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Age 90, of Sebring
Harry Hummel Jr.
Age 92, of Sebring

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Flourishing art



News-Sun photo by KATARINA SIMMONS

The Tourist Development Council is planning to create new arts and music festivals in an effort to attract tourists to Highlands County.

HCA: It helps a community thrive

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — The Tourist Development Council wants to change how it does business.

Members of the Heartland Cultural Alliance are suspicious of the proposed changes, worried they are directed at lowering funding for arts and culture so more money can be spent marketing golf and fishing.

The TDC has proposed a new ordinance for the county commission to sign into law.

Funding for the TDC office, including salaries, said director John Scherlacher, will be taken off the top of the budget. He added that would come to 42 percent of the total tourist tax received by the council.

The HCA, its president Fred Leavitt said, is not opposed to money taken for



News-Sun photo by KATARINA SIMMONS

The Heartland Cultural Alliance's Anteroom currently features the Lake Wales Ridge traveling art exhibit at Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring.

TDC's operations per say, although he and others feel 42 percent is high.

The main worry, he added, is the other provision — that is the remaining funds would be pooled together for the council to dispense with as it wishes without a representative of the arts and cultural com-

munity having voting representation on the council, and therefore no advocate, or expert.

He adds, "(Council) members don't know how to market art. They have no concepts, no plans, no goals, no organization whatsoever. Furthermore, (council members) can

spend all the revenue promoting anything they choose."

"I absolutely understand where the HCA is coming from," said County Commissioner Don Elwell, also a member of the TDC. "For the first nine years, not enough attention was spent on (monitoring the pre-set percentages). I understand the historical background.

"On the other side, there is a new era, the TDC has to adapt," Elwell said. "The council was only intended to function for two years; it has now been around for 11. We have to come up with different plans."

A main goal is to simplify the current process, Elwell added. "Currently the percentages are complicated — 12 percent, 17 percent, for example. By not carving out specific category percents things are sim-

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Arc gets a dose of hope from traveler

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — Ridge Area Arc employees and members received a word of hope Monday when a special guest stopped by to share his story.

Rich Dixon, a quadriplegic cyclist, has been on a long journey across the country where he has shared his story with all who are willing to hear.

Dixon rides what is known as a hand cycle, which has been his second home for the past several months. The Colorado native is also a published author; Dixon has authored two books that describe his

life following his accident that left him nearly completely paralyzed and the hope he has gained because of it.

Dixon was paralyzed after falling from a ladder hanging Christmas lights at his Colorado home.

"He is sharing his story of hope," said Dixon's wife Becky. "We've met so many people that are looking for hope and are facing disasters and difficulty. He wants to give the gift of hope to others."

Dixon's journey, with his wife and dog Monte by his side, began four weeks ago when a desire to travel

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Courtesy Photo

Consumers and staff from Ridge Area Arc cheer on Rich Dixon, a retired educator from Fort Collins, Colo., on Monday as he pedals out on his hand cycle from the main campus on College Drive in Avon Park. As part of Dixon's 1,000-mile journey along the coast of Florida, he is making stops throughout the state talking about his Convoy of Hope tour.

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Avon Park bandstand: A heart-warming symbol of the past

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Bandstands were most popular across the country during the late 1800s and early-mid-1900s — and Avon Park was no exception. Local residents craved music and that's what bandstands provided in those early days.

Many of the original bandstands have either disappeared, fallen into disrepair, or been removed because they stood in the way of progress. The Avon Park bandstand, built in 1897 in front of the Hotel Verona (near what is now Donaldson Park), is nothing if it's not a survivor. It's still standing, still surviving as an Avon Park landmark.

The bandstand served as the hub for a variety of downtown activities. Along with those concerts, you'd find political rallies, auctions, PTA-sponsored cake-walks, civic events, Halloween carnivals and Christmas programs. As local attorney David Lanier, who grew up in Avon Park, put it, "It seems like every holiday was an

excuse to have a celebration in town."

The hotel was the center of social life for the young town. Local residents and guests would gather on the porch of the hotel in the evenings to listen to music and play a card game (probably "Whist" — an early form of bridge). The music was often provided by the Avon Park Concert Band.

In 1912, the Ladies Civic League agreed to move the bandstand from the hotel to a vacant lot near Main Street to make it more convenient for the townspeople. When Main Street was divided around 1920, the bandstand was then moved to its present location on the Mall and again became a gathering spot for the townspeople. The bandstand also served as the city police headquarters for several years.

For many years after World War II, the bandstand fell into disrepair. The city was divided between those who wanted the bandstand demolished and those who wanted it restored.



Courtesy of Historical Society of Avon Park
The Bandstand in Avon Park as it was in 1912.

At a city council meeting to discuss the future of the bandstand, Cliff Thomas, representing the Old Settlers Association (forerunner to the Historical Society of Avon Park), said, "We need to save it; it is part of our history," and he asked the council for support in restoring the bandstand. He was told the only money the city would spend was for tearing it down — but the council did

allow time for funds to be raised. The association took on the job. Some folks gave money, others donated materials and men from the local prison did the work.

The bandstand was restored to its original condition and the newly built bandstand was rededicated May 27, 1971. In its coverage of the re-dedication, the Avon Park Sun recalled the many residents who in the evenings



Courtesy photo
The Bandstand as it appears in more recent history.

would grab their lanterns, walk down to the bandstand and stand around while listening to the concert band perform. Afterwards, they'd light their lanterns and head home.

The Avon Park bandstand is reported to be one of America's oldest surviving bandstands. In fact, the bandstand has been part of our history for 116 years. Let's hope it's also part of our future.

Editor's Note: The above is a preview of the PowerPoint presentation (called "Then and Now") to be offered by Depot Museum volunteer and Historical Society board member James Deal at the society's annual banquet, set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hotel Jacaranda.

Tickets, at \$25 each, are available at the hotel and the Depot Museum. For more information, call 453-3525 or 385-8618.

68 pythons down, many still to go

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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SEBRING — The 2013 Python Challenge ended Feb. 10. Between Jan. 1 and then, 68 Burmese Pythons were harvested from the Everglades.

Nearly 1,600 hunters from 38 states, Washington D.C. and Canada, took part in the challenge, which offered cash prizes.

In addition to raising awareness about the problem pythons present to the natural balance of Everglades' mammals, reptiles and bird life, Florida Wildlife Commission said it was "an unprecedented opportunity to gather invaluable information about the snakes themselves."

The longest snake in the general hunt division was 14 feet, 3 inches. The longest snake in the permitted division measured 11 feet, 1 inch.

One hunter harvested six snakes, making him a winner in the general category. A permitted hunter brought in 18, making both men grand prize winners (\$1,500 apiece).

Two other men shared second place, each with five pythons apiece.

The *News-Sun* tried but was unable to reach Calvin Turner to find out if he had returned to the hunt. A Lake Placid man, Turner brought in the first python of any size (11 feet) during the first weekend of the challenge.

Avon Park changes sign of the times

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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AVON PARK — Monday night City Manager Julian Deleon asked the city council for direction regarding the new signage code he and city staff are developing for the city.

The issue, Deleon said, is visibility for local businesses, especially for those situated along high volume, high speed roads. He asked the council to provide flexibility regarding elevated signs on roadways where traffic is designed to travel faster than 40 miles per hour.

"Our current code does not allow the 'smaller' commer-

cial establishments to have elevated signs," he said. "They allow elevated signs for only warehouses and shopping centers."

He said only monument signs are permitted for smaller businesses, but the code restricts the size to seven feet in height, including the pedestal, and the sign body cannot be bigger than 72 square feet. This makes them impossible to read when driving above 50 mph, Deleon said. Elevated signs, on the other hand, have higher visibility.

The new code is to help businesses get attention along busy, fast streets like

U.S. 27 and State Road 64. They are not being proposed for Main Street or Lake Avenue, Deleon emphasized.

The code has restrictions. An elevated sign cannot be more than 20 feet high, and the body of the sign cannot have a gross surface area larger than 150 square feet.

No matter the size of the business, or type of signage, only one sign is allowed per property — including shopping centers.

Council members expressed interest in the proposed change, but because the code is still being developed, no decisions were made.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tickets available for Red Hat Fling

BRIGHTON — March 1 is the deadline to purchase \$10.95 luncheon tickets for the Red Hat Fling at Brighton. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. in the bingo hall and registration for the Hat Decorating Contest is at 9:30 a.m. for the contest and parade that begins at 10 a.m. The theme for this year's contest is "In Your Easter Bonnet."

Lunch will follow this event. A special Red Hat Bingo will close out the event. Bingo packets at \$15 will be on sale by the Bingo Crew during the morning.

Red Hat Side Kicks, men and friends, are special guests for the Fling. For more information and to get luncheon tickets, call 465-0161 or email beckshel@embarqmail.com.

RPAC meets Thursday

SEBRING — There will be a Recreation and Parks

Advisory Committee special meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Sports Complex, Concession Building at 216 Sheriff's Tower Road. The public is invited to attend.

Istokpoga Management Committee meets

SEBRING — The Lake Istokpoga Management Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday. The meeting will be held at in Conference Room 3 of the Bert J. Harris Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd.

RESPA meets Thursday

SEBRING — The Highlands County Retired Educators and Support Personnel Association will meet Thursday at Beef 'O Brady's in Sebring. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Speaker will be Donna Wilson, professional storyteller, and entertainment will be by the Memorial Elementary School chorus.

Lunch will be ordered from the menu. All retired educators and support personnel are invited to attend. For more information, contact Tinka Howe at 699-2353.

Friends of Istokpoga elect board

LORIDA — The Friends of Istokpoga will hold its 2013 winter general membership meeting and election of board of directors for 2013 at the Lorida community center at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The speakers for the evening will be Angeline Scotten, from Fish and Wildlife Commission, who will give a program about the bear population in and around Lake Istokpoga. There will be a short video and some interesting information about the bear unit that roams the area around the lake. There will also be representatives from other agencies to give updates on things that are happening on Lake Istokpoga and to take

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Florida imam takes stand, denies Taliban connection

By **CURT ANDERSON**
AP Legal Affairs Writer

MIAMI — An elderly Muslim cleric on trial for allegedly funneling tens of thousands of dollars to the Pakistani Taliban terrorist organization vehemently denied Tuesday any connection to Islamic extremists and insisted he does not harbor anti-U.S. views.

Taking the witness stand in his own defense, 77-year-old Hafiz Khan rejected U.S. government charges that he sent at least \$50,000 to the Taliban for use in violent attacks against both U.S. and Pakistani government interests overseas.

"We are innocent of these accusations," said Khan, speaking in Pashto through an interpreter. "We have no connection with them whatsoever. We hate them."

Khan, who became a naturalized U.S. citizen after arriving here in 1994, said he is proud to live in this country, is registered to vote and does not even know how to fire a gun. Frequently stroking his flowing white beard and adjusting his skullcap, the imam of a downtown Miami mosque said he does not own a television and concentrates mainly on Islamic studies and teaching — something he feels utterly free to do in the U.S.

because of its guaranteed rights.

"It is really a good thing to be a citizen of the United States," Khan said.

The prosecution's case is built largely on FBI wiretaps and recorded in-person conversations in which Khan is heard apparently praising attacks committed by the Pakistani Taliban, including some in which U.S. personnel were killed. The Taliban is also linked to al-Qaida and to attempted attacks in the U.S., such as the failed 2010 bombing in New York's bustling Times Square.

In some of those calls, Khan appears to be advocating the overthrow of Pakistan's government, such as one in which he says that "God should turn the government upside down and let it be scattered completely."

In testimony Tuesday, Khan said he was angered by the Pakistani army's decision to temporarily shut down a religious school, or madrassa, that he owns in his ancestral Swat Valley. Khan said he was also upset by what he viewed as overly aggressive and violent army actions against dissidents and the poor in their 2009 campaign against the Taliban.

"There was no justice there," he said. "The majority of the victims were innocent people and there was no investigation."

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Let's give the 116th Field Artillery a rousing send-off

The *News-Sun* encourages families and individuals to turn out for a traditional Departure Ceremony Thursday, in honor of the 3rd Battalion, 116th Field Artillery Unit. The nearly 500-man unit ships out Saturday for Camp Shelby in southern Mississippi to mobilize for a nine-month tour in Qatar.

This is not the first time the 3rd Battalion has been deployed overseas.

There is no better way for Highlands County to show our support and appreciation of our men and women still being sent into harm's way. We thank the American Legion Post 74 for putting together this important event.

Come and make the send-off for these courageous soldiers something they will remember forever.

So we have an idea about where the 3rd Battalion is headed, here are a few facts about Qatar.

It is slightly smaller than the state of Connecticut, the entire country a thumb-like peninsula jutting from Saudi Arabia into the Persian Gulf. The capital is Doha, which is eight hours ahead of Washington D.C. (noon in D.C. is 8 p.m. in Qatar)

Because it is a peninsula, Qatar does not have a border with the United Arab Emirates, but they are imme-

diately to the south.

Our soldiers will be living in a country that is an almost totally flat, barren desert, covered with loose sand and gravel. There are zero square kilometers of water.

According to the CIA, Qatar winters are dry, mild and pleasant; summers are humid and very hot; the sky is often hazy; dust storms and sand storms are common.

Only 40 percent of the country's population is Arab; Indian, Pakistani and Iranians make up 46 percent of the population, the remaining 14 percent are a mix from other places. The population is about 2 million, 96 percent of who live in urban areas. Seventy-eight percent of the population is Muslim; 9 percent are Christian; 13 percent are listed as other.

Arabic is the native language, but English is commonly spoken.

There are no political parties in Qatar. It's leader is the hereditary Amir, who has

final say on all issues.

The 3rd battalion will witness history while deployed, and not just the history they will write themselves.

According to *CIA.gov*, later in 2013 the country holds its first legislative elections for a new advisory council called the Majlis al-Shura, although the council will have little authority, beyond approving the national budget and holding ministers to account through votes of no-confidence.

The 116th Field Artillery unit, made up of our friends and neighbors, is headed to a place very different from Central Florida. They will probably be fairly isolated, and not free from risk.

The Qatar peninsula is strategically important, being just above the Strait of Hormuz, one of the most traveled, and dangerous, shipping lanes in the world at this time.

Come out Thursday to the Highlands County Fair Convention Center at

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The very least any of us can do is wish our soldiers good fortune in person.

Voluntary retirement: Can you take a hint?

With an editorial titled "Pope Sets Example For Other Aging Leaders," USA Today tried laying a major guilt trip on the nation's authority figures.

Despite using disclaimers such as "There is no magic age for retirement," the newspaper clearly wants to shame prominent people into voluntarily giving up the reins of power.

True, the nation has no shortage of councilmen, chefs, truckers, mechanics, animal trainers, evangelists, journalists and attorneys who might conceivably become a danger to themselves or to others; but critics like to pick on the extreme cases. Like the overburdened doctor who absentmindedly left a tiny sponge sewn up near a patient's pancreas. Granted, the doctor was a podiatrist, but...

Observing leaders with wheelchairs and round-the-clock nurses does not bother me, unless there is demonstrable interference with normal duties. I can't imagine an aging sheriff exclaiming, "Oops. I just wet myself. By state law, all of Cletus's speed trap tickets for the past five years are voided!"

It's hard to achieve a totally voluntary retirement. We humans tend to underreport and make excuses. One congressman's embarrassing "senior moment" might, technically, be what the rest of us referred to as the Pleistocene Era.

Yes, in cases of diminished capacities and increasing dementia, friends might need to stage an intervention. Luckily, researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine have isolated the Number One telltale sign of senility: "Dude's political views start to diverge from yours."

Where government officials are concerned, supporters of the voluntary retirement movement seem downright obsessed with the notion of "but they might die in office." (Of course if the official retired and got on his/her spouse's nerves too much, we might be worrying "but they might die in the RV." Six of one, half a dozen of the other.)

This possibility of an incomplete term has made us the object of international



Tyrades!
Danny Tyree

pity. ("Those poor, poor Americans. They might actually have to hold a special election. If I weren't chained to the wall upside down in this dissidents' dungeon, I would send them some foreign aid.")

Let's pick and choose those whom we encourage to grab the gold watch and head for pasture. For example, Betty White, Barbara Walters and Regis Philbin still have something to offer the world. (Barbara's recent notoriety from childhood disease chickenpox has her publicist scrambling to find out more about zits, cooties, jump rope burn and "baby bumps".)

And wouldn't the world be better off with a few more senile gangsters? ("Cement overshoes? You sure? I mean, we had such a bunch of Styrofoam cluttering up the joint ...")

One must weigh the moral implications of stripping prominent figures of the roles that have defined their lives. I think especially of justices of the United States. There have been judges on the Supreme Court who could remember when the Miranda rule was not "You have the right to remain silent" but "You have the right to invent a spoken language."

What are these dedicated justices supposed to do with their days after giving up such an august position? ("Oh, I've taken up golf and watercolors. And knitting little polyester suits for the neighborhood squirrels. Hey, if we can decide that corporations are persons, surely I can decide that squirrels are persons, dagnabbit!")

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TODAY'S LETTERS

It is not about titles of common respect

Editor:

I'd like to comment on the Feb. 1 religion article by Kevin Patterson titled "Kevin, what should I call you?" I read Kevin's articles and generally find them positive and uplifting. While I'm not a religious leader or teacher, and by no means a theologian, I did find the Feb. 1 article troubling and misleading, if not intentionally divisive. My concern stems from an individual taking one passage out of the Holy Bible and misinterpreting its intent by confusing verbiage with the theological concept.

It is this type teaching that has led to more than 30,000 different Christian denominations rather than remaining one as Christ would want us. We find congregations fighting over interpretations and often dividing so that each can claim that they have the truth. I don't believe the Holy Spirit means to lead us into thou-

sands of conflicting truths.

Now back to the article which cites Matthew 23:9. "Don't call anyone on earth Father..." Mr. Patterson is content with a literal interpretation of the text. He says the word father describes God alone. He does, however, somehow allow for children calling their dad, father. At what age should that stop?

More to the point, let's read Matthew 23:8. "But be not you called Rabbi..." Rabbi means teacher and can be translated as doctor. Christ goes on to tell us not to use teacher because we have only one teacher. Maybe anyone using these titles is also violating the literal interpretation of the text.

Read on to Matthew 23:10. "Neither be ye called master, for One is your master; Christ."

Consider this. Isn't Christ simply teaching us not to place any human authority on the level of God? When we use mister, master, doctor, teacher, pastor, father,

reverend, or other titles of respect, we are not by any means exalting a person above God. I personally have never known a pastor, priest, minister, or rabbi that didn't consider themselves as a servant to God.

The message in Matthew is all about hypocrisy and not about titles of common respect. When we read the Bible we need to be aware of context and look at all of Scripture. For instance look at John 8:39, Acts 5:34, Col 4:1, 2T 1:11, John 2:13, Eph 5:31, Eph 6:2, Eph 6:4. Need I go on?

Use of the term father is found through the Bible and was commonly used in the early church. Documented in Acts 7, St. Stephan, the first martyr, stands before the Sanhedrin and uses father to refer to numerous prophets. Can we conclude from the above that the apostles did not look to a literal interpretation but rather to the message Christ is teaching?

Look at Matthew 5:22. "Whoever shall say, thou fool, shall be in danger of

hell fire..." Now read Matthew 23:17 where Christ Himself says "You blind fools! Which is greater, the gold..."? We clearly need to look not simply at words but the meaning behind them.

Have you ever heard anyone say it was raining cats and dogs? The words do not mean cats and dogs were falling out of the sky but rather the message was that it was raining very hard.

I intend no disrespect or malice in my response to Mr. Patterson and if it is his desire to be referred to as Kevin rather than another title, I respect his personal choice. I simply ask that his public comments and opinions be more respectful to those who may not share his personal theology. I will continue to use common titles of respect for ministers and priests with no guilt in my heart. My pastor has earned my respect and I am not in any way addressing him as a God.

Tom Blesch
Sebring

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



Courtesy photo

Ridge Area Arc Behavior Analyst Rick Zawlocki gets instructions from Rich Dixon on how to ride his hand cycle while Dixon's wife Becky and dog Monte watch. Zawlocki demonstrated to the Arc consumers and staff how it works during a presentation at the agency on Monday.

Hope shared along the way with those who have disabilities

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across the country on his cycle became a reality for the couple.

"He kept telling me he had this desire to do a cross country ride. I just kept saying 'OK, honey.' I encouraged him and the desire just wouldn't go away. He kept talking about it and here we are," Becky said.

Along the journey, Rich has stopped at numerous facilities along his trek to give an encouraging word to those living with disabilities and other issues.

Though Dixon rarely has spent time with individuals with mental disabilities, his stop at Ridge Area Arc was greatly appreciated by employees and members alike. Dixon focuses on telling his story to different platforms in different ways. Depending on the audience, he sometimes focuses on the strength he found through God and grace, other times focusing on perseverance and purpose.

"It's not always about the disabilities you can see like my husband's ... people need hope in general. He tells them to not give up, to find a passion to focus on the things you can do instead of those you can't. He reaches people however they need to be reached," Becky said.

As for Rich's Ride, the cyclist is on a steady journey

to continuing to spread hope and acceptance throughout the country. Dixon doesn't want to take all the glory for his efforts and has dedicated his ride to raising funds for the Convoy of Hope organization, a faith-based non-profit that provides disaster response and international feeding initiatives for children.

Dixon has rode 1,000 miles around the perimeter of Florida since he started in Jacksonville on Jan. 28 and

traveled all the way down to Miami. Following his appearance at Arc Monday, Dixon traveled another 50 miles to Lakeland before calling it a day. Dixon is currently heading north away from Lakeland to continue his journey through the state of Florida with many more stops on his agenda.

For more information on Rich's Ride or to donate to the Convoy of Hope Charity visit Dixon's website at www.richsride.org/.

NASA regains space station contact after outage

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — The International Space Station regained contact with NASA controllers in Houston after nearly three hours of accidental quiet, the space agency says.

Officials say the six crew members and station are fine and had no problem during the brief outage.

NASA spokesman Josh Byerly said something went wrong around 9:45 a.m. EST Tuesday during a computer software update on the station. The outpost abruptly lost all communication, voice and command from Houston.

Communication was restored less than three

hours later, Byerly said

"We've got our command and control back," he said.

Station commander Kevin Ford was able to briefly radio Moscow while the station was flying over Russia.

Normally, NASA communicates with and sends commands to the station from Houston, via three communications satellites that transmit voice, video and data. Such interruptions have happened a few times in the past, the space agency said.

If there is no crisis going on, losing communication with the ground "is not a terrible thing," said former astronaut Jerry Linenger, who was on the Russian space station Mir during a

dangerous fire in 1997. "You feel pretty confident up there that you can handle it. You're flying the spacecraft."

Not only should this boost the confidence of the station crew, it's good training for any eventual mission to Mars because there will be times when communications is down or difficult during the much farther voyage, Linenger said.

In the past few weeks the space station had been purposely simulating communications delays and downtimes to see how activity could work for a future Mars mission, Byerly said. This was not part of those tests, but may prove useful, he said.

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Four dead in California shooting spree

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

TUSTIN, Calif. — A shooting spree early Tuesday left three people dead and two others injured in Orange County, and the search for the gunman ended when he shot himself to death in a stolen car as police closed in, authorities said.

There were multiple crime scenes in Tustin and Orange and many more victims who were shot at but unhurt, said Tustin Lt. Paul Garaven.

The shootings began at 4:45 a.m. when deputies responding to a call found a female shot multiple times in a house in Ladera Ranch, said Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino. The city is in the southern part of the suburban county about 30 miles south of Los Angeles.

From 5:30-5:55 a.m., Tustin police received police reports of shootings in several locations, Tustin police Supervisor Dave Kanoti.

The suspect is a male, although Garaven couldn't confirm his age. He didn't have the sexes of all the victims, whose conditions were unknown at press time.

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Three vie for two council seats

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changes are sometimes needed," Carlisle said. "I think new blood is always a good thing. Sometimes the people that sit on the board for a long time become a little insensitive to the needs of the people; a fresh mind with fresh ideas helps that not to happen."

For Carlisle's first election, he knows that he is facing two opponents that are seasoned in their positions but is hopeful that the people will make their decisions for who they think is best fit for the jobs.

"I know one of the guys (opponents) pretty well. The other I don't know; some of the council members I don't know all that well. I'm not running just to beat somebody out of something. I just think it's time for some change. I'd like an opportunity to help the people," Carlisle said.

Carlisle's stance is that elected officials are placed in their positions to be the voice of the people. After speaking to customers and other people in the community, Carlisle feels that it is his

duty to represent the citizens of Sebring with honesty and integrity.

"When you're sitting on any council you are there for the people," Carlisle said. "It's not about you. It doesn't matter what I think and I

won't vote how I feel about things (if elected). I will do what is best for the city and for the people."

Elected members serve four-year terms. City council elections will take place Tuesday, March 12.

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HCA has five-goal agenda for county

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plified, 10 percent for the lakes, 30 percent for event grants, and 60 percent for marketing."

Part of the plan is to treat TDC operating costs the way a line item in a budget would be, Scherlacher said. This way expenditures would be stable and staff can make projections. "Like how much money will be needed to pay for (operational) supplies and salaries. It will make it easier to present reports to the council. We can say, 'This is what we spent, this is what we have.' The rest will be used for what is intended."

Elwell said that while the TDC has shortchanged arts and culture in the past, he did not feel that would happen again.

For one thing, he said, the arts has received the funding it was owed in 2012. "They are sitting on \$150,000 to \$200,000 that they are afraid to use," Elwell said. "All tourism assets must be marketed. We will not ignore art and culture."

The HCA, however, has its own plans — some of them big.

Leavitt said the council has a five-goal agenda, geared not just to promoting the arts, but drawing out-of-county people to Highlands, whether to visit or stay.

Among the more ambitious plans are to create an Acoustic (Folk) Music & Art Festival, a Literary Festival, establish a Peter Powell Robert's Museum, and promoting the county as a Florida art and cultural center.

"Four new galleries have opened in the past few months," Leavitt said. And a local exhibit by local artists who have worked together to create the Lake Wales Ridge Project, an art show that is scheduled to tour throughout Florida, at the request of the state's public libraries.

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County gives tour of its canals

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — On Jan. 31, about 50 people climbed on a bus at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agriculture Center to take a tour of the canals of Highlands County. The tour was designed to allow folks to look at all the issues related to Lake Management and how people who live on canals can help with water quality issues.

The tour was led by Clell Ford, Highlands County Lakes manager for the Parks and Natural Resources Department, and Randy Gornto, livestock agent for Highlands County Extension. Ford informed the audience about current projects on Highlands County's lakes and water bodies, including the Lake Clay Stormwater Retrofit project and Gornto spoke on general agriculture, pasture and grazing lands.

The informative tour included several stops and some excellent speakers. First on the list was Melissa Yunas with the Florida State Division of Forestry, who spoke about the Firewise Program and what homeowners can do to mediate potential damage from wildland fire. Next, George Atkinson, member of his Homeowner's Association from the Erin Park Canal area, spoke about how the residents put up the money and obtained grants for permitting to do work on their canals.

During the Windy Point



Lake Placid Councilwoman Debra Worley talks to those on a tour of Highlands County's canals about the Lake Clay Stormwater Retrofit project.

Courtesy photo

Park stop, Dan Willis with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences, presented on the Florida LAKE-WATCH program. Kelle Sullivan from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission talked about aquatic plant management and invasive exotic species.

A lunch break was taken at the Golden Corral where John Payne, a local landowner, educated the group about dispersed water storage projects. Highlands County Commissioner Jack Richie also delighted the group with a welcoming talk about the beautiful county.

Once everyone had been refreshed with food and beverage, it was off to the Lake Clay Stormwater Retrofit

project in Lake Placid. Town Councilwoman Debra Worley told the group about the project's history and completion.

The next stop was Ibanez Nursery where David Austin, Urban Horticulture agent/Master Gardener coordinator for Highlands County Extension Service, gave a talk about Florida Friendly landscaping. During this stop the guests were able to do a bit of wine tasting within the relaxing confines of the nursery, which added an extra bit of fun to the tour.

Kyle Green, Road and Bridge supervisor for Highlands County, educated the group with a demonstration of the track hoe as it relates to canal maintenance. The county maintains many canals and the group got to see, first hand, how the crew

operates the machinery in a drainage canal adjacent to Claremont Avenue in Placid Lakes.

Much hard work and creativity went into the tour and thanks to the many people who contributed, it was a success. The tour was sold out with a mixed group of about one half full-time residents and the other half winter visitors. Those behind the scenes, such as Rebecca Southard of the Highlands County Extension Office, were instrumental in organizing handouts and logistics of the tour.

Since the tour was well received, Highlands County staff hopes to have more of these types of programs in the future.

ic muscular disease, SMA and is undergoing extensive treatment. His mother is the ag teacher at Lake Placid High School and the faculty, staff and students at LPHS are trying to aid the family by raising money to help relieve the financial burden.

For barbecue ticket, call Cindy Rivers at 699-5010.

Lake Placid High School's FFA will also be hosting its annual Corn Hole tournament at the same time. For information about entering a team, call Lauren Butler at 699-5010.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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questions. The current slate of officers has agreed to serve again on our board for the year 2013. The goal is to get some new individuals to serve on the board to give fresh ideas and new energy. To run for office contact the Friends of Istokpoga or attend this meeting.

There will be refreshments served beginning at 6:45 p.m. There will also be a membership table for the payment of 2013 dues.

Shred documents on Saturday

SEBRING — Shred Day will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Statler Financial Services parking lot in the Keys Professional Plaza, 803 U.S. 27 S., Sebring; phone number is 382-0037. This event is sponsored by Statler Financial Services to help the community in the fight against identity theft.

A free list of documents to shred is available online at www.statlerfinancial.com. Limit of four boxes; paper documents only. Remove all binder clips and plastic covers. Paper clips are acceptable.

Barbecue benefits Butler family

LAKE PLACID — A benefit barbecue for Waylon Butler and Family will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Roger Scarborough Memorial Field in Lake Placid. The menu includes pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and drink for \$8 (eat in or take out).

Waylon was born Oct. 4, 2012 with a possible genet-

Flag wave set for Thursday

SEBRING — The Highlands Tea Party will hold a flag wave at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Highlands County Fairgrounds, 781 Magnolia Place, as a send off for the local National Guard's Bravo Battery.

These soldiers are part of 365 Guard members deploying from 3rd Battalion, 116th Field Artillery whose headquarters is in Plant City and includes units from Avon Park, Arcadia, and Lake Wales.

Indiana Marshall County Day set

SEBRING — The annual Hoosier Marshall County Day will be Friday at Homer's Smorgasbord, one block east of Walmart in Sebring Square.

Registration is 10-11 a.m. and the program begins at 11 a.m. Meet in the Manatee room.

Marshall County residents and guests are welcome.

OBITUARIES

ROSE BELL

Rose D. Bell, 90, of Sebring, Fla., died Feb. 17, 2013. She was born in Providence, R.I. and retired from Davol Rubber Co. in Providence. Rose was the last or seven children born to the late Manuel and Senhorinha Vincente. She moved to Sebring in 1986 and attended Christ Fellowship for many years. Rose was an active member of the Senior Center.

She is survived by daughter and her husband, Sandra and Lew Carter; grandchildren, Robert Leonardo, and Michael (Leigh Ann) Leonardo; great-grandchildren, Amber Flippin, Robert Lewis Leonardo, Kayla Leonardo, James Leonardo, Natha Leonardo, and Kayleigh Leonardo; and great-great-grandson, Blake Flippin, all of Sebring.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Rhode Island. The family suggests memorials to Good Shepherd Hospice.

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HARRY HUMMEL JR.

Harry W. Hummel Jr., 92, of Sebring, Fla., went home to be with the Lord Feb. 13, 2013. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Ethel Mary. He was born in Palmyra, Pa. on Sept. 8, 1920 and moved to Sebring in 1955.

Harry is survived by his son, Harry III (Sharon) of Peoria, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Jimmy Hummel (Xan), Kathy Galbo (Paul), Jerry Mandoza (Denise), Sherrana and family; 11 great-grandchildren, Joseph, Morgan, Derek, Jennifer, Elizabeth, Jeron, Micah, Luke, Denelle, Andrew and Ryan; and two great-great-grandchildren, Addison and Acen.



Hummel

He was a dedicated member of the Sebring Church of the Brethren, where he served selflessly until he was 90. He then went to live at the Palms of Sebring (those wonderful people became his second "family") where he had served as a volunteer for many years. Harry also served our country in World War II in the U.S. Army. He was a master carpenter, working with K.D. Grubb Construction, beginning in 1955 until he retired at age 62. He enjoyed playing cards with friends, board games,

music, golfing, but most of all, he enjoyed time with family and friends. Harry was a man of high integrity, great character, heart of compassion and always willing to help others. He will truly be missed by those who knew him.

A celebration of Harry's life will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Sebring Church of the Brethren, 700 S. Pine St. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to Sebring Church of the Brethren.

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Dated this 12th day of February, 2013.

Robert Germaine
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As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000620 DIVISION: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. ALBERT L. SCARPATI, III, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 6, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000620 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Albert L. Scarpati, III, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc. Rhonda Scarpati, 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 6th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000889 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. POLINICE, DAVID J., et al., Defendants.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000889 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and POLINICE, DAVID J., et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 5th day of March, 2013, the following described property:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 12000621GC NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. CYNTHIA D. LUTTRELL, ELIZABETH ANNE BATES, GEORGE WILLIAM BATES, JOHN DAVID BATES, LORI ANNE JOHNSON, TAMMY LYNNE JOHNSON AND RYAN BENJAMIN DANSER, et al. Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2009-CA-000595 LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2007-HE4 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE4, Plaintiff, vs. CHERYLANN K. HUTCHINS, ET AL. Defendants

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282009CA001940A000XX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSFB A RMT 05-12, Plaintiff, vs. KENNETH D. LAGROW; SUNTRUST BANK; RHONDA K. LAGROW; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 4th day of February, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001940A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSFB A RMT 05-12, is the Plaintiff and KENNETH D. LAGROW, SUNTRUST BANK and RHONDA K. LAGROW IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 6th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 7, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12000621GC of the Circuit Court of the TENTH JUDICIAL Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and CYNTHIA D. LUTTRELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA D. LUTTRELL; ELIZABETH ANNE BATES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH ANNE BATES; GEORGE WILLIAM BATES; JOHN DAVID BATES; LORI ANNE JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LORI ANNE JOHNSON; TAMMY LYNNE JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY LYNNE JOHNSON; RYAN BENJAMIN DANSER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RYAN BENJAMIN DANSER; BANK OF AMERICA N.A.; THE INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY; WATERWAY PATIO HOMES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC PHASE II; TIME INVESTMENT COMPANY INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on March 13, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11000198GCAXSX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ROSA VASQUEZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROSA VASQUEZ, JAMNETH CORDOBA, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMNETH CORDOBA, ANITA BRAVO, STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ONEWEST BANK, FSF, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 4, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 11000198GCAXSX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, and ROSA VASQUEZ, JAMNETH CORDOBA, ANITA BRAVO, STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AND ONEWEST BANK, FSF, 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 5th day of March, 2013, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

UNIT 225, OF WATERWAY PATIO HOMES, PHASE II, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1698, PAGE 1869 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA AND ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELE-

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE (Please publish in THE NEWS SUN) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 7, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2009-CA-000595, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2007-HE4 (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and CHERYLANN K. HUTCHINS; WIL-LARD H. CORTRIGHT; ALLISON S. CORTRIGHT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/A/ LOU DE DEANGELIS, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the MAIN ENTRANCE of the Courthouse; 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, at 11:00 a.m., on the 6th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 22, IN BLOCK 212, OF A REVISION OF RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF PLACID LAKES SECTION ELEVEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 77, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 6th day of February, 2013.

ROBERT GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk
February 13, 20, 2013

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.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 221-4743
(813) 221-9171 facsimile
eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com
LJ-10-53803

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ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 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 6th day of February, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk
February 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282011CA000302 SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. CURTIS LIPPS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 4, 2013, entered in Case No. 11-CA-302 in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff and Curtis Lipps, Betty Jean Lipps a/k/a Betty H. Lipps, The Unknown Spouse of Susan Marsh Geva a/k/a Susan Geva, Jane Doe (1), unknown tenant, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 at 11:00 am on the 5th day of March, 2013, the following described property Highlands County, Florida: Lot 3, Block 88, Section 2, TOWN OF HARDING,

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 A/K/A
 West half and East half of Lot 3, Block 88, Section 2, TOWN OF HARDING, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 104, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Together with a 2004 FLEETWOOD D/W Mobile Home, ID# FLFL370A30758BH31 & a 2004 FLEETWOOD D/W Mobile Home, ID# FLFL370B30758BH31
 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 6th day of February, 2013.
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
 DEPUTY CLERK
 February 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. 28-2012-CP-248-PCAXMX
 IN RE: ESTATE OF
 KOLETTO SHARPE AKA KOLETTO SHARP
 Deceased.

Division Probate
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of KOLETTO SHARPE AKA KOLETTO SHARP, deceased, whose date of death was December 1, 2011; File Number 28-2012-CP-248-PCAXMX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 13, 2013.
 Signed on February 7, 2013.

/s/ Felicia Sharpe
 Personal Representative
 1212 S. Vernon Ave.
 Avon Park, FL 33825

/s/ Sean F. Bogle
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Email: sean@boglelawfirm.com
 Florida Bar No. 106613
 BOGLE LAW FIRM
 101 S. New York Ave Unit 205
 Winter Park, Florida 32789-4290
 Telephone: (407) 834-3311
 February 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 12-472
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
 CAROLYN S. MADISON
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of CAROLYN S. MADISON, deceased, whose date of death was September 12, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is February 13, 2013.

Personal Representative:
 EDITH Q. KATZENMEYER
 3735 Elizabeth Terrace
 Sebring, Florida 33870

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 James V. Loboza, Jr., Esq.
 Attorney for EDITH Q. KATZENMEYER
 Florida Bar Number: 274178
 MCCLURE & LOBOZZO
 211 S. Ridgewood Drive
 Sebring, Florida 33870
 Telephone: (863) 402-1888
 Fax: (863) 471-0751
 E-Mail: jvplleadings@mllaw.net
 Secondary E-Mail: jlobozza@mllaw.net
 February 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 13-36
 Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
 ELSIE M. CONNER
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Elsie M. Conner, deceased, whose date of death was January 11th, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 20, 2013.

Personal Representative:
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 February 20, 27, 2013

1055 Highlands County Legals
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES
 The following legal notices are from the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners and are being published in the front, size, and leading as per their specifications.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the County Court in and for Highlands County, Florida, on the 13th day of December, 2012, the cause wherein ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC is Plaintiff, and EAJ CHOWDHURY, is the Defendant, being Case No. 08388CCS in the said Court, I, Susan Benton, Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon all of, right, title and interest of the Defendant, EAJ CHOWDHURY in and to the following described PERSONAL property, to-wit:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 12000140TDS CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EUGENIO PEDRO, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 Certificate No.: 119
 Year of Issuance: 06-01-2007
 Tax ID: C-01-33-28-010-0000-6344

2003 LEXUS ES 300
 VIN: JTHBF30G130121337
 I shall offer this property for sale at Ducks Body Shop, 1153 Hawthorne Drive, in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, on the 11th day of March, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the said defendant, EAJ CHOWDHURY'S, right, title and interest in and to 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.

NOTICE Dated this, February 1st, 2013
 SUSAN BENTON, SHERIFF OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By: /s/ Lt. Jack Bailey, 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.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
 Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
 MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk
 February 20/27, March 6, 13, 2013

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDITH B. OLIVER, Deceased.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of EDITH B. OLIVER, deceased, whose date of death was NOVEMBER 6, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 13-24

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IN RE: ESTATE OF EDITH B. OLIVER, Deceased.
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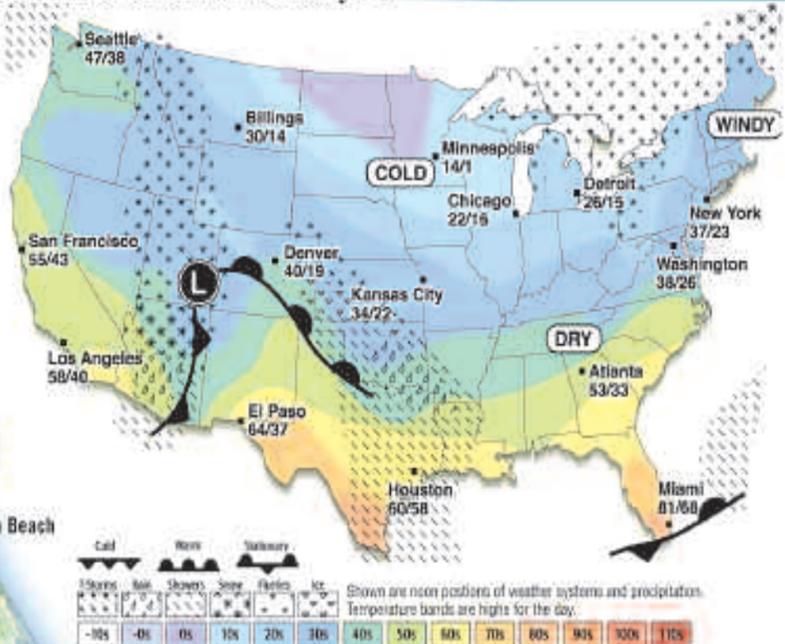
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Nice with periods of sun	Mostly sunny and nice	Nice and warm with some sun	Partly sunny	Clouds and sun; breezy, warm, nice
79° / 55°	82° / 62°	85° / 65°	86° / 67°	86° / 66°
Winds: NE at 4-8 mph	Winds: ESE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SSE at 6-12 mph	Winds: S at 8-16 mph	Winds: SW at 10-20 mph

National Forecast for February 20



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	68°
Low Friday	52°
High Saturday	71°
Low Saturday	37°
High Sunday	57°
Low Sunday	26°
High Monday	72°
Low Monday	42°

Heat Index
For 3 a.m. today

Relative humidity	43%
Expected air temperature	79°
Makes it feel like	79°

Barometer

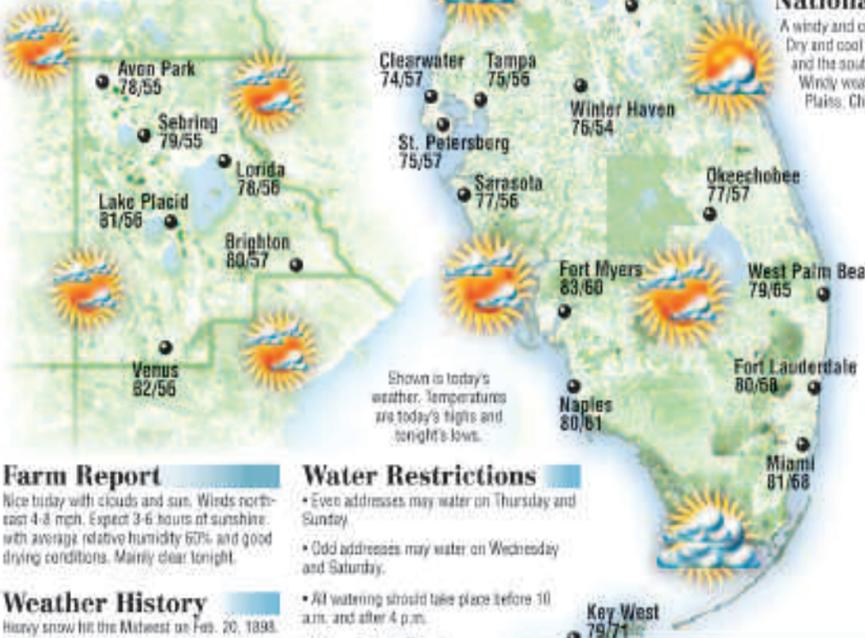
Saturday	30.21
Sunday	30.20
Monday	30.21

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	1.31"
Year to date	1.72"

Regional Summary

Nice today with clouds and sun. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny and nice tomorrow. Friday: nice and warm with some sun. Saturday: partly sunny. Sunday: breezy and very warm with times of clouds and sun.



Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	1:01 p.m.
Low	5:04 a.m.
High	9:49 p.m.
Low	3:23 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	4:23 a.m.
Low	10:26 a.m.
High	4:31 p.m.
Low	10:46 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	14.45'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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



Farm Report

Nice today with clouds and sun. Winds northeast 4-8 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and good drying conditions. Mainly clear tonight.

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

Heavy snow hit the Midwest on Feb. 20, 1898. Racine, Wis., received 30 inches of snow. Milwaukee had drifts as high as 15 feet.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	82/65pc	84/65s	86/67s	Miami	81/68pc	82/71pc	84/72pc
Clearwater	74/57pc	78/55s	80/60pc	Okeechobee	77/57pc	78/64s	83/65pc
Daytona Beach	68/48pc	73/59s	77/64pc	Orlando	75/52pc	79/62s	83/68pc
Fort Lauderdale	80/68pc	80/72pc	82/73pc	Panama City	81/62pc	81/70pc	83/70pc
Fort Myers	83/65pc	85/66s	87/68s	St. Augustine	84/66pc	83/68s	74/65pc
Gainesville	88/69pc	75/56pc	78/62pc	St. Petersburg	75/57pc	80/64s	81/66pc
Hollywood	81/65pc	81/70pc	83/71pc	Sarasota	77/56pc	80/62s	82/65pc
Jacksonville	64/38s	70/52pc	75/62s	Tallahassee	64/35pc	71/54pc	75/65s
Key West	79/71pc	80/73pc	82/75s	Tampa	75/56pc	80/63pc	82/65pc
				Winter Haven	76/54pc	80/62s	83/68pc

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Rise	6:57 a.m.	6:57 a.m.
Set	6:22 p.m.	6:23 p.m.
Moonrise	2:06 p.m.	2:52 p.m.
Moonset	3:00 a.m.	3:48 a.m.

National Summary

A windy and cold day is in store for the Northeast today as a powerful storm strengthens across Maritime Canada. Dry and cool weather will be found across the Southeast while clouds and showers deepen across eastern Texas and the southern Plains. The Southwest will be cold with rain in the deserts and heavy snow in the mountains. Windy weather will be found across the Great Lakes with brisk cold air setting up across the northern and central Plains. Chilly, cloudy and showery weather will be common across the Pacific Northwest.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	51/27c	45/26pc	47/25c	Los Angeles	58/40pc	61/43pc	65/41s
Atlanta	53/33s	60/45pc	56/49s	Louisville	34/21s	40/26s	55/36c
Baltimore	39/23pc	40/25s	40/20c	Memphis	40/31pc	48/41s	61/42s
Birmingham	50/32pc	62/52s	69/58s	Minneapolis	20/14s	22/20c	35/22s
Boston	37/24pc	34/23pc	41/22s	Nashville	14/1s	28/11s	26/13s
Charlotte	54/27s	55/36pc	46/43s	New Orleans	62/52pc	70/64s	77/68s
Chicago	22/16s	30/25c	38/25s	New York City	37/23pc	34/29s	40/32s
Cleveland	29/17s	27/22pc	30/33s	Norfolk	45/29pc	44/33s	44/41s
Columbus	29/18pc	34/27pc	45/32c	Okla. City	36/24s	55/29pc	49/28s
Dallas	47/41s	62/33s	59/38s	Philadelphia	36/23pc	37/29s	40/32c
Denver	40/19c	39/14s	43/21c	Phoenix	36/42s	69/45pc	63/44c
Detroit	26/15pc	27/22pc	36/31s	Pittsburgh	25/16s	31/23pc	40/35s
Harrisburg	34/23pc	37/23pc	38/30c	Portland, ME	38/23pc	38/25pc	33/21s
Honolulu	81/68pc	80/69pc	81/70pc	Portland, OR	48/32s	49/41s	51/39s
Houston	60/58c	75/61s	70/54pc	Raleigh	57/24s	51/33pc	44/40s
Indianapolis	20/17pc	33/30c	45/29c	Rochester	28/17s	28/20s	35/31s
Jackson, MS	59/37c	63/47s	71/53c	St. Louis	30/21s	31/28s	41/21s
Kansas City	34/23pc	29/28s	29/30c	San Francisco	55/43pc	56/41pc	56/46pc
Lexington	34/17s	38/32c	53/29c	Seattle	47/38s	49/42s	49/35s
Little Rock	42/22c	40/33s	55/24s	Wash., DC	38/28pc	41/29s	40/34s

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Auckland	50/63s	59/68s	60/68s	London	41/54pc	39/29pc	37/20pc
Athens	56/43s	56/51c	63/49s	Montreal	29/18s	29/18s	31/21s
Beirut	63/51pc	57/58s	73/59c	Moscow	19/8pc	18/5c	19/4s
Berlin	35/23s	39/29s	38/21s	Nice	56/41s	54/40s	51/41s
Bern	69/60s	65/56pc	63/57pc	Ottawa	25/10s	24/13s	31/28s
Bombay	28/13pc	36/15s	32/21c	Quebec	25/15s	33/11s	30/12s
Buenos Aires	43/34pc	39/30pc	37/28pc	Rio de Janeiro	31/25s	33/26s	30/24pc
Calgary	17/4pc	22/9pc	24/9pc	Seoul	33/25s	30/25s	35/23s
Edmonton	7/6pc	7/6pc	7/6pc	Singapore	37/7s	36/7s	35/7pc
Frankfurt	37/67pc	78/67s	74/71pc	Sydney	81/68s	79/68s	78/68s
Geneva	44/25pc	38/21s	38/22pc	Toronto	24/12s	22/15s	23/27s
Havana	83/64s	86/63pc	88/65s	Vancouver	46/26s	46/40s	46/35s
Hong Kong	68/41s	70/43pc	73/63pc	Vienna	36/25s	33/24s	33/25s
Jerusalem	57/42s	62/51s	70/47c	Warsaw	28/25s	31/20s	31/21s
Johannesburg	84/55s	82/57s	82/55c	Winnipeg	5/-4pc	18/2c	18/9s
Key West	30/0pc	34/0pc	35/29c				

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Delroy Blake, left, and Dre Neely show off the medals earned at the FHSAA State Wrestling Finals Saturday.



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After a frustrating day on the mats Saturday, Sebring's Chris DeJesus is all smiles on the medal podium with his hard-earned hardware.

Blake, Neely, DeJesus bring home hardware

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKELAND – When the dust settled after a scattered Saturday, three Highlands County wrestlers took their places on the medal stand to be rewarded for their efforts.

Aches and pains of the two-days of hard competition against the best from around the state, smiles of elation, tears of frustration and that final moment of feeling the silk ribbon slide around the neck with the weight now off their shoulders and upon their chest.

Red Devil Delroy Blake finished fourth among the Class 1A, 195-pound entrants, with freshman teammate Dre Neely battling back from the consolation rounds to take fifth in the 113-pound class.

"I was just happy to keep the tradition going of getting guys here," first-year head coach Blake Germain said. "It's tough though, for seniors like Johnny (Baldrige) and Jose (Torres) who could have gotten medals and worked so hard. But it's also great that our underclassmen were able to get medals and keep the program strong



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Delroy Blake goes on the attack against University Christian's Robert Parland Saturday.

moving forward."

Baldrige had rebounded after a loss in his second match Friday, with a win to move him along in the consolation bracket.

But the senior was outpointed in his opening match Saturday morning to end his run.

Neely had followed a similar path, taking a loss to Cardinal Gibbons' Dominick Gibson and then getting a win to move him to Saturday.

Needing one more win to assure himself a medal, Neely edged Jarred Wolfenberger 7-5 and then found himself in a rematch

with Gibson in the battle for fifth.

This time around, Neely got his atonement with a dominant, 8-1 win.

Blake had made his Friday easy, picking up two wins to keep his workload short.

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Lady Dragon dream ride comes to an end

By DAN HOEHNE

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Their memorable and historic run came to an end Saturday as the Lady Dragons fell 62-26 in the Class 4A Regional Finals at Ft. Myers Dunbar.

"We just ran into a team we couldn't match up with," senior guard Alex Coyne said.

That was certainly the case as the Lady Tigers broke out of the gate quickly and never looked back.

A 21-5 first-quarter tilt slowed down a bit in the second, but the dye was cast with the 31-11 lead at half-time.

Lake Placid got the offense going a bit in the third, getting into double figures with 13 in the period, but Dunbar did them six better before adding 10 more points to the lead in the fourth.

"They are a very good team," head coach Jackie Coyne said. "Their aggressiveness, experience and knowledge of the game exploited our youth and inexperience."

In every season it is inevitably going to come to

an end, with months of hard work, sacrifice and camaraderie usually being the most a team can look back on.

But by extending their season this far, to reach a stage of the season the no Lady Dragon basketball team had gotten to before, well, it gives them and their community that much more to relish in memory.

"This was a great group of young ladies who bought into a team concept and continually got better every practice," coach Coyne said. "They were a true pleasure to coach and they will always be remembered for what they accomplished for this school. They made history."

They certainly did, and the 2012-13 Lady Dragons will soon stand aloft among the banners in the Malcom "Bill" Ross Memorial Gym.

Leaving this behind as the final memory of their high school careers are seniors Coyne, Bria Wilson, l'Eshenay Moore, Tangie Pagan and Mazie Hanson.

And while the remembrances linger, things for the



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Alex Coyne and the Lady Dragons met their match Saturday and saw their season come to an end against the Dunbar Lady Tigers – in the Class 4A Regional Final.

team and their coach are always moving forward.

"Hopefully this will make them hungry," coach Coyne said of her returning under-

classmen, as well as the next batch of new players trying to make their mark. "Hungry to work hard in the off season to continue the trend."

Fairmount Services rolls right along

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – In Sebring Softball League action, Fairmount Services, after a slow start to the season, beat Jarrett Ford 14-10 last Tuesday at Highlands County Sports Complex.

Fairmount notched its fifth win in their last six games.

Bob "Swamp" Poulan pitched a solid game for the win.

Hot-hitting Tom McNally was 3-for-3 with two doubles, and has 15 hits in his last 17 at bats – hitting at a .882 clip.

Gary Kindle, one of the

top defensive outfielders in the league, went 3-for-3 with a double.

Slick fielding mid-fielder Dick "Scooter" Cook was 3-for-4 with a triple.

For Jarrett Ford, Hall of Famer Dave Reed went 4-for-4 with a double.

Larry Kelly and Jim Guild each had two hits and a double.

Jim Holmes, Dale Thornton and Billy Searse added two singles apiece.

Thursday's doubleheader was rained out and will be made up at the end of the season.



Courtesy photo

Tanglewood's Randy Crawfis, left, and Clayton Farrar teamed up to take Bronze this past weekend at a Pickleball Tournament in Ft. Myers.

Tanglewood Picklers strong at Skatium

Special to the News-Sun
Tanglewood pickleballers are having a very successful season.

Three Tanglewood players journeyed to the Skatium in Fort Myers to play on Saturday and Sunday, Feb 16 and 17.

Randy Crawfis and Clayton Farrar teamed up for a bronze medal in men's 3.0 doubles play.

In mixed doubles, Randy and his wife, Danielle, made it to the bronze medal round where they were knocked out of competition.

This event differed from others in which these players have competed this year.

Being at an indoor venue eliminated the dramatic effect the winds can have on the game.

Playing indoors was especially appreciated this past weekend as the temperatures plummeted and the winds soared.

The play was in a round robin format with each team competing against

other teams at the same skill level in games to 21 rather than the usual 11.

Some tournaments are skill level where players are rated from 2.5 (beginner) to 5.0 (expert) while others pit players in the same age group against one another.

There is lots more action in store for Tanglewood's picklers.

Tanglewood will be holding the South Central Florida Pickleball League "shootout" on Monday, March 4 starting at 10:30.

The "Heartland Games for Active Adults" Pickleball Tournament will also be held at Tanglewood on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16.

To register, contact Lauren Redick of the South Florida State College Community Education Department at 784-7388 or by e-mail at CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu.

The registration deadline is this Friday, Feb. 22.

Bulls Rose takes another step

Associated Press
DEERFIELD, Ill. — Chicago Bulls star Derrick Rose participated in five-on-five drills, the latest step in his recovery from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Coach Tom Thibodeau told reporters after practice that Rose "did what everyone else did."

Rose has been sidelined since he tore his ACL late in last season's playoff-

opening win over Philadelphia.

The top-seeded Bulls wound up losing that first-round series.



THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING THURSDAY

10 a.m. NASCAR – Daytona Practice ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Georgia Southern at Florida SUN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Providence at Syracuse ESPN2

8 p.m. Vanderbilt at Kentucky 38

9 p.m. Kansas at Oklahoma State ESPN2

11 p.m. Washington at Arizona ESPN2

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Cincinnati at Connecticut ESPN

7 p.m. Georgia at Arkansas ESPN2

9 p.m. Duke at Virginia Tech. ESPN

9 p.m. Iowa at Nebraska ESPN2

11 p.m. BYU at St. Mary's ESPN2

GOLF

WEDNESDAY

Noon PGA – WGC Accenture Match Play GOLF

THURSDAY

9 a.m. LPGA – Honda LPGA Thailand GOLF

1 p.m. PGA – WGC Accenture Match Play GOLF

NBA WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. New Orleans at Cleveland ESPN

10:30 p.m. Boston at L.A. Lakers ESPN

THURSDAY

8 p.m. Miami at Chicago TNT

10:30 p.m. San Antonio at L.A. Clippers TNT

NHL

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay SUN

Times, games, channels all subject to change

LEADERS SCORING

	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	498	4491	548	29.2
Anthony, NYK	426	2601	230	28.6
James, MIA	521	2511	1365	27.3
Bryant, LAL	514	3301	1449	26.8
Harden, HOU	412	4551	1383	26.1

REBOUNDS

	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, LAL	157	408	565	11.8
Randolph, MEM	208	357	565	11.5
Asik, HOU	183	451	634	11.5
Vucevic, ORL	183	414	597	11.5
Noah, CHI	186	359	545	11.4

ASSISTS

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	38	420	11.1
Paul, LAC	44	422	9.6
Vasquez, NOR	53	499	9.4
Holiday, PHL	47	418	8.9
Westbrook, OKC	53	427	8.1

STEALS

	G	STL	AVG
Paul, LAC	44	114	2.59
Conley, MEM	49	109	2.22
Westbrook, OKC	53	103	1.94
Jennings, MIL	51	99	1.94
Lin, HOU	55	105	1.91

BLOCKS

	G	BLK	AVG
Sanders, MIL	45	142	3.16
Ibaka, OKC	51	149	2.92
Duncan, SAN	44	121	2.75
Hibbert, IND	53	141	2.66
Howard, LAL	48	112	2.33

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Chandler, NYK	214	318	.673
Jordan, LAC	211	352	.599
Splitter, SAN	214	363	.590
Howard, LAL	284	491	.578
Hickson, POR	267	472	.566

3-POINT PERCENTAGE

	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Korver, ATL	127	276	.460
Curry, GOL	149	333	.447
Novak, NYK	96	215	.447
Calderon, DET	95	213	.446
Bonner, SAN	37	83	.446

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

	FT	FTA	PCT
Durant, OKC	449	495	.907
Curry, GOL	152	168	.905
Martin, OKC	160	177	.904
Collison, DAL	153	170	.900
Redick, ORL	110	124	.887

SCORING LEADERS

	GP	G	A	PTS
Vanek, Buf	15	12	13	25
Crosby, Pit	16	7	17	24
Stamkos, TB	14	9	12	21
Kane, Chi	15	9	12	21
St. Louis, TB	14	4	17	21
Tavares, NYI	15	11	9	20
Zetterberg, Det	15	5	15	20
Elias, NJ	16	4	15	19
Kunitz, Pit	16	6	12	18
Ribeiro, Was	15	5	13	18
Staal, Car	14	8	9	17
Moulson, NYI	15	7	10	17
Duchene, Col	14	6	11	17
Malkin, Pit	16	3	14	17

Transactions

BASEBALL American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLAS—Agreed to terms with RHP Darren O'Day on a two-year contract.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Luke Putkonen, RHP Bruce Rondon, LHP Duane Below, LHP Darin Downs, LHP Kyle Lobstein, C Ramon Cabrera and INF Jeff Kobernus on one-year contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Wilmer Font, RHP Roman Mendez, RHP Alexi Ogando, LHP Joe Ortiz, LHP

Martin Perez, RHP Tanner Scheppers, RHP Matt West, RHP Coty Woods, INF Leury Garcia, INF Mitch Moreland and INF Jurickson Profar on one-year contracts.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Acquired OF Tony Campana from the Chicago Cubs for RHP Jesus Castillo and RHP Erick Leal. Placed RHP Daniel Hudson on the 60-day DL.

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Homer Bailey on a one-year contract.

American Association
AMARILLO SOX—Signed RHP Thomas Hoenshell and RHP Max Whieldon. EL PASO DIABLOS—Traded INF Jordan Marks to Schaumburg for LHP Adam Tollefson.

Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALS—Sold the contract of OF Rony Rodriguez to Chicago (NL).

Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed RHP Jose Velazquez to a contract extension. JOLIET SLAMMERS—Signed OF David Christensen to a contract extension.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS—Signed INF Gibby Birones and INF T.J. Gavlik. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed INF Jason Ganek and RHP Reese McGraw to contract extensions.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association
NBA—Named Yannick Coloco managing director, NBA India.

MIAMI HEAT—Assigned C Dexter Pittman to Sioux Falls (NBADL). PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G Jeremy Pargo for the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released C Jeff Saturday. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed S Husain Abdullah.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named Dan Roushar running back coach. Reassigned Bret Ingalls to offensive line coach.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Named Steve Hoffman assistant special teams coach. Promoted Arthur Smith to offensive line/tight ends assistant coach.

Canadian Football League
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Released RB Avon Cobourne.

MONTREAL ALOUETTES—Signed DB Jerald Brown and LB Steve Octavien to two-year contracts.

HOCKEY National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled G Danny Taylor from Abbotsford (AHL). Assigned G Leland Irving to Abbotsford.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled G Jonas Gustavsson from Grand Rapids (AHL). Assigned G Petr Mrazek to Grand Rapids.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled C Mike Santorelli from San Antonio (AHL). NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with G Cam Talbot. Recalled F Brandon Mashinter from Connecticut (AHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES—Reassigned G Louis Domingue from Gwinnett (ECHL) to Portland (AHL).

COLLEGE
ILLINOIS—Named Marcus Berry director of football player personnel.

MISSISSIPPI STATE—Suspended sophomore F Roquez Johnson indefinitely for violating team rules.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE—Joanne Dow men's and women's cross country coach.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



THURSDAY: Baseball at Fort Meade, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. Oasis Christian, 6 p.m.; Track at Lake Placid, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: Baseball at McKeel, 4 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Frostproof, 6 p.m.; Softball at Ridge, 6 p.m.; Boys Tennis hosts Heartland Conference Meet, 1 p.m.; Girls at Heartland Conference Meet, Sebring, 1 p.m.; Boys Weightlifting at LaBelle Invite, 4 p.m.



THURSDAY: Baseball at Bartow, 7 p.m.; Softball at Pemaetue-Emahak, 5/6:30 p.m.; Track hosts Meet, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Weightlifting at Sebring, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY: Softball vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Heartland Conference Meet, Avon Park, 1 p.m.; Girls at Heartland Conference Meet, Sebring, 1 p.m.



THURSDAY: Softball vs. DeSoto, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Track at Lake Placid, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Weightlifting vs. Lake Placid, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY: Baseball vs. DeSoto, 7 p.m.; Softball at LaBelle, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Heartland Conference Meet, Avon Park, 1 p.m.; Girls Tennis hosts Heartland Conference Meet, 1 p.m.



TODAY: Baseball vs. Seminole State, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY: Baseball vs. Dundalk, Md., 1 p.m.; Softball vs. Broward, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY: Baseball vs. Broward, doubleheader, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY: Softball at Indian River, 2 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

YMCA Spring Soccer

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is having a sign up for their Spring Soccer Program, ages 3-14, which ends on Monday, Feb. 25. Any questions, please call 382-9622.

Youth Olympics

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is hosting a Youth Olympics on Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m.-Noon to honor Bo Alvarez.

There will be both boy and girl divisions for ages 6-14.

Medallions will be awarded for six different events, includes lunch and t-shirt. Call 382-9622 for questions.

Cornhole Tourney

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Sr. FFA Second Annual Cornhole Tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Roger Scarborough Field in Lake Placid.

Registration is at 10:30 a.m. and tournament play begins at 11 a.m.

Can register on-site and cost is \$20 per team. Winner receives a commemorative set of Cornhole boards!

There will also be raffle items. Tournament is being held in conjunction with Waylon Butler Benefit Barbecue.

Contact Lake Placid Sr. FFA by calling Advisor, Lauren Butler at 699-5010.

AP Rotary Golf Tourney

AVON PARK – The 5th Annual Avon Park Rotary David “Doc” Owen Memorial Golf tournament is slated for River Greens golf course on Saturday, Feb. 23, with a tee time of 8 a.m.

The four-person scramble event will be divided into three flights by handicap and will feature closest to the pin, putting contest, and difficult long drive event.

The \$65 per person entry fee includes golf, cart, one mulligan per player, lunch, beverages on the course and prizes.

Entry form available by emailing Chet Brojek at cbrojek@comcast.net or simply send the four names with their handicaps and your check, payable to Rotary Club of Avon Park to him at 3310 Par Road.

For questions, call Chet at 385-4736.

SFSC Hosts Heartland Games

AVON PARK – South Florida State College (SFSC) Community Education Department announces Heartland Games for Active Adults 2013.

The Heartland Games for Active Adults will run March 2 – 30 at various venues throughout Highlands County.

The cost is a \$15 Registration Fee and an additional \$5 per event.

The Heartland Games for Active Adults is sanctioned by the Florida Sports A Division of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

The mission of the games is to promote healthy lifestyles for anyone over 50 and to provide them an opportunity to compete at the local, state and national levels.

Events will be held throughout Highlands County in bowling, golf, basketball, billiards, shuffleboard, pickleball, cycling, swimming, horseshoes and tennis.

Medals are awarded for first, second and third place, male and female, in each sport and age category.

Register in Building B, Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center.

For more information, contact Community Education (Lauren Redick) at 784-7388 or email CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu.

FTA February Activities

Saturday, Feb. 23

Trail Maintenance at Green Swamp East, Lakeland.

Meet at Rock Ridge Rd. gate.

Directions: From US-98 in north Lakeland turn east on Rock Ridge Rd., at fork bear left and continue 4.2 miles to gate on your left.

From SR-33 in Polk City travel north, turn left (west) on Dean Still Rd., turn left on Rock Ridge Rd., after 2 or 3 miles gate will be on your right.

Contact Janice Anderson, phone 813-345-1609 or email scroggie@aol.com for meet-up time and other information.

LP Softball BBQ

LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid High School Softball will be hosting an Alumni Game and Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 10 a.m.

Barbeque pick-up starts at 11 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. and includes, for \$10, chicken, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, roll and dessert.

Water and soda will be available for \$1.

Alumni softball registration forms are available at the LPHS front office.

For those former Dragons who wish to play, registration fee is \$30 and all forms and money are due to coach Cheshire no later than Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Alumni registration fee includes BBQ Dinner, drink, T-shirt and a day's worth of fun on the field.

Game admission is \$2.

For more information, call coach Cheshire at 699-5010, ext. 263.

Florida DEP Trail Runs

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is hosting the following Trail Runs in the State Parks listed below

There are five weeks remaining in the “Seven Trail Runs in Seven Weeks in Seven Award Winning State Parks.”

The trail runs include both 5 and 10 K runs.

Race awards for all age groups and T-shirts for everyone who registers.

You can pre register at www.active.com or call (239) 540-9529.

Pre race registration is \$20 and day of race registration is \$30.

All the races start at 1:00 p.m.

Bring the family and run together.

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For more information please contact Terry Cerullo at (239) 344-5647 or terry.cerullo@dep.state.fl.us.

February 24 – Highlands Hammock State Park, 5931 Hammock Road, Sebring, 33872

March 3 – Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park, 12301 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, 33955

March 10 – Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park, 12301 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, 33955

March 17 – Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, 137 Coastline Drive, Copeland, 34137

March 24 – Little Manatee River State Park, 215 Lightfoot Road Wimauma, 33598



State yields trio of medalists

Continued from 1B

But he ran into a buzzsaw early Saturday, facing off with eventual state champion Alex Krukanski, whose first two opponents hadn't made it out of the second round.

Blake battled the physically imposing Krukanski through those first two rounds, however, and scored a takedown at one point, but was felled with just 16 seconds left.

Blake bounced back by edging Tommy Isola, 4-3, to reach the third-place match against Robert Parland.

At a slight deficit midway through the third, Blake tried to make a scoring move to get the edge.

"I wasn't sure how much time was left and I knew I needed to start scoring," he said afterward. "I made a

move and got caught. It's hard to settle when you had a shot at third, but I'm happy to have made it here and gotten a medal."

Sebring's Chris DeJesus had the toughest day Saturday, after cruising through Friday with two straight wins, the Blue Streak senior saw his circumstances change dramatically.

In his morning match Saturday, he was pushed into overtime by Lehigh's Jabari Irons and, with a lead in the final seconds, was victimized by a reversal that gave Irons a 9-7 win.

From there, it was a close, 6-3 loss to Springstead's William Swift and then a rematch with Olympic Heights' Mike Aroyo, whom DeJesus had beaten 8-4 on Friday.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Above: Dre Neely is all smiles as the final seconds tick away on his fifth-place match win Saturday afternoon. Right: Chris DeJesus sizes up Mike Aroyo in their re-match Saturday at the FHSAA State Wrestling Finals.

But much like Neely got his revenge for an opening-day loss to an opponent, so too did Aroyo this time around, outpointing a grimacing DeJesus 6-3 to claim the fifth-place match.

"It's so frustrating to be in a position to get to the first-place match and then that last-second reversal changed everything," Sebring head coach Josh Miller said. "Then he was banged up with



an injured knee that hurt him the rest of the way."

The intensity of the battles leading to the momentary frustration of the give-and-take – the what-ifs.

But they are soon replaced with solace in the knowledge that all the hard work took them to new heights and their places in the annals of Florida State High School Wrestling.

Ed Lynch talks Heartland Eagles hoops

Courtesy photo

The American Basketball League's Heartland Eagles General Manager Billy Shannon, along with players David Lawson and Da'Ron Sims were featured guests on Ed Lynch's "Sports Talk" show on Saturday, Feb. 16. Lawson played college ball at NAIA Reinhardt where he received a Bachelors Degree in Sports Management, while Sims was a Division II All-American at the University of Georgia. "Sports Talk" airs each Saturday, immediately following the Noon News on WWTK 730-AM. Scheduled for the Feb. 23 broadcast is Sebring International Raceway President Tres Stephenson.



McFarling Golf Scramble set for SpringLake

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — SpringLake Golf Resort will be hosting the seventh annual James McFarling Golf Scramble on Saturday, March 2, on the Panther Creek course.

Registration will start at 7:30 a.m., with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost of the four-person flighted scramble will be \$50 per person which includes team prizes, closest to pin awards and lunch that will follow in Michael's Restaurant.

There will be a \$10,000 Hole-In-One prize on No. 16, as well as major prize packages on all Par 3s.

Proceeds will benefit the Highlands County Sertoma Junior Golf Tour Scholarship

Fund. The James McFarling Foundation has awarded more than \$15,000 in scholarships in the past six years

to area high school golfers. To register or for more information, contact John Delaney at 655-3686 or the Pro Shop at 655-0101.

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Early Registration Panther 5K

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — South Florida State College's Fourth Annual Panther 5K Run/Walk will be held at the SFSC Highlands Campus Saturday, March 2.

The event raises money for intercollegiate athletics programs while promoting physical fitness and letting participants enjoy the scenic campus.

Through Friday, Feb. 22, entry fees are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students, and \$15 for children ages 6-12.

After that date through race day, registration is \$30 per person.

The first 200 paying registered runners and walkers will receive a Panther 5K shirt and a goodie bag.

Major sponsors of the Panther 5K are the SFSC Foundation, Inc., and Bill Jarrett Ford Mercury.

Entry forms are available at www.southflorida.edu/panther5k or by calling the SFSC Foundation at 453-3133.

Entry forms and fees may be mailed to the SFSC Foundation, Inc., 13 East Main Street, Avon Park, FL

33825. To enter with a credit card or for more information about the run/walk, call the foundation.

Registration is 7-7:45 a.m. on race day in the SFSC Panther Gymnasium, Highlands Campus.

The race begins at 8 a.m. in front of the SFSC University Center.

The route travels past the

SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts and the Tower of Enlightenment, around the Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr. Health and Science Education Center, past the SFSC Public Service Academy, to Memorial Drive, and back to its starting point.

Awards will be presented to the first three finishers in each age and gender category as well as Overall and Masters.

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Placid Lakes

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID — The Placid Lakes Social Circle, AKA “The Dalton Gang,” “The Circle,” met last Tuesday night and came up with several ideas and activities for the year 2013. Among the most popular suggestions were day trips, cruises, potluck dinners. The Circle will be having a potluck dinner Feb. 24 at town hall, inviting all past participants of the group to join in, bring a covered dish and dessert to share. Social hour will be from noon until 1 p.m.; dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Pete Ruano will be our musician until 2:15 p.m. Call Joyce at 699-6331 with any questions.

The next excursion will be a Peace River dinner-cruise starting at the Nav-A-Gater Grill in Arcadia. A sign-up sheet will be on our information wall at the town hall. There will be more information available soon; this trip will be scheduled in April or May.

The next regular group meeting of the Circle will be March 12 at Beef O’Brady’s in Lake Placid at 6 p.m.

Had another “pioneer” sign in this week. We are now trying to find a leader for this group so we can get started. Anyone who has knowledge of Placid Lakes’ beginnings and is or was a resident at the start, please, we need you to help get this show on the road. This can be an awesome adventure and may produce a valuable historical document for the folks in Placid Lakes. We help to make Lake Placid “the most interesting town”; let’s show them why.

Tropical Harbor

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — Relay for Life is the main topic in the park until March 2. All money making committees, clubs and organizations will be donating to the Relay for Life. The chili dinner is a fundraiser for the cause and will be displaying donated baskets for a raffle on Thursday, Feb. 21. March 2 is around the circle. There will be a variety of activities beginning at noon, some of them are to buy red or white Zweigle hotdog, buy a cold glass of beer, lemonade or root beer float; play some games like fog leap, kissing booth, hula hoop and others; buy many cancer momentos, listen to music; walk four times around the circle which equals a mile; before dusk pay tribute to our cancer survivors and friends and relatives who have succumbed to cancer with a slide-show which will be accompanied by the chorus in the clubhouse; after the slide show, walk the circle with the lighted luminaries; closing ceremonies on the beach; and watch Chinese lanterns in the colors of cancer, launched over Lake Clay. The chorus will also accompany this event.

The women decorated the clubhouse with red hearts, all sizes, hanging from the ceiling. I’ve never seen the clubhouse look so great during the month of February. It’s a

Scoreboard

SEBRING — Here are this week’s bridge scores from Woodhaven Estates:

Party Bridge - First place, Ray Krahn; second place, Margaret Bousfield; and third place, Pauline Biggerstaff.

Duplicate Bridge: First place, Ray and Roz Krahn; second place, Laurie LaBerge and Jeanne Sisson; and third place, Ken Meyer and Betty Frizzell.

joy to be there.

The Military Soup and Sandwich meal on Feb. 10 was attended by 130 people. The menu was beans, ham, potato soup served with cornbread; chicken, carrot and noodle soup; and mild Italian sausage sandwiches with sautéed green peppers and onions. The tables were set in a Valentine theme.

The Monday morning coffee was made and hosted by Fred and Julie Foland. