you go to the tee, hit a few straight, uphill 3-foot putts to boost your confidence (3 minutes). You're up!

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

Docherty.

A sympathy card is being sent to Mr. Docherty for having to carry Foote on his back for 15 holes; Foote having sprayed more shots over the Panther

course than a rabid skunk...

It was truly a great day to play golf - cloudy and breezy - right up until the rains caught the last group on the course

Fish column looks to hook into local scene

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I'd like to think I can give you a little insight into where the fish are biting, when and where the tournaments are scheduled, and any special family fishing events that may be coming up.

So if you have any fishing news, pictures, hotspots or

just plain stories you'd like to pass my way, please send them in.

Just remember the story of the two skulls.

Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass fishing guide and custom rod builder. He has also taught a few fishing classes at the South Florida Community College. He

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Firecracker 5K set for July 4

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The 18th Annual Firecracker 5K Run/Walk is set for Highlands Hammock State Park at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4.

The race celebrates the nation's birthday and will feature overall, masters and grand masters male and female awards, age group awards in 5-year age divisions, deluxe T-shirts and

plenty of refreshments.

Entry fee is \$17 thru June 27 and \$22 after June 27 and race day.

Only pre-registered are guaranteed shirt size, so sign up early.

You may receive an email application form by contacting Chet Brojek at cbrojek@comcast.net, or by phone at 385-4736.

Mail entries to Firecracker 5K, 3310 Par Road, Sebring,

FL 33872.

Checks made payable to Central Florida Striders.

Proceeds of the race benefit the Avon Park High School boys and girls cross country teams.

Participants are urged to wear Red, White and Blue as we celebrate in our beautiful state park.

See you all at Highlands Hammock State Park on July 4.

Junior Golf Academy

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — PGA pro Geoff Lee returns to teach your child the values and traditions of the game at the Golf Hammock Junior Golf Academy June 25-29.

All physical aspects of the game along with rules and etiquette will be covered in an atmosphere of fun.

Prizes awarded in games, contest and a 3-hole tournament will be held on Friday

with parents/guardians welcome.

Cost: \$95 each. Registration available at the pro-shop, or call 382-2151 to have one faxed to you.

Busch sees problems piling up

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But there's little reason to believe he's going to change his ways.

He certainly didn't after breaking up with one of the biggest names in motorsports, Roger Penske, after last season.

Busch called it a mutual decision, but it had all the makings of an owner dismissing a malcontent employee.

The Captain runs a tight ship, and that philosophy was constantly at odds with Busch's hair-trigger temper.

Last season alone, he unleashed a rage-fueled rant on his team radio that drew widespread attention, sparred with two reporters in Richmond, and finally was caught on camera verbally abusing an ESPN reporter during the season finale in Miami.

NASCAR levied a \$50,000 fine after the Miami video was posted on YouTube.

Penske pulled the plug about a week later.

Busch insisted he was ready to go because he needed "to put the fun back

into racing."

Apparently it never occurred to Busch that none of the major teams would want someone with his baggage, no matter how good he is.

He had to settle for a ride with Phoenix Racing, which simply doesn't have the money to run with the big boys.

Busch figured he'd bide his time for one season with Phoenix, then land one of the plum jobs opening up in 2013.

Well, it's not much fun essentially going from the Yankees to the Royals, racing for a team that has little chance of winning each week.

Through 13 races, he hasn't finished higher than ninth.

He's led only six laps.

He's mired at 26th in the standings, which has raised Busch's frustration level to new highs.

Or lows, we should say.

Last month, a flat tire caused Busch to wreck late in the Sprint Cup race at Darlington.

After going to the pits for repairs, he did a burnout

through Ryan Newman's box while crew members were over the wall — an extremely reckless move that could have left someone seriously injured.

Afterward, Busch ran into Newman's car on pit road and got into it with several of the angry crewmen.

That led Newman to speculate Busch has a "chemical imbalance," which seems as good an explanation as any.

NASCAR put him on probation, which was still in effect at the time of his verbal smackdown to a reporter after last Saturday's Nationwide race at Dover.

Busch is supposedly seeing a sports psychologist to deal with his anger issues, but it's clearly not working.

He needs a thorough checkup to determine why he can't keep it together.

Maybe that's what he can do this weekend.

He's certainly got the time.

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Countdown to Triple Crown: Triple try alibis

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT

Associated Press

There have been 30 horses who came into the Belmont Stakes with a chance to win the Triple Crown.

Eleven succeeded in sweeping the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont, and 19 came up short in the final leg.

While we're waiting to see how Triple Crown hopeful I'll Have Another fares in his bid Saturday, here's a look at some of those who just missed, and the alibis:

TIM TAM (1958)

The Calumet Farm bay colt finished second to Cavan by 5/8 lengths after running the final quarter-mile with a broken bone in his right front ankle.

CARRY BACK (1961)

A scrawny, unattractive little colt was poised to make another thrilling stretch run to victory, but when jockey Johnny Sellers asked for more, Carry Back "spit the bit" — a racing term meaning he simply didn't feel like running anymore.

He finished seventh behind 65-1 long shot Sherlock.

MAJESTIC PRINCE (1969)

The great jockey Bill Hartack was criticized by many for moving too late in the stretch in losing to Arts and Letters.

It was Majestic Prince's first loss in 10 starts.

SPECTACULAR BID (1979)

Considered a cinch to give racing its fourth Triple Crown winner in the 1970s, the Bid stepped on a safety pin in his stall the morning of the race.

He finished third behind Coastal after young jockey Ron Franklin gunned Bid to the lead and the colt faded in the stretch.

SILVER CHARM (1997)

After reeling in rival Free House with an eighth of a mile to go, Silver Charm was on his way to immortality.

But with 75 yards to go, jockey Gary

Stevens saw another horse out of the corner of his eye.

It was Touch Gold, and Silver Charm didn't see him either until 10 jumps from the wire. By then, it was too late.

REAL QUIET (1998)

A year after trainer Bob Baffert had his heart broken by Silver Charm, another of his horses — Real Quiet — took a run at greatness.

But jockey Kent Desormeaux was criticized for making his move too early, and by the time Real Quiet was a furlong from the finish at Belmont, he began staggering home.

Victory Gallop, runner-up in the Derby and Preakness, was bearing down and the two hit the wire together.

After several agonizing minutes, the photo went against Real Quiet.

CHARISMATIC (1999)

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas' Triple Crown quest ended with a quarter mile to go, when Charismatic fractured two bones in his left front leg but still finished third behind 29-1 long shot Lemon Drop Kid.

WAR EMBLEM (2002)

Baffert has had some tough luck chasing the Triple Crown and his front-running speedster was done in early — he stumbled out of the starting gate and finished eighth behind 70-1 long shot Sarava.

SMARTY JONES (2004)

After fighting off strong challenges from Rock Hard Ten and Eddington along the backstretch, Smarty Jones and jockey Stewart Elliott opened a 3/8-length lead into the stretch.

But the early duels proved to be Smarty's undoing.

He tired in the stretch and was caught in the final 70 yards by 36-1 long shot Birdstone.

Follow Richard Rosenblatt on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/rosenblattap>

Gruber added to Bucs Ring of Honor

Associated Press

TAMPA — Former Tampa Bay offensive lineman Paul Gruber is the newest inductee into the Buccaneers' Ring of Honor.

The fourth overall pick in the 1988 draft played his entire 12-year pro career with the Bucs.

He never missed a regular season game because of injury and played 4,850 consecutive snaps during one stretch from his rookie year until 1992.

Gruber is the fourth inductee, joining Hall of Famer Lee Roy Selmon, John McKay and Jimmie Giles.

The soft-spoken left tack-

le was the most consistent player on a team that didn't post a winning record until 1997, when Tampa Bay earned its first playoff berth

in 15 years.

Gruber will be inducted during halftime of the team's Oct. 14 home game against Kansas City.

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Hoffner sees dream come true

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dering if I was willing to sign," he said. "Heard from them a couple more times, but was never notified that I was being drafted.

"That was, until I heard my name over the computer in the 14th round," he continued. "I almost hit my head on the ceiling."

A phone call from Durkin was received, saying the team would be in touch over the next few days to get things finalized, though a new collective bargaining agreement came into play during this year's draft, which made things a little more complicated.

Following is an explanation offered early this week by writer Paul White in USA TODAY.

"The biggest change is the bonus pool, an updated version of the unofficial slotting (suggested bonus money based on draft position) that MLB tried to get clubs to adhere to in the past with mixed results.

A flaw in that system was that lower-revenue teams often passed on top talents because of the cost of signing them, allowing richer and more successful teams to add to their collection of talent.

Now, each team's pool for the first 10 rounds is based on a complicated system that takes into account draft position, number of picks and money spent the previous year.

'To say I'm excited is an understatement.'

CORBIN HOFFNER

Bonuses under \$100,000 after round 10 don't count against the pool.

This year's pools range from \$12.3 million for the Minnesota Twins' 13 picks to \$1.6 million for the Los Angeles Angels' eight selections.

Teams can exceed the pool, but with penalties: A 75-percent luxury tax on the excess amount for going 5-percent or less over the limit; a 100-percent tax and loss of next year's first-round pick for 5-10-percent over; ranging up to a loss of two No. 1 picks for more than 15-percent over.

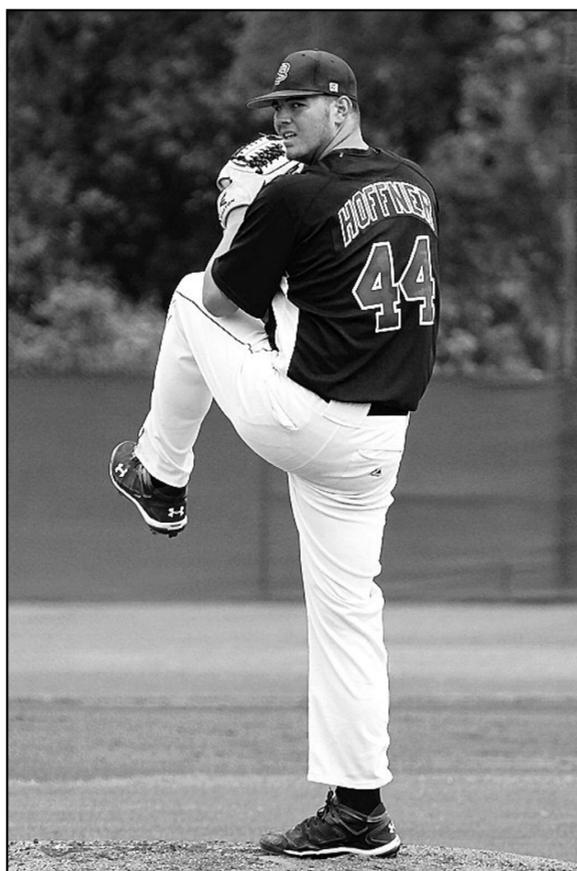
Adding to the decision-making pressure is a July 13 signing deadline — moved up from Aug. 15 — for players taken this week.

Which might explain why it turned out to be more a matter of hours, rather than days, before Durkin knocked on the Hoffner's door Wednesday evening.

"I decided to sign," Hoffner said. "I felt that the money was right, especially because money for school was included in the offer.

Even though college is a step up in the process, I am looking forward to what is next.

"Having my family here with me was a huge bless-



News-Sun photo courtesy of KIM GAUGER
In his freshman season at St. Petersburg College, Cobrin Hoffner had a 2.52 ERA and recorded 73 strikeouts in 71 innings.

ing," he continued. "And without my dad teaching me all he has over the years, I would never be where I am today."

Today it's at home in Sebring, flush with the knowledge his baseball future is set and fast approaching.

"I'm being flown out to Arizona Sunday morning," he said. "To say I'm excited is an understatement.

"It's a dream come true that I have been working for my whole life."

The dream fulfilled, and yet only beginning.

Tebow, Chipper Jones to open facility in Orlando

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Even though they are two of the most famous athletes to come from Jacksonville, Tim Tebow and Chipper Jones have never met.

That might change soon. The New York Jets quarterback and the Atlanta Braves third baseman are partnering to open a D1 Sports Training facility in Orlando.

It will house an indoor turf field and a state-of-the-art weight room to go with a sports medicine and therapy clinic run by Orlando Orthopaedic Center, which also is an owner.

"I haven't met Tim. I hope to in the very near future," Jones said before Wednesday's game at Miami. "He's probably the most recognizable figure in America right now. We're from the same area in Jacksonville. I know he comes from a good family.

"His faith is as strong as anybody you'll ever meet. And I don't even know him, you know? So that's my impression of him from afar. That being said, I'm a long-time loyal Gator, and he can do no wrong in my eyes."

Tebow trained at D1 Nashville prior to the 2010 NFL draft.

He became a co-owner of D1 Savannah in April 2011 and joined Jones as a co-owner in D1 Tampa in January.

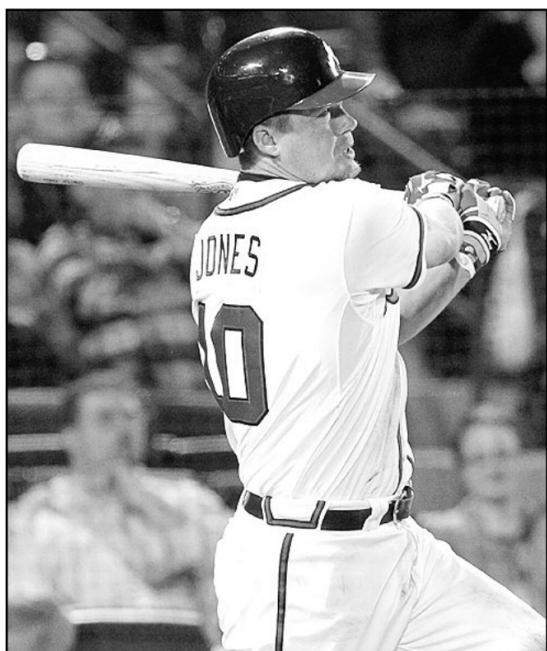
"It's one of those business opportunities that comes along," Jones said. "D1 in Tampa has done really well. Other D1s around the southeastern United States have done well. It's a chance for young kids to get some constructive exercise from professional athletes."

They could get some tips from Tebow, too.

Tebow is scheduled to hold a members-only training event June 24 at the new facility, which will officially open the next day.

D1 has 15 other locations.

D1 has partnered with star athletes such as Peyton Manning, Ndamukong Suh, Philip Rivers, Herschel Walker and Heather Mitts, along with physicians, to open facilities that work out and provide physical therapy to people of all abilities 7 or older to train as if they're preparing to be Division-I athletes.



MCT photos

Jacksonville natives Chipper Jones and Tim Tebow are partnering up in a DI Sports Training facility in Orlando.



Choice weighing on Weber-Callahan

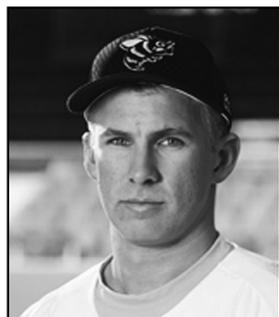
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would knock off the Eagles again two days later to reach the championship game before falling, 4-3, to St. Thomas.

For his standout season, Weber-Callahan was named to the Sun Conference first team in just his freshman campaign.

But the twist to the story is that he and the Bees already knew it would be SCAD's last campaign.

"We found out that the baseball, softball and volleyball programs were being cut one week before our first series back in January," Weber-Callahan said. "Everyone was pretty upset, but we still wanted to do our best in the last SCAD base-



Courtesy photo
Dylan Weber-Callahan has a lot to consider this summer.

ball season.

"Knowing it could be my first and last season of playing college baseball, it definitely set a fire and made me want to do my best on the field."

The results of that fire being lit speak for them-

selves and also offered Weber-Callahan the chance for his college baseball career to continue, with other schools taking notice of his ability and making offers — but at a cost.

SCAD, after all, was the school of choice for the aspiring architect and when given the choice between an athletic or academic scholarship, he opted for the latter — with the knowledge that he was still going to get his opportunity with the baseball team.

A good choice in hindsight, but one that also showed the direction he saw for himself.

Though, that was before this newfound success on the diamond and the opportunities it opened up.

"I do have a couple of scholarship offers from different schools at the NAIA level," Weber-Callahan said. "But I would have to major in something other than architecture if I were to go to any of those schools.

"That's why I'm having such a hard time deciding, because of the options I have right now."

And while his summer break is just getting underway, what lies ahead is some emotional wrestling with what his future holds.

"I'm going to have to give up playing baseball to stay at SCAD," he said. "Or keep playing and put off the degree I've been working toward.

"I still haven't made my final decision."

Florida Trail Association - Heartland Chapter, June Activities

Special to the News-Sun
Saturday, June 9

Activity: Day Hike, approx. 5 miles
Location: Saddle Creek Park to Tenoroc Fish Management Area, Lakeland.

Description: This former phosphate mining area consists of lakes, marshes, grasslands and wooded hills, and is an important refuge for wildlife. Meet at the trailhead near the restrooms.

Bring: Hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

Contact: RSVP Monika Hoerl at 858-3106 for meet-up time and other details. Also, please RSVP to the chapter online Meet-up page at www.meetup.com/Heartland-FTA/calendar.

Saturday, June 16

Activity: Kayaking
Location: Reedy Creek on Rucks Dairy Rd., Frostproof, FL at the bridge.
Bring: Kayak, paddle, life jacket, water, lunch

Contact: RSVP Bob Yost at 644-5448 or bobalinks3@yahoo.com for meet-up time, directions and other information. Also, please RSVP to the chapter online Meet-up page at www.meetup.com/Heartland-FTA/calendar.

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Sunday, June 17

Activity: Nature Walk
Location: Circle B Bar Preserve, SR 540 (Winter Lake Road), Lakeland

Description: Approx. 3 mile walk to view birds and other wildlife at this scenic wildlife preserve which is home to an oak hammock, freshwater marsh, hardwood swamp and lake shore, a tremendous bird population, including a variety of wading birds, waterfowl, ospreys and bald eagles. Alligators inhabit Lake Hancock and may be observed from a distance. Pets are not allowed.

Bring: Walking or hiking shoes, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.
Contact: Liane Plumhoff 646-2398 or lplum@verizon.net.

Saturday, June 23

Activity: Tubing
Location: Kelly Park at Rock Springs Run

Carpool from Posner Shopping Center at Junc. of I-4 and Hwy. 27, in front of Dick's Sporting Goods.

Bring: Water, snacks, lunch (food also available at park concession), swimsuit, water shoes, bug and sun protection, large tube suitable for river

floatation (tube rental available from roadside vendors near the park, cost: approx. \$5).

Contact: RSVP Eileen Valachovic at 956-2145 for meet-up time and other information.

Saturday, June 30

Activity: Off-road Bike Ride
Location: Aafia River State Park, Hillsborough Cty.

Address: 14326 South County Road 39, Lithia, Florida 33547

Description: Some of the most challenging off-road bicycling trails in Florida can be found at Alafia River State Park. Located on what was once a phosphate mining site, the unique topography of the reclaimed land offers some of Florida's most radical elevation changes. Alafia State Park is home to 17 miles of bike trails, ranging from beginner to advanced. The Trails were constructed by volunteers from the Southwest Association of Mountain Bike Pedalers (SWAMP).

Bring: Bicycle with all terrain tires (wide), helmet, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: RSVP Teresa Newgent at (813) 695-9721 cell or email newgt7@yahoo.com for meet-up time and other information.

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HEALTHY LIVING

My pills are expired. Now what?

Metro Services

It happens every day. You have a headache or another ailment and go to the medicine cabinet to find relief.

After shaking a few pills out of the bottle, you happen to glance at the expiration date stamped on the side and realize those pain-relief pills have expired.

You wonder if you will get sick if you swallow them or if you can get away with it this time.

Who isn't trying to stretch a dollar a little further these days? And with prescription drug costs rising and some companies cutting back on health insurance coverage, there are thousands of people who may be between plans and cannot afford to continually restock their medicine cabinets with new drugs.

Is it safe to take that anti-anxiety medication even if its expiration date has come and gone? Will those acid reducers make you even more sick? These are viable questions.

For the most part, medical experts say that expired drugs are reasonably safe to take. According to information published in *Pharmacology Today*, the expiration date stamped on over-the-counter medication is a date at which the drug manufacturer can still guarantee full potency of the drug. The expiration date on

your prescription medicine bottle may be the date that the prescription — not the medicine — expires, generally a year after the medication was filled. A law was passed in 1979 that required drug manufacturers to issue the expiration date as a means to giving consumers what they paid for, and likely to avoid litigation over drugs that are no longer effective.

Medical authorities state that the majority of expired drugs are safe to take — even medications that expired years ago. However, their potency may be reduced.

Liquid medications, such as oral antibiotics, may lose their potency faster than pills. Tetracycline, a broad-spectrum antibiotic, is one that causes some controversy regarding safety after expiration.

So it's best to discard tetracycline pills once they have expired. Others say that nitroglycerine and hydrocodone (Vicodin) may present some dangers after expiration, but this has not been proven in any large-scale study.

If you need some more reassurance that those expired pills are fine to take, consider a study conducted by the US Food and Drug Administration at the request of the US military.

The military was consider-



Got a headache but your ibuprofen is expired? It's probably OK to take it.

ing disposing of and replacing its drug store every few years because of expiration dates, which would have

come at a considerable cost. After a lengthy analysis, the FDA determined that 90 percent of the more than 100

drugs they tested — both prescription and OTC — were still potent even 15 years after the expiration date.

That doesn't mean it is always safe or effective to take an expired pill, especially if you are self-diagnosing a medical condition and subsequently self-medicating. Medications should always be used under the guidance of a doctor who can monitor dosing and progress. Also, medications should never be shared among different members of the family for whom they were not prescribed.

Individuals who stockpile medications also run the risk of some other dangers. There's the chance of grabbing the wrong bottle and taking a medication that is not needed, a problem common with the elderly that can result in illness.

With narcotic and prescription drug abuse a rising epidemic among young people, having a cabinet full of drugs could prove tempting to adolescents thinking about getting high from drugs readily available in their own homes.

The best advice regarding expired drugs is when in doubt, throw them out. But if you've just swallowed some expired ibuprofen and are worried about side effects, chances are there is nothing to worry about.

Snapshots

Ace Homecare Community outreach

- Monday - 8:30 a.m., Health Fair, Hammock Estates, Hammock Road, Sebring; 10 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Resthaven Assisted Living facility, off State Road 64, Resthaven Road, Zolfo Springs; 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

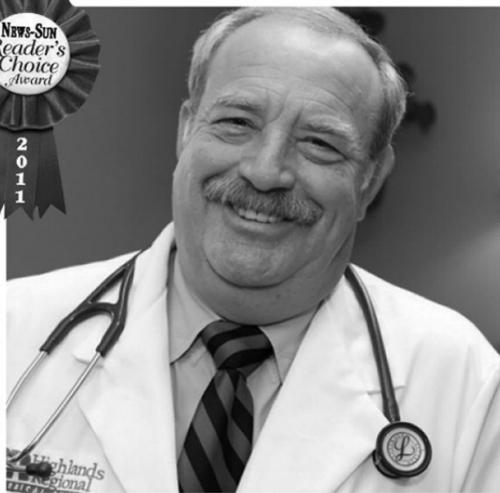
- Tuesday - 7:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lakeside Gardens, County Road 621, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Heron's Landing, Heron's Landing Lane, Lake Placid; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Lake Placid Meal Site, Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid; 1 p.m., Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27 Sebring.

- Wednesday - 8 a.m., Health Fair, Neibert's, U.S. 98, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Palm Estates, U.S. 98, Lorida.

- Thursday - 10 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Maranatha Village, Arbuckle Creek Road, Sebring.

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

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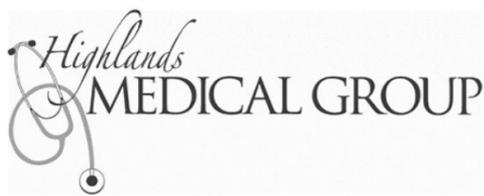
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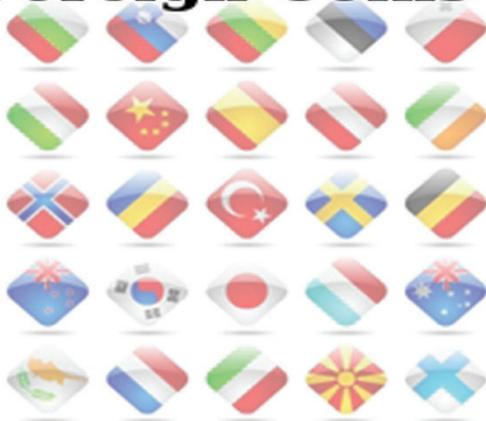
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HEALTHY LIVING

Keep an eye on your teen's activities



Guest Column
Amanda John

In the month of May, Drug Free Highlands supported the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Alliance by helping put on their annual eighth-grade Teen Panels. As the month of May ended, all of the eighth-grade girls and boys in Highlands County were educated about sex, STD's, teen pregnancy, drugs and personal hygiene.

Every year it is an eye opener for our eighth-graders, but also for the people putting it on, for the volunteers and for the teachers that participate. The statistics are disturbing. And our eighth-graders are shocked to find out that there are 2,400 teenagers in the United States every year that become pregnant; that in Highlands County, every week, three teenagers become pregnant; that many of those pregnant young girls have an STD of some kind; and that a teen is 10 times more likely to experiment with sex if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

As the school year comes to an end our teens are starving for freedom, for no homework days, for sleeping in late and, of course, in this heat, bathing suit days. Summer is their favorite time of year and, of course, for good reason. So, whether your sons or daughters are going to summer camp, staying home or attending summer school, as parents and grandparents, we need to keep our eyes open at the things our kids are doing this summer as well as in the future.

A few things to do to lessen the likelihood of your teen having sex and abusing drugs:

- Talk to your teens about sex and drugs;
- Know what they're doing on the computer, on their phones etc., (set parental controls);
- Do not host parties at home so your kids can drink/abuse drugs "safely";
- Know who your teen is hanging out with; check in with them frequently; and
- Urge your teen to become involved in sports and extra-curricular activities.

Unfortunately, quite often we hear people complain that there is nothing for teens to do in our county, but what people need to understand is that there are many things for children and teens to do. Between church, summer camps, the YMCA and all of the other organizations that provide events during the week and weekend, there are many options for teens to become involved in positive activities.

If you would like more information on teen pregnancy prevention, drug abuse or community events contact Amanda John at 441-5101 or via email at asherley@drugfreehighlands.org/.



Metro Services

Wait an hour after you eat before swimming? Not necessary.

Popular health myths debunked

Metro Services

Well-meaning parents or grandparents often tell children not to do something with the warning that a serious health implication could result. Kids often take their elders at their word. But some of these warnings bear more truth than others. Here's the scoop on some of the more common misconceptions.

Myth: Swallowed chewing gum stays in the stomach for seven years.

While chewing gum cannot be digested and is meant to be chewed and not swallowed, accidentally swallowing a piece here and there won't cause major issues. That's because the gum will simply pass through the digestive system whole and come out with stool. If a large amount of gum is swallowed in a short period of time, then there could be issues, including constipation and intestinal blockage in children.

Myth: If you keep your eyes crossed too long, they will get stuck that way.

The muscles in the eye are just like any muscles elsewhere in the body.

When it comes to these things, Mom may not always be right

Although they may tire and get sore, they are relatively resilient and can take a lot of wear and tear. Crossing your eyes may tax these muscles, but you won't do any permanent harm. Rest assured that crossing the eyes will not leave them stuck that way.

Myth: Covering your head is most important because you lose 75 percent of your body heat through it.

This calculation is more for an infant whose head makes up a greater percentage of his or her body. In an adult, the figure is closer to 10 percent. Heat can escape from any exposed area of the body. Therefore, it is helpful to bundle up all areas of the body when spending time outdoors in the cold weather.

Myth: Going outside with wet hair will make you sick.

Although you will feel colder stepping outside with a part of your body wet, it won't make you more susceptible to catching a cold. Researchers at the Common Cold Research Unit in England once tested a group of volunteers who were given the cold virus. One half of the group stayed in a warm room, while the others took a bath and stood wet in a hallway for a half hour. The wet group didn't catch more colds than the dry.

Myth: Don't swim right after eating.

The basis of this mantra is that when digesting food, the digestive system pulls blood away from the muscles and the idea is that you could cramp up and drown. While you may have less energy to swim vigorously, chances are you won't be so weak as to drown.

Although many health myths prevail, knowing the truth can help parents educate their children better about which behaviors are safe and which are risky.

Wake up with healthy thyroid hormone

Dear Pharmacist: I saw your Facebook post on iodine and have hypothyroidism. I'm convinced I'm deficient, tell me more about deficiency and how to feel better?

— E.P., Scottsdale, Ariz.



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

Answer: Iodine is so important and you may run low if you swim in chlorinated swimming pools, drink certain beverages or brush your teeth with typical toothpaste.

Iodine is one of the components that helps make thyroid hormone. It starts out as thyroxine or T4 for short. The "4" refers to the number of iodine molecules bound on to the "T," which stands for tyrosine. Thyroid hormone is just iodine and tyrosine glued together. At some point, one of the iodine molecules leave, and you're left with T3 which is your body's fuel. T3 wakes you up and burns fat, it makes you pretty. Doctors can't agree on what the best range is. I think you'll feel well if your T3 is between 3.5 - 4.2.

The thyroid gland is the only part of the body that has cells capable of absorbing iodine, which it gets from food, iodized salt, seaweed but it doesn't get nearly enough. I was shocked when I learned that the American Thyroid Association reported that approximately 40 percent of the world's population remains at risk for iodine deficiency. I think part of the problem is that foods grown in mineral-deficient soils are less nutritious. Bring in chemicals called halides such as fluorine, chlorine and bromine. These halides are annoying bullies and race for the same spot on the cell that iodine does, the bullies win.

Who are the bullies? For example, a very popular sports electrolyte drink contains bromine, your pool and jacuzzi contain chlorine and most toothpastes contain fluoride. It's not any one punch, it's the cumulative effect. You know how you love that

new car smell? Some of it is off-gassing of bromine, and you're breathing it in. Your thyroid gets upset.

These bully halides are drug muggers of your iodine, they could cause deficiency. This increases your risk for becoming hypothyroid: Hair loss, depression, always feeling cold, weight gain, brittle fingernails, constipation, pale, dry skin. Did I mention fatigue? Oh yeah, it's constant and you wake up only after that triple shot latte.

Iodine deficiency is not always the only cause for hypothyroidism. Your doctor can test you so don't take iodine indiscriminately because it can cause hyperthyroidism and nodules. If you read my 24-Hour Pharmacist book, you'd know that I only recommend supplements that contain both "iodine" and "iodide" because different tissues of the body respond better to certain forms of Iodine. The thyroid gland loves iodide while the breasts and prostate crave iodine. That's why I recommend either I-throid capsules, or Iodoral tablets (however, those tablets contain pharmaceutical glaze in case you are sensitive). Health food stores can order either of these for you, or buy online. I don't like liquid iodine supplements, they usually taste unpleasant and I'm never sure of consistency from drop to drop.

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

Disney's new diet for kids: No more junk food ads

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There won't be any more candy, sugary cereal or fast food on TV with the morning cartoons.

The Walt Disney Co. on Tuesday became the first major media company to ban ads for junk food on its television channels, radio stations and websites, hoping to stop kids from eating badly by taking the temptation away.

First Lady Michelle Obama called it a "game changer" that is sure to send a message to the rest of the children's entertainment industry.

"Just a few years ago if you had told me or any other mom or dad in America that our kids wouldn't see a single ad for junk food while they watched their favorite cartoons on a major TV network, we wouldn't have believed you," said

Obama, who heads a campaign to curb child obesity.

The food that doesn't meet Disney's nutritional standards goes beyond candy bars and fast-food meals. Capri Sun juice (too much sugar) and Oscar Mayer Lunchables (high sodium) won't be advertised.

Any cereal with 10 grams or more of sugar per serving is also off the air. A full meal can't be more than 600 calories.

Disney's rules — which won't take effect until 2015 — follow a proposal by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg to take supersized drinks over 16 ounces out of convenience stores, movie theaters and restaurants, removing choices to try to influence behavior.

Getting rid of junk food ads will make it easier

to keep the family on a healthy diet, said Nadine Haskell, a mother of two sons, 8 and 11.

"If they see a commercial on TV, then the next time we go to the grocery store they'll see it and say they want to try it," said Haskell, of Columbus, Ohio.

Disney declined to say how much revenue it stands to lose from banning unhealthy food. CEO Bob Iger said there might be a short-term reduction in advertising revenue, but he hopes that advertisers will eventually adjust and create products that meet the standards.

The ban would apply to TV channels such as Disney XD, children's programming in the Saturday-morning block aired on Disney-owned ABC stations, Radio Disney and Disney-owned websites aimed at families with young children.

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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — This is the second Sunday after Pentecost. Sermon will be the Gospel reading of Mark 3:20-35.

June 18 at 11 a.m., WELCA meeting continues the review of Small Catechism and work on a pictorial history of church. Please bring a dish to share for the noon luncheon.

Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS

AVON PARK — Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "Holy, Holy, Holy... and Holy."

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "God the Preserver of Man." The keynote is from Psalms 121:8, "The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training

Church

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

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — Mid-week Bible study and discussion time is an informal setting with open discussion. The adults are currently looking at the Epistle to the Ephesians.

If you are interested in better knowing the Bible we encourage you to join us for this time of study and fellowship.

Eastside Christian Church is at 101 Peace Ave., two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621. The phone number is 465-7065.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "Pay Attention," with Scripture taken from I Samuel 8:1-22.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on Country Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999

or visit sebringemmanuelucc.com.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the church celebrates the Second Sunday after Pentecost. Worship leader Ken Hall will deliver his sermon based on Mark 3: 20-35.

Call 385-2782 (direct to Faith's Closet).

First Christian Church - Avon Park

AVON PARK — Tonight, there will be a free concert at 7 p.m. Zack Shelton with 64 2 Grayson will be in concert. Zack was an American Idol contestant. A love offering will be collected.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Linda Ellis and Juanita Roberts. Communion will be served by

Carol Graves, Mike Graves, Carol Chandler and Effie Simmons.

The pastor is back from his vacation and his sermon is titled "Receive The Holy Spirit," taken from John 20:19-22.

For any additional information, call the church office at 385-0352. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, the pastor's sermon is titled "All Things in Common" based on Acts 4:32-36. Special music will be provided by Merl and Ruth Mann singing "The King and I."

Part 2 of the DVD "Expelled," starring Ben Stein, will be shown during Sunday school.

This week the high school students will be attending "Horizon Camp" in Flat Rock, N.C. They will be accompanied by youth leaders Matt and Dena Sbotto.

On Saturday, June 16 there will be a Church Work Day from 8 a.m. until noon. Members are asked to volunteer for various jobs and bring the tools necessary to complete the tasks.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on

Lagrande Street). For questions, call 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "God's Plan, Part III" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon, given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Summer Camp for sixth- to eighth-graders from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 18 to Aug. 10. Youth will meet in fellowship hall for devotions, sports, crafts and field trips. Lunch and snacks provided. Call Reid Thayer in the church office, 385-0107, for more information. Enrollment is necessary; space is limited.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant's sermon topic Sunday will be "The Sorcerer - The Proconsul" with Scripture from Acts 13:4-12.

The youth ministry will deliver Meals-on-Wheels each Tuesday during the summer months.

Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Visit the website at www.sebringfirstumc.com.

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information contact (239) 671-0390. Pastor Travis Vanderford.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages;

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

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Sever. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONFESSION: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3:30-4:15 p.m.; Or by appointment with any priest. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass: noon; Last Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. and noon; Saturday: 9 a.m.

■ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter - Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825 (Saxon Hall in Reflection Community). Bill Raymond, Minister. Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship; Communion is available each week. Thursday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. Our goal is: Love Christ - Love People. For more information call 453-7679 or 453-8929.

■ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray

Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; David Etherton, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

■ **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 510 Poinsettia Avenue, (corner of Poinsettia and Eucalyptus), Sebring, FL 33870. Phone: 385-0358 or 385-3435. The Rev. Ronald Norton, Pastor; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Praise Breakfast, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.; Midweek Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

■ **The Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.;

Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Avon Park Church of Christ**, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Larry Roberts. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

■ **Lake Placid Church of Christ**, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Jimmy Goins, pastor. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website <http://www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacidcfc/>.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. Special services once a month for seniors (Prime Time) and Ladies ministries. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid**, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Don Seymour, Senior Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

RELIGION

Jesus: Salvation is available in none other

In response to the question, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit informed the assembled leaders that the man was healed by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Then he boldly proclaimed, "Nor is there salvation in any other name, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:8-12).

The boldness of the Messiah was imprinted on their souls, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Consider the following vital information about Jesus, the Savior!

Jehova

When Isaiah told of the coming of John (Isaiah 40:3), he was to prepare the way of Jehovah. When John started his mission, the apostle Matthew (3:3) identified, this preparer as the one spoken of by Isaiah with this statement, "For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.'" "Lord" is both of these passages also translates "Jehovah" i.e. the existing one; the eternal living one.

Eternal

Since we are surrounded with things related to time, it is very difficult to comprehend the eternal Word but that is the very thing John 1:1 proclaims, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And this is an inspired commentary on Genesis 1:1 and the word "Elohim". This marvelous character of Jesus is expounded upon by Spirit inspired writers like Paul in Colossians 1:15-17 and John in Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Sinless

There was only one who would dare ask such a question as, "Which of you convicts Me of

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sin?" (John 8:46). They desperately tried to charge Him with sin and set him up to sin, but "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). This attribute of Jesus is a must for Him to be a perfect sin offering. The Hebrew letter continues in 7:26,27, "For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself."

Universal

Abraham was promised that his seed would bring forth a blessing to all the families of the earth. (Genesis 12:3) The Divinely

inspired prophets for many generations added more information to this promised Messiah/Savior. Galatians 3:16 and 29 brings it all together, "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds', as of many, but as of one, 'And to your seed,' who is Christ'" and "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." This universalism of the gospel was clearly stated in the world wide orders to take the message of Jesus/Savior to every creature. (Mark 16:15,16)

Sufficient

The multitude of animal sacrifices were unable to take away sin as is clearly stated in Hebrews 10:1-4. Early in his ministry, John declared about Jesus, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The Hebrew writer, in that marvelous treatise on the superiority of Jesus, declared "And for this reason He is the mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the

first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance" (Hebrews 9:15). Sufficient! Abundant! Adequate! Superior! No wonder the same penman declares repeatedly that Jesus died once for all to obtain eternal redemption!

The men and women who walked and talked with the Messiah gives us some reassuring conclusions: Martha- "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world" (John 11:27). Peter- "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:68,69). Centurion: "Truly this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39). Chief priest and Pharisees: "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs" (John 11:47). Amen!

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

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

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church**, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 12:15 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

■ **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

■ **Grace Brethren Church**, 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the sec-

ond 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 concretion 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. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Faily of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches**, 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

■ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife.sebring.com.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday school at 8:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Preschool 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 p.m. Wednesday: Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:30 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcspring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 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, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

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

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

■ **The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsomministries.com.

■ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825.

Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org.

■ **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.

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP**, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 1 p.m.; Youth Group (middle and high school), 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpclip.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Traditional Worship 9 a.m., Contemporary Worship 11 a.m., Sunday School for adults to grade school will be from 10:10-10:50 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study (7 p.m.), Youth Group - (Middle and High School), (7 p.m.), RockSolid (Kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church

office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

■ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA)**, 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

■ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church**, 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army - Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday:

Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmysebring.com 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. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

■ **St. John United Methodist Church**, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

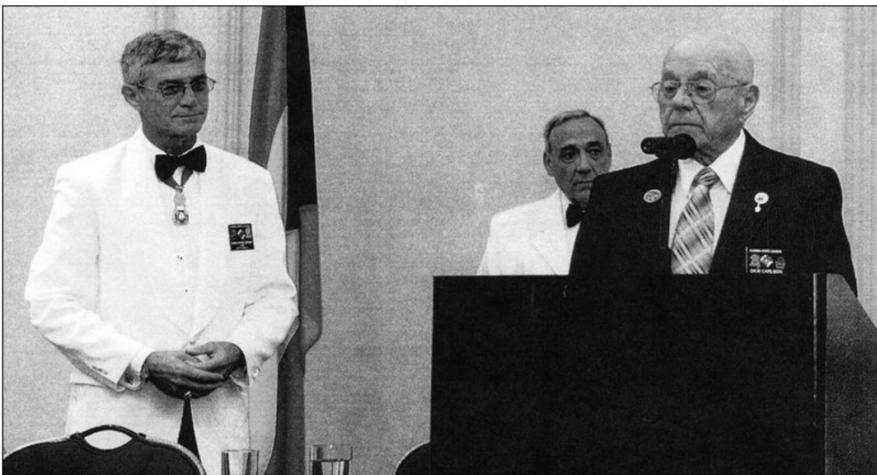
■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church**, 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ**, Jesus didn't reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you'll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is inclusive. We're at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; sebringemmanuelucc.com.

RELIGION

Carlson named state Knight of the Year



Courtesy photo

Richard Carlson, Knights of Columbus Council 14717, Avon Park, was selected as the 'Florida Knight of the Year' at the state convention in Orlando on May 26.

Snapshots

Concert at First Christian Church

AVON PARK — Zack Shelton with 64 2 Grayson will be at First Christian Church of Avon Park today at 7 p.m. for a special concert. Shelton was an American Idol contestant just a few seasons ago and made it through several rounds, but decided to not go to Hollywood because of his dedication to the ministry. Shelton is in college in Kentucky, where he is studying to go into the ministry.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail us at firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com/.

Blankenship to speak at First Assembly of God

LAKE PLACID — Rev. Leroy Blankenship will share his message and music on Sunday, June 10 at 10:45 a.m. at the First Assembly of God.

Rev. Blankenship has spent 38 years in full time evangelism along with music ministry. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada and overseas. He presently has a ministry outreach in Bolivia, Philippines, Old Mexico and Romania.

The church is at 327 Plumosa St.

VBS at Florida Ave. Baptist

AVON PARK — Florida Avenue Baptist Church invites all children ages 5 to sixth

grade to come fly with them during their Amazing Wonders Aviation VBS.

VBS runs Sunday, June 10 through Thursday, June 14, from 6-8:30 p.m. For questions or to enroll your child, please call 453-5339.

VBS at First Baptist of LP

LAKE PLACID — The Vacation Bible School "Sky: Everything is Possible with God" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, June 11-15, at First Baptist Church of Lake Placid.

The age range for children will be 4 years old to fifth grade.

VBS at Covenant Presbyterian

SEBRING — Covenant Presbyterian Church at 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd. will host Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon, June 11-15. The theme will be SonGames 2012.

Visit or register at cpsebring.org/vbs.htm or call 385-3234.

Church will show 'Jerusalem Countdown'

SEBRING — The new movie "Jerusalem Countdown," based on the book by the same title by John Hagee, will be shown at The Church of The Way Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. When nuclear weapons are smuggled into America, FBI Agent Shane Daughtry (David A.R. White) is faced with an impossible task: Find them before they are detonated. The prelude to Armageddon has begun.

doing a story titled "Theo - The Faithful Retriever."

Sunday school will study "New Leadership," looking at the Scripture from Ezekiel 34.

Call 385-1597.

The Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — Pastor Cecil Hess will speak on the subject, "What Prayer Alone Cannot Do." Special music will be provided by Larry Nickerson.

The park is on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. For further information, call 382-1737.

The Church of the Way - EFCA

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum's message is "How We Should Pray."

The new movie, "Jerusalem Countdown," will be shown at 6:30 p.m. "FBI agent Shane Daughtry is faced with an impossible task - find the bomb before they can detonate it. The Prelude to Armageddon has begun."

On Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Joel Rosenberg Simulcast will be shown in the sanctuary. This is about America's future.

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Saturday, June 25-30.

The church is at 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive. The church phone is 471-6140; the pastor's cell is 273-3674. www.thewaychurch.org.

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Jerry McCauley will preach at the relaxed Summer Heritage worship service. Mario Russo will provide special music. Jack Sanders will be the song leader.

Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the celebration service on the subject "On Track!" with the Scripture lesson from Galatians 5:16-18. Pastor Fred Ball will preach at the new song contemporary service in Rob Reynolds Hall. Pastor Dale Schanely will preach at the Lake Placid Health Care service at 3:45 p.m.

Youth group will have a lake party from 5-7 p.m.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. Call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "Acting with Compassion," is taken from Leviticus 19. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the morning and evening worship service messages.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Director of Christian Education David Averill will preach. His message will be "On Knowing God." Biblical reference is from Psalm 100.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the church will have a pastoral candidate, David Smalley, perform. He will do a sermon titled "A Name Worth Living Up To." For the kids' time, he will be

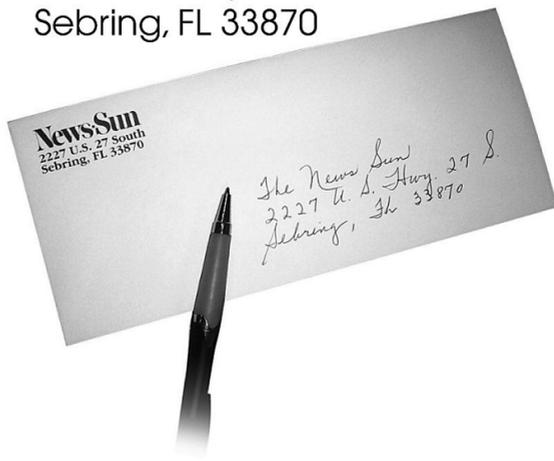
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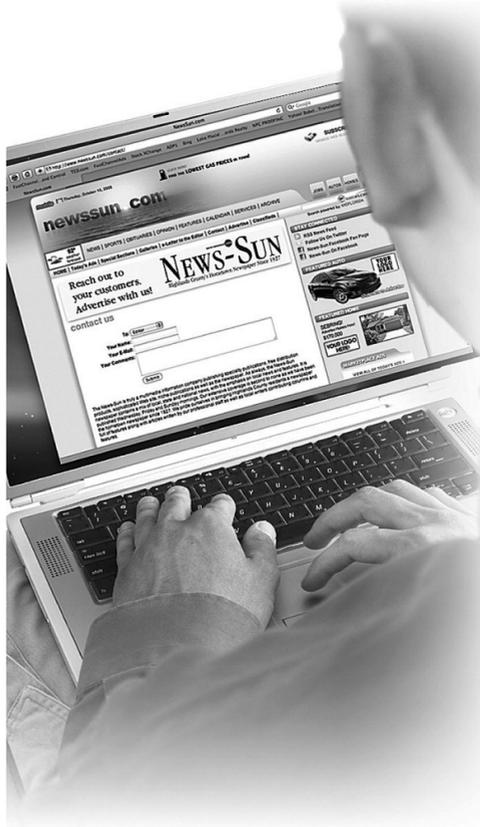
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Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Church Ministries is at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

At the Sunday morning worship, the pastor starts a new summer sermon series, "Battleground." How do the battles in the Bible relate to our lives today? How can we learn from them to come away from our battles in victory?

Florida Summer Camp Meeting is Monday through Friday, June 15. The evening sessions start at 7 p.m. Morning sessions start on Tuesday through Friday at 10 a.m. All meetings are held at the Wimauma Convention Center. For directions, call (863) 658-2534. The church will not have a Tuesday night Bible study on June 12 due to Camp Meeting.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — George Kelly will preach in the Praise and Worship Service this Sunday. The service will also include Bec LeBeck singing and George Kelly singing.

The North American Christian Convention at Orlando Marriott will be July 10-13.

Vacation Bible School will be from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 6-10. The public is welcome.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South (behind Publix); phone number is 314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

DIVERSIONS

Not quite 'Alien,' but 'Prometheus' is still a gorgeous, intense trip

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

Nothing could possibly satisfy the fervent expectation that has built for Ridley Scott's sorta-sequel to his genre-defining "Alien," but "Prometheus," the director's return to science fiction for the first time in 30 years, comes close.

Strikingly beautiful, expertly paced, vividly detailed and scary as hell, it holds you in its grip for its entirety and doesn't let go. You'll squeal, you'll squirm — at one point, I was curled up in a little ball in my seat in a packed screening room — and you'll probably continue feeling a lingering sense of anxiety afterward. That's how effective it is in creating and sustaining an intensely suspenseful mood.

But the further you get away from outer-space journey, the more you may begin to notice some problems with the plot — both specific, nagging holes and a general narrative fuzziness. Describing some of them would give too much away, and we wouldn't dream of doing that.

We'll just say that Scott and writers Damon Lindelof (executive producer of "Lost") and Jon Spaihts vaguely touch on the notions of belief vs. science and creation vs. Darwinism, philosophical debates that never feel fully developed.

Still, the performances are excellent, especially from Michael Fassbender as a robot with the looks and impeccable manners of an adult but the innocence and troublemaking instincts of a child. His character, the genteel, fair-haired David, serves as an homage to Scott's own work as he calls to mind Ian Holm's android Ash from the original "Alien." His eerily calm, precise demeanor also is



Charlize Theron and Idris Elba on the bridge of the ship Prometheus.

Kerry Brown/MCT

reminiscent of the HAL 9000 computer program in "2001: A Space Odyssey," and the pop-culture influences that shape David's habits and speech are a clever celebration of the power of classic cinema in general. ("Prometheus" probably will not go on to be considered one of Scott's classics in the same category as "Alien" and "Blade Runner," but you've got to admire its ambition.)

David is part of a crew of space explorers traveling to a remote moon on a trillion-dollar mission in the year 2093, hoping to find answers to nothing less than the origin of mankind on Earth. (Don't they know they should have been looking in central Texas? That's where Terrence Malick searched in "The Tree of Life.")

Noomi Rapace, star of the original "Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" films, continues to forge a strong screen presence as Dr. Elizabeth Shaw, a scientist who has managed to find a balance between her religious faith and her work-related discoveries. She and



Movie Review 'Prometheus'

Rating: R (sci-fi violence, some intense images, and brief language)

Running time: 123 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

her boyfriend, the more spiritually skeptical Charlie Holloway (Logan Marshall-Green), have found signs in spots around the globe that aliens visited tens of thousands of years ago and left us an invitation to swing by and say howdy whenever we had a chance.

That's what they think, at least.

The rest of the crew includes Charlize Theron, radiating icy intimidation as the administrator from the

private corporation funding the trip, and Idris Elba as the ship's sexy, smart-alecky captain. Everyone else is probably a goner. If you've ever seen this kind of movie, you know this is not a spoiler.

When they all finally awaken from their two-year sleep and arrive at this gorgeously severe land, they (naturally) stumble upon secrets and perils they never could have imagined. Some of them are gooey. That's about all we'll say about that because you really should experience it all for yourself.

But the paranoia becomes palpable, and a lot of its impact comes from how dramatic and dazzlingly seamless the special effects are. Scott makes crisp, immersive use of 3-D in "Prometheus," providing encounters that would seem too close for comfort anyway with a nerve-racking sense of claustrophobia.

The reason for the journey may seem a bit muddled, but what happens once they get there is undeniably powerful.

Man's motorcycle madness is driving wife over the edge

Dear Abby: My husband, "Chris," wanted a motorcycle for seven years. Last year I finally gave in, with the stipulation that he take a safety course and buy a good helmet and riding gear.

Two months later, Chris was in a crash and suffered several broken bones and a concussion. The hospital bill was more than \$60,000. His accident was a reality check for me. Ever since, I have been petrified of losing him. Every time Chris rides I worry, pray and often cry until he returns or calls to say he's OK.

I have begged him to get rid of the bike. The stress is taking a toll on me physically and emotionally and creating tension between us. I'm afraid it would be selfish to insist he get rid of something he loves; on the other hand, I feel Chris is selfish for not taking my feelings into consideration. I'm torn between wanting him safe and wanting him to be happy. What should I do?

— *Stressed Out in Philly*

Dear Stressed Out: If his close call wasn't enough to convince your husband to rethink his motorcycle riding, and your begging and obvious distress haven't dissuaded him, accept that short of hog-tying Chris, you can't stop him from riding.

You can, however, protect yourself from some of the fallout that might result from another accident. Tell Chris that if his heart is set on riding, you want him to buy a life insurance policy and sign an organ donor card, because healthy young men on motorcycles are the most desired organ donors — a fact shared with me by a former executive director of an organ donation registry. That way you will be provided for in case of a tragedy — and it will ensure that part of him lives on when he is removed from life support.

It's also important that you find ways to lessen your stress. So start making time for activities you can enjoy while you're on your own. It'll give you less time to worry and something else on which to concentrate.

Dear Abby: I am a woman who last year discovered I was gay. I was married with children. When I



Dear Abby

told my husband I was gay, he embraced and supported me with a great deal of love. We told our children in an open and honest way, and they, too, have supported me. I have also told a select group of friends whom I felt I could trust.

One of these friends is the mother of one of my son's classmates. Her daughter asked her mom why I was always with a woman and her response was, "It's her girlfriend." Her daughter asked more questions, so her mother told her I was gay — outing me to her daughter and my son's classmates! I am beyond hurt, and I am considering dissolving my friendship with this person. I am unsure what I should say or do. Can you help?

— *Confused in Seattle*

Dear Confused: Once a "secret" is shared, there is no guarantee that it will remain a secret. When you began coming out to your friends, you revealed who you are. You CAN'T be both in and out of the closet.

Please forgive your friend. Her daughter asked honest questions and was given honest answers. That is a good thing. There are worse things than being known as gay in Seattle — such as being gay in a place that's less accepting. So start celebrating who you are and the rest will fall into place.

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'Madagascar 3' goes through the motions

By **DAVID GERMAIN**
AP Movie Writer

Ben Stiller's Alex the lion reviews "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" so we don't have to.

Halfway into the third animated tale about New York City zoo animals on their overseas adventures, Alex tells some new circus friends that their act was not too entertaining for families "because you were just going through the motions out there."

So, too, for "Madagascar 3," which goes through a lot of motions — explosions of action and image so riotously paced that they become narcotic and numbing.

With Eric Darnell and Tom McGrath, creators of the first two "Madagascar" flicks, joined by a third director in Conrad Vernon ("Shrek 2"), the filmmakers just can't stop stuffing things, to the point of distraction, into "Europe's Most Wanted."

The result: a cute story about zoo animals running off to join the circus becomes overwhelmed by a blur of color and animated acrobatics. The pictures certainly are pretty, but the filmmakers apparently are unwilling to risk the slightest lapse of audience attention, so they put the movie on fast-forward and let centripetal force hurtle viewers along from start to finish.

"Madagascar 3" opens with Alex and zoo pals Marty the zebra (Chris Rock), Gloria the hippo



Movie Review 'Madagascar 3'

Rating: PG (for some mild action and some rude humor)

Running time: 92 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

(Jada Pinkett Smith) and Melman the giraffe (David Schwimmer) still stuck in Africa, dreaming of their return to New York.

Along with lemur king Julien (Sacha Baron Cohen) and his flunky (Cedric the Entertainer), they follow Skipper (voiced by co-director McGrath) and his wily penguin cohorts to the casinos of Monte Carlo, hoping to hitch a ride home.

The journey from Africa to Europe just happens, with no explanation, begging the question, how much harder would it be for the gang to find its way back to New York on its own? But that's the sort of thinking for which the filmmakers aim to leave no time.

The critters raise a ruckus at the casino, setting vile French animal-control officer Chantel DuBois (Frances McDormand) on their tail.

The animals may be as cuddly as ever, but the design of Chantel is creepy in an off-putting way; she's like an early take on "101 Dalmatians" heavy Cruella De Vil, discarded by Walt Disney out of sheer repugnance.

On the run from Chantel, the animals take refuge aboard a circus train, where they team up with Vitaly the tiger (Bryan Cranston), Gia the jaguar (Jessica Chastain) and Stefano the sea lion (Martin Short).

The circus may prove the gang's ticket home, but only if they can turn the act into a dazzler. From this point on, "Madagascar 3" mostly is a cartoon kaleidoscope, filled with blinding pyrotechnics



Did You Know?

In Florida, the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle.

Bicyclists using a public roadway are considered operators of motor vehicles and are responsible for observing all traffic laws.

With few exceptions, there is only one road and it is up to motorists and bicyclists to treat each other with care and respect.

Adherence to the law is the foundation of respect.

and impossible gymnastics that Cirque du Soleil could only dream about.

The animation is grand, and the lovely images may be enough to send really young kids away happy. Their parents might leave feeling they've been taken in by some carny sleight-of-hand, though.

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FAMILY FEATURES

In today's hurry-up world, many families are looking for ways to slow down a little and spend some quality time together, just having fun. The good news is that it doesn't have to cost a lot of money, and you don't have to go very far to have a great time.

Here are some ways your family can make the most of family time and have some serious fun.

Become day trippers.

Feel like getting out of town, but don't want to go far? Try a family day trip.

- **State parks** — You can go on a hike or bike ride, have a picnic and enjoy the great outdoors on your own, or participate in events such as fishing tournaments, wildlife education, moonlight walks or star gazing talks.
- **Nearby cities** — Play tourist in a city that's close by, but you haven't been to before. Check out the local shops, museums, parks and restaurants — you may be surprised at how much there is to do. Get suggestions from your friends using Bing's new social search features; someone you know may have recently been there and have some great ideas. Or you could find people who are experts on that area and can help you find the perfect place to visit.

Have some homegrown fun.

You don't have to go to one of the big theme parks in another state to have a great time.

- **Carnivals and street fairs** — Get in on some old-fashioned fun and make the most of these hometown celebrations. The kids will get a kick out of it — and you may feel like a kid again yourself.
- **Local museums** — Art, history, science, kid-themed and quirky — there are all kinds of museums just waiting to be explored. Keep an eye out for special exhibits and family events. Many museums have free days and no- or low-cost activities and classes you can all do together.
- **Free movie screenings and concerts** — Some parks and rec departments and shopping centers have family movie and music events. Take a picnic dinner, go early and enjoy some free family fun.
- **Backyard camping** — Pitch a tent or two and spend the night under the stars. Grill dinner, or make s'mores over the fire pit, and "rough it" together without ever leaving home.
- **Geocaching** — If you've always wanted to go on a treasure hunt, geocaching just might be for you. You use a GPS-enabled device and clues to navigate to a specific set of coordinates in order to locate hidden containers. Search online for geocaching near you.

Help your community.

Serving together is a fun way to grow closer to each other and make a difference where you live.

- **Charity events** — Sign up to help with or partici-

pate in a charity race. From planning and organizing, to checking people in, setting up water stations and actually racing, there are plenty of ways you can help make a fundraising event a success.

- **Urban and community gardens** — Sowing, watering, weeding and harvesting — there's always something that needs to be done in a community garden. Even the littlest ones can have some fun doing good.
- **Work days** — Shelters, schools and churches often need a helping hand to keep their buildings clean and in good repair. Your family can pitch in to take care of the facilities that help so many people.
- **Make a difference in your neighborhood** — DoSomething.org and Bing have teamed up to inspire people to "do good" in their neighborhood by hosting various events across the country this summer. Visit bing.com/doing to see if they'll be stopping by a neighborhood near you, or learn how you can participate online. Perfect for the teen in your life, these events don't require money, an adult, or a car to participate.

Be hometown foodies.

Discover your inner "locovore" by exploring all the different ways to enjoy locally produced food.

- **Farmers markets** — From apples to zucchini, you can find just about any kind of fresh produce, as well as bread, honey, herbs and more. Take your time, try some samples and talk to the vendors about their goods. Bring home some fresh ingredients and experiment with new recipes.
- **CSA** — Community Supported Agriculture groups bring the local harvests to you. For a set fee, sometimes paid in full up front, sometimes paid weekly with pickup, you get a generous selection of whatever is in season. The options change each week, which means you get a tasty surprise.
- **Restaurants** — Try that new restaurant down the street, or the one you've driven by a few times but have never been to. It can be a culinary adventure and a great way to support the local economy. If you're not sure where to go, or if you want to know if a restaurant is good, look it up on Bing.com and check out the new feature which allows you to do this all in one place. It shows you reviews from across the web, location maps and directions, as well as interi- or shots — you can make a reservation, find where you're going and see what it's like, all without leaving your search page.