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A couple of afternoon thunderstorms

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Yes 22.1%

No 77.9%

Total votes: 77

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Kenneth Luoma
Age 68, of Avon Park

Hugh Smallwood
Age 74, of Sebring

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Car wash to help family burned out of their home

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — On Aug. 11, Ashley and Adam Ramsey were settling into bed in their mobile home. Ashley Ramsey's 3-year-old son was spending the weekend with his father. Adam Ramsey turned to his wife and asked if she smelled smoke. She did.

They both went to investigate and

Saturday at Hess Station in Avon Park

found the kitchen full of black smoke.

Adam Ramsey had been frying chicken wings earlier in the evening. It appeared he had mistakenly turned the burner on high, instead of off as he intended. The pot of cooking oil was the source of the thick smoke.

Reacting reflexively, Ramsey, who was only dressed in boxer shorts, grabbed the handle of the pot and went to throw it outside. He slipped on the floor, however, and fell. The oil spilled all over him and "poofed," as his wife said, into flames.

Even without clothes to catch fire,

Ramsey sustained second- and third-degree burns. Then the house itself burst into flames, burning to the ground. The Ramseys lost everything with a single exception — despite his burns, on their way out of their home, Ramsey went back and rescued their dog, who had been in his crate.

Family have taken them in, but

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The Palms of Sebring annual Apple Harvest Festival kicked off Thursday morning. New Hampshire resident Pat Burns (center) along with friends Nora Mayworth and Claire Alrich look at autumn inspired merchandise in Kesselring Square Thursday on the first day of the festival.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Kesselring's vision lives on at Palms Apple Harvest Festival

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The wafting sweet aroma reaches well beyond the front entrance of the Palms of Sebring this weekend with the annual Apple Harvest Festival.

Thursday marked the public's first day to experience the annual event that is now in its 16th year.

The festival is a tribute to the autumn season and all the things that remind you of the upcoming holidays. The festival was created by Lester Kesselring, who had a

huge love of fall. Kesselring spent many years bringing all things fall to Central Florida through his beloved Apple Festival. After Kesselring's untimely passing last November, the Palms family decided to continue the festival in his honor.

Palms wellness director Adele Dornheim took the reins this year for the first time in the festival's history.

"It has been a great big challenge," Dornheim said. "I got a little training under him (Kesselring)



Lester Kesselring

last year but I've never done this event by myself. I had some help with a co-coordinator this year. We

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County jobless rate drops

Slightly lower than state's average rate

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Pulling himself away from a Heartland Workforce job fair Thursday, Roger Hood, the organization's executive director, said Highlands County's unemployment rate continues to trend downward.

"This is positive," he said.

The latest figures, released Sept. 21, show the county's unemployment rate is 9.7 — down from 11.5 percent in August 2011. The county's rate is slightly lower than the overall percentage rate of 10 percent for the Heartland Workforce Region. It remains, however, 1 percentage point above the state average.

Out of the county's total workforce of 43,242, there are 4,193 actually looking for work, Hood said.

He reminds people that those figures do not include those who are no longer looking for work.

Which is why, Hood added, the Heartland Workforce is becoming more proactive.

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Fred Wild students gets extra lessons in science

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Students got a day's worth of science lessons at Fred Wild Elementary School Wednesday when the faculty and staff held Science Day.

FWE Principal Laura Waldron explained the purpose behind the newly formed program.

"Anytime we have early release days, we have science days. It's an all day science

Popcorn, apples part of experiments

study that we encourage teachers to do ... We let them run with it; we just tell them that it's science day and they decide their own experiments and activities," Waldron said.

Each teacher at FWE sets up unique, learning projects

for students in grades first through fifth.

"Teachers and students are integrating science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) into hands-on activities and instruction," Assistant Principal Page Magee said.

Fifth-grade instructor Krystal Griffin had a fun day of experimenting that ended in an aroma-filled room

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Fifth graders McKenzie Kuntz, Vito Babbate and Luke Hickey work on making miniature craters Wednesday during Fred Wild's Science Integration Day. Kristina McGovern's class learned all about space and the solar system through experiments and activities Wednesday.

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Students honored for acing FCAT

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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SEBRING —Forty-four Highlands County secondary students mastered at least one of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Tests in 2011.

Four students, Shawn Hazard of Avon Park Middle School and Siddharth Ananthan, Ritika Manik and Matthew Sutermeister, all of Hill-Gustat Middle School, were perfect in both reading and math. Morgan DeVane, an eighth-grader at Sebring Middle School, was the only secondary student to ace the science test.

Every secondary school had at least one student achieve a perfect score.

Hill-Gustat Middle produced the largest number of perfect scorers with 16. Sebring Middle School was second, with nine students, Lake Placid Middle School was third with eight students, Avon Park Middle School had five and Sebring High School had four. Avon Park and Lake Placid high schools each had one.

Here are the outstanding students:

Avon Park Middle School: Zachery Dunlevy, Shawn Hazard, Christopher Loomis, Kelsy Pena and



Twenty-six of the 44 secondary students who accomplished perfect scores on their FCAT in 2011. Every school is represented.

Vijay Sharma.

Hill-Gustat Middle School: Mariah Alvarez, Desiree Andujar, Siddharth Ananthan, Tevin Bullard, Toni Clark, Katlyn Cooper, Gil Gio DeLos Reyes, Scheele Grimes, Carly Juve, Hannah Kesselring, Ritika Manik, Keomi Marasigan, Marilyn Risch, Benjamin Tubbs and Kelly Weil.

Lake Placid Middle School: Jacqueline Barajas, Mayra Espinosa, Kathryn Kipper, Kathryn LeBlanc, Mason Million, Cesar Orduna, Kathryn Smoak and Kiersten Waldron.

Sebring Middle School: Jordan Belanger, Daniel Contreras, Kalindi Desai, Morgan DeVane, Alexandere High, Spenser Madden,

Sylvia Roberts, Caitlin Salvagno and Chenille Winter.

Avon Park High School: Rebecca Hall

Sebring High School: Benjamin Collins, Kalani Dubberly, Jared Lang and Evan Napper.

Lake Placid High School: Lucero Torres

News-Sun photo by Katara Simmons

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sun 'n Lake of LP beach open

LAKE PLACID — The Highlands County Healthy Beaches Program monitors public recreational bathing waters. The Highlands County Health Department has officially rescinded the health advisory for Sun 'n Lake of Lake Placid.

Recent testing has shown that bacterial presence has fallen to within acceptable levels. Contact the Highlands County Health Department Environmental Health Division at 863-382-7219 with any questions.

Melvil Dewey DVD preview scheduled

LAKE PLACID — The DVD "Melvil Dewey In His Own Words" will be shown four times during the anniversary celebrations at the Caladium Co-Op at 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, and 6:40 p.m. Tuesday. Al Pelski as Melvil Dewey will be hosting in the Film Room. A signup sheet will be available to order a copy of the DVD for later pick up.

A few local volunteers have been working on the Melvil Dewey DVD for the Historical Society. For the past 10 months teenagers Chabelit Ravelo and Jackie Alonso worked with Pelski to lead the educational journey to the past. Historical Society members as well as community members and other teens are shown in the crowd scenes.

The DVD was partially funded by a grant to promote cultural tourism from the Heartland Cultural Alliance and supported by funding from several community members and local businesses. Producer/director Rick Shorrock and producer/grant writer Kay Tarr for the Lake Placid Historical Society will also attend.

YMCA looking for bikes, helmets

SEBRING — The Highlands County Family YMCA is starting a bicycle safety class for children 5-12 years old. Organizers

need bikes in good working condition and bicycle helmets. If able to donate, drop it by the YMCA or call 382-9622.

Susan Smith to speak at Democratic Women's Club

SEBRING — The president of the Florida Democratic Party Progressive Caucus, Susan Smith, will speak to the Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County on Saturday on the ballot amendments. Refreshments are served at 9:45 a.m. After the business meeting, Smith will be presenting.

The Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County meets at the Democratic Party Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway (next to Ruby Tuesdays). Like-minded women are welcome to attend. For further information, call 382-4944.

National Public Lands Day at Highlands Hammock

SEBRING — "Highlands Hammock Helping Hands" will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Highlands Hammock State Park. Join staff, volunteers and local citizens as they fight the spread of invasive plants in natural habitats on the Lake Wales Ridge. All ages are welcome.

Wear long pants and closed-toed shoes, bring work gloves, bug spray, drinking water and your lunch. Work for one hour or all three.

Staff will provide education on invasive plants and removal help.

Volunteers are also needed from 9 a.m. to noon at Tiger Creek Preserve (near Babson Park and Frostproof) and from noon to 4 p.m. at Hilochee Wildlife Management Area (near Clermont).

Call Scott Paterson at 471-5324 or email scott.paterson@dep.state.fl.us for more information or to RSVP a group at

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Acts of kindness

It's been two years since Amy Looney's husband, LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney, 29, was killed in Afghanistan.

"Before I could blink, life as I knew it had vanished," Amy recently wrote in the San Diego Union-Tribune.

It would have been understandable if this grieving Afghanistan war widow, 31, chose to spend the second anniversary of her husband's death in seclusion. Instead, the fallen Navy SEAL's wife woke up at sunrise in San Diego and spent Sept. 21 making others smile.

Amy and a group of friends brought food to a homeless shelter, paid parking meters, bought coffee for strangers at Starbucks and even gave a hungry family a grocery store gift card. They also brought treats to firefighters and police officers to thank them for their service.

After each act was performed, the recipient was given a red, white and blue card decorated with gold stars.

"This random act of kindness has been performed in loving memory of LT (SEAL) Brendan J. Looney, KIA Afghanistan Sept. 21, 2010," it read.

In her moving Sept. 20 column, Amy challenged Americans to perform 10 acts of kindness before the end of 2012 in honor of our nation's fallen heroes and their families.

"By uniting during such divided times, we can show the world that America is still the world's brightest light," she wrote.

I decided to join Amy in performing acts of kindness on Friday, Sept. 21, albeit from thousands of miles away in Atlanta.



My first visit was to a nearby barber shop. As a young female stylist started cutting my hair, she asked if I had the day off, prompting me to explain that the offices of the Travis Manion Foundation, where Amy and I both work, were closed to honor a fallen Navy SEAL.

Upon checking out, I gave the stylist a large tip before handing her a memorial card similar to the one Amy was distributing in San Diego. She paused and looked at Brendan's picture.

"This gives me chills," she said.

Next, I drove to a military recruiting station. Since Brendan was a SEAL, I visited the Navy first, and told a female sailor that I wanted to bring lunch to her office. Unfortunately, she had already eaten, but after thanking me for the offer, emphasized how much acts of kindness mean to those serving in uniform.

"A woman came up to me in a parking lot the other day and hugged me," the sailor said. "Those little things make a big difference."

Luckily, the Marines hadn't eaten, and allowed me to bring them a large order of buffalo wings. After handing lunch and Brendan's memorial card to the sergeant in charge, the Marine asked me



Amy Looney and her husband, LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney, enjoy a happy moment with their dogs in San Diego. LT Looney was subsequently killed in Afghanistan on Sept. 21, 2010. The Navy SEAL's widow is asking Americans to perform ten acts of kindness before the end of 2012 to honor fallen American heroes. Photo courtesy of Amy Looney.

to deliver a message to the Looney family.

"We may not have known this young man," he said. "But he was our brother."

While ordering lunch for the Marines, I asked the manager of the Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant if I could leave a pint of Guinness for Brendan. He promptly placed the full glass at the center of the bar, along with the memorial card, which included Amy's request for acts of kindness.

When I returned eight hours later, Brendan's beer was sitting beneath two American flags bought by the manager. The bartender said countless patrons had taken pictures of the noteworthy Guinness, resulting in many acts of kindness being performed right there in the restaurant.

One patron, for example, bought ice cream for every child in the establishment at dinnertime.

"I had a tough week," the bartender said. "But things like this remind you there are still good people in the world."

Amy Looney's heart will always ache for her husband,

his parents, his siblings, and the families of every fallen warrior. But one thing she won't do is quit.

"Hopefully, I will honor him by carrying on his thoughtful mission," Amy wrote. "I love you, Brendan." America loves you, Amy.



Lottery Center



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Next jackpot \$5 million

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Sept. 19 5 7 12 22 31 53 x:3



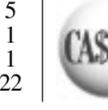
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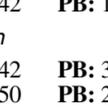
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Sept. 25 (d) 3 3 8



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Sept. 22 2 16 18 40 42
Sept. 19 1 5 8 39 50



PB: 10
PB: 33
PB: 23

Note: Cash 3 and Play 4 drawings are twice per day; (d) is the daytime drawing, (n) is the nighttime drawing. PB: Power Ball

SBHC votes to reward employees

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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SEBRING — Members of The School Board of Highlands County approved a one-time \$1,000 bonus for teachers at the top of the salary schedule, and step and a one-time bonus of \$500 for teachers levels 2 through 5.

Teachers at levels 6 through 11 will receive a step but no bonus.

Teachers did not receive step increases or bonuses last year.

In a second contract, the school board agreed to give district support personnel a one-time bonus. It is calculated using contract work hours and contract days.

The board also approved non-instructional, non-bargaining and mid-management personnel at the top of the salary schedule receiving the same one time bonus as the support personnel. Those at lower levels will move up a step.

The board also approved advancing administrators up a step, with those at the top of the salary schedule receiving a one-time bonus of 1 percent of their salary.

These contracts mean every employee in the school district will receive a pay raise or a bonus.

The change will be reflected in the Oct. 15 paycheck.

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Don't be a sucker

Folks have plenty of good reasons for believing all sorts of myths, lies, cons, bunkum and baloney.

People believe in astrology because they want to be able to make sense of the world ... Grocery stores and farmers markets are filled with people buying organic produce because they think it's healthier for themselves and their families.

That's right. In the grand scheme of hokey and hogwash, the purported health benefits of organic fruits and vegetables over the cheaper conventional versions of the same produce rank right alongside crop circles, spoon-bending and ab-belts on the scam meter. The nutritional benefits of organic produce are nothing more than a superstition. The organic industry's lobbying mouthpiece, the Organic Consumers Association, has spouted all sorts of claims about the benefits of organic produce, such

as "On average, organic is 25 percent more nutritious in terms of vitamins and minerals than products derived from industrial agriculture."

But those figures come from a report filled with unsubstantiated data that was paid for by the organic food companies. Needless to say, it was in their best interest to stretch (or invent) the truth.

When actual scientists performed actual scientific research about the nutritional benefits of organic produce, they discovered absolutely no benefit in consuming organic produce.

The Stanford University study, "Are Organic Foods Safer or Healthier Than Conventional Alternatives?: A Systematic Review," found "that fruits and vegetables labeled organic were, on average, no more nutritious than

their conventional counterparts, which tend to be far less expensive. Nor were they any less likely to be contaminated by dangerous bacteria like E. coli," according to a New York Times recap of the study.

"Conventional fruits and vegetables did have more pesticide residue, but the levels were almost always under the allowed safety limits, the scientists said. The Environmental Protection Agency sets the limits at levels that it says do not harm humans," the report found. ...

There's nothing wrong with wanting to make sure that you and your family are eating food that's as healthy as possible. In fact, it's admirable. But there's no need to waste money on organic produce when conventional fruits and vegetables are just as nutritious at a fraction of the cost. In other words, don't be a sucker.

An editorial from the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Free Press.

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A miracle in politics

Guest Column

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Politics never seem to change and most of us never expected to see so many new faces, new ideas and real proposals for solving the many problems facing America.

Those of us who have seen, read, listened to or attending many national political conventions were more than mildly surprised at the recent Republican convention in Tampa. It not only was well organized, a lot of professionalism, which Tampa officials took full credit. It is doubtful if they were totally the brain behind putting on such a successful and professional event.

The Republicans put on a program with only highly skilled and knowledgeable speakers, but timing and scheduling was undeniably the best in my memory. The mass media had a tough time trying to keep up with the schedule and often flubbed who was where and what. Some tried to put their own schedule ahead or behind the actual events. Some also presented their own views and not even close to what was actually said at times.

Every speaker, except former governor Jeb Bush and Gov. Christie from New Jersey presented the real problems facing America. These are problems that most Americans are familiar with, but hearing it from people gave us reassurance that we are not as dumb as some news media we are, as do our so-called leaders in Washington.

Gov. Bush picked up one of former governor Bob Graham's speeches and read it. Graham never made a single speech or pushed for any law that I can remember, that was not more money for education, more money for teachers and more money for fancy buildings and equipment that no one knew how to operate.

Christi apparently has been listening to out-of-town-mostly President. Both use the big "I" too many times and spoke mostly about themselves. Both rarely used the word "we, us," our, the cabinet, our senate, or our congress.

The Republican convention had more women speakers at any political convention perhaps in history. It could be that there are more women holding office today, or that there are more highly qualified, more knowledgeable women than any time in our history. It could very well be that there are more women out there that are smarter, better speakers and more personality than there are men. If what we saw at the Republican convention is any indication, it could be all of the above. Every woman on the podium knew what she was talking about and presented herself as very knowledgeable, informed and offered solu-

tions to the problems facing America.

Ann Romney set the stage for all future wives, speakers for that matter. Several people said that they felt that Mrs. Romney was sitting in the chair next to them and talking. That could be said about all of the women speakers. Some were talking without the aid of tele-prompter, written copy or other visual aid. Other than Clint Eastwood (who really needed one), all the others used a - seemed to be using - TelePrompter. The women seemed to be talking directly to the people in America, not just to those in the audience.

Gov. Romney gave the press (but few were listening) and Pres. Obama a real lesson in what it means to build and operate a successful business. He also emphasized that it is an individual that builds, operates and profits from a business. He also reminded the American people that it's businesses that create jobs, not the government. The convention speakers made a point to accuse the government of being the enemy in creating jobs, or causing industry to move to another country.

It is doubtful if few Americans can disagree with the Republicans of 2012 platform. They offered reasonable and attainable solutions to America's problems. There are many who will agree, recognize the hardships the people are under, yet they will vote for the party. There are many people in this country who depend on our government (read that people or taxes) and they will vote for the party that feeds them. Yet, they may have neighbors who are working for minimum wages, or part time trying to support their family, rather than depend upon the taxpayer to care for them.

Too many Americans depend upon others to provide for them and their family. Those people do not want to listen to the Republicans of 2012. They don't want to work, study or provide for their subsistence.

It indeed was great to see a change. A change is absolutely necessary this year. Our country has problems and no current leaders are able to bring us out of it.

This is a very good year to adopt and work for a campaign to "Re-elect no one in 2012."

The writer is a former radio station owner, newspaper (owner/publisher) and attended four national Democratic conventions, two as a newsman, one as a delegate and one as an alternate delegate. He is no longer a registered Democrat.

TODAY'S LETTERS

Too many taxes

Editor:

When I look at prosperous cities or countries such as Hong Kong way out there in the Far East, or Singapore, with their bustling everyday market of exchange of goods and riches untold, I think of our own Highlands County. I ask myself, why aren't we far richer than those cities, a nation such as ours with such abundance of everything, with such an excellence of civil liberties unparalleled in world history? ...

The answer lies, in my humble judgment, in government oppression. Taxes are indeed needed if we are to survive as a community: The garbage needs to be collected; sewage water needs recycling; our police and firemen need our support - no questions asked. This is our duty.

But let us also not forget the principle taxation is built on, just to keep all things in perspective: "Taxation is the confiscation of our money under threat of violence." One example of this violence, which has been given to the State by God, but which can also be abused by the State, is "property tax." No other tax weakens our ability in a free market much like property tax: It bleeds us to economic death; it vanquishes all motivation to build our homes, to better them, to do business with them, since at any time, if we run out of money, it is taken away from under us and we are thrown out into the street to fend for ourselves ...

Another oppressive hand of the State is the unbelievable inventory of State and Federal regulations against our freedoms in the market. This oppressive situation stifles and smothers our system of capital and resourcefulness, to no end. But we could end this by putting an end to property tax, sales tax, gas tax and so many other taxes and instituting income tax, as is the rule with nations.

We must put an end to the public school system and the millions it costs to underwrite it: I'm all for compassion and all children must have a right to an education, but, why must I be expected to underwrite the education of my neighbor's kids? By reducing taxation overwhelmingly, parents would be economically free to educate their own children in the private sector; they would also be able to purchase the necessary health insurance so needed by all...

*Bruce Roessler
Sebring*

Control of greed

Editor:

Our ancestors learned to control fire for cooking, heating and scaring wild animals. Just how much do we depend on fire today?

Unintended consequences can be either good or bad.

For more than 2,000 years, men have been trying to control poverty, with no success.

Greed is fine if you are living under the laws of the jungle, but it is a scourge of civilization.

Has anyone ever proposed a system



to control greed? Religions teaches that greed is a sin, but that is as far as it goes

The Greeks and the Romans dabbled in a democracy which reduced greed in the leaders, but greed soon took over.

When we won our independence from the British our fore fathers established a republic with capitalism as the economic system. The republic slows down the greed of the leaders and the competitive marketplace slows down the greed of the public.

Like the Greeks and the Romans, we are being overtaken by greed.

Socialism rails against capitalism with the rhetoric that they are greedy and live on the backs of the poor. What they are really against is the control of greed by the competitive marketplace. The control of greed in the competitive marketplace is being eroded by the lefts constant badgering of politicians to eliminate the penalties of wrong doers with welfare, subsidies, unemployment etc in the name of compassion. Socialism wants greed. How else can they buy votes if they can't promise "bread and circus" to propel themselves into power.

The unintended consequences of the competitive marketplace is that it provides more goods to more people. The unintended consequences of the government interference in the competitive marketplace leads to a depression.

When the promise of an equal share of the wealth produced whether they share in the equal production of that wealth, the population becomes complacent. Why would anyone try to produce more when the rewards are the same? This generates laziness in the population.

Looking at all the countries that are in trouble today they have the same Modus Operandi. They were all too generous in their welfare, subsidies and workers compensation etc. Does that indicate that governments should be

compassion free. We claim to be a generous nation and that the private sector can do a better job, so all welfare should be turned back to (We the people).

*Russell Errett
Sebring*

No need to know ME's finding

Editor:

Like many thousands of residents in Highlands County and perhaps in other counties I have known several members of the Doty family, especially Aaron's father Jim, for almost 12 years. I am writing to the News-Sun editor, and the District 10 Medical Examiner because I feel compelled to express myself in a respectful manner from my heart.

Concerning your article about Aaron in Sunday's (Sept. 23) edition of the News-Sun it is my opinion and that of many of my friends that the District 10 ME had no right to disclose to the News-Sun, and the News-Sun had no business to print the story.

Is there no longer any ethical, professional and compassionate concern for the Doty family? Have they not experienced a heartache that no family should go through? Is writing a story more important than a well respected and loved family and the grief they are experiencing? I think not.

Mr. Dressel and the ME should be ashamed of yourselves as I am of you for releasing such information and writing such an article as you did about Aaron Doty. Why couldn't you, the News-Sun and the District 10 ME, respect the Doty Family and especially Aaron's memory enough to have the discernment to keep your findings confidential? Is selling papers more important than respecting the Doty family? To you, obviously it is not.

*Stan Schmidt
Sebring*

EDITORIAL PAGE POLICY

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Send your letter to 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870; drop it off at the same address; fax 385-1954; or e-mail editor@newssun.com.

To make sure the editorial pages aren't dominated by the same writers, letters are limited to two per month and a guest column can be submitted once every three months.

Opinions expressed in letters or columns are solely the opinion of that author and not necessarily the opinion of the staff or editors of the News-Sun.

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

Rubio aide visits Sebring



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Regional Director for U.S. Senator Marco Rubio Zach Zampella and Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve Nyhan take a walking tour around the Circle Thursday to meet with business owners and to get a feel for issues concerning downtown Sebring. Zampella was planning to meet Sebring Mayor George Hensley during the tour and later planned to meet with Highlands County Commissioner Barbara Stewart. This was his fourth trip to the area. Zampella said he will keep Rubio informed and is 'trying to get plugged into the issues.'

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Highlands Hammock. Park admission fees will be waived for all participants. Go to myfwc.com/ridgerangers or call 699-3742 to help at Tiger Creek or Hilochee.

AMVETS Ladies host meatloaf dinner

SEBRING — The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary will host a meatloaf dinner on Saturday at the Post from 5-7 p.m. Music with Todd Allen from 6-9 p.m.

SFSC Early Childhood Education Conference set

AVON PARK — South Florida State College's Corporate and Community Education Department is holding an Early Childhood Education Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at the SFSC Highlands Campus.

The conference is open to the public and anyone who works with or cares for children. Workshops include Mix, Match and Move; Healthy Habits with Movement, Science Safari,

Diversity and Self Esteem, Bringing Nature and Science into your Infant/Toddler Classroom, Physical Movement for All Ages and Are You Open or are You Ended.

The cost is \$39.50. Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For more information, e-mail Debbie Gutierrez at gutierdd@southflorida.edu/.

Frostproof Market opens Saturday

FROSTPROOF — Frostproof Market will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the historic Frostproof Depot, (two blocks east on Wall Street, off Highway 17). There will be lots of fun, excitement and activities for the whole family.

Participants include handmade gifts, jewelry, home decor, creative cards, art, woodworking, electronic cigarettes, antiques, homemade jams and jellies, grapevines, Peruvian chocolate, foods, the vendors listed below and more.

The event is sponsored by Princess Wiggle-Bottom Boutique and endorsed by Frostproof Chamber of Commerce Inc.

OBITUARIES

KENNETH LUOMA

Kenneth E. Luoma, 68, of Avon Park passed away Friday, Sept. 21, 2012. Reception honoring his life will be held at Reflections Club House (1850 US 27 South) on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. No flowers please; instead donations to American Cancer Society.

wife, Ethel Smallwood; stepson, James S. (Phyllis) Scaggs; granddaughter, Laura Scaggs; and a host of relatives.

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012 at Parkway Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. James Scaggs officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until service time. Interment at Pinecrest Cemetery, Sebring, will be immediately following the service. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, those who wish may make donations to Freewill Baptist Church, 3413 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home
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HUGH SMALLWOOD

Hugh R. Smallwood, 74, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Monday, Sept. 24, 2012 in Sebring. He was born April 28, 1938 in Gainesville, Ga., and had been a resident of Sebring since 1982, coming from a Savannah, Ga. He was a district sales manager for a hardware company and a charter member of Parkway Freewill Baptist Church. He enjoyed Southern Gospel singing.

He is survived by his

Apple Festival continues today, Saturday

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wanted to keep it like he has always had it. I think we did a good job of that."

Dornheim, who has watched Kesselring travel to cities and states far beyond the boundaries of Florida, knows that the merchandise and decor have been a huge part of bringing the autumn feel to Sebring.

"He always used to say 'I don't think we have enough stock.' Now I find myself saying the same things ... He and his wife would travel all over the place buying things for the festival. I'm unable to do that, but we do a lot of shopping for the festival online to bring unique things here," Dornheim said.

Kesselring's wife, Barbara, still remains a huge part of the Apple Harvest Festival. Barbara helps out by running the bakery section of the festival where customers can purchase delicious, homemade treats such as pies, breads, jellies and the famous apple dumplings.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Friends Sharon Riley, Etherl Moroney and Peggy Halim enjoy the first day of the Palms of Sebring Apple Harvest Festival Thursday. The trio continue to visit the festival each year and enjoy the event.

Customers and patrons continue to come to the Apple Harvest Festival year after year to enjoy the sights, smells and tastes of the fall season.

New Hampshire resident and newly-declared snowbird Pat Burns wandered in and out of Kesselring Square Thursday morning where she

looked over items to purchase.

"This is my first time here. I love it. I'm from Apple Country and to see this is just wonderful," Burns said.

Others like Mary Remington and June Riger are veteran festival attendees and continue to enjoy the

event each year with friends and family.

The Palms Apple Harvest Festival will continue today and Saturday.

The festival is inside the Palms Wellness Center at 725 S. Pine St. Festival hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. today and 8 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Students enjoy Science Day at Fred Wild

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Wednesday.

"We are testing different brands of popcorn to see which brand is the best," Griffin said.

Students had gone through nine bags of microwave popcorn to see what brand is the lightest, healthiest and pops the best.

"Anyone want to tell which one is the best, raise your hand," Griffin said.

One student was called on and answered quickly. "Pop Secret," she said.

Of course, the class devoured the treat after they tested and documented their data on their project boards but they made sure to keep the data in mind for future reference.

First-graders in Regina Jones's classes spent their day learning all about apples.

The "apple inspection" taught the young minds all about analysis.

"We used our five senses to inspect apples inside and out," Jones said. "After we have inspected the apples we will make apple sauce to see how the properties of the apple changes once we've made it."

The students balanced and weighed apples, taste tested, smelled and numerous other



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Fifth graders show off their data boards in Krystal Griffin's class Wednesday morning. The students took part in a popcorn research experiment where they learned the properties and other unique findings during their activity as part of the Science Integration Day.

things to get enough data to create an analysis. Each student took their turn telling their classmates what apple type — Granny Smith, Golden Delicious or Red Delicious — tasted the best to them.

"We record data using words, pictures or numbers. That is what we do with our apple tasting graph," Jones said to her class.

The class consensus was that green apples were the

favorite, followed closely by yellow, and red took third place for the taste testers.

The first-graders also tested which apples sink and float in water during their experiments. Waldron continues to encourage the integration of more science in the classrooms at Fred Wild.

The changing core structure of the state curriculum calls for current kindergartners and first-graders to study

a number of new topics and complete the suggested work course by the 2014/2015 school year in order to be on par with the new changes.

"The kids enjoy it," Waldron said.

The dedication and innovation of the administrators and instructors at Fred Wild could easily be seen Wednesday through the fun, unique method of study in the classrooms.

Family needs help to recover from fire damage

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things have grown worse in the weeks since. Without property insurance, they are not sure how to go about rebuilding their lives, especially as Ramsey has no health insurance and hasn't been able to work because of his injuries.

Ashley, who is a full-time student

studying accounting at Webber International University, has had to leave school for the time being. She has no transportation, and is looking for work.

"It's been over a month," Ashley Ramsey said. "It takes a long time to recover."

The family and their friends hope the community can help.

An account has been set up for Adam and Ashley Ramsey at Heartland National Bank. Any branch can be of assistance.

Saturday their friends and family will have a fundraiser car wash from 9 a.m.

Jobless numbers take a slight dip again

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In addition to job fairs, the agency is close to finalizing an agreement with Sunshine Staffing to provide a unique opportunity for local businesses.

Once the contract is signed, hopefully in a couple of weeks, the Workforce, through Sunshine Staffing, will offer to pay for a local employer's new employee's probationary period — up to \$19 an hour for 90 days.

With the winter tourist and

harvesting seasons approaching, Hood said more employers have begun to reinstate positions and look for workers.

The single most important factor in finding a job, Hood said, is the job seeker.

"Get active and stay active; jobs are coming available," Hood said. "Enhance your skills."

He added that the Workforce has training programs, up-to-date help wanted information, and support

services in resume writing and interview protocols.

In terms of annual wages earned, the county ranks right in the middle of the three

counties in the region. DeSoto County's average is almost \$32,000; Hardee County's almost \$29,000; Highlands County's is \$29,295.

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NO. 6
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, SECTION 28
(Legislative)

Ballot Title: PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS; CONSTRUCTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS.—

Ballot Summary: This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

Full Text:

ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 28. Prohibition on public funding of abortions; construction of abortion rights.—

(1) Public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This subsection does not apply to:

(a) An expenditure required by federal law;

(b) A case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, which would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed; or

(c) A pregnancy that results from rape or incest.

(2) This constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution.

NO. 7
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, SECTION 3
(Legislative)

Ballot Title: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and denying the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

Full Text:

ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 3. Religious freedom.—There shall be no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace, or safety. Except to the extent required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, neither the government nor any part of the government may deny to any individual or entity the benefits of any program, funding, or other support on the basis of religious identity or belief. No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

NO. 8
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32
(Legislative)

Ballot Title: HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MILITARY VETERAN OR FIRST RESPONDER.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by general law ad valorem homestead property tax relief to the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt such surviving spouse's homestead property from ad valorem taxation. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2013.

Full Text:

ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(1) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, to the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right therein in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entirety, jointly, in common, as a co-tenant, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(2) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(3) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to persons, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(4) The Legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(5) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(6) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to the:

(a) Surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces;

(b) Surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty;

(c) As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term:

a. "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic;

b. "In the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE

SECTION 32. Ad valorem tax relief for surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII permitting the legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief to surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty shall take effect January 1, 2013.

NO. 10
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32
(Legislative)

Ballot Title: TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to:

(1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2014 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls.

(2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance.

This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

Full Text:

ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.—

(1) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment in the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.

(2) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(3) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the election of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorizes the county or municipality to adopt such ordinance. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the election of the county or municipality, and may be renewed by referendum as provided by general law.

(4) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(5) (1) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of tangible personal property is exempt from ad valorem taxation. Tangible personal property is also exempt from ad valorem taxation if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars.

(2) A county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy, provide additional tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance, subject to this subsection and as provided in general law.

(3) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(4) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year or active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE

SECTION 34. Tangible personal property ad valorem tax exemption.—The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing that property is exempt from tangible personal property tax if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars shall take effect January 1, 2013, and applies to assessments for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

NO. 11
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6
(Legislative)

Ballot Title: ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, LOW INCOME SENIORS WHO MAINTAIN LONG TERM RESIDENCY ON PROPERTY, EQUAL TO ASSESSED VALUE.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law and subject to conditions set forth in the general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

Full Text:

ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(1) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, to the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right therein in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entirety, jointly, in common, as a co-tenant, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(2) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(3) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to persons, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(4) The Legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following an additional homestead tax exemption:

(a) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or

(b) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(5) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

NO. 12
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7
(Legislative)

Ballot Title: APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of state university student body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

Full Text:

ARTICLE IX
EDUCATION

SECTION 7. State University System.—

(1) PURPOSES: In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and countries, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(2) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM: There shall be a single state university system composed of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(3) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES: Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees.

Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

(4) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS: The board of governors shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited by, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-governed coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditures of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board thirteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commission of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the chair of the council of student body presidents, which council shall be organized by the board of governors and consist of all the student body presidents of the state university system, president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
Case No.: PC 12-368

IN RE: ESTATE OF LORENZO MAGDALENO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)

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

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of LORENZO MAGDALENO, deceased, File Number: PC 12-368, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870-3867; that the decedent's date of death was June 8, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$750 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

| Name | Address |
|----------------------|--|
| Michael A. Magdaleno | 1366 West 2nd Avenue Hialeah, Florida 33010 |

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 21, 2012.

Person Giving Notice:
MICHAEL A. MAGDALENO
1366 West 2nd Avenue
Hialeah, Florida 33010

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
PADRON LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorney for Personal Representative
7875 S.W. 104 Street, Ste. 202
Miami, Florida 33156
Tel: (305)259-1771
Fax: 1 (305)731-2187
E-mail: jtabares@padronlegal.com
/s/ Jasiel Tabares
JASIEL TABARES, ESQ.
Florida Bar No. 95764

September 21, 28, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 11000612GCS

ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff,
vs.
GERALD SHELTON A/K/A GERALD A. SHELTON; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; DOROTHY SHELTON A/K/A DOROTHY G. SHELTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DOROTHY SHELTON A/K/A DOROTHY G. SHELTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALD SHELTON A/K/A GERALD A. SHELTON; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 6th day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11000612GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B., is the Plaintiff and GERALD SHELTON A/K/A GERALD A. SHELTON; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; DOROTHY SHELTON A/K/A DOROTHY G. SHELTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DOROTHY SHELTON A/K/A DOROTHY G. SHELTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALD SHELTON A/K/A GERALD A. SHELTON; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants.

The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 9th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 4, BLOCK 65, TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs 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.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk
September 21, 28, 2012

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Dated this 8th day of August, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk
September 21, 28, 2012

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
/s/ Charlotte Stone
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September 28, October 5, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000589

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-13 Plaintiff,
vs.
RICHARD A. OTTERMAN, A/K/A RICK A. OTTERMAN; et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION - FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS
TO: RICHARD A. OTTERMAN, A/K/A RICK A. OTTERMAN AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD A. OTTERMAN, A/K/A RICK A. OTTERMAN 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:
Lot 14, Block 171, Northside Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32 and 33 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Tax ID: C-22-35-29-060-1710-0140
More commonly known as 6004 Old Cedar Street, Sebring, FL 33876

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to that 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 October 31, 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 19th day of September, 2012.

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 at (863) 534-4686 (Voice) or (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification. If the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WWR File #10093502

Robert W. Germaine, Clerk
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 12-384

IN RE: ESTATE OF HAZEL G. GOODWILL Division: Probate Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Hazel G. Goodwill, deceased, whose date of death was October 3, 2011, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 0848, 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 representatives 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 September 28, 2012.

Personal Representatives:
/s/ Joan Judd Britt
630 Norway Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
/s/ Ida Betttoni f/k/a Ida J. Merritt
12288 E. Bates Circle
Aurora, CO 80014

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
/s/ Charlotte Stone
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September 28, October 5, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 282010CA000568000XX

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
NEIL NORRIS; FRED R. CALKINS; DOROTHY CALKINS; LILLIE NORRIS A/K/A LILLIE M. NORRIS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 6th day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282010CA000568000XX of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC is the Plaintiff and NEIL NORRIS; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; FRED R. CALKINS; DOROTHY E. CALKINS; LILLIE NORRIS A/K/A LILLIE M. NORRIS; UNKNOWN TENANT N/K/A SEAN NORRIS and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 9th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
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Dated this 8th day of August, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk
September 21, 28, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000199

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
JANICE L. GOKA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000199 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, is the Plaintiff and JANICE L. GOKA; DAVID K. GOKA; DAVID K. GOKA, AS TRUSTEE OR SUCCESSOR TRUST, UNDER THE GOKA FAMILY TRUST CREATED BY TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JULY 21, 2008; JANICE L. GOKA, AS TRUSTEE OR SUCCESSOR TRUST, UNDER THE GOKA FAMILY TRUST CREATED BY TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JULY 21, 2008; THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARY OF THE TRUST, UNDER THE GOKA FAMILY TRUST CREATED BY TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JULY 21, 2008; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 10th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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A/K/A 5002 MANATEE ROAD, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on August 10, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000199

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JANICE L. GOKA, et al, Defendant(s).

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on August 10, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Charlotte Stone
Charlotte C. Stone, Esq.
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September 28, October 5, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 12-376

IN RE: ESTATE OF ISABELLE IRENE WALLACE Division: Probate Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Isabelle Irene Wallace, deceased, whose date of death was April 8, 2012, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 9317, 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.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is September 28, 2012.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Claudia J. Diamond
235 Kite Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Charlotte Stone
Charlotte C. Stone, Esq.
Attorney for Claudia J. Diamond
Florida Bar Number: 21297
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CASE NO.: 282010CA000568000XX

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
NEIL NORRIS; FRED R. CALKINS; DOROTHY CALKINS; LILLIE NORRIS A/K/A LILLIE M. NORRIS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

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Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk
September 21, 28, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000199

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JANICE L. GOKA, et al, Defendant(s).

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
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AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
JANICE L. GOKA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000199 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, is the Plaintiff and JANICE L. GOKA; DAVID K. GOKA; DAVID K. GOKA, AS TRUSTEE OR SUCCESSOR TRUST, UNDER THE GOKA FAMILY TRUST CREATED BY TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JULY 21, 2008; JANICE L. GOKA, AS TRUSTEE OR SUCCESSOR TRUST, UNDER THE GOKA FAMILY TRUST CREATED BY TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JULY 21, 2008; THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARY OF THE TRUST, UNDER THE GOKA FAMILY TRUST CREATED BY TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JULY 21, 2008; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 10th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 6, BLOCK 11, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION G, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 5002 MANATEE ROAD, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on August 10, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Charlotte Stone
Charlotte C. Stone, Esq.
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September 28, October 5, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000199

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
JANICE L. GOKA, et al, Defendant(s).

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September 21, 28, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000199

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
JANICE L. GOKA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000199 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein AUR

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September 28; October 5, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 282010CA000351XXXXX
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA
ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1,
Plaintiff,
vs
JOSE R. RODRIGUEZ, et al
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant an Order
or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated
June 28, 2012, and an Order Resetting Sale
dated September 12, 2012, and entered in Case
No. 282010CA000351XXXXX of the Circuit
Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for High-
lands County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO
BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-
HOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE
LOAN TRUST 2006-1, MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1,
is the Plaintiff and JOSE R. RODRIGUEZ; IRIS
RODRIGUEZ; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; 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 INTER-
EST 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 10th
day of October, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following
described property as set forth in said Final Judg-
ment, to-wit:

LOT 36, IN BLOCK 282, OF SUN 'N LAKE ES-
TATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO
THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT
THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT
PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGH-
LANDS 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 Dis-
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should contact the Clerk of the Court not later
than five business days prior to the proceeding at
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DATED at Sebring, Florida, on September 14,
2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
AS DEPUTY CLERK
September 21, 28, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 10001017GCS
Division:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,

vs.
TERESA S. BURLEY; BANK OF AMERICA NATION-
AL ASSOCIATION; JACKSON SHORES TOWN-
HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the
Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Sep-
tember 4, 2012, in the above-styled cause, I will
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ning at 11:00 A.M. at the Jury Assembly Room in
the basement of the Highlands County Court-
house, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL
33870 on October 9, 2012, the following de-
scribed property:

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INC. AND BY-LAWS OF JACKSON SHARES
TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATIONS, BOTH INCLUSIVE
AND AFFIDAVIT AS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK
710, PAGES 613 TO 623, BOTH INCLUSIVE, OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,
FLORIDA. "AS DESCRIBED IN MORTGAGE BOOK
2137 PAGE 1398"

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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
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If you are a person with a disability who needs
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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court
on September 5, 2012.

Bob Germaine, Clerk of Court
/s/ Toni Kopp
By: Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)
September 21, 28, 2012

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TO: Allen B. Hensch Case No: 201101073

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CASE NO.: 282009CA000959A000XX
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIA PAGANI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA PAGANI; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 3rd day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282009CA000959A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is the Plaintiff and MARIA PAGANI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA PAGANI IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 10th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 13, BLOCK 13, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION G, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, 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 US PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
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.
Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.
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By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | |
| A couple of afternoon thunderstorms | An afternoon thunderstorm | A t-storm possible in the afternoon | Partly sunny, a t-storm possible | Mainly cloudy, a t-storm possible |
| 89° / 72° | 90° / 73° | 90° / 71° | 90° / 73° | 88° / 72° |
| Winds: NE at 4-8 mph | Winds: NNW at 3-6 mph | Winds: S at 3-6 mph | Winds: S at 4-8 mph | Winds: SSE at 6-12 mph |



Almanac

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday: 89°
Low Sunday: 65°
High Monday: 83°
Low Monday: 66°
High Tuesday: 87°
Low Tuesday: 67°
High Wednesday: 88°
Low Wednesday: 68°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today: 93°
Relative humidity: 85%
Expected air temperature: 89°
Mekko it feel like: 96°

Barometer
Monday: 30.00
Tuesday: 29.99
Wednesday: 29.99

Precipitation
Monday: 0.00"
Tuesday: 0.00"
Wednesday: 1.47"
Month to date: 10.58"
Year to date: 51.61"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High: 1:36 a.m.
Low: 7:36 a.m.
High: 1:59 p.m.
Low: 7:57 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High: 8:05 a.m.
Low: 1:31 a.m.
High: 8:21 p.m.
Low: 1:53 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson: 78.26'
Lake Okechobee: 15.40'
Normal: 14.51'

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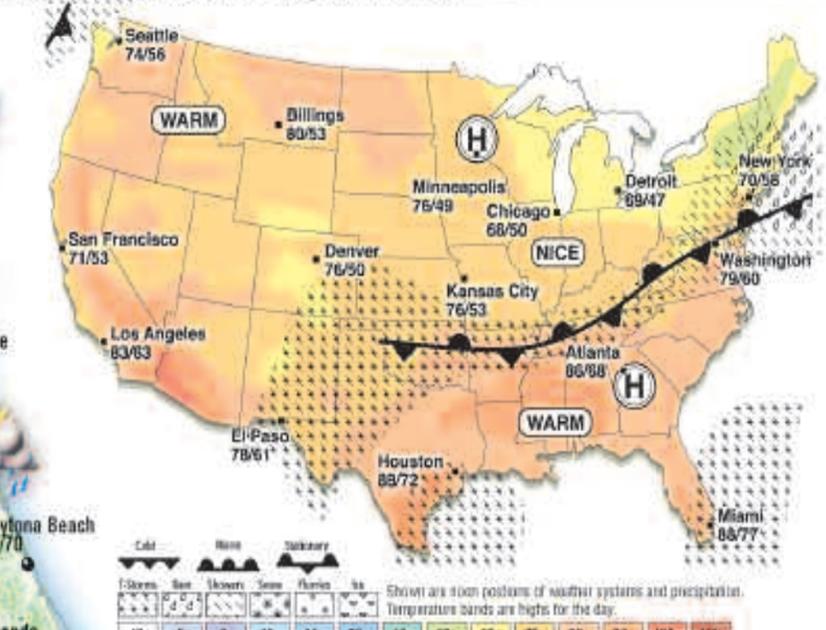
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0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme

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National Forecast for September 28



National Summary

A zone of showers and thunderstorms will stretch along a stationary front from the mid-Atlantic and Tennessee Valley into the southern Plains. Periods of drenching rain will soak many locations across New England. To the north of the boundary, high pressure centered over the Midwest will promote dry weather from the Great Lakes to the northern Plains. South of the front, the air will remain warm. Tropical moisture will help trigger some showers and thunderstorms near the Gulf Coast from Florida to Texas.

U.S. Cities

| City | Today | Sat. | Sun. | City | Today | Sat. | Sun. |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Albuquerque | 78/57pc | 80/56pc | 79/56pc | Las Vegas | 83/63pc | 85/67pc | 84/68pc |
| Alford | 85/66pc | 78/64 | 77/61pc | Las Vegas | 76/54pc | 76/55pc | 75/51pc |
| Baltimore | 75/57 | 73/52pc | 72/52pc | Memphis | 81/66 | 79/63 | 79/62pc |
| Birmingham | 82/65pc | 78/64 | 79/60 | Minneapolis | 66/51 | 70/50pc | 65/47pc |
| Boston | 62/50 | 61/50 | 60/50sh | Minneapolis | 76/49 | 76/53 | 77/53pc |
| Charlotte | 81/63pc | 77/58 | 73/54pc | Nashville | 80/58 | 78/54 | 79/50pc |
| Chesapeake | 69/48pc | 74/47 | 72/44pc | New Orleans | 86/72 | 80/71 | 80/71 |
| Chicago | 66/50 | 75/52pc | 68/48 | New York City | 70/50 | 69/50pc | 68/57 |
| Cleveland | 64/48pc | 67/51pc | 63/49 | Portland | 63/51 | 73/53 | 75/52pc |
| Columbus | 70/45pc | 71/52pc | 69/47pc | Portland, ME | 61/50 | 59/52 | 65/52sh |
| Dallas | 80/60pc | 79/55 | 87/66pc | Portland, OR | 60/57 | 73/50pc | 77/54pc |
| Denver | 76/50pc | 77/53 | 77/50pc | Raleigh | 84/61pc | 76/61 | 76/57 |
| Detroit | 69/47 | 69/46pc | 69/46pc | Rochester | 62/47pc | 64/48 | 64/51sh |
| Harrisburg | 74/54pc | 69/48pc | 69/49 | St. Louis | 76/55pc | 76/57pc | 76/54 |
| Honolulu | 86/72 | 85/69 | 85/70pc | San Francisco | 71/53pc | 78/55pc | 80/52pc |
| Houston | 88/70 | 80/68 | 85/68 | Seattle | 74/56pc | 60/48sh | 71/52 |
| Indianapolis | 72/47pc | 72/52pc | 70/49 | Wash., DC | 79/60 | 74/58pc | 73/56sh |
| Jackson, MS | 90/67 | 78/64 | 81/58 | | | | |
| Kansas City | 78/53pc | 77/48pc | 79/53pc | | | | |
| Lexington | 74/51 | 72/52pc | 72/48pc | | | | |
| Little Rock | 84/66 | 77/61 | 79/60pc | | | | |

World Cities

| City | Today | Sat. | Sun. | City | Today | Sat. | Sun. |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Agartota | 91/76 | 90/75 | 91/78 | London | 63/48pc | 61/45pc | 61/56pc |
| Ahmedabad | 83/23 | 90/22 | 90/20 | Montreal | 61/49 | 63/49 | 63/51sh |
| Beirut | 89/22 | 90/20 | 87/20 | Moscow | 76/68 | 80/43sh | 69/50 |
| Berlin | 63/47pc | 64/44pc | 61/45pc | Nice | 76/68 | 78/64sh | 73/62 |
| Bombay | 89/75sh | 78/75 | 76/75 | Osaka | 62/48pc | 69/44 | 63/48 |
| Calgary | 76/50 | 80/41 | 83/44pc | Quebec | 63/44pc | 63/41 | 63/50sh |
| Dublin | 59/45sh | 62/46pc | 61/46 | Rio de Janeiro | 71/85pc | 73/82pc | 75/83pc |
| Edmonton | 73/49 | 65/50pc | 61/49 | Saudi | 70/57sh | 70/54pc | 72/57pc |
| Frankfurt | 65/78 | 67/76pc | 67/76pc | Singapore | 86/78sh | 88/79 | 88/79 |
| Garyow | 65/45 | 61/44 | 61/45pc | Sydney | 83/57pc | 75/41sh | 71/41 |
| Hawaii | 87/71 | 88/71 | 87/71sh | Toronto | 64/48 | 67/51pc | 63/48 |
| Hong Kong | 92/77pc | 86/74 | 84/74 | Vancouver | 61/51sh | 61/50sh | 61/50pc |
| Jakarta | 88/89 | 85/89 | 86/89 | Vienna | 70/52 | 70/58pc | 63/50pc |
| Johannesburg | 77/42 | 65/46 | 71/49 | Warsaw | 64/46pc | 60/42 | 62/42 |
| Kiev | 73/48 | 62/46pc | 62/48 | Winnipeg | 74/58 | 70/48 | 70/41pc |

Regional Summary

A few showers and a thunderstorm this afternoon. A shower or thunderstorm around this evening. A shower or thunderstorm tomorrow afternoon. Sunday, chance of a shower or thunderstorm in the afternoon.

Farm Report

A couple of thunderstorms this afternoon. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 50% chance of precipitation and average humidity 70%.

