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## Avon Park Christmas Parade



Float riders greet parade watchers Monday night during the annual Avon Park Christmas parade.

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Holiday decorations filled the streets and floats Monday night during the annual Avon Park Christmas parade.

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR



The Long's Air Conditioning Inc. float — a Christmas parade tradition — spreads holiday cheer, filling Main Street with bubbles Monday night during the annual Avon Park Christmas parade.

News-Sun photo SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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Wells Motor Company races down the Avon Park Christmas parade route Monday night while wishing residents happy holidays.

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## Stephens guided college through changes

*SFSC president reflects on his decade at school*

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
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AVON PARK — Dr. Norman Stephens, president of South Florida State College retires June 30, 2013. He began his tenure on September 3, 2002. The News-Sun sat down to talk to him about what it takes to be a president of a vibrant, growing community college — community in the sense of being a part of, and serving, its community.

"A good, effective president," Stephens said, "creates an environ-

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Courtesy photo SFSC president Dr. Norman Stephens during the Panther 5K. He retires in June 2013 after 10 energetic years. He isn't going anywhere, he said. Highlands County is home.

## BBQ Fest 'beefs up' this year

By **SAMANTHA GHOLAR**  
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SEBRING — Barbecue lovers get ready for a tasty weekend as the annual Central Florida Barbecue Festival, created by the Sebring Firemen Inc., returns to the city in a big way.

Beginning at noon Friday, barbecue teams from all over Florida will begin cooking up tasty dishes for festival-goers and, of course, judges. The BBQ Fest is the last statewide event this year before The Florida Barbecue Association State Championship.

Event chairman Jim Fortner expects a larger-than-normal turnout at this year's Fest due to a tight race for the

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The Central Florida Bar-B-Que Festival will offer plenty of good eats this weekend.

News-Sun file

## Schools collecting Treats for Troops

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
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SEBRING — It is the perfect time of year to reach out to military members on active duty and deployed overseas this Christmas.

The Highlands County Education and Education Support Professionals associations ask the community to help them in their "Treats for Troops" drive.

"This drive is being conducted at each school and at several work sites in the school district," HCEA president Steve Picklesimer said. "It is our pleasure to collect some treats for those troop members who have family ties in our district."

Troops have a wide range of needs, from food items to shaving cream to Frisbees and AAA batteries.

For example, dry powdered drinks are very popular, especially Yoo-Hoo, Gatorade, Kool-Aid and Crystal Lite; dry soups like Ramen Noodles or Cup-of-Soup; sunflower seeds, beef-jerky and Slim Jims; tuna and chicken salad, but only those in foil packets; hard pretzels, Cheetos, Chex Mix, Wheat Thins, Ritz Crackers, gum and hard candy, which much be individually wrapped in large bags; granola bars, Power Bars, cereal bars, Cliff

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# School bus rear-ended in Avon Park; no injuries reported

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AVON PARK — Nobody was injured Tuesday morning when a car rear-ended a school bus carrying 19 students in Avon Park Lakes.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, the bus was stopped at the intersection of North Olivia Drive and West Rutland Road at 7:45 a.m. to pick up students. The bus had its caution

lights on and stop signs displayed.

Jonathan R. Kirk, 21, of Avon Park, told troopers the glare from the rising sun caused him to reposition his sun visor, distracting him and causing him to not see the bus in time to stop.

Kirk was charged with careless driving for failing to maintain a safe distance from traffic ahead, the report stated.

Tuesday's was the second time in less than a month that a Highlands County school bus has been rear-ended.

On Oct. 31, a bus was stopped at the railroad tracks on U.S. 98 in Sebring when a car failed to stop, hitting another car that was in turn pushed into the bus.

That bus was carrying 21 students. Nobody was injured in that crash, either.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Allen speaks at Friends of Istokpoga meeting

LORIDAΩ— The Friends of Istokpoga will hold its 2012 fall general membership meeting at the Lorida community center at 7 p.m. Thursday. The speaker for the evening will be Lt. Joe Allen, Fish and Wildlife Commission Law Enforcement. He will give a presentation about laws as they apply to Lake Istokpoga and also on safety issues that all should be aware of. Allen will also take questions in regard to any laws or safety issues.

Bill Pouder, FWC Fisheries, will also be there to bring guests up to date about the FWC Trophy Bass Program. Steve Gornak, FWC lake biologist, will take questions in regard to vegetation control.

There will be refreshments served at 6:45 p.m. There will also be a membership table where 2013 dues can be paid. Family YMCA hosts Christmas Camp SEBRING — The Highlands County Family YMCA will host a Christmas Camp for ages 5-12 on Dec. 20-21, Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4. This includes swimming, sports and fitness, crafts, a field trip and much more. Camp shirt and lunch will be provided.

Questions? Call 382-9622. Queen of Abundance meet Dec. 10

SEBRING — The Queens of Abundance will celebrate Christmas at the Palms Diner on Kenilworth Boulevard directly behind Kenilworth Lodge. The Red Hatters will meet and eat at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10.

Each Red Hatter is asked to bring a \$10 exchange gift.

Tickets will be on sale for the annual March Green Spring Fling at Brighton on Tuesday, March 12. Lunch tickets are \$10.95 and must be purchased by March 1. Bingo packets are \$15 and will be sold the day of the event.

RSVP is necessary for the Christmas

luncheon. Call 465-0161 by Dec. 3.

### Cancer concert set for Wednesday

SEBRING — Todd Allen Herenden and his "Follow That Dream" Band will perform at Tanglewood at 7 p.m. tonight. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door starting at 6 p.m. Soda and water will be sold before the show and at intermission.

All proceeds from this concert will go to the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

### Good Shepherd Hospice offers grief support group

SEBRING — When people die, their families and loved ones may need help to cope with the pain and sense of loss. Good Shepherd Hospice is offering a free grief support group in Sebring where people can share their feelings with others and learn ways to work through their grief.

An adult grief support group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Sunny Hills Assisted Living Facility, 3600 Commerce Center Drive. The meetings are open ended.

The group is free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one. Participants need not have used Good Shepherd Hospice programs in the past. Space is limited and reservations are requested. To RSVP or for more information, contact Angel Sanders at 402-1066.

### Tickets available for Holiday Home and Garden Tour

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Garden Club will present a Holiday Home and Garden Tour from 1-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. The first stop will be for free refreshments at a "Holiday Cafe" in the pavilion at Stuart Park.

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## ABATE Toy Run set for Saturday

200 motorcycles expected for run

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — For 26 years, ABATE Florida Inc., Inerstate Chapter has been doing a Toy Run to benefit local children in need. This year, the group's 27th, will be no different.

Tina Bennett, community and public relations director for American Bikers Aimed Toward Education, Interstate Chapter, has interviewed 28 families and has a list of 80 children the group is trying to provide toys for — and food, in some cases. "I just pray we can do them all. Toy contributions have been low," she said Tuesday as she prepared to go out and check drop boxes again.

About 50 boxes have been placed at various locations — Wild Turkey Tavern, Dutcher's Diner, River Greens Golf Course, and Stewart RV in Avon Park; Elks Club, Blue Crab Restaurant, Sonny's Bar-B-Que, and TJ Leathers in Sebring; Tower Restaurant, Makin the Dough, Pizza Hut and Caladium World in Lake Placid; even Surf-n-Turf in Spring Lake and Gator Shack in Lorida, to name a few.

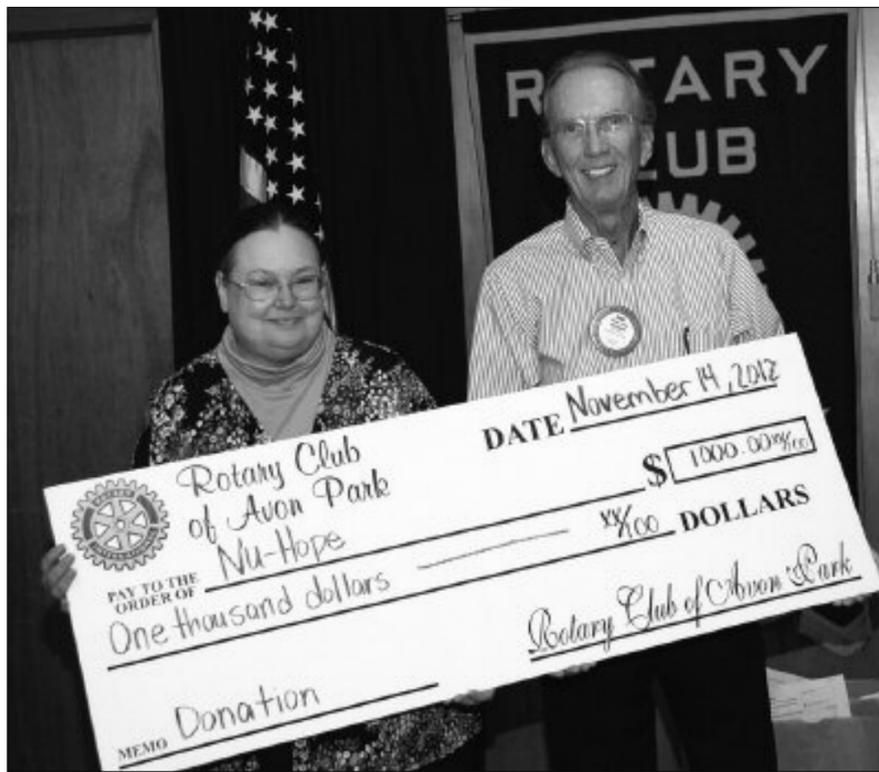
Bennett said there will be about 200 motorcycles hitting the road at Saturday from the Blue Crab. Lineup will begin at 11 a.m.

The run will go north to Avon Park and then circle back around, heading south to Lake Placid and then back up to the Elks Lodge in Sebring, where it will end. Most of the Run will be done along the U.S. 27 corridor, so Bennett encourages people of all ages to come out and wave the cyclists on. Those who would like to follow and bring a toy to donate are also encouraged to do so.

The cost per person is \$10, and includes a 50/50 drawing, an auction and turkey dinner.

All proceeds from this run will go to the families.

## AP Rotary donates to Nu-Hope



Courtesy photo

Rotary Club of Avon Park president Chet Brojek (right) presents a \$1,000 donation to Laurie Murphy, representing NuHope Elder Care Services from the club. NuHope helps serve more than 300 elderly citizens of Highlands County.

## Sebring residents give 4,249 kids, and counting, a reason to smile

Operation Christmas Child still taking online donations

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — With thousands of shoe box gifts already collected in Sebring, area residents are encouraged to continue packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child through "Build a Box," an online giving tool.

This year, the Samaritan's Purse project expects to reach a milestone — collecting and delivering shoe boxes to more than 100 million children since 1993.

Hundreds of volunteers have worked to spread Christmas cheer at three Sebring-area collection sites where 4,249 shoe boxes packed with school supplies, toys and necessity items were dropped off by residents last week.

Although National Collection Week has ended, it's not too late for participants of Operation Christmas Child to fill shoe boxes online with items for hurting kids overseas.

Many local families are choosing to pack shoe box gifts virtually through "Build a Box."

By visiting the project's website at [www.samaritan.org/occ](http://www.samaritan.org/occ), here is how you can get involved:

- Select a child's age and gender
- Shop through an online selection of gifts
- Virtually "pack" them in an empty shoe box, and
- Finish it off by writing a note of encouragement

Then, through tracking technology, donors can "follow" the box to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, has collected more than 94 million shoe box gifts and hand-delivered them to suffering children in more than 130 countries.

This year, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect another 9 million gift-filled shoe boxes and surpass the 100 million shoebox milestone.

Through the power of a simple gift and the message of hope through Jesus Christ, these young survivors of natural disaster, war, famine,

## Man charged with aggravated battery on Thanksgiving Day

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — A 46-year-old Sebring man was charged with felony battery after a woman reported to police that he beat her for having Thanksgiving dinner without him.

According to a Sebring Police Department report, the woman, who is 66, said that her boyfriend of two years had been drinking all day on Thursday and laid down to take a nap. Since he didn't wake up, she told police, she

had Thanksgiving dinner without him.

After she was done with dinner, the victim said she went to the suspect's room to see if he was OK.

When he woke up and asked about Thanksgiving dinner, she told him she had eaten without him. That's when he got mad and started shoving her out of the bedroom and into the living room, she told police.

The suspect shoved the victim down into a chair and

began punching her in the chest and on the arm. A neighbor heard the commotion and knocked on the door, which stopped the attack, the woman said.

The victim told the suspect to leave, but he didn't comply.

The suspect, who tried to flee out the back door when police arrived, was charged with battery on a person over age 65 (a felony), trespassing and obstructing justice, which is also a felony.

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# Holiday mail delivery deadlines looming

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Monday night's Christmas parade in Avon Park signaled the start of the holiday season but what many people don't realize is that there are a number of mailing deadlines that are right around the corner. Erica Search of Sebring's Goin' Postal says those who want to get their cards and packages to the right place and on time need to make their plans today.

The Sebring-based operation offers services from United Parcel Service, FedEx, DHL as well as the United States Postal Service.

"For instance, if there are people who have Christmas cards that are destined for exotic locations such as Africa or Central and South America, they probably should be stamped and on the way by Nov. 30," Search said.

Other countries, such as those in western Europe can go out as late as Dec. 7, she said. Although those dates were not set in stone, they are considered "the last reasonable days" for customers to expect a timely delivery.

Packages sent to military addresses need to be shipped by Dec. 10

"That includes APOs, FPOs and DPOs," she said.

Because the packages are bound for military locations, there are a number of special restrictions. No aerosol cans are permitted for instance, alcohol is prohibited as are most kinds of tobacco.

"Anybody sending those packages out will be asked to fill in a form and anything sent to those locations also is subject to inspection," she said.

The most economical – and generally the slowest – delivery is parcel post and the deadline for those packages also is not so very far away. The drop dead date for that currently is set at Dec. 13.

And, she adds, that as the deadlines get closer, the volume of packages, boxes and bags ramps up as well.

"The crunch week for Christmas will be Dec 17-21," she said. "That's when the massive amounts of packages come in."

After that, it will be priority mail or some other kind of accelerated delivery service. Sebring's Goin' Postal also offers a same day courier service. That is only available for locations within a four-hour maximum drive time from their Sun 'N Lake office. Courier service is reserved for extremely important shipments and also comes with a commensurate price tag.

"All of those prices are custom quoted depending upon the drive time and other variables," she said.

Making certain that boxes arrive on time an intact, they have put together a list (and checked it twice) for those who will be sending packages near or far.

- The Box – First and foremost (and the most obvious) is the selection of the container in which to package the items. While this may sound easy there are many things to consider when choosing a box. Choose a box that is strong enough to protect the shipment. A new box is always best and certainly goes a long way in helping with an insurance claim. If it is a used box be sure the cardboard is rigid and in good condition. Check for cracks, weak spots, rips, or corner damage. Be sure all the flaps are intact and remove any old shipping labels. Shipping



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regulations prohibit the use of any container that has wording or indications of having been a container for alcohol, chemicals, tobacco, or flammable substances. If you are in doubt, don't use the box. We cannot accept it for shipping and the carriers will refuse to pick it up.

- The Packaging Material – The proper protective material in which to package the items is just as important as the box.

Newspapers are good for reading but not for packaging. While abundant and free, the paper packs and settles considerably, and eliminates any protective value it may have had when you first placed it in the box. Use bubble wrap to wrap fragile items individually. Don't be shy with it. When placing items in the box be sure to leave at least two inches of space on all sides. Fill this space with proper cushioning material such as "peanuts" or lightly crumpled craft paper. This will protect the items from damage should the container take a sudden shock. Pack the container snugly enough that the items do not move around during transportation. Improper cushioning materials include clothing, old blankets, rags and newspaper.

- The Closure – Once items have been properly packaged, it is now time to close the box and secure it. Again, there are some things to consider. Do not use masking tape, duct tape, or electrical tape to close packages. These types of tape will not stand up to the rigor of shipping when stuck to a paper product (cardboard). Instead, choose a quality tape specifically manufactured for packaging such as clear or nylon-reinforced tape. Water activated reinforced tape (brown paper tape) is also acceptable, but more expensive. Apply a minimum of three strips to the top and bottom of the box. Applying a strip along the open flap edges for added security also is a good idea. Do not wrap packages in any kind of paper, or use string as a closure. Modern shipping facilities utilize highly complex and automated sorting equipment, very little is done by hand. A package that is covered in paper, string or other such materials has a high probability of getting snagged during this process. Return address information needs to be well displayed on the outside of the container. If this happens to be paper and it is torn away so is the return address information. Without a doubt this will, at a minimum, delay timely delivery of the package, if it gets delivered at all.

- The Labeling – The most important factor insuring the fastest and most efficient delivery of your package is proper and legible addressing. If the package is shipped via UPS, FedEx or DHL a "smart label" will be generated from the carrier

software which will be attached to each package. These smart labels will include bar codes and routing codes that are read by optical scanners in the respective carrier automated sort facilities. Utilizing the smart labels ensures accurate routing and prompt delivery of packages. In order to generate these labels clear, legible, complete and correct address information is a must. Print clearly the name of the person to whom the parcel is being shipped, their complete address, including apartment or suite number. If there is a phone number, it needs to be included as well. That also will be entered into the software so should there be a problem with the delivery the carrier will make an attempt to resolve the issue before returning the shipment. Be sure the zip code is correct. Incorrect zip codes will delay delivery. If the package is going to a post office box be sure it has the correct box number as well as the zip-plus-four postal code. For APO and FPO addresses double check to ensure the name, rank and military unit name and number are correct.



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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# Riots. Not in Gaza, in aisle two

**W**e don't know about you, but sometimes we have to wonder about our fellow Americans.

What is this nonsense about rushing out on Thanksgiving, of all days, to join in two-fisted shopping frenzies?

For that matter, why is there a frenzy in the first place?

We've seen sharks circling wounded seals with better manners, and they leave the ocean cleaner than when they found it. We have it on excellent authority ravenous shoppers strip shelves, scattering what they don't want all across the floor.

Some stores have resort to having law enforcement on site. Think about that. Shoppers requiring crowd control.

Perhaps you remember the Walmart worker on Long Island, N.Y., who was trampled to death in 2008. It is easy to see why stores take precautions.

A sales clerk at the Avon Park Walmart, who asked not to be identified, said people brought chairs and blankets into the store late Thanksgiving, lining up in the aisles early for certain special sales.

One line formed at 9 p.m., for instance, for a television sale that didn't start until 5 a.m. There were even hall passes, like back in elementary school, so people could go to the bathroom without losing their place in the line.

Many shoppers were in stores so early they had to have skipped their pumpkin pie.

Does anyone know what triggers this kind of hysteria? Why do people run out, bellies full, high on triptophan right after Thanksgiving dinner. Is it just an elaborate way to get out of doing dishes?

Did they have time to give thanks for what they already had before they ran out to get more? Or were they so focused on buying that their Thanksgiving prayer was, "Please Lord, let me score a 42-inch, High Definition TV tonight."

Have we no sense of gratitude for what we already have? Are we never sated? Why is it so many of us always need more?

Now, we understand how important shopping is to the American economy, and we certainly applaud all those individuals who are doing their patriotic best to raise our GNP.

We have to say, however, that news footage of the crowds stampeding through store doors as if their lives depended on it is completely unsettling, especially because of the scary almost maniacal look on their faces — a look that reminds us of addicts headed for free methadone.

For goodness sake, it gets so bad men have been known to play tug-a-war over towels — with winner take all.

Is there some hole in our hearts that cannot be filled by faith and compassion alone?

Where is the spirit of Jesus Christ in all this materialist lunacy? Where is the Peace on Earth?



## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Billed for using no water

Editor:

I write to you so that you will perhaps print this letter in your paper showing the unfairness of the water department in Crystal Lake located in Avon Park.

I am a resident in that area and have not occupied my home for the past month for personal reasons. I have received a water bill for that month for \$53.08 showing a usage of "0" water. I have contacted the mayor regarding this bill, but to no avail. I called the water department only to be told that "it is still active," whatever that means.

Why should I or anyone else with a "0" water usage have to pay for water that was not used? If I have the water turned off for that period of time they will charge me \$30 or more to have it turned back on when I return.

This, in my estimation, is highway robbery or extortion and deliberately taking advantage of the residents. We are all at the mercy of all utility companies when they conduct business like this.

We must all remember this is the time of voting for officers in the City of Avon Park or in any city in which we reside. We should not allow the robbery of its citizens by the utilities company or other services provided where our taxes pay for it.

Allan Noseworthy  
Sarasota

### First and foremost, we are Americans

Editor:

As a former high-level Republican official in a northern state during the late 1970s and early 1980s, I am embarrassed, saddened and appalled by what I perceive to be the party's current negative transformation.

I was proud to be a loyal member of the GOP, which at that time was a party of inclusion, tolerance, positive social and economic progress and outreach. Sadly, those values have been replaced in many quarters by exclusion, intolerance, retrogressive social and economic policies, and a "circle the wagons" organizational dynamic.

Thanks to the results of the 2012 elections, our nation has been spared the catastrophic consequences that would have resulted from a different electoral count, leading to the United States government in January 2013 becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of the multibillionaire industrial and financial fraternity.

The election also had the positive result of preventing a headlong rush to a plutocracy and the danger of a return to a 19th century society consisting of but two classes: baronial and peasant.

Sadly, much of the GOP is currently ruled by an amalgam of religious radicals and ultra right-wing theocratic fanatics, overlaid with an unstated but transparent veneer of racial intolerance.

The radical circles of the GOP are reeling now, given their self assurances that the Supreme Court's infamous Citizens United decision would open the flood gates of contributions from billionaire industrialists, casino magnates, hedge fund managers, and their ilk, thus guaranteeing their candidates success.

Another negative element in the GOP's play book is the persistence of the radical right wing media with their pernicious, destructive, and seditious modus operandi of trumpeting half-truths, factual distortion and denials along with outright deliberate prevarication.

It is revealing to read so much of their daily airwaves propaganda regurgitated in letters to the newspaper editors. Proof that P.T. Barnum was right

and Josef Goebbels' edict that if a lie is told forcefully enough and often enough, there will be a segment of the population who believe it.

As a former ardent Republican and current Independent, I can only hope that our political system can soon evolve to replace the mutual hatred, name calling, and divisiveness with mutual respect, cooperation, and policies that benefit us all in this great nation of ours.

A vivid and encouraging illustration of that ideal was the meeting and partnership between the President and New Jersey's governor during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

As Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike, we should constantly remind ourselves that first and foremost we are all Americans and that political radicalism by either party achieves nothing but a set of negative values and acts inimical to our collective best interests.

Gerry Garnich  
Sebring

### Bouquet

#### Bob Evans helps Michigan woman, local parents

Editor:

On Thanksgiving Day, I was thankful for Steven who works for Bob Evans restaurant. Every business should have a Steven working for them.

After a phone call from my home in Michigan, he went above and far beyond his call. He took his busy time to help my 93-year-old parents have a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday. They were homebound and without relatives in Sebring.

Hats off to Steven. You are the epitome of customer service. Many thanks to you.

Linda Willmeng  
Watervliet, Mich.

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# A Thanksgiving to remember

While I have complained about some of the nastiness on Facebook, I was a little surprised to hear it was listed among the top three things that stress people out, especially during the holidays. I have to give credit to the social media site. It has prompted

the opportunity for people all over to "go public" daily with something they are thankful for - especially during the month of November.

I didn't participate this year, but I did last year. Since then, I've tried to make it a habit to recognize the things I'm thankful for on a daily basis year round. Not necessarily in a public fashion, but at least to those who the thanks is directed toward.

We spent our Thanksgiving at home this year. In the past we have spent it at my sister's or my brother's. This year though I wanted to cook Thanksgiving dinner myself. It had been a long time. In fact, it had been 11 years since I cooked Thanksgiving dinner myself. When my husband left, the family kind of took over the holidays - Thanksgiving was either at my brother's or sister's, and Christmas moved to my mom's. They didn't want to burden me with all of the cooking and clean up afterwards, considering I had two young children at home and a full-time job that doesn't recognize holidays.

It was OK; I let them take the holidays over. Honestly, if it hadn't been for them, we probably wouldn't have had a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal, especially that first year.

Anyway, this year I decided I wanted to cook Thanksgiving dinner again. I have always loved to cook, and remember as a high school sophomore cooking the entire meal myself while my dad had my mom at the emergency room. She suffered from serious breathing problems - asthma and allergies, to name the worst things at that time. Dad woke me up to tell me he was taking her to the hospital and I



**At Random**  
*Romona Washington*

just went ahead and started cooking. They made it home quite a bit later to a big meal that had been kept hot. Mom had an oxygen tank with her, but she apparently told the doctors she wasn't staying at the hospital. It was that year when the doctors strongly

urged Dad to move the family to Florida or Arizona and here we still are.

My decision to stay home this year was reinforced when a week ago we headed to church and the children informed me they had been talking and didn't remember me cooking a Thanksgiving meal at home. Well, I wasn't going to have any of that. Briana is 21 and Daniel is 16. Who knows how many more opportunities I will have before one or both move away? Not only did I want them to remember a festive meal like that being prepared at home, but I wanted to make sure they helped fix it.

The turkey was smoked and all of the trimmings were prepared. Each one of us kept busy in the kitchen, and even when my parents arrived, there was nothing for them to do. They were allowed to stay in and watch the parade and dog show on television.

Dinner was ready shortly after the noon hour. All of the dishes were finished on time. Dad and Daniel brought the turkey in, and it was all I wanted in the dinner bird - a beautiful brown on the outside, nice and moist on the inside and a perfect flavor.

Although it wasn't a perfect day since my siblings gathered together elsewhere, it was still a beautiful day and was perfect in its own way. As we stood in the center of the kitchen, holding hands in a circle while Dad offered the blessing, I knew I had made the right decision to stay home and cook.

It was a Thanksgiving I won't forget, and I don't think the kids will either.

*Romona Washington is publisher and executive editor of the News-Sun. She can be reached at 385-6155 ext. 515.*

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**OBITUARIES**

**LOIS ANDERSON**

Lois N. Anderson, 82, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Monday, Nov. 26, 2012, in Sebring. She was born Aug. 20, 1930, to Lewis and Ruth (Mason) Smick in Macomb, Ill., and had been a resident of Sebring since 1986, coming from Davenport, Iowa. She was a registered nurse and was a member of Cottage Hospital Nursing Association; Sun 'N Lake Golf Club and Atonement Lutheran Church of Sebring. She was an avid golfer, enjoyed crafts, needlepoint and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Jack D. Anderson of Sebring; daughter, Nancy (Gary) Donaldson of Milwaukee, Wis.; son, Jeff (Sandra) Anderson of Aurora, Colo.; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, John Anderson, and brother, Robert Smick.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Chapel, Sebring, with Rev. Eugene Fernsler officiating. Memorial donations may be made in her memory to Atonement Lutheran Church, 1178 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870.

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**GEORGE COYLE**

George J. Coyle, 79, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012 in Orlando, Fla. He was born on Oct. 5, 1933, to Raymond and Maria Luisa (Mendiburo) Coyle in Sebring and had been a life-long resident. He was a broker associate in the real estate business and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the

Shriner's Club, Masonic Lodge 308 of South Miami, and the Highlands County Concert Band.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Coyle of Sebring; children, Michael (Lorelie) Coyle of Colorado Springs, Colo., Debra Coyle Johnson of Coral Springs, Fla. and Terri Coyle of Hallandale, Fla.; sister, Eloise (Johnny) Trucano of Gainesville, Fla.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Raymond Coyle.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Chapel, Sebring, with W. Mike Adams officiating. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to The American Heart Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

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**LINDA GALLEGOS**

Linda Diane Gallegos, age 62, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012 in Avon Park, Fla. She was born in Richmond, Va. She was a certified nursing assistant, and of the Pentecostal faith. She enjoyed taking care of the elderly, helping people, and she was an animal lover and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Jennifer Aviles of Avon Park, Ernest Aviles (Lisa) of Gainesville, and Richard Aviles of Avon Park; sister, June Anter (Paul) of Cleveland, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park with Pastor Mike Adams officiating.



**Gallegos**

Memorial contributions may be made to the Highlands County Humane Society, 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd., Sebring, FL 33876.

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**TERI GALLOVICH**

Teri Gallovich, 49, of Sebring, died Nov. 17, 2012 at Good Shepherd Hospice. She was born in Fairview Park, Ohio.

She is survived by her mother, Beverly Farrell, and two brothers, Kevin Farrell of Ohio and Brian Thomas Farrell of Sebring.

A funeral service will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Whisper Lake Clubhouse, 1429 Whisper Lake Blvd., Sebring.

Swann's Mortuary, (863) 382-0737, Sebring, is in charge of arrangements.

**DORIS LOVELETTE**

Doris Iva Lovelette, age 97, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012 in Sebring, Fla. She was born in Vigo County, Ind., to George and Freda Pearl (Elwell) Miller. Mrs. Lovelette was a telephone operator, member of Sparta Road Baptist Church and had been a resident of Sebring since 1984, coming from Bonita Springs, Fla. Previously, she had been a longtime resident of Big Rapids, Mich.

She is survived by her children, Arnold L. Lovelette (Charlotte) of Stanwood, Mich., John H. Lovelette (Teresa) of Sebring, Fla., and Samuel E. Lovelette (Stephanie) of Rio Rancho, N.M.; 12 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Mrs. Lovelette was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Arnold C. Lovelette, and a step-daughter, Arnela Watson.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, with Pastor Mike Adams officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Highlands County Humane Society, 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd., Sebring, FL 33876.

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**BBQ Festival fires up this weekend**

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Team of the Year (TOTY) title.

"The good news is that this is the last barbecue event before the FBA championship ... it's the last chance for teams to get point. We will have well over 30 entries for teams, which is about our average," Fortner said.

Of course, the more entries and meals sold, the more funds go to support the Sebring schools and athletics. Each year, Sebring Firemen Inc. contribute approximately \$35,000 to the schools, according to Fortner. The BBQ Festival helps provide a big portion of that money.

"Every dime we raise goes to support the kids and the athletics in Sebring. We have been branching out to the arts also. We will be raising money to help support the high school choir and other things," Fortner said.

A new aspect has been added to the BBQ Fest tradition this year, however; a classic car show will provide



News-Sun file  
**Teams will be trying to get some final points on the board before the FBA championships — and trying to win some of the \$9,000 up for grabs — at this weekend's Central Florida Barbecue Festival in Sebring.**

more for the eyes this year as the bellies of judges and patrons stay full.

The custom car show will provide 12 classes of cars all competing for a title of best in show. Fortner is hoping to get 40-50 cars for its first run and to provide patrons with a little something extra this year.

"This year's festival follows the same format, but the car show gives people

something else to do while they're eating and drinking and enjoying the day," Fortner said. A total of \$9,000 is up for grabs for the contestants in the barbecue cook-off contest.

Other contests include a hog calling contest, apple pie contest and the People's Choice award for the barbecue.

FBA certified judges will begin judging at noon

Saturday. A blind taste test will be held for the four barbecue categories — chicken, brisket, pork and ribs. Awards will be handed out for the barbecue team winners at 6 p.m.

Between each of the contests, local musicians will provide live entertainment for patrons throughout the day. Jimmy and the Megabytes will take the stage from 7-10 p.m. Friday. Saturday brings the California Toe Jam Band on stage from 1-5 p.m. The car show will be held from 1-4 p.m.

The Central Florida Barbecue Festival takes place at Firemen's Field and begins at 10 a.m. Friday through Saturday, Dec. 1. The festival is free admission and a variety of vendors will be available for food purchases.

'Pig bucks' must be purchased from the Heacock booth in order to buy vendor and contestant meals during the festival. Beer and other beverages may be purchased with cash. Food prices vary from vendor to vendor.

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

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Four homes and one garden in Lake Placid will be open for the tour. A map to the homes will be provided with tickets.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the park on the day of the tour. Proceeds will be used to fund local high school graduates and civic projects in the Lake Placid community.

For tickets or further information, contact Peggy Alexander at 465-1269.

**Vendors wanted for Trunk 'n Truck Parking Lot Sale**

SEBRING — Reserve space now for HALLO's annual Trunk 'n Truck Parking Lot Sale, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 in the parking lot at the medical offices behind Highlands Regional Medical Center. Set-up is to be by 7:30 a.m.

Load up a "Trunk or Truck" (limited to pick-up) and sell out of the vehicle. It's OK to set up a table by vehicle. There will be food available and also a farm fresh produce stand. A special section in the parking lot will be reserved just for crafts. Canopies are welcome, but must be able to set up on pavement.

Spaces for both functions will be \$25 each or two for \$45. For further information or to reserve space, call 385-1196, 385-6415 or 655-2106, or e-mail HALLO at halloinc@embarqmail.com.

This first time event is a fundraiser for Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization. The proceeds will benefit their post-rehab program and support groups.

**AMVETS offer line dancing**

SEBRING — AMVETS Post 21 is now hosting line dancing from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays at 623 U.S. 27 South.

**BBQ Festival is this weekend**

SEBRING — Enjoy live music, a barbecue contest, food vendors and much more Friday and Saturday at the Central Florida BBQ Festival. There will also be a flea market, tractor parade and People's Choice Awards.

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A public hearing has been scheduled for December 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartow Public Library, 2nd floor conference room, 2150 S. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830. The public hearing will be held during the regular monthly meeting of the CFRPC. The public hearing is for the purpose of advising all interested parties of service being planned for if a grant is awarded, and to ensure that planned services would not represent a duplication of current or proposed services provided by existing transit or paratransit operators in the area.  
**This hearing will be conducted if and only if a written request for the hearing is received by 4:00 p.m. December 10, 2012.**  
Requests for a hearing must be addressed to Patricia M. Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 555 E. Church Street, Bartow, FL 33830 (863) 534-7130 and a copy sent to Mr. Terry Beacham, Florida Department of Transportation, District One, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33830-1249

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TALLAHASSEE — The website for public voting on Florida's license plate, [www.Vote4FloridaTag.com](http://www.Vote4FloridaTag.com), is open. Floridians can vote online through Dec. 14. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles wants to upgrade the basic Florida plate to a design that increases readability and features a seven character configuration. A committee of more than

20 stakeholders, including state agency personnel, law enforcement, tax collectors and affiliated associations participated in the development of the final license plate designs. DHSMV's in-house graphics artist created the proposed designs. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, educa-

tion and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov), follow on Twitter at @FDHSMV or on Facebook.

## Man arrested after naked golf course run in Tarpon Springs

*Associated Press*  
TARPON SPRING — A southwest Florida man is facing several charges after authorities say he ran naked around a golf course and sideswiped a deputy's car during a police chase. Authorities said the unidentified man was running naked around a Tarpon Spring golf course early Tuesday morning. Pasco Sheriff's Office deputies caught up with the suspect after he allegedly went into a

convenience store and assaulted an employee. Authorities said he then jumped into his van and fled as deputies chased him. He allegedly sideswiped a patrol car during the chase. Deputies eventually stopped the van. The suspect faces several charges including battery and aggravated fleeing to elude police. It's not clear why he wasn't wearing clothes.



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# Avon Park Christmas Parade kicks off holiday season



'Mrs. Claus' and Santa's helpers stay busy Monday night during the Avon Park Christmas parade.



Pretty snow princesses from Dance Unlimited prance their way down Main Street during the Avon Park Christmas parade Monday evening.

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
Ronald McDonald wishes Avon Park Christmas parade viewers a Merry Christmas Monday night as he rolls down Main St. in a classic clown car.



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## Treats for Troops being collected

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Bars and store bought Rice Krispie Treats. Microwave food also is welcome, like popcorn, macaroni and cheese, and Chef-Boy-R-Dee.

Our troops can use toiletry items. "Please no hotel samples," Picklesimer said. Travel-size baby wipes and deodorant, body wash, disposable razors — or Intuition or Mach 3 types; shaving creams in tubes or shaving soap (no cans please) toothpaste, tooth brushes and dental floss, feminine hygiene products, Band-Aids, gauze pads, first aid kits, bandages and eye drops, like Visine.

Donations of entertainment or sport items are useful too. Batteries — AA, AAA, C and 9 volt, DVD movies (new or used recent releases ), iTunes gift cards; portable CD players or headphones; pens, mechanical pencils and small note pads; game books — like crossword, word search, math/logic and Sudoku puzzles — board games like UNO, Othello, checkers, full or travel size; Nerf footballs, Whiffle bats and balls, Frisbees and Hackey sacks.

"We will be collecting these treats through Friday, Dec. 7.

"If anyone would like to donate to this cause, please take any items you may have to any school office and ask them to add to our collection," Picklesimer said.

The HCEA hopes the business community can help with the costs for mailing the boxes and buying international phone cards.

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# Stephens reflects on his decade at SFSC

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ment where talented people are empowered; where teams of people are effective and treat each other with respect; where individuals have an opportunity for professional development and grow with the institution; and creating an institutional culture that is respected in the community. That's the president's job, to inspire. It needs an individual with a good deal of experience."

A college president's work is similar to a school superintendent's. The board of trustees sets the policies, the president implements them.

The board of trustees for SFSC is appointed by the governor. This is because it does not have taxing authority. Those boards that set millage must be elected.

Stephens takes pride in the college, emphasizing how staff, department heads and faculty contribute to its success. "We have a strong team here, they deserve most of the credit," he said. "We're quite blessed with an incredible faculty that is very student oriented. We have faculty from every state you can imagine."

Much of the expansion and recent construction were underway, or approved before he took office, he added. The institution included Hardee County from the beginning. In 1984, it grew to include DeSoto

County. "The University Center had just opened when I arrived; the Museum of Florida Arts and Culture and the dental program had been planned and funded.

Stephens did have a huge role, however, in the college's latest chapter, which was adding four-year degrees and changing from a community college to a state college this past year.

"I am only the third president in SFSC's history," Stephens said. "We're going on our 48th year. That's real good signal of stability and continuity. It says a lot about the college."

This doesn't mean the college hasn't faced issues. "In a rural community. There are economic challenges," Stephens added, "and the enrollment is volatile. Between 2008 and 2011 we had a 33 percent increase, between 2011 and 2012 we had a drop (in the construction trades especially)."

The state legislature

made significant changes affecting adult education, Stephens said. It used to be free, but now costs \$30 a semester for those who can prove Florida residency. For those who cannot, like migrant workers, it costs \$150 per semester, putting education out of many people's reach.

Teaming with three other county colleges to share an architect, and with funding available before the economy collapsed, the Health Science Center was built. Stephens said Glenn Little, vice-president for administrative services, played an essential role in the project.

"It was a strong example of teamwork, and my favorite (project) because so many people were involved. Our consortium saved the state money. I'm very proud of that."

He enjoyed renovating the Theatre for the Performing Arts, even though it was a complex, expensive process. The building had a lot of issues and wasn't up to code.

"We couldn't have done it without Donald

*I'm most proud of the culture we've created and our relationship with the community. I hope that's my legacy.'*

**NORMAN STEPHENS**  
SFSC president

Appelquist, executive director of the SFSC foundation and the county commission's (financial support)," Stephens said. "It was somewhat miraculous. I'm not sure how we did it."

As to the future, there are things the college needs to improve, Stephens said. "For example, continuing edu-

cation and English for speakers of other languages. That would take a statewide initiative.

"I'd like to see an academy for advanced students, our excellent students, so they can get a year or ahead. That saves the state and parents a lot of money. I'd like to dual enrollment and the career academy expand.

"I'd like to see more athletic programs and more ways for the students to connect (with the school). We have a wonderful art program — I want a musical program, too. I'd like to see our cultural programs grow.

"Everything is getting more and more expensive. We need to explore alternative funding sources, have more partnerships.

"I'm most proud of the culture we've created and our relationship with the community. I hope that's my legacy."



MCT  
Those 'seven swans a-swimming' in the classic '12 Days of Christmas' song would cost you \$7,000 this year.

## All items in '12 Days of Christmas' now top \$107K

By **KEVIN BEGOS**  
*Associated Press*

PITTSBURGH — Add seven swans, six geese and five golden rings to the list of Christmas gifts that cost more than they did a year ago.

And if you get all 364 items repeated throughout "The Twelve Days of Christmas" carol, you'll pay 6.1 percent more this year, according to the annual Christmas Price Index compiled by PNC Wealth Management.

That comes to \$107,300. "The rise is larger than expected considering the modest economic growth we've had," said Jim Dunigan, managing executive of investments for PNC. He noted the government's Consumer Price Index has risen just 2 percent in the 12 months before September.

Thrifty shoppers may find some reasons for cheer. Six items mentioned in the song haven't gone up in price: maids-a-milking, ladies dancing, lords-a-leaping, calling birds, turtle doves and the partridge. The eight maids-a-milking still cost just \$58 because the minimum wage hasn't risen.

Twelve drummers drumming (\$2,775.50) and eleven pipers piping (\$2,562) might also be considered relative bargains compared to seven swans, which will set you back \$7,000. Nine ladies dancing will cost you \$6,294.03.

Dunigan said the 2011

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Prices of items in the Christmas carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas," according to PNC Wealth Management:

- Partridge, \$15; last year: same
- Pear tree, \$189.99; last year: 169.99
- Two turtle doves, \$125; last year: same
- Three French hens, \$165; last year: \$150
- Four calling birds (canaries), \$519.96; last year: same
- Five gold rings, \$750; last year: \$645
- Six geese a-laying, \$210; last year: \$162
- Seven swans a-swimming, \$7,000; last year: \$6,300
- Eight maids a-milking, \$58; last year: same
- Nine ladies dancing (per performance), \$6,294; last year: same
- 10 lords a-leaping (per performance), \$4,767; last year: same
- 11 pipers piping (per performance), \$2,562; last year: \$2,428
- 12 drummers drumming (per performance),

drought caused the prices of some birds to soar, partly because of corn and other feed costs.

"The geese were up 29.6 percent, and swans were up 11 percent," Dunigan said, adding that none of the gifts in the song went down in price this year.

The price of a pear tree is \$189.99, an 11.8 percent jump from last year's \$169.99. Five gold rings jumped 16.3 percent this year, to \$750, and three French hens are now \$165, instead of \$150.

The \$15 partridge is the cheapest item, and swans the most expensive, at \$1,000 each.

Last-minute shoppers who

turn to the Internet will pay a bit more for the gifts.

Buying one set of the core items in each verse costs \$24,431 in traditional stores this year, but \$40,440 online. Part of that difference is the extra expense of shipping live birds, Dunigan said, adding that Internet costs rose 1.5 percent compared to last year.

PNC Financial Services Group Inc. checks jewelry stores, dance companies, pet stores and other sources to compile the list.

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A public hearing has been scheduled for December 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartow Public Library, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 2150 S. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830, for the purpose of advising all interested parties of the services planned if grant funds are awarded, and to ensure that contemplated services would not represent a duplication of current or proposed services.

**This hearing will be conducted if and only if a written request for the hearing is received by 4:00 p.m. December 10, 2012.**

Requests for a hearing must be addressed to Patricia M. Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 555 E. Church Street, Bartow, FL 33830. A copy of the request must also be sent to Terry Beacham, Florida Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33830-1249.

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**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 282012CA000494GCAXMX  
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR YALE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
BERTHA GAIL MOLTZ F/K/A BERTHA GAIL ROTROFF, BRUCE WAYNE MOLTZ; UNKNOWN TENANT, IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 1st day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282010CA000842A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR YALE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-1 is the Plaintiff and BERTHA GAIL MOLTZ F/K/A BERTHA GAIL ROTROFF; BRUCE WAYNE MOLTZ and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 4th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 16, BLOCK 153, OF SEBRING HIGHLANDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 97, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs 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 1st day of August, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
November 28; December 5, 2012

**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 10001055GCS  
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ROBERT J. HANCOCK, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed November 5, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 10001055GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, the Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 4th day of January, 2013 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lots 13 and 14, Block 44, RED HILL FARMS RE-SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 59, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

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

Dated this 9th day of November, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
November 28; December 5, 2012

**1050 Legals**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, on the 5th day of July, 2012, in the cause wherein L.W.T., INC. is Plaintiff, and FRED W. CUNNINGHAM is Defendant, being Case No. 11-606-GCS in the said Court, I, Susan Benton, Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon all of the Defendant's right, title and interest in and to the following described PERSONAL property in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

2007 F-150  
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and on the 21st day of December, 2012, at Ducks Body Shop, 1153 Hawthorne Drive, in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all of the said defendant, FRED W. CUNNINGHAM's, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Dated this, October 13th, 2012  
SUSAN BENTON, SHERIFF OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: /s/ Lt. Jack Baily, Jr.  
Lt. Jack Bailey, Jr.  
DEPUTY SHERIFF

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the agency sending this notice at 434 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, Telephone 863/402-7228 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TTD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Services.  
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**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 12353GCS  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JESSICA J. HUERTA-GARCIA A/K/A JESSICA HUERTA-GARCIA, et al. Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 9, 2012, and entered in Case No. 12353GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, is the Plaintiff and JESSICA J. HUERTA-GARCIA A/K/A JESSICA HUERTA-GARCIA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on January 4, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 15, TOWN OF AVON PARK, IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, AT PAGE 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, OF WHICH HIGHLANDS WAS FORMERLY A PART; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF 10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 470 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL TO LAKE AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF 80 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL TO LAKE AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WOLF STREET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WOLF STREET, A DISTANCE OF 80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY LYING AND BEING IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 13th day of November, 2012.

Robert Germaine  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
As Deputy Clerk  
November 28; December 5, 2012

**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000864  
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. f/k/a COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff, vs.  
REYNALDO RIVERA AND AMANDA RIVERA, HIS WIFE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, A DIVISION OF TREASURY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 9, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000864 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. f/k/a COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff and REYNALDO RIVERA AND AMANDA RIVERA, HIS WIFE are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., January 4, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 42, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES, SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Highlands County, Florida  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk of Court  
November 28; December 5, 2012

**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 282012CA000538GCAXMX  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DANIEL P. MEEKINS, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN L. MEEKINS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO:  
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF KAREN L. MEEKINS  
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Current Residence Unknown

CHERYL L. WEBER  
Last Known Address: 701 ROANOKE PLACE, SEBRING, FL 33870  
Also Attempted At: 4005 HARLANDO AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870  
Also Attempted At: 405 MACHOST DRIVE, GARNER, NC 27529  
Current Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:  
THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 2, AND ALL LOTS 3, AND NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 4, BLOCK 423, OF HIGHLANDS TOWERS SUBDIVISION REVISED, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 29, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33309 on or before JANUARY 4, 2013, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this 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.

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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 19th day of November, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
As Deputy Clerk  
November 28; December 5, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 09001561GCAXSX  
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. f/k/a COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RICARDO GOMEZ VARGAS, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 08, 2012 entered in Civil Case No.: 09001561GCAXSX of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Bob Germaine Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at 11:00 am on the 13th day of December, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 23, BLOCK 175, PLACID LAKES SECTION SEVENTEEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 9th day of November, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
November 21, 28, 2012

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MINERVA AYALA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 30, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000569 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which GMAC Mortgage, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Minerva Ayala, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 2nd day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:  
LOT 583, OF SEBRING HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
A/K/A 319 IBIS AVE., SEBRING, FL 33870-0145

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 2nd day of November, 2012.

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

Albertelli Law  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 23028  
Tampa, FL 33623  
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November 28; December 5, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 12-233-GCS  
HEARTLAND NATIONAL BANK, a national banking association, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JEREMY R. BERNADEAU a/k/a JEREMY BERNADEAU a/k/a JEREMY RAYNARD BERNADEAU a/k/a JEAN REMY BERNADEAU, and KATJA VOLKERT-BERNADEAU, if alive, and if dead, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees or other persons claiming by, through, under against them or any of them, and all unknown persons, if alive, and if dead, or not known to be dead or alive, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees or other persons claiming by, through, under or against the unknown persons, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:  
Lots 8424 and 8425, Avon Park Lakes Unit No. 26, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 25 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.  
STREET ADDRESS: 2543 North Lacona Road, Avon Park, Florida 33825.  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes (2004), at 11:00 a.m., on the 12th day of December, 2012.

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

SIGNED this 9th day of November, 2012.  
(SEAL)

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
November 21, 28, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE No.: 11-622 GCS  
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOSEPH W. McGATHEY, REGINA A. McGATHEY AND SPRINGLEAF HOME EQUITY, INC. f/k/a AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 9, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11-622 GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, is Plaintiff and JOSEPH W. McGATHEY, REGINA A. McGATHEY AND SPRINGLEAF HOME EQUITY, INC. f/k/a AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 13th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 15, BLOCK 11, SEBRING HILLS SOUTH, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 93, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
Street Address: 311 GROSBEAK AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33872  
and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 9th day of November, 2012.

Bob Germaine  
Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
As Deputy Clerk  
November 21, 28, 2012

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE', LLP  
2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360  
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November 28; December 5, 2012

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WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 5th day of September, 2012.  
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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, (941)534-4690, within seven (7) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call (TDD) (941) 534-7777, or Florida Relay Service 800-955-8770.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
November 28; December 5, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 12-703 GCS  
SECTION NO. 10  
MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION F/K/A  
MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
DANIEL KLINE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL  
KLINE; CHARLOTTE M. KLINE; UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF CHARLOTTE M. KLINE; DISCOVER  
BANK; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; TENANT  
#1; TENANT #2; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN  
PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER,  
AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS  
WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE,  
WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM  
AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES,  
GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a  
Final Judgment entered on October 30, 2012 in  
this case in the Circuit Court of Highlands County,  
Florida, the real property described as:  
Lot 32, Block 69, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES  
SECTION 3, a subdivision according to the plat  
thereof recorded at Plat Book 9, Page 6, in the  
Public Record of Highlands County, Florida.  
Physical Address: 4616 Rachael Dr Sebring, FL  
33872  
will be sold at public sale to the highest and best  
bidder for cash, on 13th day of December, 2012,  
at 11:00 a.m. at the Highlands County Court-  
house, 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida  
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 60 days after the sale.  
DATE: November 15, 2012.

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

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE  
SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN  
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November 21, 28, 2012  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 12-461  
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
RICKY LEE SHUEE  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of RICKY LEE  
SHUEE, deceased, whose date of death was Sep-  
tember 11, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court  
for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division,  
the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave-  
nue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and ad-  
resses of the personal representative and the  
personal representative's attorney are set forth  
below.

All creditors of the decedent and other per-  
sons having claims or demands against decedent's  
estate on whom a copy of this notice is re-  
quired 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  
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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  
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FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PE-  
RIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE  
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET  
FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2)  
YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE  
OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Nissa Lynn Shuee Myers  
171 Badger Road  
Guyton, Georgia 31312  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael A. Rider  
Florida Bar Number: 175661  
13 N. Oak Avenue  
Lake Placid, FL 33852  
Telephone: (863)465-1111  
Fax: (863)465-8100  
E-Mail: marider@mariderlaw.com

November 21, 28, 2012  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 12-470  
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
ROBERTA M. RANSOM  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of ROBERTA  
M. RANSOM, deceased, whose date of death was  
October 17, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court  
for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division,  
the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave-  
nue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and ad-  
resses of the personal representative and the  
personal representative's attorney are set forth  
below.

All creditors of the decedent and other per-  
sons having claims or demands against decedent's  
estate on whom a copy of this notice is re-  
quired 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  
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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.

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RIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE  
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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  
November 28, 2012.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Diane L. Grogis  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael A. Rider  
Florida Bar Number: 175661  
13 N. Oak Avenue  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No.: 09-1421-GCS  
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOHN S. HAILE REVOCABLE TRUST, under Agreement dated July 18, 1991; JOHN S. HAILE; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1, TENANT #2, TENANT #3 AND TENANT #4, THE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION.  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint and Counterclaim" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on November 13, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on December 13, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.:

Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, REPLAT OF A PORTION OF DRIGGERS GROVE RESUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 26, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Property Tax ID No. P31-36-30-031-0010-0040  
Property Address: 220 Dal Hall Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida 33852

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

BOB GERMAINE  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Highlands County, Florida  
/s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
November 21, 28, 2012

Spring Lake Improvement District  
Holiday Gathering

The Spring Lake Improvement District Board of Supervisors, Staff, Advisors and spouses will be attending a Holiday Gathering on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Gathering will take place at the Unity Life Enrichment Center located at 10417 South Orange Blossom Blvd. No District business will be conducted or discussed at the event, and no decisions made.

Joe DeCarbo  
District Manager  
Wednesday, November 28, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000877  
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
PATRICK S. MOONEY, REBECCA MOONEY, WILSHIRE HOLDING GROUP, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 1, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2011-CA-000877 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and PATRICK S. MOONEY, REBECCA MOONEY, and WILSHIRE HOLDING GROUP, INC., are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 at 11:00 AM, on the 4th day of January, 2013, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 18, BLOCK 8, HARDER HALL COUNTRY CLUB II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 46, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A: 404 Barcelona Dr., Sebring, FL., 33875  
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on November 2, 2012.  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire  
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.  
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard  
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November 28; December 5, 2012

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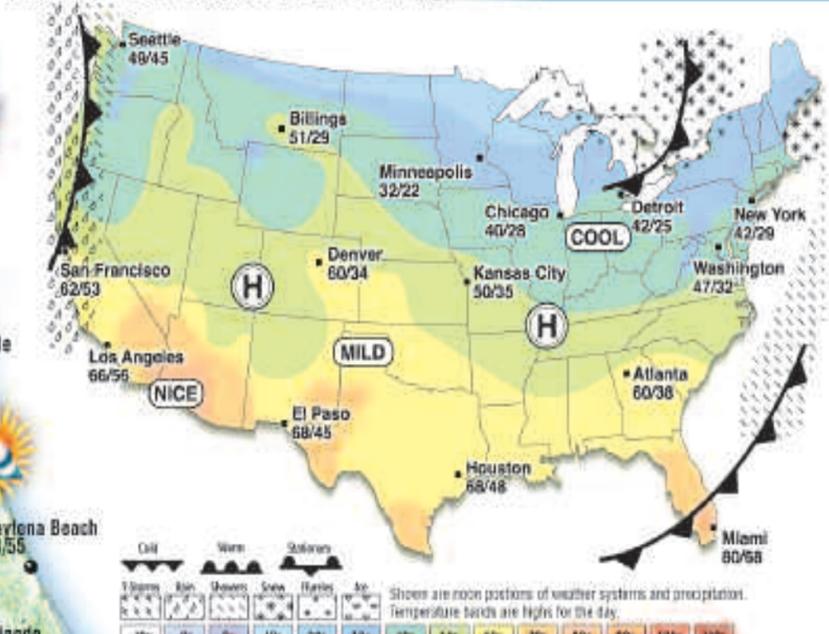
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

| TODAY                             | THURSDAY               | FRIDAY                 | SATURDAY                  | SUNDAY                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                   |                        |                        |                           |                                 |
| Pleasant with sun and some clouds | Partly sunny           | Partly sunny           | Partly sunny and pleasant | Sunny much of the time and nice |
| 79° / 56°                         | 78° / 60°              | 79° / 60°              | 80° / 60°                 | 79° / 59°                       |
| Winds: NNE at 7-14 mph            | Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph | Winds: ENE at 8-16 mph | Winds: NE at 8-16 mph     | Winds: ENE at 8-16 mph          |

National Forecast for November 28



Almanac

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

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| High Friday   | 75° |
| Low Friday    | 31° |
| High Saturday | 78° |
| Low Saturday  | 29° |
| High Sunday   | 73° |
| Low Sunday    | 42° |
| High Monday   | 76° |
| Low Monday    | 45° |

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

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Relative humidity        | 41% |
| Expected air temperature | 79° |
| Makes it feel like       | 70° |

**Barometer**

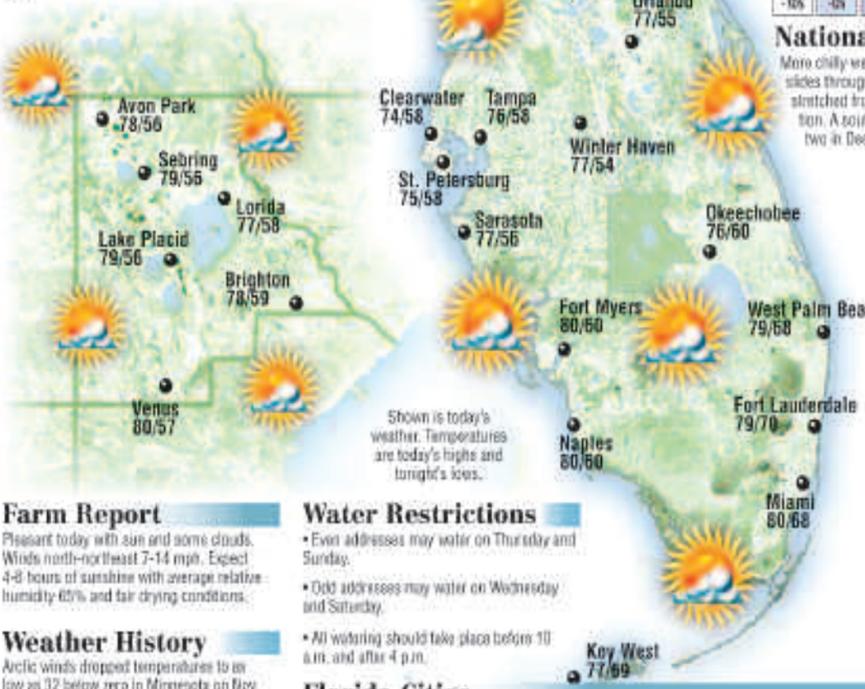
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| Saturday | 30.10 |
| Sunday   | 30.15 |
| Monday   | 30.25 |

**Precipitation**

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Saturday      | 0.00"  |
| Sunday        | 0.00"  |
| Monday        | 0.00"  |
| Month to date | 0.21"  |
| Year to date  | 55.58" |

Regional Summary

Pleasant today with sun and some clouds. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow and Friday. Saturday, partly sunny and pleasant. Sunday, sunny much of the time and nice.



Farm Report

Pleasant today with sun and some clouds. Winds north-northeast 7-14 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 65% and fair drying conditions.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

Arctic winds dropped temperatures to as low as 32 below zero in Minnesota on Nov. 20, 1989. One year later, 60 new records for warmth were set in the Midwest and Northeast.

Sun and Moon

|          | Today     | Thursday  |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Rise     | 6:54 a.m. | 6:56 a.m. |
| Sunset   | 5:34 p.m. | 5:34 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 5:46 p.m. | 6:36 p.m. |
| Moonset  | 6:56 a.m. | 7:40 a.m. |

National Summary

More chilly weather is on tap for the Northeast today in addition to snow showers across New York as a disturbance slides through. A departing storm can bring some morning snow to Boston and the Cape. With high pressure stretched from the Desert Southwest to the Great Lakes, dry, tranquil weather is expected across much of the nation. A southerly, milder flow of air across the Plains will bring a reprieve from the chill. There can be a shower or two in Deep South Texas. Mild weather in the Desert Southwest.

U.S. Cities

| City         | Today | Thu.  | Fri.  | City          | Today | Thu.  | Fri.  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Albuquerque  | 59/36 | 59/34 | 58/38 | Los Angeles   | 66/56 | 66/53 | 68/58 |
| Albany       | 50/35 | 51/35 | 51/35 | Louisville    | 48/30 | 54/35 | 59/40 |
| Baltimore    | 44/28 | 47/28 | 49/32 | Memphis       | 53/25 | 52/44 | 52/33 |
| Birmingham   | 59/32 | 62/42 | 65/51 | Minneapolis   | 32/22 | 34/24 | 34/28 |
| Boston       | 43/33 | 43/33 | 37/28 | Nashville     | 51/27 | 51/42 | 63/51 |
| Charlotte    | 56/28 | 59/28 | 60/44 | New Orleans   | 65/45 | 76/55 | 75/60 |
| Chicago      | 42/25 | 45/25 | 46/37 | New York City | 42/25 | 42/25 | 44/30 |
| Cleveland    | 40/28 | 45/31 | 47/38 | Norfolk       | 48/35 | 50/36 | 50/45 |
| Columbus     | 42/25 | 48/14 | 53/44 | Omaha City    | 62/47 | 64/45 | 65/47 |
| Dallas       | 64/46 | 70/57 | 75/68 | Philadelphia  | 43/26 | 43/38 | 47/32 |
| Denver       | 60/44 | 61/32 | 61/38 | Phoenix       | 60/54 | 78/55 | 76/54 |
| Detroit      | 42/25 | 45/30 | 42/35 | Pittsburgh    | 41/25 | 43/28 | 50/32 |
| Harrodsburg  | 42/22 | 42/25 | 44/28 | Portland, ME  | 39/24 | 38/23 | 32/15 |
| Honolulu     | 82/64 | 83/61 | 82/69 | Portland, OR  | 47/45 | 51/47 | 55/45 |
| Houston      | 68/45 | 71/54 | 76/61 | Raleigh       | 52/28 | 57/33 | 62/41 |
| Indianapolis | 43/28 | 50/36 | 55/45 | Rochester     | 41/28 | 39/25 | 34/30 |
| Jackson, MS  | 62/35 | 66/44 | 69/53 | St. Louis     | 48/33 | 58/42 | 56/39 |
| Kansas City  | 50/25 | 56/31 | 59/38 | San Francisco | 62/53 | 63/52 | 61/56 |
| Lexington    | 45/25 | 52/37 | 58/43 | Seattle       | 48/45 | 52/45 | 54/47 |
| Little Rock  | 57/33 | 63/45 | 61/55 | Wash., DC     | 47/32 | 48/31 | 51/37 |

World Cities

| City         | Today | Thu.  | Fri.  | City           | Today | Thu.  | Fri.  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Acapulco     | 81/71 | 80/74 | 80/73 | London         | 46/37 | 45/36 | 43/32 |
| Alaska       | 65/52 | 71/61 | 69/57 | Montreal       | 32/18 | 34/16 | 27/18 |
| Bahia        | 71/65 | 73/62 | 74/62 | Moscow         | 36/21 | 29/25 | 18/25 |
| Berlin       | 45/40 | 41/33 | 34/28 | Nice           | 68/52 | 65/48 | 61/47 |
| Bermuda      | 74/64 | 69/58 | 67/63 | Ottawa         | 33/21 | 36/17 | 24/19 |
| Calgary      | 21/6  | 13/5  | 15/14 | Quebec         | 30/13 | 24/9  | 30/14 |
| Canby        | 43/33 | 41/34 | 43/36 | Rio de Janeiro | 83/78 | 81/70 | 83/73 |
| Edmonton     | 71/58 | 21/5  | 4/1   | Seoul          | 45/27 | 39/25 | 41/23 |
| Frederic     | 77/67 | 76/65 | 75/70 | Singapore      | 88/77 | 88/77 | 89/77 |
| Ghana        | 45/28 | 40/31 | 37/18 | Sydney         | 77/68 | 82/66 | 85/70 |
| Havana       | 80/61 | 81/62 | 81/62 | Toronto        | 37/30 | 39/35 | 45/32 |
| Hong Kong    | 75/64 | 85/64 | 73/68 | Vancouver      | 51/45 | 52/45 | 51/42 |
| Jakarta      | 65/51 | 65/52 | 67/54 | Yonkers        | 42/48 | 34/38 | 40/31 |
| Johannesburg | 75/57 | 80/58 | 79/54 | Warsaw         | 46/44 | 47/41 | 44/27 |
| Kiev         | 40/26 | 47/44 | 52/53 | Winnipeg       | 21/15 | 13/10 | 25/23 |

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## STARS compete in track and field



Courtesy photo

Special STARS athlete Charlie Hodgkinson (front) works hard to push his wheelchair in the 25-meter race against Tim Johnson on Saturday, Nov. 10.

*Special to the News-Sun*  
AVON PARK – Athletes with various disabilities gathered at Ridge Area Arc's track on Saturday, Nov. 10, to participate in the Special STARS Track and Field and Cycling competition.

Members of the South Florida State College Volleyball team kicked off the competition by carrying in the torch during the opening ceremony.

They were escorted by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office and the West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department.

The torch was passed off to special athlete Ilana Levy who carried it to Bill Wheeler, then

Francesca DiMeglio and finally Tim Johnson carried it to the starting line.

Daniel Washington with the Avon Park High School Jr. ROTC presented the American flag while the national anthem was played.

There were approximately 50 athletes competing at the event. They competed for ribbons presented after lunch.

The two-wheel cyclist did a 1-kilometer race.

Eva Monk and Ricky Marino placed first while Billy Wheeler and Shawn Squires won second.

In the three-wheel cycling they went 500 meters.

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Anfernee Munnings drives for two Monday, but it was a barrage of threes that lead Okeechobee to a 77-49 win.

## Brahman treys tame Dragons

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID – The three-point shot can spring a team to victory, but can also bury it in defeat.

Hit a good percentage of them and those extra points add up, but it was the Okeechobee Brahman's who were tickling the twine Monday night in a 77-49 win over the host Dragons.

It started fast and furious as Sylvester Butler opened the scoring with one from beyond the arc.

Lake Placid's Anfernee Munnings answered with a drive with his left, but the Butler did it again, following with another three.

Brahman Eddie Neal then had a putback before Dragon Nick Tuason drove the baseline and spun a reverse in.

But Butler and Philip Jones both hit from downtown to sandwich two Jonah Brown free throws and move Okeechobee out to a 14-6 lead.

Lake Placid cut into it a bit, with Brown driving for a score and Scott Colley hitting a 12-foot jumper.

But the Brahman's got three straight scores in the paint to close out the quarter with a 20-10 edge.

The Dragons would claw back in some early in the second, with Nathan Stanley flipping in a layup and

Tuason and Munnings driving the lane for a bucket apiece to offset two Brahman buckets.

Stanley then split two trips to the line to get the lead under 10 at 25-18.

But another three, this from Brendan Jonnassaint, got it back to double digits.

Gavin Liford then scored on a breakaway and Jonnassaint converted a traditional three-point play and suddenly it was back to a commanding 33-18 margin.

Two more 'Chobee scores came inside from Eddie Neal to extend it further, though Justin Mason got inside for two Dragon points, as did Brown.

But then, after Butler had made a free throw, his ensuing miss was rebounded by Neal who put it back up for an unconventional three-point play.

This would close out the first half with the Brahman's up 40-22.

Lake Placid would keep it close in the third, though the lead still grew to 53-33, and the Brahman's would add five more second-half three's and put up 24 points in the fourth quarter to provide for the final margin.

The Dragons were back at it Tuesday, hosting DeSoto, before heading on the road Friday for a trip to Mulberry.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Heath Harris elevates to get this jumper off over Okeechobee's Tyrell Taylor Monday night.

# Tryptophan, Cowgirls do in Lady Dragons

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID – It was the annual "Turkey Bowl" as Lake Placid girls soccer coach John Merlo calls it.

That first game back after the Thanksgiving break where his team seems to have trouble getting going – such as in Monday night's 4-2 loss to visiting LaBelle.

"Too much turkey and not enough practice," is how he described it. "And the two practices we had weren't mandatory, so with some girls out of town, we had about eight or nine that were there."

Which goes a long way to explaining a lopsided first half in which the Cowgirls scored all four of their goals for the night.

"We came out slow and didn't run our trap very well," Merlo said. "We have an underclassman who is running the defense for the first time and she gets a little overwhelmed at times. It's an experience builder, but tonight we left their main scorer free way too often."

Hannah Waller did get



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
The race is on for Mary Grace Bates to get this shot off before the LaBelle defender cuts off her angle Monday night. Bates would score later in the second half, but the Cowgirls big first half lead to a 4-2 LaBelle win.

the Lady Dragons on the board in the opening 40 minutes and the team went into the half trailing 4-1.

"We wanted to improve the little things and we set our goals for the second half," Merlo said. "The goals were to get at least

one more score and prevent them from scoring again."

And they set about doing that as the defense really tightened up and goalkeeper Tamija Douglas stepped up in a big way.

On the night, Douglas had eight saves, many of the

sliding and diving variety.

None, though, was more impressive than on a penalty kick in the second half.

Facing the LaBelle striker one-on-one, Douglas didn't commit too early and

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## ABL Eagles to make Heartland home

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK – A new professional sports franchise is coming to Highlands County.

To be called the Heartland Eagles, the team will be part of the fledgling American Basketball League.

Steve Haney, ABL Chief Executive Officer, said his vision in creating the alliance was to revisit the days where minor league basketball was a community oriented event.

In fact, Haney said, the idea will be for each of the teams to focus on their respective communities – from affordably priced tickets to players and staff living in and working with area clubs, groups and organizations.

Haney himself has a rich history in professional basketball, having served as a former agent and attorney to NBA Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson, as well as working with other superstars such as

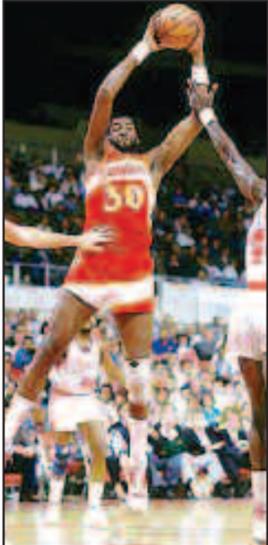


Photo courtesy of espn.com  
Wayne "Tree" Rollins an 18-year NBA veteran has taken to the coaching ranks and will be the head man for the Heartland Eagles.

Dominique Wilkins and NBA All-Star Kenny Anderson

The ABL will start with a dozen teams split between Florida and Texas, playing a 24-game schedule and winding up with a Final Four-type tournament for the top two teams in each division.

What differentiates the ABL from other leagues are two major things: It will

play by FIBA international rules, and it will serve as a feeder league for European leagues.

Although there have been no players announced for the Heartland Eagles franchise, they will have some super-star guidance.

Former NBA star Wayne Monte "Tree" Rollins will be the head coach.

Rollins himself is a product of central Florida, hav-

ing been born in Winter Haven.

The seven foot tall Rollins played 18 seasons in the National Basketball Association for teams including the Atlanta Hawks, Cleveland Cavaliers, Detroit Pistons, Houston Rockets and Orlando Magic.

In addition to serving as coach of a number of semi-pro teams, Rollins also served as both assistant coach and backup center for the Orlando Magic during the 1994-95 season

He is expected to be at South Florida State College this morning with other league principals to make the announcement and answer questions.

The Eagles will be based out of SFSC, both practicing and playing their home games at the Panther Gym.

Also in the ABL's Florida division will be the Emerald Coast Knights, the Fort Lauderdale Sharks, the Davie Stars, the Panama City Breeze and the West Palm Beach Piranhas.

# THE SCOREBOARD



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### National Football League

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| East        |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| W           | L T Pct PF PA     |
| New England | 8 3 0 .727407 244 |
| Miami       | 5 6 0 .455211 226 |
| N.Y. Jets   | 4 7 0 .364221 290 |
| Buffalo     | 4 7 0 .364243 319 |

| South        |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| W            | L T Pct PF PA      |
| Houston      | 10 1 0 .909327 211 |
| Indianapolis | 7 4 0 .636230 273  |
| Tennessee    | 4 7 0 .364238 335  |
| Jacksonville | 2 9 0 .182188 308  |

| North      |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| W          | L T Pct PF PA     |
| Baltimore  | 9 2 0 .818283 219 |
| Pittsburgh | 6 5 0 .545231 210 |
| Cincinnati | 6 5 0 .545282 247 |
| Cleveland  | 3 8 0 .273209 248 |

| West        |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| W           | L T Pct PF PA      |
| Denver      | 8 3 0 .727318 221  |
| San Diego   | 4 7 0 .364245 237  |
| Oakland     | 3 8 0 .273218 356  |
| Kansas City | 1 10 0 .091161 301 |

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| East         |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| W            | L T Pct PF PA     |
| N.Y. Giants  | 7 4 0 .636305 226 |
| Washington   | 5 6 0 .455295 285 |
| Dallas       | 5 6 0 .455242 262 |
| Philadelphia | 3 8 0 .273184 282 |

| South       |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| W           | L T Pct PF PA      |
| Atlanta     | 10 1 0 .909294 216 |
| Tampa Bay   | 6 5 0 .545310 254  |
| New Orleans | 5 6 0 .455308 304  |
| Carolina    | 3 8 0 .273214 265  |

| North     |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| W         | L T Pct PF PA     |
| Chicago   | 8 3 0 .727277 175 |
| Green Bay | 7 4 0 .636273 245 |
| Minnesota | 6 5 0 .545248 249 |
| Detroit   | 4 7 0 .364267 280 |

| West          |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| W             | L T Pct PF PA     |
| San Francisco | 8 2 1 .773276 155 |
| Seattle       | 6 5 0 .545219 185 |
| St. Louis     | 4 6 1 .409205 254 |
| Arizona       | 4 7 0 .364180 227 |

#### Sunday's Games

Denver 17, Kansas City 9  
 Chicago 28, Minnesota 10  
 Cincinnati 34, Oakland 10  
 Cleveland 20, Pittsburgh 14  
 Indianapolis 20, Buffalo 13  
 Jacksonville 24, Tennessee 19  
 Atlanta 24, Tampa Bay 23  
 Miami 24, Seattle 21  
 Baltimore 16, San Diego 13, OT  
 St. Louis 31, Arizona 17  
 San Francisco 31, New Orleans 21  
 N.Y. Giants 38, Green Bay 10

#### Monday's Game

Carolina 30, Philadelphia 22

#### Thursday, Nov. 29

New Orleans at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.

#### Sunday, Dec. 2

Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
 San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.  
 Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
 Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
 Arizona at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
 Jacksonville at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
 New England at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Denver, 4:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

#### Monday, Dec. 3

N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

#### AFC LEADERS

| Quarterbacks     |     |     |      |     |    |
|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|
| Att              | Com | Yds | TD   | Int |    |
| Brady, NE        | 421 | 274 | 3299 | 24  | 3  |
| P. Manning, DN   | 409 | 277 | 3260 | 26  | 8  |
| R. Thibault, PIT | 316 | 209 | 2287 | 17  | 4  |
| Schaub, HOU      | 378 | 245 | 2855 | 19  | 9  |
| Dalton, CIN      | 374 | 237 | 2769 | 23  | 11 |

| Rushers        |     |      |      |     |    |
|----------------|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| Att            | Yds | Avg  | LG   | TD  |    |
| A. Foster, HOU | 269 | 1064 | 3.96 | 46  | 12 |
| C. Johnson, TN | 191 | 942  | 4.93 | 83t | 4  |
| Ridley, NE     | 206 | 939  | 4.56 | 41  | 8  |
| J. Charles, KC | 195 | 928  | 4.76 | 91t | 3  |
| Spiller, BUF   | 123 | 830  | 6.75 | 56t | 4  |

| Receivers     |     |      |      |     |    |
|---------------|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| No            | Yds | Avg  | LG   | TD  |    |
| Wayne, IND    | 84  | 1105 | 13.2 | 30t | 3  |
| Welker, NE    | 80  | 961  | 12.0 | 59  | 3  |
| A. Jhnsn, HOU | 69  | 1058 | 15.3 | 60t | 3  |
| D. Green, CIN | 67  | 1022 | 15.3 | 73t | 10 |
| D. Thomas, DN | 61  | 1015 | 16.6 | 71t | 6  |

#### NFC LEADERS

| Quarterbacks    |     |     |      |     |    |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|
| Att             | Com | Yds | TD   | Int |    |
| A. Rodgers, GB  | 379 | 252 | 2838 | 28  | 7  |
| Griffin III, WS | 305 | 206 | 2504 | 16  | 4  |
| A. Smith, SF    | 217 | 152 | 1731 | 13  | 5  |
| Brees, NO       | 442 | 276 | 3333 | 31  | 11 |
| M. Ryan, ATL    | 429 | 294 | 3425 | 21  | 13 |

| Rushers        |     |      |      |     |   |
|----------------|-----|------|------|-----|---|
| Att            | Yds | Avg  | LG   | TD  |   |
| Peterson, MIN  | 213 | 1236 | 5.80 | 74  | 7 |
| M. Lynch, SEA  | 231 | 1051 | 4.55 | 77t | 5 |
| Do. Martin, TB | 218 | 1050 | 4.82 | 70t | 9 |
| Morris, WS     | 208 | 982  | 4.72 | 39t | 6 |
| Gore, SF       | 176 | 914  | 5.19 | 37  | 5 |

| Receivers       |     |      |      |    |   |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|----|---|
| No              | Yds | Avg  | LG   | TD |   |
| Witten, DAL     | 82  | 710  | 8.7  | 35 | 1 |
| B. Marshall, CH | 81  | 1017 | 12.6 | 45 | 8 |
| C. Johnson, DET | 73  | 1257 | 17.2 | 53 | 4 |
| Gonzalez, ATL   | 69  | 712  | 10.3 | 25 | 6 |
| R. White, ATL   | 67  | 1003 | 15.0 | 59 | 4 |

#### MLS Playoffs

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Semifinals**  
**D.C. United vs. New York**  
 D.C. United 1, New York 1  
 New York 0, D.C. United 1, D.C. United advances 2-1 on aggregate

**Kansas City vs. Houston**  
 Houston 2, Kansas City 0  
 Kansas City 1, Houston 0, Houston advances 2-1 on aggregate

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 Houston 3, D.C. United 1  
 D.C. United 1, Houston 1, Houston advances on 4-2 aggregate

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**Semifinals**  
**San Jose vs. Los Angeles**  
 Los Angeles 0, San Jose 1  
 San Jose 1, Los Angeles 3, Los Angeles advances 3-2 on aggregate

**Seattle vs. Real Salt Lake**  
 Seattle 0, Real Salt Lake 0  
 Real Salt Lake 0, Seattle 1, Seattle advances 1-0 on aggregate

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 Los Angeles 3, Seattle 0  
 Seattle 2, Los Angeles 1, Los Angeles

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### WEDNESDAY

|           |                          |       |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| 7 p.m.    | Virginia at Wisconsin    | ESPN2 |
| 7:30 p.m. | Michigan State at Miami  | ESPN  |
| 9 p.m.    | Georgia Tech at Illinois | ESPN2 |
| 9:30 p.m. | Ohio State at Duke       | ESPN  |

#### THURSDAY

|        |                        |       |
|--------|------------------------|-------|
| 7 p.m. | Kentucky at Notre Dame | ESPN2 |
| 9 p.m. | Marquette at Florida   | ESPN2 |

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

#### THURSDAY

|           |                       |      |
|-----------|-----------------------|------|
| 7:30 p.m. | Louisville at Rutgers | ESPN |
|-----------|-----------------------|------|

### GOLF

#### THURSDAY

|           |                        |      |
|-----------|------------------------|------|
| 9:30 a.m. | Nedbank Golf Challenge | GOLF |
| 3 p.m.    | PGA - World Challenge  | GOLF |

### NBA

#### THURSDAY

|            |                        |     |
|------------|------------------------|-----|
| 8 p.m.     | San Antonio at Miami   | TNT |
| 10:30 p.m. | Denver at Golden State | TNT |

### PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

#### WEDNESDAY

|           |                                |       |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 2:55 p.m. | Manchester United vs. West Ham | ESPN2 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|

Times, games, channels all subject to change

advances on 4-2 aggregate

#### MLS CUP

Saturday, Dec. 1: Houston at Los Angeles, 4:30 p.m.

#### NBA

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

| W            | L | Pct | GB   |     |
|--------------|---|-----|------|-----|
| Brooklyn     | 9 | 4   | .692 | —   |
| New York     | 9 | 4   | .692 | —   |
| Philadelphia | 8 | 6   | .571 | 1.5 |
| Boston       | 8 | 6   | .571 | 1.5 |
| Toronto      | 3 | 11  | .214 | 6.5 |

##### Southeast Division

| W          | L  | Pct | GB   |     |
|------------|----|-----|------|-----|
| Miami      | 10 | 3   | .769 | —   |
| Atlanta    | 8  | 4   | .667 | 1.5 |
| Charlotte  | 7  | 6   | .538 | 3   |
| Orlando    | 5  | 8   | .385 | 5   |
| Washington | 0  | 12  | .000 | 9.5 |

##### Central Division

| W         | L | Pct | GB   |     |
|-----------|---|-----|------|-----|
| Milwaukee | 7 | 5   | .583 | —   |
| Chicago   | 6 | 7   | .462 | 1.5 |
| Indiana   | 6 | 8   | .429 | 2   |
| Detroit   | 4 | 11  | .267 | 4.5 |
| Cleveland | 3 | 11  | .214 | 5   |

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

| W           | L  | Pct | GB   |     |
|-------------|----|-----|------|-----|
| Memphis     | 10 | 2   | .833 | .5  |
| San Antonio | 12 | 3   | .800 | —   |
| Dallas      | 7  | 7   | .500 | 4.5 |
| Houston     | 6  | 7   | .462 | 5   |
| New Orleans | 4  | 9   | .308 | 7   |

##### Northwest Division

| W             | L  | Pct | GB   |     |
|---------------|----|-----|------|-----|
| Oklahoma City | 11 | 4   | .733 | —   |
| Denver        | 8  | 7   | .533 | 3   |
| Utah          | 8  | 7   | .533 | 3   |
| Portland      | 6  | 8   | .429 | 4.5 |
| Minnesota     | 5  | 7   | .417 | 4.5 |

##### Pacific Division

| W             | L | Pct | GB   |     |
|---------------|---|-----|------|-----|
| Golden State  | 8 | 6   | .571 | —   |
| L.A. Clippers | 8 | 6   | .571 | —   |
| L.A. Lakers   | 7 | 7   | .500 | 1   |
| Phoenix       | 6 | 8   | .429 | 2   |
| Sacramento    | 4 | 9   | .308 | 3.5 |

#### Saturday's Games

Atlanta 104, L.A. Clippers 93  
 Oklahoma City 116, Philadelphia 109, OT  
 Charlotte 108, Washington 106, 20T  
 Miami 110, Cleveland 108  
 L.A. Lakers 115, Dallas 89  
 Chicago 93, Milwaukee 86  
 Sacramento 108, Utah 97  
 Golden State 96, Minnesota 85

#### Sunday's Games

New York 121, Detroit 100  
 San Antonio 111, Toronto 106, 20T  
 Brooklyn 98, Portland 85  
 Philadelphia 104, Phoenix 101  
 Boston 116, Orlando 110, OT  
 Denver 102, New Orleans 84

#### Monday's Games

San Antonio 118, Washington 92  
 Brooklyn 96, New York 89, OT  
 Detroit 108, Portland 101  
 Milwaukee 93, Chicago 92  
 Memphis 84, Cleveland 78  
 Oklahoma City 114, Charlotte 69  
 Utah 105, Denver 103  
 New Orleans 105, L.A. Clippers 98

#### Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Cleveland, late  
 Dallas at Philadelphia, late  
 Toronto at Houston, late  
 Minnesota at Sacramento, late  
 Indiana at L.A. Lakers, late

#### Wednesday's Games

San Antonio at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Portland at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 Toronto at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
 New York at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

#### LEADERS

##### Scoring

|              | FG  | FT  | PTS | AVG  |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Bryant, LAL  | 126 | 97  | 376 | 26.9 |
| Anthony, NYK | 121 | 71  | 342 | 26.3 |
| Durant, OKC  | 125 | 115 | 389 | 25.9 |
| Harden, HOU  | 98  | 107 | 327 | 25.2 |
| James, MIA   | 129 | 51  | 327 | 25.2 |

##### Rebounds

|               | OFF | DEF | TOT | AVG  |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Varejao, CLE  | 75  | 116 | 191 | 14.7 |
| Randolph, MEM | 60  | 98  | 158 | 13.2 |

|                |    |     |     |      |
|----------------|----|-----|-----|------|
| Asik, HOU      | 52 | 103 | 155 | 11.9 |
| Faried, DEN    | 75 | 95  | 170 | 11.3 |
| Jefferson, UTA | 39 | 124 | 163 | 10.9 |
| Lee, GOL       | 37 | 115 | 152 | 10.9 |

#### Assists

|               | G  | AST | AVG  |
|---------------|----|-----|------|
| Rondo, BOS    | 13 | 178 | 13.7 |
| Paul, LAC     | 14 | 133 | 9.5  |
| Holiday, PHL  | 14 | 129 | 9.2  |
| Williams, BRO | 13 | 116 | 8.9  |
| Vasquez, NO   | 13 | 115 | 8.8  |

#### Steals

|  | G |  |
|--|---|--|
|--|---|--|

# NASCAR THIS WEEK

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## UP NEXT: SPRINT CUP AWARDS

Brad Keselowski won the Sprint Cup championship in only his third full season at NASCAR's premier level. For owner Roger Penske, it took 29 seasons to capture stock-car racing's ultimate honor.

The two will be honored along with the rest of Sprint Cup's top 10 on Nov. 30 at the Wynn Las Vegas. The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Awards will be broadcast live, beginning at 8 p.m., on the Speed cable/satellite channel, Motor Racing Network radio and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Channel 90). Entertainment will be provided by Train, Lifehouse, Natasha Bedingfield, Phillip Phillips and performers from "The Beatles LOVE," a Vegas stage show.

The awards will be hosted by "America's Got Talent" judge Howie Mandel. The show is a culmination of Champion's Week.

Train is a three-time Grammy-winning and multi-platinum rock band with some experience with NASCAR audiences. Lead singer Pat Monahan sang the national anthem at the Daytona 500 in February, and the entire

band performed in July at Daytona International Speedway before the Coke Zero 400.

The band won the 2011 ASCAP Song of the Year in the pop category for "Hey, Soul Sister."

Lifehouse, a rock band, and singer-songwriter Natasha Bedingfield will combine for a performance of "Between the Raindrops."

Singer-guitarist Phillips won "American Idol" in May and just released his first album, "The World From the Side of the Moon."

"The Beatles LOVE" combines "the magic of Cirque du Soleil with the spirit and passion of the Beatles,"



using "high-energy fusions of urban, freestyle dance, acrobatics and fast-paced athleticism."

Keselowski, 28, is only the second driver to win the Cup championship after first winning a title in the Nationwide Series (2010). The first was Bobby Labonte.

Though 12 drivers qualify for NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup, only the top 10 are honored at the annual ceremonies. In addition to Keselowski, the drivers to be honored are, in order of finish from second to 10th, Clint Bowyer, Jimmie Johnson, Kasey Kahne, Greg Biffle, Denny Hamlin, Matt Kenseth, Kevin Harvick, Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### LOOKING TO NEXT SEASON

# Five To Watch

By Monte Dutton | NASCAR This Week

Brad Keselowski's against-all-odds run to the Sprint Cup championship breathed new life into a Sprint Cup Series landscape in which no one other than Jimmie Johnson or Tony Stewart had won a championship in seven years.

A championship gives Keselowski, 28, a status that

can't be bought or promoted. He wasn't merely the champion. He became NASCAR's man to watch.

There will be others, if for no other reason, because 2013 will be a new year. Everyone knows that Keselowski, Johnson and Stewart — not to mention Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin, Matt Kenseth and the rest — will play major roles in the next season.

Who else will the cameras favor?



### CLINT BOWYER

Surprise! It was Bowyer, not Johnson, who finished second to Keselowski. The two are similarly personable and, at times, similarly controversial. Bowyer will undoubtedly be a popular dark horse when predictions are made regarding 2013.

### CARL EDWARDS

Three times — 2005, '08, and '11 — Edwards contended for championships. In each case, he slumped the following year. In each case, he came back part of the way the next and made a title run the third, if the pattern holds, he'll make the Chase again next year.



### DANICA PATRICK

The evidence suggests she is far from ready to be a competitive force, but the money is there and she has a full-time Cup ride teaming with Stewart and Ryan Newman. She's getting better, but the learning curve has to accelerate.



### RICKY STENHOUSE JR.

Stenhouse, with two Nationwide Series championships in tow, is well-prepared for the big time. Replacing Kenseth at Roush Fenway isn't going to be easy. He will probably have his struggles, but few would be surprised to see him in victory lane.

### JOEY LOGANO

Five years ago, the betting line would have favored Logano to win a championship ahead of Keselowski. Now, at the well-seasoned age of 22, Logano is Keselowski's teammate, and the plan is for the two to give Roger Penske a cohesive team as well as a title.

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NASCAR This Week



## Nationwide, Camping World awards a hit

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Youth was the hallmark of awards ceremonies commemorating the seasons of NASCAR's Nationwide and Camping World Truck Series, conducted on Nov. 19 on the Americana Ballroom stage at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel.

The Nationwide champion, for the second straight year, was 25-year-old Ricky Stenhouse Jr., who will make the move to Sprint Cup next year. The Truck champion, James Buescher, is only 22.

Stenhouse was just the sixth driver to win consecutive Nationwide titles.

### NUTS AND BOLTS



#### Buescher

Buescher became the second-youngest Truck champion. Stenhouse won six races; Buescher won four.

Joe Gibbs Racing, not Stenhouse's Roush Fenway team, won the Nationwide owner championship. JGR, which runs its No. 18 with several drivers behind the wheel, has won the owner title four times in the past five seasons.

Turner Motorsports, fielding the



#### A. Dillon



#### T. Dillon

champion's Chevy Silverado, claimed the owner title in Trucks. It was the organization's fifth year in the series.

Austin Dillon, 22, won Sunoco Rookie of the Year in Nationwide competition, becoming the third driver to be named top rookie in the two auxiliary series. His younger brother Ty, 20, won Rookie of the Year in Trucks. They



#### Piquet Jr.

are the first siblings to win rookie plaudits in Trucks. Austin and Ty Dillon are the grandsons of prominent NASCAR owner and former driver Richard Childress.

Danica Patrick was named Most Popular Driver in the Nationwide Series. Nelson Piquet Jr. won the award in the Camping World Truck Series.

Rick Allen and Krista Voda hosted the event, which was scheduled to be aired on the Speed cable/satellite channel on Nov. 29, from 8 to 10 p.m.

## ON THE TUBE

**Sprint Cup Series**  
Budweiser Shootout,  
TBA, Feb. 16



## BURNING ISSUES

► The new Sprint Cup champion has enough confidence to be himself. Told some had criticized him for his partying, Brad Keselowski said: "Yeah, I think everybody faces their criticism, no matter what you do. You're never going to get all of the people to like something that you do. It's not possible. Someone's always going to dislike something you do, and you have to roll that off your shoulders and move on. But if you're true to yourself in the long run, those things will work themselves out. I had fun, and I wanted to show that fun and enjoy it with others. I'm more thrilled that people enjoyed it than I am disappointed (at) questioning my path because someone else didn't like it."

► For the man who has everything, Keselowski wants to buy himself a tank. Not an aquarium. A big tank. Military. Goes boom-boom.

► Keselowski's championship occurred at career start No. 125, the fewest since Jeff Gordon needed 93 races to nail down the first of four titles in 1995.

► Roger Penske's first Cup championship occurred in his 29th season of competition, encompassing 40 years. Penske's previous best had been a second with Rusty Wallace in 1993.

► No champion had driven No. 2 since Dale Earnhardt in 1980, when he competed in a Chevy owned by Rod Osterlund.

► Possible trivia question in the future: Who finished second to Keselowski? It was Clint Bowyer, not Jimmie Johnson.

► In spite of being the points runner-up, Bowyer said finishing second to nemesis in Gordon the final race left him "frustrated and bummed out."

► Asked about his impressive performance in the season's final four races, Kyle Busch pointed out that the car in which he did it was now "obsolete." In other words, back to the drawing board (or, well, the laptop).

► After five straight championships, Johnson has fallen short in consecutive years. "We had 80 percent of the Chase that we wanted to have, a ton of momentum late in the season, and then those final two races bit us," he said.

► Bob Keselowski, who's in a position to know, said his son's championship was "years and years in the making."

## FINAL 2012 STANDINGS

| Sprint Cup Series      | Pts.  |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Brad Keselowski     | 2,400 |
| 2. Clint Bowyer        | -39   |
| 3. Jimmie Johnson      | -40   |
| 4. Kasey Kahne         | -55   |
| 5. Greg Biffle         | -68   |
| 6. Denny Hamlin        | -71   |
| 7. Matt Kenseth        | -76   |
| 8. Kevin Harvick       | -79   |
| 9. Tony Stewart        | -89   |
| 10. Jeff Gordon        | -97   |
| 11. Martin Truex Jr.   | -101  |
| 12. Dale Earnhardt Jr. | -155  |

## Nationwide Series

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. | 1,251 |
| 2. Elliott Sadler      | -23   |
| 3. Austin Dillon       | -24   |
| 4. Sam Hornish Jr.     | -105  |
| 5. Michael Annett      | -169  |
| 6. Justin Allgaier     | -175  |
| 7. Cole Whitt          | -257  |
| 8. Mike Bliss          | -349  |
| 9. Brian Scott         | -398  |
| 10. Danica Patrick     | -413  |

## Camping World Truck Series

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| 1. James Buescher    | 808  |
| 2. Timothy Peters    | -6   |
| 3. Joey Coulter      | -19  |
| 4. Ty Dillon         | -24  |
| 5. Parker Kligerman  | -30  |
| 6. Matt Crafton      | -49  |
| 7. Nelson Piquet Jr. | -61  |
| 8. Justin Lofton     | -98  |
| 9. Johnny Sauter     | -130 |
| 10. Miguel Paludo    | -140 |

## WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

► **Who's hot:** Kyle Busch's average finish was 3.0 in the final four Sprint Cup races. ... Kevin Harvick had a victory and two other top-10s in the final three.

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## FEUD OF THE WEEK



### Keselowski vs Johnson

Here's hoping this is one for the ages. Johnson is established as one of the all-time greats, but he's hardly ready to just fade into the background. Keselowski is the dynamic new kid on the block, but Johnson aspires to win three more championships and set the all-time record. At least for now, they are squarely in each other's way.

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take:** "Much will change in 2013. Everyone will drive new cars, but Keselowski's will be a Ford. Can the two keep up with the changes? Likely."

## YOUR TURN

### LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

#### Bowyer Deserves Blame?

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Send emails to [ndutton@gastongazette.com](mailto:ndutton@gastongazette.com). ATTN: NTW question

#### Dear NASCAR This Week,

I think it stinks that NASCAR fined and took points only from (Jeff) Gordon and not (Clint) Bowyer (at Phoenix). They both should have been fined and lost points. Bowyer has wretched Gordon many times, and he got a slap on the hand. It's about time Gordon finally stood up for himself.

And as for the remarks from (Brad) Keselowski and (Michael) Waltrip — they were both uncalled for. They act like they never cause a wreck. I know better. I watch NASCAR every week.

I will not envy week for someone who wrecks Bowyer. Who thinks he is Mr. Nice Guy? What a joke! Gordon is one of the cleanest drivers. He never intentionally wrecks anyone. But he finally had enough (good for him) of Bowyer. Gordon has had a lot of bad luck, and Bowyer was most of it.

I finally got rid of my frustration. Thanks for reading my complaints.

Mrs. Joan Wilkerson  
Jenison, Mich.

No one could question that you let us know how you really feel.

## FAN TIPS

### Trivia Galore For The Fan

John C. Farrell is the author of "The Official NASCAR Trivia Book," which includes an introduction by ESPN's Marty Smith. The compilation includes 1,001 facts and questions to test your racing knowledge, including true/false, multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank. The book is in soft cover and is priced at \$16.99 (\$18.99 in Canada). It is part of the NASCAR Library Collection.

## LEGENDS AND LORE

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John Clark/NASCAR This Week  
Richard Petty



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# STARS shine in competition

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First place winners were Mac Smith and Katie Gibson. Maricel Moreno and Dustin Akey won second.

Emily Harrison and Minnie Sue Reid won third while Bryan Bishop got fourth.

Tim Johnson took first place in the 25-meter wheelchair event.

Charlie Hodgkinson won second, Jimmy Phipps won third and Hormel Biggs got fourth.

In the 50-meter walk, first place winners were Bobby Byrd, Helena Spies and Nicole Lewis.

Second place winners were Rob Ward, Francesca DiMeglio and Lewis Simpson.

Third place finishers were Frances Goff, Terry Richardson and Alan Kufnowski. Megan Eisnaugle won fourth.

In the 50-meter run, first place winners were Mark Rieke, Kerrie Baker and Ricky Singer.

Second place winners were Edrei Lopez, Dama Massey and Timmy Cypress.

Third place winners were Jim Kentfield, Kenny Robers and Jacquelyn Furry. Bruce Brummett won fourth while Fred Moore won fifth.

In the 100-meter run, first place finishers were Bill Sobczak and Ilana Levy.

Second place winners were



Courtesy photo  
**Jacquelyn Furry winds up to throw the softball during the Special STARS Track and Field event on Saturday, Nov. 10.**

John Davis and Greg Robinson.

Third place was won by Alex Lopez and John Smith.

Field events included tennis ball throw, shot put and softball throw.

Jimmy Phipps won first in the tennis ball throw while Hormel Biggs took second.

In shot put, Ilana Levy was first place in the women's division while Greg Robinson was first for the men.

Bill Sobczak won second and John Davis won third in the men's shot.

In softball throw, there were seven heats.

First place winners were Rene Herrera, Jim Kentfield,

Lewis Simpson, Nicole Lewis, Rob Ward, John Smith and Gregory Ruggs.

Second place winners were Frances Goff, Tim Johnson, Kerrie Baker, Sarah Moore, Bobby Byrd, Jacquelyn Furry and Alex Lopez.

Third place winners were Kenny Roberts, Timmy Cypress, Francesca DiMeglio, Alan Kufnowski, Dama Massey, Sharon Carpenter and Mark Rieke.

Fourth place was won by Charlie Hodgkinson, Lorraine Steeves, Helena Spies, Terry Richardson, Leslie Hollandy, Bruce Brummett and Edrei Lopez, while Megan Eisnaugle won fifth place.

# Plenty going on at the YMCA

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**SEBRING** — Bruce Moellendick, former PGA trainer, is the instructor for the YMCA's youth golf program starting in December.

The classes will be held twice a week for four weeks for ages 5 to 15, cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members.

For more information on this program please contact us at 382-9622 ask for Kevin Stoker.

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We do registration at the beginning of each month.

Prices have been pro-rated due to the holiday season.

### Upcoming Events

**Christmas at the "Y"** - It's the Holiday Season and the YMCA is getting in the

mood with our 2nd annual "Christmas at the Y."

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. the YMCA will be hosting a night full of fun, including: A big slide, bounce house, games, free candy and prizes, a cake walk, concessions, crafts, Christmas storytelling, and free pictures with Santa Claus.

Tickets are \$2 per person.

There will be live entertainment with a line-up of Michelle Cathey, Justus Martin, The Wacaster Family, and Nala Price.

### YMCA's Last Day 5K

The YMCA is looking forward to bringing in the New Year with our 3rd annual Last Day 5K.

The race will take place at the Y on Saturday, Dec. 29.

The cost is \$20 by December 26 or \$25 anytime after that.

Children 10 years old and under are \$10.

Pre-registration starts at 8 a.m. and goes to 8:45 a.m. on race day, race time is 9 a.m.

### Camp Holiday Hoopla

The YMCA is offering 8 days of fantastic fun.

The Camp Holiday Hoopla will be taking place December 20, 21, 26-28, and January 2-4.

The camp hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and it will include a wide range of

activities like arts and crafts, gymnastics, a field trip, fitness and nutrition, and all kinds of sports.

Ages include 5-12 and camp fees are \$15 for one time registration, a \$20 daily fee, or if you would like to do all eight days it is \$125.

T-shirts and lunch will be provided.

### Open House at the "Y"

Looking to join a gym that fits your needs? Why not join the YMCA?

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On Saturday, Jan. 5, stop in to the Highlands County Family YMCA for our Open House.

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Come check us out and enjoy the water.

Pool Hours - Monday-Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 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

# LP downed despite strong second half

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made a leap toward the right corner of the goal to deflect it away.

And for a good portion of the second half, had one not noticed the scoreboard, it might have seemed Lake Placid was in control and keeping the ball on the Cowgirl side of the field.

"It's a little tough though," Merlo said. "Our two midfielders, we're asking them to help out on defense more so

that by the time they get the ball up field, they don't have enough leg left to really take a good shot. We'd get it there, but the shots didn't have much on them."

That was, until the 75th minute when the combination of Michelle Hunter and Mary Grace Bates showed some impressive leg strength.

On a breakaway, Hunter was racing in from the left and tried blasting a shot.

But a LaBelle defender

was there to snuff it out, only the force of the shot sent it sideways where Bates faced a similar scenario.

Gathering the ball as a Cowgirl leapt toward her, Bates also saw the shot virtually stuffed.

But she unloaded with such steam that it still spurted forth with enough velocity to carry it into the far corner of the net.

The goals of the second half were accomplished,

though the final moments would tick away with no further accomplishments.

"With it right after the holiday, a non-district game doesn't matter too much,"

Merlo said. "We came out slow but really picked it up and I'm happy with how the girls finished.

"This was good for us and now we should be ready to go

with our next few games which, if we can play like this, are very winnable."

The Dragons hosted DeSoto Tuesday and travel to Hardee Thursday.

## Florida Trail Association - Heartland Chapter December Activities

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**Saturday, Dec. 1**

Backpacking 101 Course at the Circle B Bar Preserve, SR 540 (Winter Lake Road), Lakeland

Learn the essentials necessary to go on any type of backpacking trip from day hike, overnight or multi-day trips.

Bring a notebook, pen and any backpacking equipment you want to review with our instructor, Dave Waldrop.

Contact Waldrop at 863-605-3587, or email david\_lwfl@yahoo.com for meet-up time and other details.

**Saturday, Dec. 8**

A downtown Lakeland walking tour.

We will meet for a light dinner or sandwich at The Chop Shop and then a walking tour of downtown Lakeland's Christmas decorations and historic sites.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring warm hat, gloves, etc., for the walk and money to purchase dinner.

Contact Ken Williams at (863) 602-5185, or email dec1966@aol.com for meet-up time and other details.

**Saturday, Dec. 15**

Day Hike (and/or camp overnight in the park's campground Fri-Sun by reserving your own site), at Lake Kissimmee State Park.

A beautiful park with a cow camp where old-time relics are on display, an old timer to tell stories of years gone by and an observation tower on the lake.

Bring water, snacks and lunch, sun and insect protection for hiking.

Note: RSVP for hiking to Betty Piper at 863-293-3053 or email bpiper2005@aol.com for meet-up time and other details.

If camping (tent or RV), make a reservation at ReserveAmerica.com, and RSVP to Teresa Newgent at (813) 882-9558, or email newgt7@yahoo.com.

Bring a dish for the pot luck dinner on Saturday evening, and a gag gift for the gift exchange if you wish to participate.

**Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30**

Overnight Backpacking Trip at the Arbuckle portion of the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest.

This is a follow-up to the Backpacking 101 Course held on Dec. 1 and is only those who have completed the Backpacking 101 Course or those who have had previous backpacking experience.

The trail leads through moderately rolling hills with pine forests, prairies, wetlands, scrub and marshy lakeshore along the west side of Lake Arbuckle.

Bring backpacking equipment, hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

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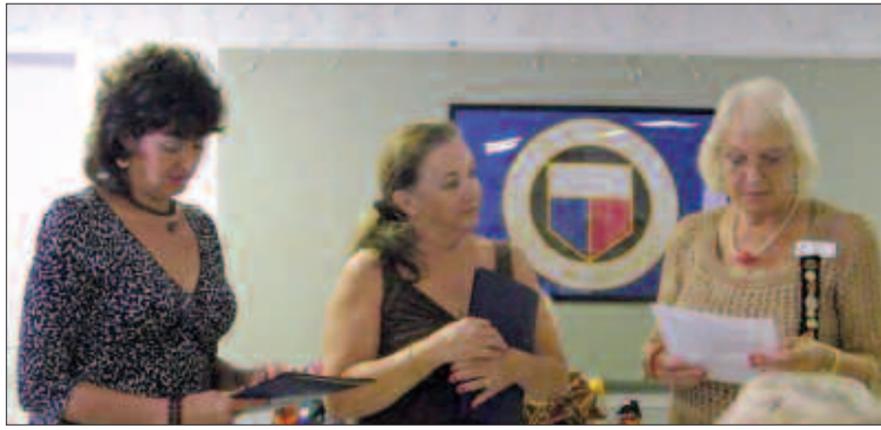
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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Courtesy photo  
Lake Placid Garden Club membership chairman Luise Andrea (right) introduces two new members - Marcia Price (middle) and Cindy Trainer.

## Lake Placid Garden Club learns about exotic plants

*Special to the News-Sun*  
LAKE PLACID — There were 41 Lake Placid Garden Club members and eight guests who enjoyed a catered turkey dinner by Hartzell's Catering and served by the hostess committee on Nov. 14 at the Lake Placid Woman's Club, with president Alice Stahr presiding.

The very informative program, "Orchids and Bromeliads", was given by Phil Elting of Elting Exotic Plants. Elting and his plant manager, Tim, were available before and after the meeting to answer questions and sell plants.

Club member Joyce Miles gave an interesting horticulture report and showed pictures of the "Moonflowers." They bloom at night, are very fragrant, and are pollinated

by moths.

There were 13 Lake Placid Garden Club members who attended the Oct. 19 Fall District IX meeting at the Jack R. Stroup Civic Center, Sebring. Recognition was given to LPGC member Mary Meisenheimer for volunteer work at Camp Wekiva; she received the special pin from State President Jan Sillik. Also, LPGC member Patsy Stamm received the special pin for her contribution to the FFGC. President Stahr also recognized Mary at the Nov. 14 meeting with a FFGC pin and a district IX pin for her helpful contributions to the club.

Committee reports: Garden Therapy - Nancy Horney showed the members cute turkey arrangements made with the residents at the Lake Placid Health Care Center. Residents take their arrangements back to their room to enjoy.

Dec. 7 is the Holiday Home and Garden Tour. Tickets for \$10 are for sale. For information, call 465-1269 or 465-0487.

The Garden Club will participate Dec. 8 at Saturday Market in Stuart Park.

Ways and Means - Shirley Puzy thanked the members for all their help and contributions that made the "Plant, Bake and Jewelry Sale" a great success.

The Lake Placid Garden Club meets every second Wednesday from September through May. For more information or to attend, call 465-6106.

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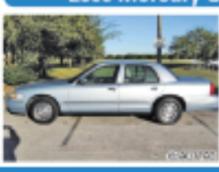
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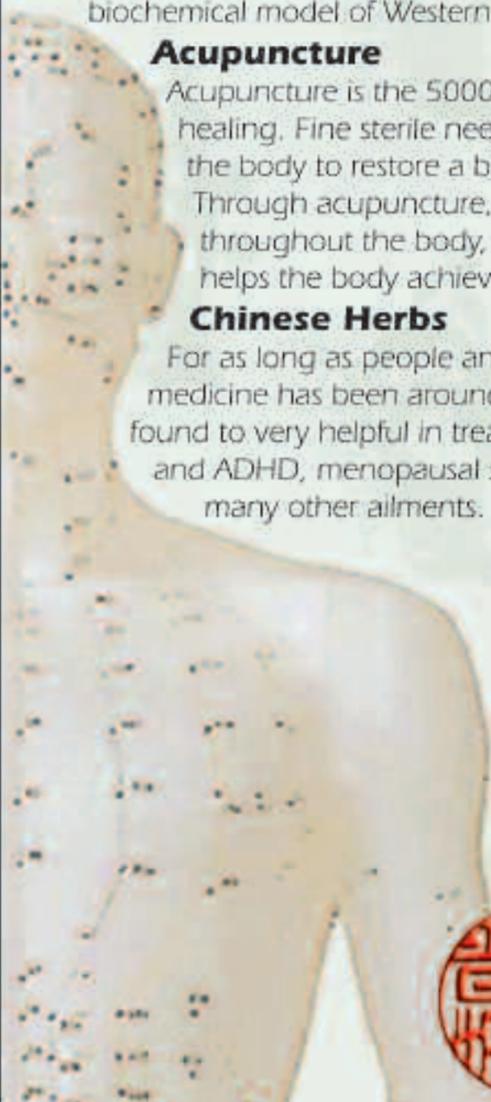
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# FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

## Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — Bob Verbarg and Bob Clouston, both World War II veterans, returned on Nov. 14 from their Honor Flight West Central Florida to view their Memorial in Washington, D.C. There were 77 veterans and 77 guardians on the Allegiant Air Charter Flight. The men were impressed by the memorials and statues, but what really moved them were the people's reactions by cheering them, clapping their hands, shaking hands with them and telling them thank you for your service even from 4- and 5-year-old children. They were saluted by men in uniform. This recognition took place in each airport during their coming and going. Of all wars, it was World War II that threatened our very existence as a nation. More than 1,000 World War II veterans are dying each day.

The Memorial evening, Nov. 17, called a Tribute to George Susco, was emotional and cheerful. He was our caring manager. People told their memories of George, led by Joan Rau. Before the meal was served, Joan called on Bob Clouston to say Grace. George's favorite meal was Italian and this was served in his memory. Lasagna, ravioli and fettuccini were served along with a tossed salad. The Memorial Committee really outdid themselves in cook-

ing, serving the meal and hosting this evening.

Monday morning coed coffee was hosted by two bright happy faces, Arlene Dummer and Donna Skultety. They made quick breads for the coffee. Peggy Sue Teague emceed and told a few jokes. Our Sunshine person, Carol Noel, was called upon and she told that Kay Holmes is ill and that Bernie Vladyka's brother has passed away. May our greeting cards let them know that we are thinking of them.

Laura Bailie played "Happy Birthday" and two people stood up to be serenaded: Dave Bailie and Delores Woodruff.

James Hogan announced that the pancake breakfast will be here before you realize it. The date is Dec. 1. Bring your place setting and enjoy a good breakfast. The pancake breakfast group donated money to the Memorial Committee, which was deeply appreciated.

The Men's Breakfast at the Truck Stop hosted by Charlie Price is 8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4. Don't forget!

Inky Fingers is always the first Monday of the month, so the next one is Dec. 3. Come and be creative.

Brenda also told that the free movie put on by Nu-Hope will be Sunday, Dec. 16. Carol Noel has selected the movie, the best exotic "Marigold Hotel" with Judy Dench and Maggie Smith. It is a movie matinee at 3 p.m. and the Nu-Hope Ladies

always serve cake and coffee before the show. Any donation for Elder Care in our area is always appreciated.

Our neighbor Heurtha Thomson, from Canada arrived this weekend. She brought her friend, Merle, along, which was great so they could take turns driving from Hamilton, Ontario. Their friend, Marg Mulholland, had already driven down. Canadians had their Thanksgiving on Oct. 8. They were able to come down and help us celebrate our Thanksgiving, too.

Ladies coffee was made by Carolyn Reece on Nov. 20. Carolyn also headed the meeting. We had a nice group of ladies. Last-minute details for Thanksgiving Day were discussed. Help for the day was asked for.

We are having a float in the Lake Placid Christmas parade and volunteers will be needed Saturday morning to decorate it Dec. 8. Please contact Judy Muse.

The Ladies Lunch Out was held at Don Jose's Mexican restaurant at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 20. Jean Noyes and Carol Noel took care of the arrangements, as well as hosting the luncheon. There were 30 ladies enjoying the meal and remaining to visit.

The men, the Mustangs, went to the Placid Lakes Country Club for their luncheon Nov. 20. I'm sure that they enjoyed the atmosphere along with their food.

"We can't all be heroes; some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." — Will Rogers.

# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## American Legion Placid Post 25

LAKE PLACID — The American Legion Auxiliary, Placid Unit 25 celebrated Education Week on Nov. 12. Two members — Jan Swanson, Education chairman and Nina Warmunde — visited a school in Lake Placid. They delivered a token of appreciation to 262 teachers. Also, the Auxiliary donated a check to each school for their library needs.

The Auxiliary recognizes the teachers every year to show our appreciation to them for their dedication and wonderful work to the chil-

dren, who will be our leaders tomorrow.

## TOPS FL Club 487, Sebring

SEBRING — This Wednesday, Judy Alger led the chapter in several TOPS songs and Judy Phillips lead 16 TOPS and nine KOPS in the pledges.

The club welcomed new members — Reta Merkle and Barbara Howard — to the chapter.

Yes-yeses are: exercise, portion size, use a smaller plate, watch the sodium, drink six to nine glasses of

water and police your portions.

The 25-cent contest had 15 winners at 35 cents each and Elie Tobias won \$2.30 in the 10-cent contest.

Elie Tobias was the best loser.

The program was given by Leslie Maschue on "How we plan to eat right over Thanksgiving" and several members brought in low calorie recipes to share. A great group discussion on how members plan to eat healthy on Thanksgiving dinner followed.

For information on TOPS call 382-7716 or 314-9485.

## New Sebring Elks



Courtesy photo

Sebring Elks 1529 proudly initiated two members in October — Bob Therrien and Barbara Ulmer.

# Some gifts fall into the love-it-later category

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — Have you ever said "thank you" through clenched teeth? The gift in that nicely wrapped box was so not what you wanted: comfy clothes instead of designer duds, or a kitchen gadget instead of a shiny piece of jewelry.

Sometimes, though, the best gifts are the ones you use, and, frankly, most of us probably wear hoodies more than haute couture.

With a closet full of beautiful boots and gravity-defying heels, flat-foot, furry Uggs weren't at the top of celebrity stylist-designer Rachel Zoe's shopping list.

They were OK for other people — she might even have suggested them — but she didn't see them fitting into her closet until someone gave her a pair.

"Once you put them on, you can't go back," Zoe says.

"In my house, it's now the family at-home shoe. I wear them all the time. My son has 10 pairs and my husband has 10 pairs."

Christine Fritchen, a shopping expert who is advising TJ Maxx and Marshall's this year on their gift-giving programs, says a gift is something you wouldn't get for yourself. And the best way to know you've given a successful gift, she says, is if the receiver becomes an evangelist for it.

Adam Glassman, creative director at O, The Oprah magazine, was never at risk of buying the Patagonia fleece sweatpants his brother got for him a few years ago.

"Never in my life did I think I'd need sweatpants, but I live in them," he gush-

es. "When I come home from work, they are my go-to item. I wear them more than any other clothes in my closet."

The only gift he might treasure more is the Eddie Bauer silk long johns his other brother gave him, something else he didn't think he needed or wanted.

"Where was the Tom Ford, the Gucci?" Glassman says with a laugh.

But after a few winters of layering the long johns under his more fashionable pieces, he's now buying them as gifts for other people.

Shellhammer says friends and family can't ask for the items offered on Fab.com because the website sells things people don't know exist. Items such as a shower curtain with a map of Paris (what enthusiastic traveler wouldn't want one?) or a pug T-shirt for your favorite dog lover. (Shellhammer predicts the Mountain Pug Tee will be a top seller this season. The entire shirt becomes the face of a pug, wrinkles, jowls and all.)

And Shellhammer says it's OK to be playful and show a little sense of humor when giving a gift. You'd be surprised how many positive comments the website

has received about a hedgehog dish brush, he says. "It just gives you that crack of a smile."

Brian Berger says the Yumaki toothbrush his business partner gave him is a present he'll always remember — and appreciate. And, it's something he uses every day.

Some other gift ideas from the experts:

- Kitchen knives.
- Comfortable earbuds.
- Colorful tights and leggings.
- Berry bowls.
- Miniature flashlights that fit in pockets and purses.

- Pretty soaps.
- Personalized tote bags.

A lot of people do skimp on themselves, especially in a season where they are spending so much money, so an upgrade of something mundane to luxurious — or at least more fun — can be a very thoughtful gift, says gift advisor Fritchen.

"Have you ever had a really nice hairdryer, a REALLY good dryer? You think a hairdryer is a hairdryer until you have a good one in your hand.

"It can change your life," Fritchen says.

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# Fashion show raises funds for Sweet Adelines scholarship

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Heart of Highland, Sweet Adelines, Show Chorus, under the direction of their director, Betty Meinholz.

The Heart of Highland, Sweet Adelines, wishes to thank its members for making this fashion show so successful. The Kenilworth Lodge staff, who did a great job in setting up the Plantation Room, was also thanked.

Special thanks to all the attendees of the fundraiser and the Heart of Highland, Sweet Adelines, Show Chorus, under the direction of their director, Betty Meinholz.

Gift certificates were provided by BonWorth, Dress Barn, Eldridge Design, Kenilworth Lodge and the Renaissance Salon of Lake Placid.

Chorus members donated the many door prizes and beautiful items for the opportunity table. Door prizes were also donated by Sue's Cubby Hole.

The excellent entertainment was provided by the quartet "Sassy," Region 9 Competition winner for 2012

and the Heart of Highland, Sweet Adelines, Show Chorus, under the direction of their director, Betty Meinholz.

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for making this event a huge success. The chorus' next fundraiser is its February show, "On The Road Again," which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 16, at Union Congregational Church Millennium Sanctuary in Avon Park. Tickets are \$12. Note that there is limited seating.

For information, call 414-4914 or 699-0743. Visit the Adelines on any Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Avon Park Rotary, 20 S. Verona Ave.

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## CELEBRATIONS



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(From left) Dennis Riles, Barbara Riles, Jayne Braggs and William Braggs Jr.

### Mr. and Mrs. William Braggs Jr.

### Wedding

Carrie Jayne Riles and William Franklin Braggs Jr. were united in marriage at 7 p.m. on Oct. 31, 2012 at the home of the bride's parents, Dennis and Barbara Riles of Sebring.

The groom is the son of William F. Braggs Sr. of Lake Placid and Jean Patterson Braggs

of Tupelo, Miss.

Serving as the maid of honor was Sherrie Waston. Serving as the best man was William F. Braggs III.

Officiating the wedding was Pastor Bruce Bragg.



### Births

#### Makirah Hunt

Emma Thompson and Miko Hunt of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Makirah Tierrany, at 3:00 a.m. on Nov. 24, 2012 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Makirah weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 18 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Carol Ann Shackelford and Chad Howard Thompson.

#### Avalon Kelley

Patricia Kelley of Sebring announces the birth of a daughter, Avalon Riona, at 10:34 p.m. on Nov. 18, 2012 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Avalon weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 18 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Norman Kelley and Helen Kelley.

#### Richard Paningbatan

Ma-Ri and Rjohn Paningbatan of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Richard John "RJ", at 9:50 a.m. on Nov. 19, 2012 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Richard weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.

Paternal grandmother is Melinda Paningbatan.

### Military News



Courtesy photo

**Air Force Airman 1st Class William A. Adams graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Adams is the son of William Adams of Paducah, Ky., and Melanie Jackson of Avon Park. He is a 2006 graduate of Avon Park High School. He received an associate degree in 2006 from South Florida Community College.**

**CELEBRATIONS GUIDELINES:** The *News-Sun* publishes announcements about births, engagements, weddings and anniversaries on Wednesdays.

Anniversaries are accepted starting at the 50th and then in five-year increments.

Photos are accepted and are returned when accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Forms are available at the *News-Sun*.

The submission deadline is noon Friday to be considered for publication in the following Wednesday's paper.

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## Bounce houses a party hit but kids' injuries soar

By LINDSEY TANNER

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — They may be a big hit at kids' birthday parties, but inflatable bounce houses can be dangerous, with the number of injuries soaring in recent years, a nationwide study found.

Kids often crowd into bounce houses, and jumping up and down can send other children flying into the air, too.

The numbers suggest 30 U.S. children a day are treated in emergency rooms for broken bones, sprains, cuts and concussions from bounce house accidents. Most involve children falling inside or out of the inflated playthings, and many children get hurt when they collide with other bouncing kids.

The number of children aged 17 and younger who got emergency-room treatment for bounce house injuries has climbed along with the popularity of bounce houses — from fewer than 1,000 in 1995 to nearly 11,000 in 2010. That's a 15-fold increase, and a doubling just since 2008.

"I was surprised by the number, especially by the rapid increase in the number of injuries," said lead author Dr. Gary Smith, director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Amusement parks and fairs have bounce houses, and the playthings can also

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be rented or purchased for home use.

Smith and colleagues analyzed national surveillance data on ER treatment for nonfatal injuries linked with bounce houses, maintained by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Their study was published online Monday in the journal *Pediatrics*.

Only about 3 percent of children were hospitalized, mostly for broken bones.

More than one-third of the injuries were in children aged 5 and younger. The safety commission recommends against letting children younger than 6 use full-size trampolines, and Smith said barring kids that young from even smaller, home-use bounce houses would make sense.

"There is no evidence that the size or location of an inflatable bouncer affects the injury risk," he said.

Other recommendations, often listed in manufacturers' instruction pamphlets, include not overloading bounce houses with too many kids and not allowing young children to bounce with much older, heavier kids or adults, said Laura Woodburn, a spokeswoman for the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials.

The study didn't include deaths, but some accidents are fatal. Separate data from the product safety commission show four bounce house deaths from 2003 to 2007, all involving children striking their heads on a hard surface.

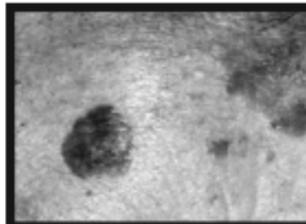
Several nonfatal accidents occurred last year when bounce houses collapsed or were lifted by high winds.

A group that issues voluntary industry standards says bounce houses should be supervised by trained operators and recommends that bouncers be prohibited from doing flips and purposefully colliding with others, the study authors noted.

Bounce house injuries are similar to those linked with trampolines, and the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended against using trampolines at home. Policymakers should consider whether bounce houses warrant similar precautions, the authors said.

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# HOLIDAYS



Holiday House Treat, Crispy Cheese Crackers, Eggnog Hot Chocolate, Salted Caramel Bacon Cordial Cups, Fire Roasted Jalapeño Onion Dip, Gingerpops Cookie Kit

## Holiday House Treat

Makes about 12 servings

- 6 cups cinnamon-flavored toasted oats cereal
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 bag (10 ounces) mini marshmallows
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Assorted Tube Icing, Decorating Gel, Sprinkles, Colored Sugars, Icing Decorations and other favorite candy

Prepare Wilton Stand-Up House Pan with vegetable pan spray.

Place cereal in large bowl. In large saucepan, melt butter; add marshmallows, ginger and cinnamon. Cook and stir constantly until melted. Pour over cereal and mix well. Spread cereal mixture into prepared pan. When cool to touch, remove from pan; secure to foil-wrapped cake board with icing. Decorate as desired with icing, sprinkles, sugars, icing decorations and candy.

## Crispy Cheese Crackers

Makes 16 to 20 crackers

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup (about 2 ounces) finely grated Asiago cheese
- 1 ounce (about 1/4 cup) toasted pine nuts, finely chopped
- 1-1/2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare Holiday Cookie Pan with vegetable pan spray.

In medium bowl, beat butter, cheese, pine nuts, rosemary, garlic powder, salt and pepper with electric mixer until creamy and well combined. Add flour; beat until mixture looks sandy and holds together when squeezed in your hand. Press into prepared pan, filling cavities 1/2 full.

Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.

# Happy Holiday

## ENTERTAINING

### FAMILY FEATURES

Host a holiday party that's simple and festive with a combination of pre-made and homemade delights from the celebration experts at Wilton.

For starters, a cookie pan does double duty for holiday-shaped homemade Crispy Cheese Crackers. Serve these aromatic rosemary treats, made into Christmas trees, snowmen and stockings, alongside a colorful assortment of fresh vegetables and made-from-scratch fire-roasted jalapeño dip.

"Guests will think you spent hours baking in the kitchen when you wow them with a seasonal selection of hand-decorated gingerbreads," says Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs at Wilton.

Easy to assemble with all the trimmings included, there's a ready-to-decorate gingerbread kit to fit any yuletide gathering. Complete with pre-baked gingerbread, each kit contains decorating accessories like candies and icings to personalize your own mini village, Christmas tree, gingerpop cookies and more.

For another fun twist on a traditional gingerbread house, Siler recommends getting the kids involved. They'll love the marshmallow-y Holiday House Treat made of cinnamon toasted oats cereal. Once the house is built, watch the kids decorate their yummy creation with a variety of gumdrops, licorice, icings and candies.

To cater to a more sophisticated palate, Siler suggests Salted Caramel Bacon Cordial Cups. A lavish blend of vanilla pudding, crisp-cooked bacon and whipped cream is flavored with caramel ice cream topping and piped into edible, dark cocoa Candy Melt cordial cups. They're bite-sized holiday bliss.

Don't forget eggnog. This year, give your favorite prepared eggnog a chocolate kick and serve Eggnog Hot Chocolate garnished with peppermint Candy Curls.

For more holiday recipe project and decorating ideas, or to purchase gingerbread kits, visit [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com).

## Eggnog Hot Chocolate

Makes about 4 servings

- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups prepared eggnog
- 1 cup Dark Cocoa Candy Melts Candy
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Whipped cream
- Candy Curls

In large saucepan, cook milk and eggnog on medium heat until the mixture is hot; turn off heat. Whisk in Candy Melts candy and vanilla extract. Continue whisking until candy is melted and mixture is smooth.

Pour into mugs; garnish with Candy Curls.

## Fire Roasted Jalapeño Onion Dip

Makes about 1-3/4 cups dip

- 4 jalapeño peppers
- 1 package (5.7 ounces) onion soup mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise

Preheat broiler.

Place peppers on non-stick cookie pan; broil, turning at least once, 6 to 7 minutes or until blackened. Let stand 10 minutes. Remove stem and seeds; coarsely chop.

In large bowl, stir together onion soup mix, sour cream and mayonnaise. Fold in peppers. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Serve with cucumber and zucchini slices, celery, carrot sticks, sliced bell peppers and other favorite vegetables.

**Note:** For spicier dip, include seeds from peppers.

## Salted Caramel Bacon Cordial Cups

Makes about 24 filled cordial cups

- 1-1/2 cups Dark Cocoa Candy Melts Candy
- 3 containers (3.2 ounces each) vanilla prepared pudding
- 1/2 cup finely chopped crisp-cooked bacon
- 1 tablespoon caramel ice cream topping plus additional for drizzling
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped
- Sea salt

Fill cordial cup candy mold 1/3 full with melted candy. Using a decorator brush, paint the candy up the sides of each mold to the top edge. Coat mold so that no light can be seen through the shell. Refrigerate until firm, about 5 minutes. Repeat if needed. Carefully remove shells from mold.

In medium bowl, combine pudding, bacon and 1 tablespoon ice cream topping; mix until thoroughly combined. Fold in whipped cream. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Using tip #33, pipe filling into candy cordial cups. Drizzle with additional ice cream topping and sprinkle with sea salt.

## Follow instructions on package of each kit

- Deluxe Gingerbread Kit
- Gingerbread Tree Kit
- Gingerbread Boy Cookie Decorating Kit
- Gingerpops Cookie Kit
- Gingerbread Mini Village Kit



Deluxe Gingerbread Kit, Gingerbread Tree Kit, Gingerbread Boy Cookie Decorating Kit, Gingerbread Mini Village Kit, Gingerpops Cookie Kit

# DIVERSIONS

## STAR-CROSSED LOVERS

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6 Epiphanies  
10 Key of Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony: Abbr.  
14 John O'Hara's "Appointment in \_\_\_\_"  
16 Doughnut ingredient, commercially  
17 Indian melody  
18 Promotes recessive traits, say  
20 Picked some fruit  
22 Religious scholar  
23 Prefix with byte  
24 "Atonement"  
27 Dame Joan Sutherland delivery  
28 Holy ones are hard to handle  
29 Some clerics  
30 Equine shades  
32 Section of the Medicare law covering hospital and nursing care  
33 Kind of bar  
35 Honshu city devastated by the 2011 tsunami  
37 Signature followers, for short  
38 Lighthouse, e.g.  
39 Freudian mediators  
43 O'er there  
45 Drum kit components  
46 Elocution  
48 A large one offers many courses  
51 Ties up a phone line, maybe  
54 Psyched (up)  
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57 Sharif who played half of 3-Down  
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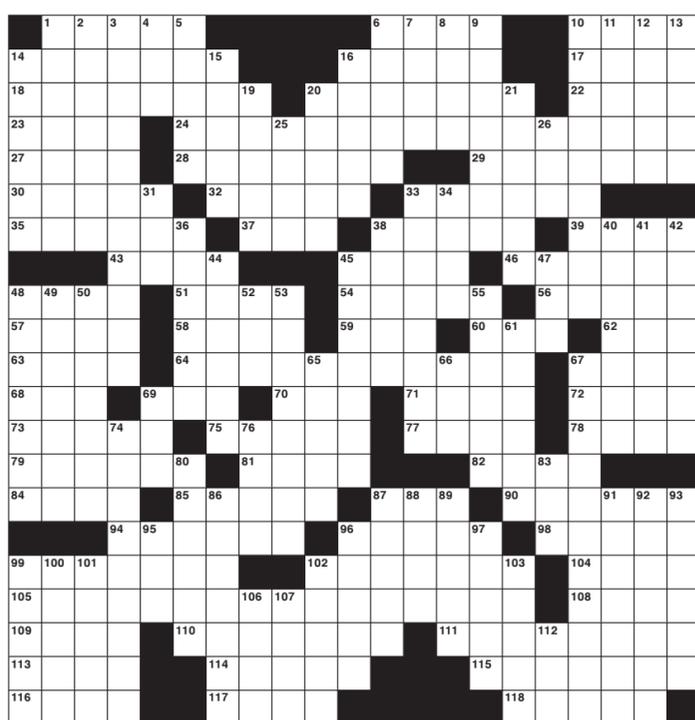
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75 Sub for  
77 "Not broccoli again!"  
78 Shoot up  
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84 Golfer Ballesteros  
85 Phrase of resignation  
87 Toronto media inits.  
90 Developers' purchases

94 Nitpicks  
96 Certain S.O.S.  
98 Borefest  
99 Lead-in to a juicy rumor  
102 Ushers  
104 Guess in Battleship  
105 "Gone With the Wind"  
108 Late comic Richard  
109 Somewhat, in music  
110 Stripped-down laptop  
111 DiCaprio who played half of 67-Down  
113 Ammunition giant  
114 Like the strings on many tennis rackets  
115 Specialty chef  
116 Small songbirds  
117 Vehicle to take over a jump  
118 Expressed audible admonishment

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1 Anonymous female in a court case  
2 From Assisi, e.g.  
3 "Doctor Zhivago"



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4 It may be drawn in a fight  
5 On end  
6 Hanging tapestry  
7 Vindictive one, in myth  
8 See 69-Across  
9 Pea body?  
10 Pony  
11 Cousin of the rumba  
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50 Novelist who translated "Alice in Wonderland" into Russian  
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99 Subject of a 1982 best seller on sexuality  
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101 Assumed, say  
102 Cafeteria worker's headgear  
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112 Lowercase letters resembling v's

## Husband can't get over the pain of discovering wife's past

**Dear Abby:** My wife and I have been married for five years. I recently discovered that she made between 10 and 20 porn videos when she was 19. We got married when she was 27. We have four kids from two previous marriages.

I am devastated. When I confronted her about it, she cried harder than I had ever seen. She said she was lost, and it's the biggest regret of her entire life.

I understand how hard it can be to tell someone you have done something like this.

I haven't led a perfect life either, and I have my own skeletons and things that I would never mention. But still, I can't get over this. I have never felt pain like this in my entire life and don't know what to do.

I love my wife and don't want a divorce, but it haunts my every thought.

We have had a great life and I trust her completely. What should I do to get over this?

— Devastated in the U.S.A.

**Dear Devastated:** A giant step in the right direction would be to accept that you both had a history before you married each other, and you both have done things you aren't proud of.

Then make a list of all the good things you have together, and forgive your wife for making some painful mistakes in the past that she was too ashamed to tell you.

It certainly beats divorcing a woman you love over something she can't change. If that doesn't work, then you'd be wise to seek marriage counseling.

**Dear Abby:** My wife verbally abuses me constantly. We have an 11-month-old child, which is the only reason I tolerate it. While I try hard not to curse back, once in a while I end up doing so.

I have sought professional help to cope with her behavior, but the suggestions haven't helped much. The situation is becoming unbearable, and I don't see it changing any time soon. What should I do?

— Unbearable in Virginia

**Dear Unbearable:** The suggestions haven't helped because you weren't the



Dear Abby

person who needed the professional help; your wife does. In a moment when she is calm, tell her that as much as you care about her and your child, you do not intend to spend the rest of your life being her verbal whipping boy, and if she doesn't get help for her anger issues, you will leave. If she refuses, you should follow through and make sure you get equal custody, if not more, because her volatility could be harmful to your child.

**Dear Abby:** We are a pair of senior citizens who are very much in love. We have a lot in common and enjoy our companionship. Marriage is not an option because of pensions, bank accounts and predetermined heirs — you know the story.

We would like the whole world to know we are committed and devoted to each other.

Would it be unusual, at this late stage, to become engaged with no intention of setting a wedding date?

— Blissful in Florida

**Dear Blissful:** Rather than become engaged with no intention of formalizing your union, why not have a commitment ceremony and invite friends and family to celebrate your love for each other with you?

Ask a member of the clergy to bless your union. I'm sure one would oblige because it has been done before.

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## What is your favorite flour?

Now, y'all know I don't think baked goods are terribly necessary for anyone to be eating (I've said it before, that none of us needs another muffin!), but there are times when you do need to use flour. By now, we all know that white flour isn't an optimal choice for good health, but with so many options on the shelves, which one do you choose? And when?

First thing's first.

Let's talk about a flour we're all familiar with — wheat flour.



Dinner Diva

Leanne Ely

### Wheat flour

Made from ground wheat, wheat flour is a big step above white flour if you have not adopted a gluten-free lifestyle for your family. It can be difficult at first to make the switch to whole wheat (always look for whole wheat not just wheat!) so I recommend gradually replacing white flour in a recipe with whole wheat until you're used to the consistency and difference in flavor.

Now what's all this about gluten? Wheat flour contains gluten. Gluten is a protein that makes bread chewy. It also helps dough to bind through the baking process. Gluten, however, is a problem for those suffering from celiac disease, wheat allergies or non-celiac gluten sensitivity.

It's estimated that 10 percent of people are walking around with some form of gluten sensitivity, and every day more and more people are stating to discover that gluten is the source of many different problems

from digestive issues to bloating.

If you don't care about the gluten content of the foods you eat, but you'd still like to spice things up with your flours every now and then, give spelt a try.

### Spelt flour

Spelt is a cereal grain in the wheat family, but it is considered a wheat-free flour. It contains some gluten and it bakes very similarly to wheat flour, but it has a very nice nutty, sweet flavor. Spelt is easier to digest than wheat, but it is lower in fiber. Important to note: The gluten in spelt is broken down really quickly, so it's important to not over mix it or you'll end up with a product that crumbles into oblivion!

### Gluten-free flours

Luckily, there are more gluten-free flours available now than ever before. Keep in mind, though, that there is no true substitute for wheat flour in terms of texture and taste. You can't replace all

of the whole wheat flour in a recipe to an alternative type of flour and expect the same results.

**Quinoa flour** — There's much debate surrounding the question of whether quinoa is paleo friendly. Whatever it is (and you can decide for yourself!), it's a very good source of essential amino acids, fiber, folate, iron, magnesium and zinc. This flour is excellent in muffins, banana bread and other baked goods. However, go easy on it. The nutty flavor of this flour can easily take over a dish, so substitute only about a quarter of the total flour volume of a recipe with quinoa flour.

**Rice flour** — Made from milled rice-kernel hulls, rice flour contains lots of Vitamin B6, calcium, iron, fiber and other trace nutrients. Rice flour is great for baked goods, homemade crackers and pastas. You can also use this gluten-free flour to thicken sauces and gravies. Easy does it on the rice, though, because the FDA is still trying to figure out how safe it is for us to be eating! (Link to arsenic rice article)

When it comes to flour, gluten-free does not always equal primal or paleo-friendly. There is a difference. The following flours are gluten-free and primal.

### Primal gluten-free flours

Most of these alternatives have many more minerals and vitamins than white or wheat flours do so it won't hurt to incorporate them

into your cooking whether you're a primal eater or not.

**Almond flour** — Almond flour is made from blanched almonds that have been beaten into submission into an unrecognizable product! In the store, you may have trouble finding almond flour, so look for almond meal. Or, buy your own blanched almonds and grind them into a powder with your coffee grinder or food processor. Almond flour tastes best in baked goods, grain-free granolas and "flourless" cakes.

**Coconut flour** — This yummy flour is made from pulverized meat of the coconut. It has a sweet, mild flavor and is used frequently in paleo cooking in everything from pancakes to muffins.

**Arrowroot powder and tapioca starch** — These flours are controversial because of their starch content, but lots of primal eaters use them. Arrowroot powder is awesome for thickening sauces without changing the taste of the dish. It gives baked goods and pancakes a nice, light texture. Tapioca is similar, but it also lends some elasticity to a dish.

What is your favorite flour? <http://www.facebook.com/savingdinner>

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## Bieber booted by football fans

Associated Press

TORONTO — Justin Bieber faced a hostile homecoming during his halftime performance at Canada's football Grey Cup, facing boos and jeers.

The Toronto crowd booted Sunday when the 18-year-old pop star's face popped up on the JumboTron screen.

They booted when a host spoke his name.

And they booted as he took the stage and throughout his medley of the chart-topper "Boyfriend" and the disco-inflected "Beauty and a Beat."

Earlier in the week, Bieber was presented with a Diamond Jubilee Medal by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and caused a scene by wearing overalls, unbuttoned on one shoulder, over a white T-shirt, with a backwards baseball cap.

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**Chef's Corner**  
*Tim Spain*

**One-pot wonders**

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Between all three hospitals in the Heartland Division, we served around 700 turkey dinners the patients, staff and visitors.

We did an overnight meal at all three locations the night before Thanksgiving and served the turkey dinner to the staff that work the night shift and then served Thanksgiving dinner all day on Thursday.

It took 55 turkeys to serve the 700 turkey dinners for this Thanksgiving.

As I start to feel a little fall in the air, I start to think about making those dishes that are heartier than the ones I make during the spring and summer. During the winter is when I like to make a lot of one-pot wonder dishes like my Mom's cowboy macaroni or my Grandma Hazel's chicken and yellow rice.

Every time I make either of those dishes, the aromas remind me of when I was growing up and getting in the way while they were cooking dinner.

I'm sure chicken and yellow rice is eaten everywhere, but I had to name some typical Florida Cracker dishes chicken and yellow rice would be one of them. Cowboy macaroni is what we call goulash with a can of sweet corn added to it.

This week, I have a good chili recipe for you and it is not your every day chili with red beans and ground beef. Instead it is a white bean and chicken chili recipe that is sure to please.

I especially like this chili because white beans are one of my favorite legumes. This recipe makes enough chili for about 20 people. Cheers, Chef.

**White bean chicken chili**

- 3.5 tbs. pure vegetable salad oil
- 1/2 cup canned, diced green chili peppers, drained
- 2 1/4 tsp. ground cumin
- 2 1/4 tsp. dried, crushed oregano
- 1 tsp. crushed red pepper
- 7 oz. fresh, diced yellow onions
- 3 tbs. peeled, minced fresh garlic cloves
- 2 1/2 lb.. diced chicken
- 4 lb.. Great Northern beans, drained
- 1 1/8 quart water
- 1 5/8 tbs. chicken base
- 1 5/8 cup skim milk
- 1 qt. heavy cream
- 3/4 oz. fresh chopped cilantro

Pre-cook the chicken before and set aside. Sauté onions, chilies and spices in oil for 5 minutes.

Add cooked diced chicken and sauté for 5 minutes.

Add beans and cook 10 minutes.

Combine hot water, base and milk in stock pot. Stir well to blend. Add chicken and bean mixture. Simmer 30 minutes.

Add cream. Simmer 10 minutes.

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Seafood Thermidor Dip

—EASY—  
**Holiday Elegance**



Spinach Pesto Crostini



Baked Roesti

**The Perfect Cheese Plate**

To add another element of deliciously easy elegance, set up a cheese plate for guests. Here are some quick tips and recommendations.

- Plan on serving one to two ounces of cheese per person.
- Set out a variety of cheeses with different textures and flavor profiles.
- Serve the cheeses at room temperature.
- Use a separate knife or spreader for each kind. Cut up a portion of each cheese to let guests know that they can dig in.

Serve complementary finger foods with the cheeses to help make the most of all the flavors. Here are some cheese and food pairing suggestions:

**Grand Cru Gruyere:** Smooth and mellow with light floral notes. Serve with apples, dried apricots, grapes, almonds, fig spread, whole wheat crackers, bread.

**GranQueso:** Hand rubbed with spices, this Spanish inspired cheese has a buttery nutty flavor and a firm, slightly crumbly texture. Serve with dried figs, almonds, hazelnuts, Spanish olives, roasted red peppers, Peppadews.

**Buttermilk Blue:** Deliciously creamy and tangy with a clean, sweet finish. Serve with pears, pecans, figs, candied walnuts, dates, tomatoes, endive, honey, walnut bread.

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're hosting a holiday open house or a sit-down feast with family and friends, you want dishes that impress, but aren't too complicated to make. These easy and elegant holiday recipes start with rich and savory Wisconsin-made cheeses from Roth Cheese. You can find more recipes for your holiday celebrations at [www.rothcheese.com](http://www.rothcheese.com).



Horseradish and Chive Havarti Fondue

**Seafood Thermidor Dip**

Yield: 3 cups

- 6 ounces cooked lobster tails and claws, coarsely chopped
- 1 medium shallot, minced
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups Alfredo sauce
- 3 tablespoons cream sherry
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups Grand Cru Gruyere cheese, shredded
- 6 1/8 ounces crab, lump-style
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs

Preheat oven to 400°F.

In mixing bowl combine lobster, shallot, garlic, Alfredo sauce, sherry, lemon juice and cheese; stir together until well-combined. Gently fold in crab.

Place mixture in shallow baking dish (approximately 8 x 8); top with breadcrumbs and bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

**Spinach Pesto Crostini**

Yield: Approximately 30 servings

**Pesto:**

- 1 head garlic
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 pound spinach
- 3/4 cup unsalted sunflower seeds, toasted
- 6 ounces GranQueso cheese, grated

**Crostini:**

- 1 medium baguette, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 8 sundried tomatoes, quartered lengthwise
- 3 ounces GranQueso cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Place garlic in aluminum foil, drizzle with olive oil, and wrap. Roast for 45 minutes. Remove roasted garlic cloves from skin.

Blanch spinach in hot water for 30 to 40 seconds. Remove spinach from water, and pat dry.

In food processor, blend roasted garlic, spinach, sunflower seeds and cheese until smooth.

Reduce oven heat to 350°F.

Place baguette slices on baking sheet, brush with olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes, until lightly toasted. Remove from oven and cool for 10 minutes.

Evenly spread pesto onto crostini. Top with sundried tomato and grated cheese.

**Horseradish and Chive Havarti Fondue**

Yield: Approximately 4 servings

- 1/2 cup Pinot Grigio
- 1 1/2 cups Horseradish and Chive Havarti, shredded (plus extra for garnish)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- Cubed bread
- Hard and soft pretzels
- Tortilla chips
- Pickles
- Pita chips
- Blanched vegetables
- Fresh chives, chopped (optional)

Stir together cheese, wine, mustard and mayonnaise in ceramic fondue pot.

Cook over low heat for approximately 7 to 10 minutes, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon.

When cheese has melted completely, remove pot from stove and transfer to a tabletop burner.

Garnish with extra cheese and chives. Serve with dipping items.

**Baked Roesti**

Yield: 12 mini muffins or 6 full-size muffins

- 2 1/2 cups frozen shredded hash browns
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1/4 cup onion, minced
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 3 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup Grand Cru Gruyere, shredded
- 2 ounces Grand Cru Gruyere, 1/2-inch cubes
- Crème fraîche or sour cream (optional)
- Fresh chives, chopped (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°F. Coat a non-stick muffin pan with vegetable oil spray.

In a mixing bowl, gently break apart frozen hash browns.

Stir in butter, onions, flour, bacon, salt, pepper and egg.

Fold shredded cheese into hash brown mixture until well combined.

Evenly distribute mixture in muffin pan. Press mixture firmly into molds.

Press a small cube of cheese into the center of each muffin.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until mixture is golden brown and crispy.

Allow to rest for 2 to 3 minutes before removing muffins from tray.

Garnish with a dollop of crème and chives.