Weather History

On Sept. 28, 1981, heavy rain fell in the Jacksonville, Fla., area for the second time in four days and caused widespread flooding.

Sun and Moon

| | Today | Saturday |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sunrise | 7:12 a.m. | 7:18 a.m. |
| Sunset | 7:15 p.m. | 7:14 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 8:15 p.m. | 8:50 p.m. |
| Moonset | 5:51 a.m. | 6:45 a.m. |

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 | 90/73 | 90/74 | 89/75pc |
| Clearwater | 89/74pc | 89/75 | 87/74pc |
| Coral Springs | 88/75 | 88/75 | 89/76pc |
| Daytona Beach | 86/70pc | 86/71 | 86/71pc |
| Fl. Land. Bch. | 86/71 | 86/71 | 88/72pc |
| Fort Myers | 90/74 | 90/73 | 89/74pc |
| Gainesville | 87/68pc | 88/70 | 84/69pc |
| Hollywood | 88/70 | 88/70 | 88/70pc |
| Homestead AFB | 87/70 | 87/70 | 87/70pc |
| Jacksonville | 87/67pc | 88/68 | 81/67 |
| Key West | 88/80 | 88/80 | 87/80pc |

Florida Cities

| City | Today | Sat. | Sun. |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Miami | 88/77 | 88/77 | 89/77pc |
| Okeechobee | 82/68 | 81/68 | 85/70pc |
| Orlando | 87/68 | 88/71 | 89/72pc |
| Pensacola | 86/75 | 86/75 | 88/75pc |
| St. Augustine | 84/68pc | 85/71 | 82/70pc |
| St. Petersburg | 89/72 | 89/74 | 89/74pc |
| Sarasota | 90/72 | 88/73 | 89/73pc |
| Tallahassee | 89/70pc | 89/73pc | 83/68 |
| Tampa | 88/72 | 88/74 | 88/74pc |
| W. Palm Bch. | 87/75 | 88/70 | 87/70pc |
| Winter Haven | 89/71 | 89/72 | 89/72pc |

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Courtesy photo

John Alexander heads upfield to gain some yards for the Eagle Flag team.

Eagles give Hornets a sting

Special to the News-Sun

DUNDEE – The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization (HYFC) took to the road this week at Dundee to take on the Hornets on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The first game saw the Flag team get off to a quick start

Quarterback Julian Cardoso handed off to Fred Hankerson who broke through and crossed the goal line for a touchdown.

The offense rallied together, earning

multiple touchdowns by John Alexander and Hankerson.

The defense made its presence known and stood strong with key defensive plays by Koda Cabrera, Clayton Hooks and Willie King leading to another win for the Eagles.

The final score of 30-16 moves the team record to 4-2 and in third place in the NFC

See EAGLES, Page 4B

PREGAME PRIMER

Your Quick Guide To This Week's Action



Avon Park
at
Hialeah Gardens

Records

Avon Park 1-3; Hialeah 0-4

Last Week

Avon Park: The Devils were held scoreless in a 14-0 loss to visiting LaBelle.

Hialeah Gardens: Lost at home by a 42-0 count to Westland Hialeah.

Game Notes

- This game is a rare Saturday night contest with Avon Park traveling to the Miami area.
- Hialeah Gardens has yet to score this season, and have given up 202 points.



Lake Placid
at
Lakeland Christian

Records

Lake Placid 1-2-1; Lakeland C. 3-1

Last Week

Lake Placid: The Dragons had little answer for Dunbar in Ft. Myers, losing 49-0.

Lakeland Christian: Got past Tenoroc by a 35-27 score.

Game Notes

- Tonight marks the third straight road date for the Dragons.
- Lake Placid's lightning-shortened game against Moore Haven has been listed as a 0-0 tie for the teams.



Sebring
vs.
American Heritage

Records

Sebring 1-3; Heritage 2-1

Last Week

Sebring: Saw a close first half get away in a 41-20 loss to Lake Gibson.

American Heritage: Enjoyed its bye week after a 48-10 win over Lake Highland Prep the week prior.

Game Notes

- A year ago, the Blue Streaks gave the highly rated Patriots all they could handle before falling just short in the 13-3 loss.
- The Patriots are averaging just under 41 points per game.

All games have 7 p.m. kickoffs unless otherwise noted

Lady Devils share lead after sweep

By BRITTANY WHITTINGTON

News-sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID – The Lady Red Devils of Avon Park traveled down to Lake Placid to take on the Lady Green Dragons Tuesday in a key county, as well as District 6-4A, matchup.

Skepticism was in the air of how this match would turn out with Lake Placid standing alone atop the standings.

But in a shocker, the Red Devils swept the Green Dragons in a quick three-and-out match.

After the match, emotions ran from one extreme to the next.

"We played our game," said Avon Park head coach Stephanie Devlin. "We were on tonight, and when we're on, we're on."

The emotions on the other side of the net were much more somber.

"We fell apart, we lost the game," said Lake Placid head coach Linette Wells.

Coach Devlin was not bluffing by any means when she said that her team was on.

Avon Park jumped to a quick lead in the beginning of the first set and kept it throughout the duration of it.

Unfortunately for the Dragons, they could not just



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

The Lady Devils erupt in celebration after finishing their three-set sweep of Lake Placid Tuesday night.

seem to get it together nor get enough momentum to pull the score closer together.

The Red Devils eventually closed the set at 25-15.

Doing anything to make a change, Coach Wells tried to switch it up and used a completely different line up for the second set.

It seemed to be the perfect fix as Lake Placid took

the first point and the first lead run of the second set.

But victory seemed too sweet as the Lady Devils kicked things into gear and made the set a nail biter.

For a while, the set went back and forth between the two squads.

It was down to the wire, until the Red Devils stole yet another set by a 25-23 score.

At this point, the Dragons knew it was make or break to hold on to their top spot in the district standings.

Being down two sets to none built a pressure on top of the Green Dragons that they were going to have to deflate.

It was time to put the last two sets behind them and focus on what was to come.

See AP, Page 3B

Low time on Lake Jackson

I finally made a trip out to Lake Jackson last Saturday.

I had been watching the lake for some time, hoping the water level would come up enough to safely launch my boat.

A couple months back when I stopped by the public launch site, I was shocked by how far out of the water it was.

But Saturday, I was able to launch my boat and following the white markers, make it out to deeper water.

This was my first trip on Lake Jackson since 2005, and although the water has come up over the past few months, it's still down compared to years ago when I used to fish the lake weekly.

For a lake that covers 9,200 acres, Lake Jackson had always had a strong bass population

Just to the left of the boat ramp used to be a nice "flats" area, with 4-6 feet of water that always seemed to hold a few bass.

Now, as I cruised through the area with my electric motor, the water was less than 2 feet quite a distance from shore.

Too shallow to hold bass with no cover.

Vegetation on the lake is severely lacking, as it always has been since I used to fish it years ago, and the boat docks, which had always held fish in the past, provided coverage of minimal water amounts and seemingly no bass.

Throwing a plastic worm along the point and back into the smaller bay I caught two bass, both less than 13 inches in length.

One of the bass was so emaciated I could hardly tell it was a bass.

It's rare and startling to see a bass in that condition.

It always makes me wonder if the food source has grown scarce.

I changed to a spinnerbait and then a crankbait as I worked the north northeast shoreline where the water drops from 2-3 feet to 9 feet pretty quickly about 100 yards offshore.



Fishin' Around...

Don Norton

One hit on a spinnerbait that came unbuttoned shortly after the strike. Nothing on the crankbait.

Moving to the south, southeast section of the lake, I changed to a plastic worm and picked up a 2 pounder on my second cast.

Fifty or 60 casts later, the two pounder was the only action I'd found in that area.

Finally, I decided to move to an underwater hump that had produced for me in the past.

Changing to a Carolina rig with a crawfish jig and plastic, I worked the area methodically fan-casting the structure.

I was surprised, no one was home.

Little Lake Jackson was always my favorite area to fish, but driving by the bridge over Rt. 27 it was pretty obvious no boats were going through there any time soon.

A disappointing fishing trip to say the least.

Lake Jackson needs a lot more water before the fishing will improve.

It's a shame that such a beautiful lake in the center of Sebring isn't everyone's favorite fishing spot.

I noticed when I arrived at the boat ramp there was only one other truck and trailer in the parking lot.

I assumed it was due to the low water, but now I'm guessing many of the local anglers already discovered what I learned last Saturday.

Fishing is pretty tough on Lake Jackson.

On another note and for those of you who enjoy watching fishing shows on television, I wanted to men-

See BASS, Page 4B

WAR may have won me over

I recently wrote of the new age of baseball statistics and how I've been on board up to a certain extent, while still holding on to those more basic and traditional ones I grew up with.

Well, it seems the battle of the old against the new is already upon us in this year's American League MVP race.

It is coming down to the wire between Detroit Tiger slugger Miguel Cabrera and L.A. Angel rookie phenom Mike Trout.

The argument being made between the two is that while Cabrera has the "old school stats" pleading



And Another Thing...

Dan Hoehne

his case, it's Trout that is dominant in the sabermetric community.

It's been 45 years since a Major League player won the batting triple crown, leading his league in batting

average, home runs and RBI.

While it is a distinction based a lot upon landscape and circumstance, it is a measure of the all-around ability of a hitter.

As of Thursday morning, as I am writing this, Cabrera lead the American League with a .327 average, was second in home runs with 42 and lead in RBI with 133.

But here's where that circumstance and landscape come into play.

Just one home run behind Cabrera is Adam Dunn of the White Sox, who is sporting a less than robust

.209 with 210 strikeouts.

Which just goes to show, there are usually those batters out there of the all or nothing sort, who can hurt an all-around hitters chance at a triple crown.

Just as there were those time frames where the likes of Wade Boggs or Tony Gwynn would be the annually expected batting champs, though would never threaten for home run or RBI titles.

So it is a true mark of a batter's overall ability to be leading in two and barely behind in another with just about a week left to go.

See STATS, Page 3B

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| New York | 90 | 65 | .581 | — |
| Baltimore | 89 | 67 | .571 | 1.5 |
| Tampa Bay | 85 | 70 | .548 | 5 |
| Boston | 69 | 87 | .442 | 21.5 |
| Toronto | 68 | 87 | .439 | 22 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|
| Detroit | 83 | 72 | .535 | — |
| Chicago | 82 | 73 | .529 | 1 |
| Kansas City | 70 | 85 | .452 | 13 |
| Cleveland | 65 | 91 | .417 | 18.5 |
| Minnesota | 65 | 91 | .417 | 18.5 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Texas | 91 | 64 | .587 | — |
| Oakland | 88 | 67 | .568 | 3 |
| Los Angeles | 86 | 69 | .555 | 5 |
| Seattle | 72 | 83 | .465 | 19 |

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 3
 Detroit 2, Kansas City 0
 Toronto 4, Baltimore 0
 Tampa Bay 5, Boston 2
 Oakland 3, Texas 2, 10 innings
 Minnesota 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
 L.A. Angels 5, Seattle 4

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 2
 Detroit 5, Kansas City 4
 Baltimore 12, Toronto 2
 Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2
 Oakland 9, Texas 3
 Cleveland 6, Chicago White Sox 4
 L.A. Angels 4, Seattle 3

Thursday's Games

Kansas City at Detroit, late
 Oakland at Texas, late
 Seattle at L.A. Angels, late
 N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, late
 Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, late

Friday's Games

Boston (A.Cook 4-10) at Baltimore (Tillman 8-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (W.Smith 6-8) at Cleveland (D.Huff 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 14-11) at Toronto (Jenkins 0-2), 7:07 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Weaver 19-4) at Texas (Dempster 7-2), 8:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Scherzer 16-7) at Minnesota (Diamond 12-8), 8:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Hellickson 9-10) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 10-11), 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Beavan 10-10) at Oakland (Griffin 6-1), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|
| z-Washington | 94 | 61 | .606 | — |
| z-Atlanta | 90 | 65 | .581 | 4 |
| Philadelphia | 78 | 77 | .503 | 16 |
| New York | 71 | 84 | .458 | 23 |
| Miami | 66 | 89 | .426 | 28 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|-----|------|------|
| x-Cincinnati | 93 | 62 | .600 | — |
| St. Louis | 84 | 72 | .538 | 9.5 |
| Milwaukee | 80 | 75 | .516 | 13 |
| Pittsburgh | 76 | 79 | .490 | 17 |
| Chicago | 59 | 96 | .381 | 34 |
| Houston | 51 | 105 | .327 | 42.5 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------------|----|----|------|----|
| x-San Francisco | 90 | 65 | .581 | — |
| Los Angeles | 80 | 75 | .516 | 10 |
| Arizona | 78 | 77 | .503 | 12 |
| San Diego | 74 | 81 | .477 | 16 |
| Colorado | 61 | 94 | .394 | 29 |

z-clinched playoff berth
 x-clinched division

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

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

Thursday's Games

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

Friday's Games

Cincinnati (H.Bailey 12-10) at Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 16-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 6-8) at Miami (Buehrle 13-13), 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Niese 12-9) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 16-6), 7:35 p.m.
 Houston (E.Gonzalez 2-1) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 16-8), 8:10 p.m.
 Washington (E.Jackson 9-10) at St. Louis (Wainwright 13-13), 8:15 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 6-12) at Arizona (I.Kennedy 14-11), 9:40 p.m.
 San Francisco (Vogelsong 13-9) at San Diego (Werner 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
 Colorado (Francis 5-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Blanton 9-13), 10:10 p.m.

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| East | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|-------|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF PA |
| N.Y. Jets | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 81 75 |
| Buffalo | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 87 79 |
| New England | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 62 64 |
| Miami | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 65 66 |

| South | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|-------|--------|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF PA |
| Houston | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 88 42 |
| Jacksonville | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 52 70 |
| Tennessee | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 67 113 |
| Indianapolis | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 61 83 |

| North | | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|------|--------|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF PA |
| Baltimore | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 98 67 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 85 102 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 77 75 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000 | 57 75 |

| West | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|-------|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF PA |
| San Diego | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 63 51 |
| Denver | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 77 77 |
| Kansas City | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 68 99 |
| Oakland | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 61 88 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| East | | | | | |
|--------|---|---|---|------|-------|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF PA |
| Dallas | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 47 54 |



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SATURDAY

3:30 p.m. NASCAR – OneMain Financial 200... ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

8 p.m. Hawaii at BYU... ESPN

SATURDAY

Noon Penn State at Illinois... ESPN
 Noon Minnesota at Iowa... ESPN2
 Noon NC State at Miami... 44
 Noon Baylor at West Virginia... FX
 12:30 p.m. Arkansas at Texas A&M... 38
 3:30 p.m. Tennessee at Georgia... CBS
 3:30 p.m. Ohio State at Michigan State... ABC
 3:30 p.m. Clemson at Boston College... ESPN2
 4 p.m. Arizona State at California... FX
 6 p.m. Florida State at South Florida... ESPN
 7 p.m. South Carolina at Kentucky... ESPN2
 7:50 p.m. Texas at Oklahoma State... FOX
 8 p.m. Wisconsin at Nebraska... ABC
 9:15 p.m. Ole Miss at Alabama... ESPN
 10:30 p.m. Oregon at Washington State... ESPN2

GOLF

FRIDAY

Noon Ryder Cup, Day One... ESPN
 3 p.m. PGA – Chiquita Classic... GOLF

SATURDAY

9 a.m. Ryder Cup, Day Two... NBC
 3 p.m. PGA – Chiquita Classic... GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FRIDAY

8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox... SUN

SATURDAY

4 p.m. Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox... FOX
 8 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Arizona... WGN

WNBA PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Atlanta at Indiana, Game 1... ESPN2
 9 p.m. Seattle at Minnesota, Game 1... ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|----|-----|
| Philadelphia | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 47 | 66 |
| N.Y. Giants | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 94 | 65 |
| Washington | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 99 | 101 |

Los Angeles at Colorado, 7 p.m.

WNBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(x-if necessary)

(Best-of-3)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Connecticut vs. New York

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|-----|----|----|
| Thursday, Sept. 27: New York at Connecticut, late | | | | | | |
| Saturday, Sept. 29: Connecticut at New York, 7 p.m. | | | | | | |
| x-Monday, Oct. 1: New York at Connecticut, 7 p.m. | | | | | | |

Indiana vs. Atlanta

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|--|---|---|---|-----|----|----|
| Friday Sept. 28: Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Sunday, Sept. 30: Indiana at Atlanta, 4 p.m. | | | | | | |
| x-Tuesday, Oct. 2: Atlanta at Indiana, TBD | | | | | | |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Minnesota vs. Seattle

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|--|---|---|---|-----|----|----|
| Friday, Sept. 28: Seattle at Minnesota, 9 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Sunday, Sept. 30: Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m. | | | | | | |
| x-Tuesday, Oct. 2: Seattle at Minnesota, TBD | | | | | | |

Los Angeles vs. San Antonio

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|--|---|---|---|-----|----|----|
| Thursday, Sept. 27: San Antonio at Los Angeles, late | | | | | | |
| Saturday, Sept. 29: Los Angeles at San Antonio, 3 p.m. | | | | | | |
| x-Monday, Oct. 1: San Antonio at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. | | | | | | |

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed LHP Randy Wolf on the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of INF Bill Hall from Norfolk (IL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed G Carlon Brown, G/F Lance Goulbourne, F Rick Jackson and G/F Tarence Kinsey.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined New England coach Bill Belichick \$50,000 and Washington offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan \$25,000 for their actions during Sunday's games.
 ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed RB Alfonso Smith. Released LB Ricky Elmore from the practice squad. Signed LB Zack Nash to the practice squad.
 ATLANTA FALCONS—Released S Mark LeGree from the practice squad. Signed RB Josh Vaughan to the practice squad.
 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Placed C Rodney Hudson on injured reserve. Signed G Russ Hochstein and C Bryan Mattison.
 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released DL Marcus Forston. Signed DL Terrell McClain.
 OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed DL Andre Carter. Signed WR Tori Gurley to the practice squad.
 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released WR Jeremy Ebert from the practice squad. Signed TE Kyle Nelson to the practice squad.
 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed WR Malcolm Floyd to a three-year contract extension through 2015.
 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Released WR Jordan Shipley. Signed WR Roscoe Parrish and DE Jeff Charleston.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

SATURDAY: Football at Hialeah Gardens, 7 p.m.
 THURSDAY: JV Football at Frostproof, 7 p.m.; Volleyball vs. DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.
 FRIDAY, Oct. 5: Football at Clewiston, 7 p.m.



Lake Placid

TODAY: Football at Lakeland Christian, 7 p.m.
 TUESDAY: Volleyball at Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Cross Country hosts meet, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Golf at DeSoto, 4:30 p.m.
 THURSDAY: JV Football vs. Ft. Meade, 7 p.m.; Swimming vs. Hardee, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Golf vs. LaBelle, 3:30 p.m.; Girls Golf at LaBelle, 4:15 p.m.



Sebring

TODAY: Football vs. American Heritage, 7 p.m.
 MONDAY: Golf hosts Crutchfield/Hawkins Invite, Sun 'N Lake, 9 a.m.
 TUESDAY: Volleyball vs. Kathleen, 6/7:30 p.m.; Bowling vs. Treasure Coast, 3:30 p.m.; Swimming at Lakeland Christian, Rowdy Pool, 5:30 p.m.



SFSC

TODAY: Volleyball hosts Tournament, vs. Gulf Coast, 1 p.m.; vs. Lake Sumter, 5 p.m.
 SATURDAY: Volleyball hosts Tournament, vs. Broward, 9 a.m.; vs. Clearwater Christian, 3 p.m.
 TUESDAY: Volleyball vs. Polk State College, 7 p.m.
 THURSDAY: Volleyball vs. St. Petersburg College, 7 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Sebring Elks Golf Tourney

SEBRING – The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, Oct. 1, beginning at 8 a.m. Cost is \$30 which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund. To sign up contact Jack McLaughlin at jacknjudy33872@gmail.com or leave a message on 863 471-3295. Check in not later than 7:40 a.m. by the Pro Shop.

Karate at YMCA

SEBRING – The Highlands County YMCA would like to welcome to our team, Master Val Henry and Master Hank Henry, who are bringing authentic traditional martial arts Karate training to the YMCA as of Tuesday, Sept. 11. Master Henry will be offering family martial arts training at the YMCA and classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for both adults and children. This is a great activity to enjoy as a family, a family that kicks together sticks together.

Master Henry has been teaching and training students in Highlands County for over 24 years and has trained many state, national and international champions. If you are interested in learning from the best in Highlands County, come try a free martial art karate class at the YMCA on Tuesday or Thursday.

The fee thereafter is only \$50 per month for YMCA members and \$60 per month for non members. Contact the YMCA for more information and questions at 382-9622.

PO Box 13805, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Tickets are not mailed, but held at the door for pick up. Hotel reservations are available at (386) 254-8200 – Please request the FACA Group rate of \$99. The Hall of Fame is the highest honor given by the FACA.

The award is designed to recognize FACA members for years of coaching tenure in Florida high schools, for dedication to the FACA and for outstanding coaching accomplishments. Don't miss out on seeing one of Highlands County's own bestowed with this great honor.

Plenty going on at YMCA SEBRING – The YMCA is seeking Golf Clubs of all sizes for our new youth golf program starting in October ages 5-15. Classes will be twice a week for four weeks. If you have used clubs or golf balls you would like to donate please contact the YMCA 382-9622

This September will be the kick off of the YMCA's New Aqua Zumba! It will make you feel like a kid again. Imagine a pool party complete with foam noodles, splashing, even hooting and hollering – set to awesome up beat reggae and calypso music.

Sign-ups for September swim lessons are under way, with classes having already started. The YMCA has partnered with the Champion for Children Foundation to offer Free Drowning Prevention classes every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. – this class is for both children and parents.

The number one cause of death, in children four and under in Florida is drowning, so be sure to take advantage of this free class at the "Y". Pre registration required. The YMCA has not one, but two heated pools and a splash pad for your family to enjoy. Come check us out and enjoy the water.

Pool Hours Mon.-Thur. – 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday – 6 a.m.-7:45 p.m. Saturday – 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Sunday – 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. For questions contact the "Y" at 382-9622.

FSU, USF tailgate trip SEBRING – The Highlands Seminole Club is hosting a bus trip to Tampa on Saturday, Sept. 29, to watch the FSU Seminoles take on the USF Bulls. All teams' fans are welcome, and children too. Don't drive – join us for a bus party and tailgating! Some refreshments will be available. For details, please email Lisa at fsug-rad87@gmail.com.

Franza induction AVON PARK – It's still a ways off, but it's never too early to secure a spot to take in Joe Franza's induction into the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Tickets are not available at the door. The 37th FACA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, beginning with a Noon luncheon. The luncheon and induction are open to all friends and family, at \$35 per person if purchased prior to Friday, Dec. 21. Tickets after this dates will be \$50 each, and no tickets will be sold after Friday, Jan. 4. Luncheon tickets can be purchased by contacting FACA at (850) 727-8117, or

SEBRING – The Highlands Seminole Club is hosting a bus trip to Tampa on Saturday, Sept. 29, to watch the FS

AP rises with big district win

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But to Lake Placid's disadvantage, Avon Park took the lead and ran.

Gradually lowering their confidence and execution, it seemed that the Dragons had dug themselves too deep of a hole to climb back out of.

Holding on to all last hope, the Lady Dragons tried to fight back closing the score to within just a few points.

The Lady Devils, however, finished off the set and match with a final score of 25-21.

This loss for the Dragons and victory for the Devils stirs up a bit of excitement in the district.

With Lake Placid having recently defeated DeSoto, with the Bulldogs then beating Avon Park, Tuesday's outcome creates a three-way tie for the top spot in the standings.

It shall be an interesting turn out as the season shuffles and these three teams meet again.

The next chapter of the district saga was slated for Thursday with DeSoto visiting the Lady Dragons.

The Devils were at Frostproof Thursday before they too would face the visiting Bulldogs on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Elsewhere, Sebring sur-



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Teresa Devlin goes up for a kill in Tuesday's big win for Avon Park.

vived its first foray into their district slate, eking out a five-set win at Kathleen.

Presumptive district favorite Winter Haven came

to face the Lady Streaks Thursday night.

See Sunday's News-Sun for a recap of Thursday's action.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played on Thursday, Sept. 20.

Winning first place was the team of Ken Rowen, Margaret Schultz, John and Gloria Huggett with 52. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Ron Hesson, Betty Billau, Larry and Chris Heath; Joe and Joyce Swartz, Joanna McGill and Mario Cappelletti with 54 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 4, John Huggett, 4-feet-11-inches; and No. 8, Charlotte Mathew, 6-feet-11-inches.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Winning first place was the team of Claude Cash, Dick Denhart, Ott Wegner and Fred Neer with 40. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Ron Hesson, Norm Grubbs, Dick Reaney and Jack Maginnis; Pete Otway, Mario Cappelletti, Joe Swartz and Larry Heath with 41 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 4, Larry Heath, 3-feet-4-inches; and No. 8, Joe Swartz, 4-feet.

SpringLake

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association conducted a Two Man Team - One Best Ball tournament on the Panther Creek golf course.

This tournament was flighted; Flight A having handicaps of 18 and under and Flight B having handicaps above 18 with teams matched fairly equally within flight.

Scoring was done by only counting the best ball for each particular hole on a scratch basis.

There was a tie for first place in Flight A, at 74 strokes, between Ken Kirby and Jack Hoerner and the team of Gary Behrendt and Will David.

Mr. Behrendt started out with an Eagle on the first hole and a Birdie on the second.

Third place went to Jan Hard and Gary Graves with

a very close 75 strokes.

These guys really "Ham and Egged" it; Mr. Hard took 5 holes, Mr. Graves took 7 holes, and they tied the other 6 holes.

First place in Flight B went to Larry Miesner and Jay Payne, who had a Best Ball score of 82 strokes.

These gentlemen were an evenly matched team; Mr. Miesner took 5 holes, Mr. Payne took 5 holes and they tied the rest.

Second place in B Flight went to Rick Nelson and Jim Foote, who made it around in 83 strokes.

This was primarily due to Mr. Nelson, who took 11 holes to Mr. Foote's 2, with 5 ties.

Mr. Foote is examining closely his golfing future.

Third place in B was awarded to Richie Eastep and Ed Clay, with 87 strokes.



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 Frank

Stats now show player value

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Trout's case, on the surface, has been made mostly on his WAR rating, which is 10.5.

Meaning, in the simplest terms, that his being in the lineup is worth 10.5 more wins for his team than if an average replacement was in his place.

Cabrera's WAR of 6.6 wouldn't seem all that shabby, but the saber-heads are regarding Trout's as truly remarkable.

Being new to the world of WAR, my guess is the difference between the two, in our old-school terms, would be like the difference between a .300 hitter and someone hitting .260, or maybe a 50 home run guy and someone else hitting 10.

I also found that Trout, among Major League center fielders, had the second leading defensive WAR, while Cabrera isn't even a full-time fielder, and not exactly a great one anyway.

How each player's team finishes the season is another factor that is being discussed, with Detroit just having taken the lead in the AL Central, while the Angels are two games out of the final wild card spot.

I could easily stay old school and just look across

the overall numbers for both players.

They are very close in batting average and Trout has scored 18 more runs, in about 70 fewer at bats.

Cabrera has 15 more doubles, 14 more home runs and nearly 60 more RBI, though Trout isn't quite counted on as a run producer in the Los Angeles line-up.

You could then add that Trout has six triples, to Cabrera's zero, or his 47 stolen bases, to Cabrera's four, and you would see a more rounded, overall player.

Throw in the defensive difference between the two and it would seem to shift things into Trout's favor.

Of course, then the age-old argument comes up - is the award for the player with the best stats, or the player who was most valuable to his team.

And this is where, in the midst of writing this, I realized that sabermetrics has solved that.

What's more valuable than being worth wins for your team?

By crunching the overall numbers and making comparisons, WAR has quantified what the stats amount to.

What those numbers, and thus the player, are worth in wins.

Then again, if Cabrera

does win the triple crown and his team makes the playoffs, and the Angels fall short, then how valuable were those wins?

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Regular refs back for NFL

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL's regular officiating crews are back. Their return couldn't have come soon enough for many players, coaches and fans.

After two days of marathon negotiations — and mounting frustration throughout the league — the NFL and the officials' union announced at midnight Thursday that a tentative eight-year agreement had been reached to end a lockout that began in June.

The deal came on the heels of Seattle's chaotic last-second win over Green Bay on Monday night in which the replacement officials struggled. Commissioner Roger Goodell, who was at the bargaining table Tuesday and

Wednesday.

"We are glad to be getting back on the field for this week's games," NFL Referees Association president Scott Green said.

And plenty of players echoed that sentiment.

"Never thought I would be excited for the refs to come back to work but it's about time it was definitely necessary!" Cleveland return specialist Josh Cribbs tweeted Thursday morning.

Minnesota punter Chris Kluwe chimed in, too.

"It was a noble experiment, but I think ultimately a failed experiment, from what we've seen. It'll be good not to have to worry about that when we're on the field," he said.

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Eagles take three at Dundee

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division of the Sunshine PAL-Lakeland League.

The next game featured the Mighty Mights.

The Eagles offense took the field focused and determined after last week's loss to the Bulls.

Quarterback Graisin Wheelock handed off to Taivion Coston and Alex Pollard, who rushed for several yards throughout the day.

The Eagles defense was impressive in the first half, holding the Hornets to seven points going into the break.

But the offense struggled in the second half.

And the defense, though they fought hard with solid tackling by Xavier Mobley, Ronnie Roberts and Coston, but costly turnovers and penalties thwarted all the Eagles efforts.

The final score of the 21-0 loss brings their record to 1-5, placing them in a two-way tie for third place in the division.

The third game of the day was the Pee Wee team who met a strong defensive stance from the Hornets after an early score.

The Eagles offense drove down the field, with key yardage earned by Kevin Rivera and Kasey Hawthorne resulting in a touchdown by Hawthorne.

The two-point conversion kick was also earned by Hawthorne to even things up.

But the Hornets quickly responded with a score of their own, going into halftime with a 14-8 lead.

The defense came out in the second half with key tackles by Austin Oppold, Devin Brubaker, Jordan Rose, Austin Smith and Christian Ramos.

But another Hornet score lead to the second loss of the



Courtesy photo

Kevin Rivera picked up nice yardage for the Pee Wee Eagles, but not quite enough to get the win Saturday.

season, 20-8, bringing their record to 4-2 and dropping them to third place in the division.

Playing the fourth game was the undefeated Junior Varsity team.

The Hornets picked off the first pass of the game and converted to take an early lead 6-0.

The Eagles responded quickly when DJ Taylor returned the kickoff 65 yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 6-6.

The Eagle defense quickly shut down the Hornets with Akem JnPierre getting three sacks.

In the next drive of the game, key yardage was earned by JnPierre, CJ Harris and running back Rafael Smith, who rushed for 35 yards into the end zone for the second score of the day to make the halftime lead 12-6.

The JV defense dominated the field in the second half with sacks by JnPierre and key tackling by Smith, Jalen Williams and Landen "J-Rob" Robinson.

A key interception by AJ Robinson helped shut down the Hornets for the day.

During the next drive, quarterback Norris "Fish" Taylor handed off to Williams for another Eagle score, with Smith earning the extra point.

The 19-6 win keeps the team undefeated at 6-0 and in first place in the division.

The Varsity team earned a victory by forfeit, bringing their record to 6-0 and first place in the division.

The Lady Eagle cheerleaders did a great job cheering the boys on and keeping the crowds spirited.

All in all, it was another great day of football for the HYFC organization.

The Eagles will be on the road again this week to face the Fort Meade Miners on Saturday, Sept. 29

Games will begin at 9 a.m. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

Come on out to support the Highlands Youth Football and Cheer program.

Bass seen in new light in movies, book

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tion one of the greatest bass fishing movies of all time.

Actually, there are two separate movies, "Bigmouth" and "Bigmouth Forever" as well as a great book.

Glen Lau, a world famous fisherman and underwater photographer filmed this documentary in the 1970's and won numerous national and international awards for the movie.

Narrated by Rod Serling and hosted by Homer Circle, Bigmouth chronicles the life-cycle of a largemouth bass, almost entirely underwater through the lens of Glen's camera.

The photography is breath-taking, with close-up's of large bass in schools, as well as bass feeding and striking lures.

Our bass club in Ohio purchased the movie in 1974 and watched it frequently as a group and with new members.

For many of us, we learned things about a largemouth bass that might have taken a lifetime of fishing to learn on our own.

Now, 35 years later, with the help of Shaw Grigsby and Hank Parker, a sequel to the documentary, "Bigmouth Forever" was released and received equally high praise as well as numerous awards.

I've kept copies of both movies for years and only recently realized I hadn't watched either in quite some time.

Pulling them out of my



Courtesy photo

Two videos, as well as Glen Lau's book, are highly recommended to fishermen by Don Norton.

library, I soon remembered why I hadn't watched them for years.

Both were done in a VHS format.

Like many people, I no longer had a VCR.

It had been replaced years ago with a DVD and more recently with a Blue Ray disc player.

A quick search on the internet and I found both movies as well as Glen Lau's "Limited Edition" in hardcover, "Bass Forever".

The movies are \$19.99 each and the book can be ordered in soft or hard cover. The internet site is www.reelbass.net.

If you're a die-hard bass fisherman like me, you'll want copies of these two great movies and Glen's book.

I guarantee you that you will see things in these movies that will dispel many of your common beliefs about largemouth bass.

As for the book, "Bass Forever," Glen reveals 60 years of bass fishing, raising largemouth bass to be world record breakers and underwater photography of

this great game fish, which can only increase your fishing knowledge and know-how.

I have dozens of great books on fishing - books written by Buck Perry, Doug Hannon, Larry Larsen, Frank Sargeant, Kevin VanDam, Bill Siemantel and Bart Crabb, as well as others, but the information in "Bass Forever" is written by not only a fisherman, but someone who raised largemouth bass and practically lived with them underwater.

I highly recommend Glen's documentaries and book.

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 lives in the Golf Hammock area of Sebring with his wife Lexie and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The American Fisherman". He can be reached at 216-339-6571, 330-635-6682 or by email at donorton13@gmail.com. His website address is theamericanfisherman.com.

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Footprints
Dr. Olga Garcia-Luepschen

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rest but then return when you start to move again? Do you have leg pain that awakens you at night time? Have you noticed a difference in the amount you can walk before the pain starts as compared to a few months ago? Do you blame this on old age?

Many people mistakenly think that leg pain is a natural part of getting older. This pain cycle is called intermittent claudication.

It can be a sign of peripheral arterial disease, PAD, also known as "hardening of the arteries" or atherosclerosis of the legs, and affect about 12 million Americans. PAD occurs when the vessels that carry blood to your lower body become narrow or blocked. This makes it harder for blood to reach your leg.

Untreated PAD can result in the leg and foot tissue dying, which also is as gangrene. This may lead to amputation of the toes feet and legs. Atherosclerosis can occur in other parts of



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Exercise is a good way to reduce the risk of peripheral arterial disease.

the body such as the heart and brain which can lead to heart attack or stroke.

Symptoms of intermittent claudication include:

- Pain in the calf, thigh, buttocks.

- Characterized as aches, cramps have numbness or tightness; and

- May be felt in on or both legs.

Risk factors can include age, smoking, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, sedentary lifestyle, obesity, diabetes, and family history. Smokers have three times greater chance of developing PAD than non-smokers. Smoking causes narrowing of the blood vessels, which decreases the blood flow to

the legs. The amount of oxygen is reduced increasing leg pain. The blood vessel's lining becomes irritated which can speed hardening of the arteries. High cholesterol plays a role by building up in the walls of the arteries in the legs, reducing blood flow.

High blood pressure contributes to hardening of the arteries.

A sedentary lifestyle can result in muscle loss, lowering endurance and higher blood pressure which complicates intermittent claudication. Obesity can raise blood pressure blood cholesterol and increase the chance of getting diabetes. One out of three diabetics

has PAD.

Test to check where your blood vessels are blocked includes Ankle Brachial Index. ABI measures the ratio of blood pressure in the ankle to that of the arm. Doppler ultrasound uses harmless sound wave to produce and image of the blood vessels.

During an angiogram, a dye is injected into your blood vessels showing where the blockage is. Treatment for PAD includes medication, exercise, therapy, and bypass surgery, minimally invasive procedures such as angioplasty and plaque excision.

If left untreated, with less blood reaching your feet, minor injuries to the feet can lead to infection, non-healing wounds, gangrene and amputation.

Dr. Olga Garcia Luepschen and the Gentle Foot Care Center are at 2 Ryant Blvd. (on U.S. 27) can be reached 314-9255(walk). Visit www.gentlefootcarecenter.com.

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Special to the News-Sun

Ace Homecare plans the following community outreach events:

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- Tuesday – 10 a.m., Health Fair, Fair Havens, Apartments, Spinks Road, Sebring; and 1 p.m., Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27 Sebring.

- Wednesday – 8 a.m., Health Fair, Villa Del Sol, behind Winn Dixie, U.S. 27 Avon Park; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street, Avon Park; and 10:30 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Crown Pointe, Assisted Living facility, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

- Thursday – 10:30 a.m., Caregivers support group, Balmoral Assisted Living Facility 93 Balmoral Road, County Road 621, Lake Placid.

- Friday, Oct. 5 – 8 a.m., Health Fair, Sebring Village, Schumacher Road, Sebring; and 10 a.m., Health Fair, Highlands Village, Villa Road, Sebring.

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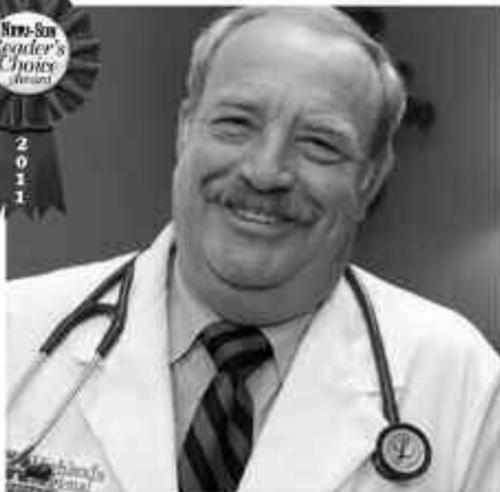
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HEALTHY LIVING

My hand still hurts!



Guest Column
Dr. Diana Carr

You are frustrated because you had carpal tunnel surgery and your hand still hurts. There are many causes –

pinched nerve in the neck, swelling in the nerve, incomplete release or another overlapping hand problem.

About 20-30 percent of people have a pinched nerve in the neck, in addition to the pinching of the median nerve in the wrist. Many of these respond to physical therapy.

When there is a pinched nerve in the neck, the "hole" that the nerve exits in the neck is formed by adjacent vertebrae. If the muscles are tight then the hole gets smaller and aggravates the nerve. Therapy can loosen things up. If this is not enough, then injecting the irritable nerve is the next step. This is done by anesthesia doctors with training in pain management. The spinal cord and brain have protective barriers that keep all medicines, both good and bad, out. The only way to get enough medicine in is by injection. In a few cases, the

Continued hand pain may be caused by something other than carpal tunnel syndrome.

problem in the neck needs surgery.

Carpal tunnel (CTS) is a result of pressure on the nerve. In most of the moderate cases, releasing the pressure makes the pain go away. In some, the pain goes away briefly and then returns. This often feels like the pins and needles that you get when your leg goes to sleep and then awakens. If severe, there are several medicines to help in this stage. Ice is also helpful.

In the more severe CTS, the nerve is actually regrowing and can also be irritable until it finishes. Sometimes the help of a hand therapist is needed, especially in the more severe CTS. Therapists can also help in getting the brain to pay attention to a nerve that has not been communicating (i.e. numb) for a while. This has improved the results in severe carpal tunnel cases.

If you get better for a few months and then worsen, you may be a scar former. This does require re-release. In this case, some fat is taken from the hand and wrapped around the nerve. The scar reforms, but cannot get a

good "squeeze" on the nerve.

If the original release surgery was with a short incision or endoscopic then the release may be incomplete. This is most common if you have had a wrist fracture, have systemic arthritis like gout, a severe CTS or diabetes – all of which cause scar formation around the nerve that is not removed in these techniques. This can be identified by repeating the nerve testing.

Lastly, some symptoms may be due to trigger fingers, bad thumb joints or other problems that also give hand pain, but that is the story for another column.

Dr. Diana D. Carr treats patients at The Hand & Shoulder Specialists offering specialty care close to home with a concentration on healing shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand problems. She is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Visit <http://hand-shoulder-specialist.com> or call 382-7777. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your condition.

What Dr. Oz forgot to say

Dear Pharmacist: I heard on the Dr. Oz show that green coffee bean extract could help me lose weight, what do you think of this?

– G.H., Gainesville

Answer: I think it has good potential as part of a bigger plan that includes a Paleo diet and exercise. I always recommend a sensible weight loss plan as opposed to a magic pill.

The only problem I foresee is that most people with extra baggage suffer from undiagnosed hypothyroidism, adrenal problems such as cortisol imbalance, or estrogen dominance and no amount of green coffee bean extract will fix that.

Nevertheless, I know many of you have rushed out to purchase this pill rather than order blood or urine tests, which is the only way to uncover the underlying cause of your weight problems.

I'm a big fan of Dr. Oz, and I've had the privilege of being on his show three times. He didn't mention one important fact on the segment, so I'm going to



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

share it with you today. First, a little background.

Dr. Oz said the most effective green coffee bean supplements contain at least 45 percent "chlorogenic acid."

It is this naturally occurring compound that induces thermogenesis, which speeds metabolism and burns fat. I agree with that and just so you know, tea (black, green or white) and coffee all contain chlorogenic acid; it's what imparts these drinks with that familiar, slightly bitter taste.

Anyway, if you supplement with green coffee bean extract (or drink coffee and tea) then I need to warn you that chlorogenic acid is a drug mugger of magnesium, iron and zinc:

All I'm suggesting is that you restore what the 'drug mugger' steals from your body. You can do that with a supplement called "Trace Minerals," or Hawaiian spirulina, both of which are sold at any health food store or pharmacy. Take it 4 to 6 hours away from the green coffee bean extract.

Finally, I bet some of you are hung up on the part about coffee and wondering if the drug mugging happens with decaf. Yes it does. The decaffeination process has no bearing on this.

Chlorogenic acid is still robbing you of essential minerals, and possibly other nutrients like your B vitamins and intestinal microflora (probiotics). Herbal teas are fine because they are free of chlorogenic acid.

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

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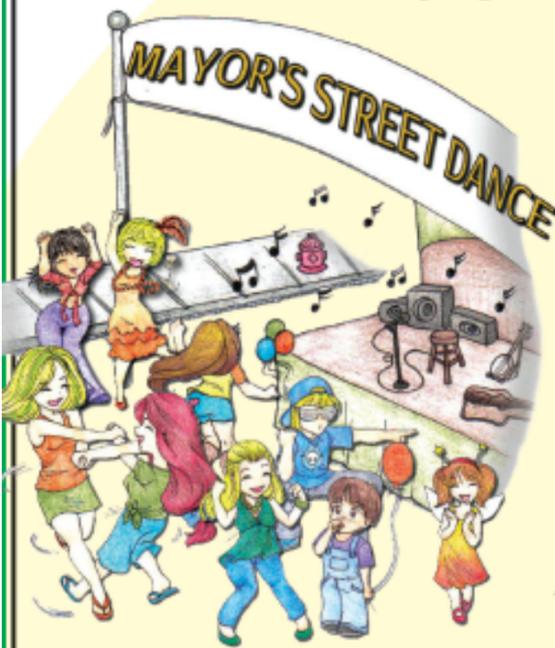
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"The Centennial Ode"

Written by our City's mayor, Mr. George Hensley



'Twas a warm and sunny day,
when George Sebring came to play,
the good hunting and the fishing
were his game.
And so then he looked around,
said, "I think I'll build a town,"
and he built the town that brought
him lots of fame.

Refrain: (George E. Sebring, the town that bears his name, people came to know it far and wide. The descendants of the clan, still pay tribute to the man, and the people of the town still share his pride.)

Soon the word went out to all,
"There's free land to hear God's call,"
and the people chose their place

to hear His word.
Then the church built in a day,
started others on their way,
just to sing and share the gospel
of the Lord.

Refrain

Oh the shores of Jackson Lake,
they call all around to take
a nice swim or a boat ride
upon the blue.
And so when the day is done,
you'll be thankful for the fun,
and the town that George E.
Sebring made for you.

Refrain

The good people of the snow,

know just where they need to go,
when the winter snow descends
upon their street.
Then they head to Sebring town,
join the people all around,
glad to find a place like home
to warm their feet.

Refrain

Oh it's been a hundred years,
and the town's still filled with cheers,
and the people still are coming by
the score.
The good folks you will meet,
still say "Howdy" on the street,
and we're planning for at least a
hundred more.

Refrain

Centennial Events

October 12
5pm - Dest. Downtown Sebring Halloween Bash. Sebring High reunions, football games, more!

October 13
11am - It's the Bed Race on West Center! "Sick Sideways Racing" Team on-site! Food, Fun, DJ & more.
7pm - Circle of Truth Concert.

October 15
6pm - Parade & Party on the Circle. California Toe Jam Band. Enter the Period Costume contest. Food, fun, awards & more.

October 16
6pm - Special City Council Reception at the City Hall.

October 17
6pm - Community Church Service At City Pier Beach. 200 KFC box dinners available for \$5 ea. Bring your own chair/blanket.



October 18
5pm - Downtown Sebring Chamber Mixer. Time Capsule celebration, Mayor's Street Dance, singing & dancing in the streets.

October 19
11:30am - Blessing of the Business Luncheon, Kenilworth Lodge.
7pm - Boat Parade, Car Show & Party! City Pier Beach/Rotary Park. Food, fun, DJ More.

October 20
7:30am - Sebring Chamber Major Thomas McGuire 5K, Highlands Hammock Park.
12pm - Sebring Historical Society luncheon.
3pm - Tommy McGuire, Medal of Honor Dedication.
5pm - The Grand Finale Birthday Bash, Lakeshore Mall.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Strait hitting the road for the last time

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — George Strait is getting ready to park his tour bus.

The enduring country music superstar announced Wednesday during a news conference at the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum that he will embark on his final tour early next year. Strait will play 20 dates in 2013, then 20 more in 2014 on The Cowboy Rides Away tour. He plans to continue recording music and making occasional live appearances after that, but his road warrior days will soon be over.

"I just don't want to go to the point where I show up and nobody else does, you know?" Strait said in an interview before making the announcement. "It's been great. I've been doing it for 30-some odd years and I've loved it. Sometimes I've not liked it as much. And here lately it's just the walking out onstage part, that's all great. I'm still loving that. It's just the hectic part about touring and traveling and bam bam bam bam. I just feel like it's time for me to try something else."

News of Strait's retirement will come as something of a shock in country quarters. He's so entrenched in the genre he's become part of the bedrock, a landmark to be marveled at repeatedly over the decades.

The 60-year-old Country Music Hall of Fame member from Texas released his first single "Unwound" in 1981, before some of today's top stars were born. Since then he's had 59 No. 1 country singles and is the only artist to score a Top 10 hit in every year of his career. All his albums have gone platinum or gold, selling more than 68 million copies.

Traditional country singer Joe Nichols acknowledged Strait's impact when he called the singer "the Rolling Stones of country music" in a 2010 interview.

And in a lot of ways, that's been true. Until now. The Stones refuse to retire from the road, while Strait has decided to do it on his own terms.

"I'm sure I'll miss it. I'm sure I will," Strait said. "How can you not after doing it for so long. It was a hard decision to make. It was tough. I've lost sleep. But I think about midway through this tour I'll realize that, yeah, I did make the right decision. It's just a part of it."

The first leg of the tour will kick off Jan. 18 in Lubbock, Texas, and end June 1 in San Antonio. Dates for 2014 will be announced later. Martina McBride will join Strait on tour in 2013.

Strait said he was nervous about whether fans will come out and see him, but that's rarely been a cause for concern over the years. His live show is one of country's top draws. He's sold more than 4.3 million headlining concert tickets since 1999, according to Pollstar.



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Andy Williams, left, and Glenn Campbell perform at the Moon River Theatre in Branson, Mo., in 2003.

'Moon River' crooner Andy Williams dies at age 84

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — With a string of gold albums, a hit TV series and the signature "Moon River," Andy Williams was a voice of the 1960s, although not the '60s we usually hear about.

The singer known for his easy-listening style and his wholesome, middle-America appeal was the antithesis of the counterculture that gave rise to rock and roll.

"The old cliché says that if you can remember the 1960s, you weren't there," he once recalled. "Well, I was there all right, but my memory of them is blurred — not by any drugs I took but by the relentless pace of the schedule I set myself."

Williams' plaintive tenor, boyish features and clean-cut demeanor helped him outlast many of the decade's rock stars and fellow crooners such as Frank Sinatra and Perry Como. He remained on the charts into the 1970s, hosting hugely popular Christmas television specials and becoming closely associated with the holiday standard "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

Williams, who continued to perform into his 80s at the Moon River Theatre he built in Branson, Mo., announced in November 2011 that he had been diagnosed with bladder cancer and vowed to return to performing the following year, his 75th in

show business.

The 84-year-old entertainer died Tuesday night at his Branson home following a yearlong battle with the disease, his Los Angeles-based publicist, Paul Shefrin, said Wednesday.

Williams became a major star in 1956, the same year as Elvis Presley, with the Sinatra-like swing number "Canadian Sunset." For a time, he was pushed into such Presley imitations as "Lips of Wine" and the No. 1 smash "Butterfly."

But he mostly stuck to what he called his "natural style" and kept it up throughout his career. In 1970, when even Sinatra had temporarily retired, Williams was in the top 10 with the theme from "Love Story," the Oscar-winning tearjerker. He had 18 gold records, three platinum and five Grammy award nominations.

Williams was also the first host of the live Grammy awards telecast and hosted the show for seven consecutive years, beginning in 1971.

Movie songs became a specialty, including his signature "Moon River." The longing Johnny Mercer-Henry Mancini ballad was his most famous song, even though he never released it as a single because his record company feared such lines as "my huckleberry friend" were too confusing

and old-fashioned for teens.

The song was first performed by Audrey Hepburn in the beloved 1961 film "Breakfast at Tiffany's," but Mancini thought "Moon River" ideal for Williams, who recorded it in "pretty much one take" and also sang it at the 1962 Academy Awards. Although "Moon River" was covered by countless artists and became a hit single for Jerry Butler, Williams made the song his personal brand. In fact, he insisted on it.

"When I hear anybody else sing it, it's all I can do to stop myself from shouting at the television screen, 'No! That's my song!'" Williams wrote in his 2009 memoir titled, fittingly, "Moon River and Me."

"The Andy Williams Show," which lasted in various formats through the 1960s and into 1971, won three Emmys and featured Williams alternately performing his stable of hits and bantering with guest stars.

It was on that show that Williams — who launched his own career as part of an all-brother quartet — introduced the world to another clean-cut act — the original four singing Osmond Brothers of Utah. Their younger sibling Donny also made his debut on Williams' show, in 1963, when he was 6 years old.

Rowling not ruling out another Harry Potter book

Associated Press

LONDON — J.K. Rowling plans to return to writing for young people — and the author says she doesn't rule out another book set in Harry Potter's magical world.

Rowling became the world's most successful living writer with her seven novels about a boy who discovers that he is a wizard and is pitched into battle against the forces of evil.

Rowling's first book for adults, "The Casual Vacancy," is being published Thursday, five years after the release of the last volume in the Potter saga.

The 47-year-old author told the BBC that her next book would be "for slightly younger children than the Potter books."

And she said that while "where Harry's story is concerned, I'm done," she was considering a new story set in the same universe.

"I don't want to go

mechanically back into that world and pick up a load of odds and ends and glue them together and say, 'Here we go, we can sell this,'" Rowling said in an interview on Wednesday. "It would make a mockery of what those books were to me."

"But ... if I did have a great idea for something else, I probably would do it. I am very averse to the prequel-sequel idea."

"A sidestep could maybe ... well, we'll see."

Rowling also acknowledged that she wished she had had more time to work on

a couple of the Potter novels — she did not name them — which had been written "on the run."

"And I read them, and I think 'Oh God, maybe I'll go back and do a director's cut,'" Rowling said. "I don't know."

"The Casual Vacancy" is the story of a local election that exposes deep rivalries and dark secrets in a seemingly picture-perfect English village. It's decidedly grown-up in theme and subject, touching on issues including drug addiction, poverty and self-harm.

NBC's sampling strategy pays early dividends

NEW YORK (AP) — A jump on the fall television season enabled NBC to get some of its new series sampled.

The premiere episode of "Revolution," a J.J. Abrams thriller about a world with the power grid shut down, reached 11.7 million viewers last week and finished among the Nielsen Co.'s top 10. NBC had aired highlights of the pilot episode during the Olympics and the full episode last Monday, a week before the official season opening.

An episode of "Go On,"

the Matthew Perry comedy that has been aggressively promoted, finished among last week's top 15 shows, according to Nielsen, which measures media consumption.

The fast starts by no means guarantee success. But as the fourth-place network, NBC needed to find a way to get viewers to at least try their new shows before an avalanche of programming starts for ABC, CBS and Fox.

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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — This is the 18th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship service with (open) Holy Communion will be led by Rev. Jefferson Cox. The sermon will be based on the gospel reading of Mark 9:38-50.

Thursdays is Bible study on the gospel of John with Sharon Palmer as leader.

The Council meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday in fellowship hall. October Birthday Celebration Sunday is Oct. 7. The annual yard sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Organizers are accepting items for the annual yard sale; please no furniture. Contact Ed Graff, John Wade or Jim Fiedler to make arrangements for drop off of items.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "Salt Can Lose It's Saltiness" this Sunday. The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School, past the four-way Stop sign. Thursday will be Men's Fraternity, "The Quest for Genuine Manhood."

Call 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Training

Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "False Religion" at the Sunday morning service.

The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — Pastor Cecil Hess will preach Sunday on "A Hymn Is Born and You Are There," and will include solos and instrumentals regarding the origin of favorite hymns.

The service is non-denominational and open to all. The church is on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Call 382-1737 for information.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "We Are All In This Together," with Scripture taken from James 5:13-20.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road).

Call 471-1999 or visit sebringemmanuelucc.com.

Faith Lutheran Church

Church News

SEBRING — Fellowship Lutheran Church Rally Day activities will begin with a brunch served in the fellowship hall and each classroom at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Visit classrooms and displays, check out table display in the fellowship hall.

At 9:45 a.m. will be the introduction of "Grow, Proclaim, Serve," the Sunday School curriculum, sign "Growing in Leaps and Bounds," sign Bible verse Ps. 77:11 with Vicki VanDam.

The first unit is "We Remember Moses," presentation of Bible lesson "Crossing the Sea," sing "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land," close with prayer "grow, proclaim, serve" and free time will follow at 10 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church is at 2740 Lakeview.

First Christian Church-Avon Park

AVON PARK — The Wednesday evening Bible study will be from the book of I Timothy. At 6 p.m. Sunday will be movie night. Come for a good time and enjoy the presentation.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wells Fargo Bank).

PLACES TO WORSHIP

Places to Worship is a paid advertisement in the News-Sun that is published Friday and Sunday. To find out more information on how to place a listing in this directory, call the News-Sun at 385-6155, ext. 502.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/young and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johannatan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday — Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth 445, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6:7:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Sunday broadcast on Cable TV Channel 6. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

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., 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. Richard, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delp, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704.

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

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

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

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

Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

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

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

■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

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

CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLaughlin, 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. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONFESSIO: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3:345 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:

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 Dick and Sharron Campbell. Communion will be served by Fran Goff, Effie Simmonds and Carol Chandler.

Greeting the congregation will be Cy and Ruby Nickelson.

The acolyte for the day is Heaven Kunsak.

Working with Children's Church will be Shirley Ann V. Wood and Carol Graves.

The pastor's sermon is titled "Thanks For Their Gifts," taken from Philippians 4:10-13.

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 "What's the Solution?" based on John 3:1-7 and I Peter 1:3-5.

In the adult Sunday school class,

the pastor is continuing the series titled "Faith Lessons of the Life and Ministry of the Messiah" sponsored by Focus on the Family.

The lessons are filmed on location in Israel and narrated by historian/teacher Ray Vander Laan. Special music will be provided by Margaret Phillips.

On Wednesday evening, Bible study will be "How Do We Glorify God?" Children's Choir and Ministry is from 6-7:30 p.m. Adult choir practice is at 6:30 p.m.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). Call 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

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

Miriam Circle meets at 10 a.m. Monday in the adult classroom.

Ruth Circle meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday; call for meeting place. Youth Group (for middle school and high school students) meets from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in fellowship hall.

Vision Committee meets at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

First United Methodist

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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, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Our goal: To Love Christ - Love People. Sunday, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion is available each week. Thursday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

■ **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: Don Smith. 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. 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/lakeplacid-cofc/>.

■ **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. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

RELIGION

Church News

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Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant's sermon will be "World Peace vs. God's Peace" with the Scripture reading from Acts 16:35-40.

Wednesday is Family Night with food, fun and Bible study beginning at 5:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in Family Life Center.

United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m., for a salad luncheon with guest speaker Rich Heilig, youth director. Open to everyone. Come and enjoy the program.

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

Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Church Ministries is at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills clubhouse.

Home Bible Study series continues Tuesday with "The Canaanites"

Part 3. For more information and location, call 658-2534.

Battleground Summer series continues on Sundays. Learn from biblical wartime strategies to fight a spiritual battles.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday will be "Learning to Love God," with Scripture from Mark 12:29-31.

The service will include Heartland teenagers performing a skit. Little Heartland Singers, Mary VanHooreweghe and Flossi Moore, will sing "A Wonderful Savior."

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South (behind Publix); phone number is 314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the New Song Contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall on the theme "Favorite Stories of the Bible."

Pastor Jerry McCauley will preach at the Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration

Worship Service on the subject "Don't You Know?" with the Scripture text from I Corinthians 6:19-20.

Youth Group will meet at the Lighthouse from 5-7 p.m. for Pizza and Game Night.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information, call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday Bible lesson, "Steadfast Love," is taken from Hebrews 13 and I Corinthians 13 (KJV). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message. The evening service will be the end-of-the-month sing, followed by fellowship time.

The Wednesday service will be praise, prayer and interactive Bible study.

On Oct. 7, Rev. Randy Bryant, executive secretary of Florida Free Will Baptists, will preach in the evening service.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church is at 3413 Sebring Parkway.

For information, call 382-3552.

St. John United Methodist

Church

SEBRING — The Boy Scouts will have a stroganoff dinner from 4-7 p.m. Saturday.

Sunday morning, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s message will be "The Prayer of Faith." Biblical reference is from James 5:13-20.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the pastor will preach on "For God and My Neighbor's Good."

Sunday school will be studying "God's Majesty and Human Dignity," looking at the Scripture from Psalm 19.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. The Rev. Clyde Weaver's Sunday morning sermon will be "Don't Be Led Away." A special collection for the Florida Methodist Children's Home will be received. Fellowship follows the service.

Snapshots

Emmaus gathering planned

LAKE PLACID — There will be a county wide open gathering for alumni and those interested in attending the upcoming Emmaus Walk at Memorial United Methodist of Lake Placid on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Bring your name tag and a dish for pot luck dinner.

Small group discussions and communion are planned. Child care will be provided. For more information, call Gayle at 381-0790 or email beeckhiker@embarqmail.com/.

Church hosting 'Radical' sermon series

LAKE PLACID — First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid, at 117 North Oak Ave., is currently doing the sermon series based on the book "Radical," by David Platt. This book is a biblically

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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. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican 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, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

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 second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30

a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. 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 past the four-way stop sign. 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 (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church — LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.; 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. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

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

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

■ **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.

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

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

■ **Highlands Community Church**, a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way,

Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

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

■ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@visitanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

PRESBYTERIAN

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■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP**, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

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■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpcpl.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor;

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■ **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

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■ **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 Nathan Madrid.

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UNITED METHODIST

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■ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: 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.

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■ **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

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RELIGION

Taking God's prescription for life

Way down in the country, it is customary to measure medicine with whatever is handy. A small-town doctor once met the husband of one of his patients on the street. "How's your wife, Jake?" he asked. "Did you give her that sleeping powder as I suggested?"

Jake answered, "Well, Doc, you told me to give her just as much as I could get on a quarter. I didn't have a quarter, so I gave her what I could get on five nickels. That was a week ago, and she's still asleep!"

It is a fact of life that we all must take directions from someone. A child must take directions from his parent. A student must take directions from his teacher. A patient must take directions from his doctor. If they ignore those directions, they get into trouble.

Consider, however, the cost to each of those people if they chose not follow the directions exactly as they were given to them. The child might get hit by a car because he did not look both ways before crossing the street. The student might fail a major exam because he did not listen to all of the instructions before taking it. The patient



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Kevin Patterson

might overdose on a drug and even die because he took more than the amount prescribed.

Now, think about our relationship with God. He gives us directions about how to live our lives. And, as in the previous cases, the choice to follow those directions is ours. We can either follow or not follow the commandments of God. Yet, some people would have us believe that there is a third option. They teach that following some or most of God's commands is good enough. Ridiculous! This is the problem with so many religions today. They profess to believe in God and obey His teachings until they find one they do not like. Then, they either ignore it or change it into something they do like.

We read in Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" Did you notice that? We are to teach and obey all that Jesus commanded us.

The Bible, our source for God's instructions, teaches us that we must simply obey, without exception, all of the commands God has given us to the best of our abilities. Then, we will not overdose or underdose on God's prescription for our spiritual lives. In fact, we will receive just exactly what we need to live in this life and the life to come. So, follow the directions.

Kevin's Comments by Kevin Patterson is presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ assembling at 3800 Sebring Parkway. Find the church on the Internet at www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com.

See You At The Pole



Courtesy photo

Students at Highlands University Preparatory School joined millions of other Christian youth across the country Wednesday to gather around the American flag for prayer, Bible reading, and singing. See You At The Pole originated in 1990 with a group of Texas high school students determined to influence their schools and nation for the Christian faith. The annual event is held on the fourth Wednesday of September on thousands of public school campuses in every state that are not permitted to sponsor the expressions of any religion. Student Congress officers led the special event, and Youth for Christ shared the experience with Highlands UPrep students.

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rooted, grace-saturated, challenging and hopeful look at your personal life and growth as Christians.

Sunday worship times are at 9 and 11 a.m. If you would like to learn more about the sermon series, please go to www.fpclp.com and click on to "The Radical Experiment."

McDowell new pastor at Sparta Road Baptist Church

SEBRING — Come and meet pastor Mark McDowell and wife, Darlene, this Sunday at Sparta Road Baptist Church. The new pastor and his wife have three daughters and six grandchildren.

Make plans to visit the church Oct. 14-17 for an old-fashioned, soul-stirring revival with Rev. Don W. Graham.

Graham has preached the Word of God in England, Brazil, Costa Rica, Columbia, Tanzania, Israel and across America. He has served with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist

Convention and with Life Action Ministries of Niles, Mich. Sunday services for the revival will be 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesdays at 6 p.m.



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Rev. Mark McDowell and his wife, Darlene; he is the new pastor of Sparta Road Baptist Church in Sebring.

Sheets to visit Crossroads Fellowship

SEBRING — Join Crossroads Fellowship of Sebring in welcoming Dutch Sheets, an internationally known speaker, author and recently named the executive director of Christ for the Nations Institute, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 and 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14.

Sheets is a successful author who has written many books, including the bestseller "Intercessory Prayer."

His other books include "The River of God," "Watchman Prayer," "Praying for America," "The Beginner's Guide to Intercession," "How to Pray for Lost Loved Ones," and

"God's Timing for Your Life." His latest book, "Dream," was released in May of 2012.

For more information, call 655-0212 or e-mail mail@crossroadsfl.com.

Warehouse store adjusts hours for winter

AVON PARK — Starting Friday, the Church of the Redeemer Warehouse store will be open both Fridays and Saturdays for the winter season. Many bargains may be had.

Our commitment to persons in need is reflected in the minimal prices for donated items.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., each day. Location is U.S. 27 in Avon Park; watch for signs.

50th Anniversary Mass at St. James



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Celebrating the 50th Anniversary Mass of St. James Catholic Church, Lake Placid on Sept. 15 is (from left) Rev. Michael J. Cannon, Bishop Frank Dewane, Rev. Jose Gonzalez, St. Catherine, Sebring, Rev. Luis F. Albarracn, St. James, Rev. Nicholas McLoughlin, (background) Our Lady of Grace, Avon Park, Rev. Sean Mulcahy, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Florida.

Give thanks in all things

Give thanks in all things. If you're having a bad day, you might be thinking, I just had a bad day. How can I give thanks in all things? I understand because my normal reaction is to get mad and maybe even feel like throwing my keys or slamming a door.

However, God's word shows us a better way of handling bad days or difficult situations in I Thessalonians 5:16, 17 (NKJV).

I Thessalonians 5:16, 17 states: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." There are four key words in this verse: rejoice, pray, thanks, and will. In verse 16, the Lord doesn't say rejoice or be glad sometimes; He says all the time. Next, we are to pray continuously and give Him thanks in all circumstances.

Finally, the last part of the verse tells us that the instructions commanded in this verse are His will for our lives. To make this verse personal, substitute "you" for your own name.

The passage is easier to understand when it is broken down, but how do we apply it to our lives daily especially when we have had a couple of bad days? Let me share an example from my own life.

On the first day, I was ready to face the day with gusto and had a good attitude. I made a list with chores, and I was determined to thoroughly clean my house. Keep in mind, I home school my son. In addition, I had great plans pertaining to his school work. Also, my calendar showed that we were supposed to go to a friend's house for coffee and tea. Sounds pretty good?

The day didn't go so well after all. My son's asthma flared up, and we ended up not getting to do as much of his school work as I wanted to do. Later, I made an attempt to start working on my chores. Just great! I knocked over a small glass dish and broke it and cut my thumb from the tip to the middle. It was bleeding profusely, and I tried to bandage it myself. No such luck.

I ended up calling my friend who is a nurse, and she was gracious enough to come by and help me. In the mean time, I was to keep pressure on the cut. I was so aggravated by this point. As you can tell, my plans for the day had been completely ruined.

While I was waiting, I thought what am I going to



Come To The River

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do? I'm not working any more, and I don't have workman's compensation anymore. At this point, I began to pray and put on a praise song. While talking to the Lord, I acknowledged that He already knew I would cut my thumb. I asked Him to begin healing it, and I also brought my concern before Him about not wanting to go to the doctor or ER because I didn't want stitches. My friend, who is a nurse, finally arrived, and she gave me great news. I didn't need stitches.

God answered my prayer quickly.

After she left, I continued on the best I could. I was sad that I couldn't go out for coffee. I became even madder when the throbbing pain kept me awake all night. This was just one bad day.

The next day wasn't much better because my son's asthma was worse. I went to the Lord, and I started telling Him about all of the things in my life that I was tired of. Later, the Lord reminded me that I needed to

be thankful. He helped me find joy in the midst of my troubles by reminding me of my blessings. I had a breathing machine and medicine to treat my son's asthma. I was able to stay home with him while he was sick, and I had my special friend available for a short time to come and take care of my thumb. I had many things to be thankful for, but I didn't notice them when I was whining.

It was completely normal to not like what was going on, but why was I angry? Did you notice how many times I used the word "I" and "my?" I also said, "my plans." Things didn't go my way. They went the way God wanted them to, and maybe I should have taken more time to consider what His plans were before filling up my calendar with weighty expectations.

Is it possible that my attitude would have been a little better?

The next time you are having a bad day, I encourage you stop and take time to reflect. Think of something that might cheer you up. Talk to the Lord and begin trying to thank Him right in the midst of your difficult situation.

Leslie Deese is a Sebring resident. She can be reached at ljb_628@yahoo.com.

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'Won't Back Down' fails to make the grade

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

The focus of the save-our-school drama "Won't Back Down" practically assures it will fail to join the ranks of great, or even good, education tales.

The movie takes the story out of the classroom and into the halls of bureaucracy, leaving almost every kid behind to center on two plucky parents battling entrenched administrators and union leaders to turn around a failing school.

So essentially, it's a school board meeting. Or school bored. Despite earnest performances from Maggie Gyllenhaal and Viola Davis as a pair of moms leading the fight, "Won't Back Down" lives down to its bland, us-against-them title with a simple-minded assault on the ills of public schools that lumbers along like a math class droning multiplication tables.

Director and co-writer Daniel Barnz ("Beastly") made his feature debut with 2009's "Phoebe in Wonderland," an intimate story of a troubled girl aided by an unconventional teacher. Here, Barnz gets lost in red tape as "Won't Back Down" gives us the inside dope on the teacher's lounge, the union headquarters, the principal-teacher showdown, the hushed halls of the board of education.

Theaters should install glow-in-the-dark versions of those old clunking classroom clocks so viewers can count the agonizing minutes ticking by as they watch the movie.

Prefaced by the generic "inspired by true events" tag, "Won't Back Down" stars Gyllenhaal as single mother Jamie Fitzpatrick, who's desperately trying to get her dyslexic daughter (Emily Alyn Lind) into a better place than John Adams, the dreadful inner-city school she now attends.

Jamie befriends Adams teacher Nona Alberts (Davis), a once-inspired educator worn down by the system and by trouble at home as her marriage crumbles and her son struggles at school himself.

"So you want to start a school with me?" Jamie asks Nona, after learning about a program that allows parents and teachers to huddle up and seize control of failing schools.

Jamie and Nona face predictable hurdles as virtually everyone schemes to dash their plans. The supporting cast is wasted in shallow roles, among them Rosie Perez and Oscar Isaac as fellow teachers, Ving Rhames as a charter-school principal and Holly Hunter as a conflicted union official.

It's inspiring to hear about parents going all-out to secure a better education for their kids. It's dreary watching them jump through the hoops they face in "Won't Back Down," though. You end up longing for a dose of classroom fireworks — a taste of Sidney Poitier in "To Sir, with Love" or Edward James Olmos in "Stand and Deliver."

"Won't Back Down" is an emotional drop-out by comparison.

Rated PG for thematic elements and language. Running time: 121 minutes. Two stars out of four.



Courtesy of Alan Markfield/MCT
Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis as 'Joe' in TriStar Pictures, Film District, and End Game Entertainment's action thriller 'Looper.'

'Looper' takes you to unexpected places

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Critic

It's distracting at first: the fact that you're looking at Joseph Gordon-Levitt but he doesn't look exactly like the Joseph Gordon-Levitt you've come to know and love. Aren't his eyes brown? Isn't his nose longer and thinner? Even the blasi smirk on his face seems like an unfamiliar expression given his usual likable, boyish cool.

Then Bruce Willis shows up, and you realize, a-ha! Gordon-Levitt, tweaked slightly through blue-green contact lenses and prosthetic makeup, is essentially channeling Willis because they play the same character reunited in the future over 30 years of time travel. It's not a dead-on impression or even a parody, and it's not meant to be; this is not Josh Brolin doing a younger version of Tommy Lee Jones in the most recent "Men in Black" movie. But the sighs and the cadence and the general persona are there.

So now that we've gotten that out of the way, we can focus on the really mind-boggling stuff. We haven't even begun to explain the premise of "Looper" yet and your head is probably already starting to hurt — in a good way. It's worth the effort. Fans of time-travel movies know that much of the fun of the genre comes from obsessing over whether it all makes sense, both while you're watching it and in long, complicated conversations afterward.

"Looper" makes sense ... I think. I've got a couple logistical questions. But what's smart about it — and what makes it more compelling than colder sci-fi — is the way writer-director Rian Johnson establishes the machinery of the time-travel concept, then steadily pushes it into the background in favor of exploring his characters and the difficult questions they face.

Johnson's feature debut — 2005's "Brick," a verbally stylized film noir set in a modern-day Southern California high school, also starring Gordon-Levitt — signaled him as an ambitious filmmaker with a distinctive voice. Here, with his third film, he's expanded both his scope and his eye for vivid detail. He incorporates a

variety of genres and influences, from dystopian, futuristic science fiction and dark comedy to parental drama and romance, with a Wild-West shootout and even some "Terminator" thrown in. But he always stays true to his characters in his fully realized world.

The beginning of "Looper" looks like something that might best be described as "Les Miserables" meets a Lancome ad. The year is 2044, and America has fallen into a state of stylish squalor. Gordon-Levitt's character, Joe, is a junkie and former criminal who makes ends meet in this depraved world by working as a "looper," a hired gun. (Paul Dano plays his troublemaking co-worker.) Time travel hasn't been invented yet, but it will be 30 years further in the future. A powerful mob boss known as the Rainmaker sends his enemies back in time to have them obliterated with no bodies to dispose of and no loose ends.

All Joe and his fellow loopers have to do is stand in a certain place at a certain time and the victim will show up, hooded and kneeling. One quick blast and it's over. But sometimes, future versions of the loopers themselves show up on the spot; this is known as "closing your own loop," and it means getting a handsome payout and a set period of 30 more years to live it up. Trouble is, when Joe's loop arrives in the form of Bruce Willis, he hesitates, then watches as his future self runs off.

Although they're the same



Movie Review 'Looper'

Rating: R (strong violence, language, some sexuality/nudity and drug content)
Running time: 119 minutes
Review: ★★★★★ (of 4)

person, decades of life experience have put them at cross-purposes, and in a dazzlingly clever nugget of a concept, each is hunting the other. The Willis version of the character wants to stop the Rainmaker when he's just a young boy so that he may enjoy the happy life he's fought so hard for; to achieve this goal, he makes some choices that many in the audience will find unsettling. But the Gordon-Levitt version is so selfish, he simply doesn't care — he just wants this old man to die already.

The scene in which they meet at a diner and spell out what they want over plates of steak and eggs is both thrilling and darkly funny. This is perhaps the most flawed character Gordon-Levitt has played, but there's always great honesty and humanity in everything he does. And while Willis gets to flex his action-star muscles, it's the vulnerability and world-weariness of his performance that's even more appealing.

The introduction of Emily Blunt, as a single mother seeking refuge from big-city life on a farm with her strikingly gifted young son (Pierce Gagnon, with tremendous presence beyond his years), adds another emotional layer to this story. It softens and slows the film down but that's not necessarily a bad thing; it's just one more example of how "Looper" keeps changing effortlessly and taking you to unexpected places — past, present and future.

Although they're the same

person, decades of life experience have put them at cross-purposes, and in a dazzlingly clever nugget of a concept, each is hunting the other. The Willis version of the character wants to stop the Rainmaker when he's just a young boy so that he may enjoy the happy life he's fought so hard for; to achieve this goal, he makes some choices that many in the audience will find unsettling. But the Gordon-Levitt version is so selfish, he simply doesn't care — he just wants this old man to die already.

The scene in which they meet at a diner and spell out what they want over plates of steak and eggs is both thrilling and darkly funny. This is perhaps the most flawed character Gordon-Levitt has played, but there's always great honesty and humanity in everything he does. And while Willis gets to flex his action-star muscles, it's the vulnerability and world-weariness of his performance that's even more appealing.

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Husband's rear attacks require frontal approach

Dear Abby: I have been married for 35 years. We have one daughter. My husband has this "thing" about grabbing other women's behinds. He hugs them and then goes in for a grab. It bothers me so much. It hurts my feelings and I have told him so, but he still does it.

Men have told me they don't want him touching their wives this way. Others have said it's disrespectful to me. He says he will try to stop doing it. Try? That doesn't set well with me.

What do you think about this? Am I overreacting? After all these years, I just don't know what to think.

— Hands Off in Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Hands Off: I agree that pinching other women's bottoms is disrespectful (unless you're in Italy, where it's the norm). It appears you have spent 35 years married to an unrepentant lecher. I'd think that by now he would have trouble hugging any woman twice if she saw him with arms outstretched.

Because you can't convince your husband to change his ways, try this: When a man complains about your husband's misbehavior, tell him he should deliver that message directly to your spouse. Perhaps that will get the point across.

Dear Abby: I recently married a wonderful man, and I like my in-laws very much. They're nice, welcoming people and we get along well. There's just one problem: They are the biggest enablers I have ever met.

With my husband it isn't a big deal because he's very self-sufficient. On the other hand, his 30-year-old brother has lived with them for three years. He is jobless and has a drinking problem. His parents don't encourage him to look for work. They give him an allowance, pay all his court costs and drive him around because he got a DUI. They even pay his cell-phone bill.

What is my place in all of this? Should I say anything? My fear is that when my husband's parents die,



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his brother will become our problem.

— Looking Ahead in Colorado

Dear Looking Ahead: Don't say anything to your husband's parents. The pattern they are following is one that was set long ago, and nothing you can say will change it. It may, however, cause serious hard feelings.

The person you should talk to is your husband, so that well in advance of his parents' demise, you will be in agreement about his brother finally taking responsibility for himself or suffering the consequences of his actions.

Dear Abby: I love my co-workers, but several of them have an aggravating habit of walking into my office, uninvited, while I'm eating lunch at my desk. They then proceed to tell me their latest news, joke or war story.

Abby, those of us who eat at our desks do it so we can keep working and be ready to respond to work-related contacts as they come in, not to socialize. Besides, isn't it just as rude to interrupt someone while they're eating as it is while they're talking? I wish my beloved co-workers would save it for the water cooler.

— 'Sandwiched' in San Diego

Dear Sandwiched: I don't think it's rude. But because you do, it's up to you to tell your well-meaning co-workers that when you're working at your desk, you'd prefer not to be interrupted because it breaks your concentration. If you speak up nicely, I'm sure they won't love you any less, and then you will love them even more.

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Fun By The Numbers

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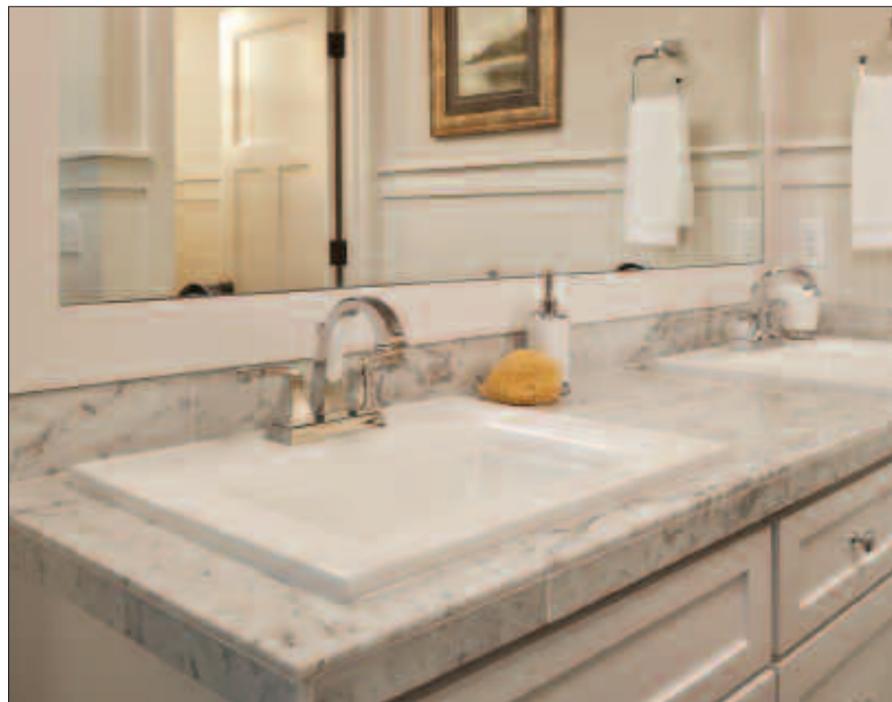
CLEANING

MADE SIMPLE

FAMILY FEATURES

Giving your home a good cleaning doesn't have to be a big chore.

You can make the whole house look and feel fresher by focusing on a few key areas.



Floors

Even if you vacuum regularly, floors and carpets could use a deep down cleaning now and then.

- **For carpeted areas** — Start by vacuuming as usual, to pick up surface debris. Move as much furniture out of the room as possible. (If you can't move it, put some plastic under it to protect the legs.) If you don't want to rent a carpet cleaner, you can use a handheld electric spot scrubber to remove stains.
- **For hardwood or vinyl tile areas** — Vacuum as usual. Remove as much furniture as possible. Use a steam mop to clean and sanitize the floor. Many models have triangular pads to help you get into corners and around furniture more easily.
- **For other tiled areas** — If your tile is natural stone, treat stains based on type. If the grout is calcium based, from stain buildup, mineral deposits or hard water, use a pH balanced cleaner for stone.

Bathroom

Freshen up the bathroom with these simple cleaning tricks.

- **Take care of the tub** by scrubbing with baking soda on a clean, damp sponge. Rinse, then wipe dry. You can clean and deodorize your vinyl shower curtain by giving it the same baking soda treatment.
- **If you have stone, granite or marble surfaces**, use a cleaner made specifically for those materials, such as DuPont™ Soap Scum Remover or DuPont Mold and Mildew Stain Remover for natural stone. Some general purpose cleaners may contain acids, bleach or ammonia that could break down the sealer on natural stone, making the surface more likely to stain.
- **Brighten up the bathroom** by cleaning the window, mirrors, light fixtures and even the light bulbs with multipurpose surface wipes.

Kitchen

Take care of those areas that might not get daily attention.

- **Empty the refrigerator** and toss anything out of date or that looks like a science experiment. Remove the shelves and bins, giving them a good cleaning with a solution of 1/4 cup multi-surface cleaner and one gallon of warm water. Rinse and dry thoroughly before putting them back.
- **Clean and sanitize surfaces** that come into contact with food. To sanitize washable hard, nonporous surfaces such as granite, without damaging them, spray DuPont Sanitizer for Sealed Natural Stone. Spray until thoroughly wet and leave it for one minute. Wipe with a clean cloth or let air dry — do not rinse. Learn more tips to care for natural stone at www.dupont.com/jbtips.
- **Use a duster with a long handle** to clean in higher areas, such as the tops of cabinets, ceiling corners, vents and recessed lighting fixtures.

Clutter

Conquering clutter will make your home look better right away.

- **Divide and conquer** — Sort items into piles for storing, donating or throwing away. When you've tossed the junk and donated designated items, it's time to start storing.
- **Give everything a home** — Instead of putting things into whatever container you might have, look for storage containers to fit your particular needs. You can find flexible containers to slide under beds or fit into closet corners; clear toys or larger items; divided drawer inserts to organize desk and "junk" drawers; and even attractive baskets and boxes that can store what you need while adding color and design to

Furniture

In order to keep your furniture looking its best, you need to do more than simply dust now and then.

- **For upholstered furniture** — Vacuum upholstery and spot clean as needed. For leather pieces, you can get rid of old marks and stains with a revitalizing furniture wood cleaner, then follow up with a revitalizing furniture wood polish. It will help enhance and preserve the wood's natural beauty.
- **For wood furniture** — To remove grime and other residues, use a purifying wood cleaner, then follow up with a revitalizing furniture wood polish. It will help enhance and preserve the wood's natural beauty.

Appliances

They take up a lot of real estate in the home — make sure they're clean, too.

- **Washing machines** can build up a sticky residue inside. If your machine does not have a specific washer cleaning cycle, add liquid chlorine bleach to the dispenser and run a normal cycle with hot water.
- **Check the drain area of your dishwasher** and remove any bits of food or small items. Place a bowl, right side up, in the top rack and fill it with one cup of white vinegar. With nothing else inside, run the dishwasher on its shortest cycle to remove soap scum and hard water buildup.
- **Don't forget the outside of your appliances.** For light cleaning, dilute 1/4 cup multi-purpose cleaner in a gallon of warm water. Wipe your washer, dryer and refrigerator clean. For tougher cleaning, use some full-strength multi-purpose cleaner directly on a sponge. Rinse surfaces thoroughly with plain water afterwards. Regular cleaners can leave residue on stainless steel surfaces, however, so use a product such as DuPont Stainless Steel Cleaner that will clean now and resist fingerprints and grease later on.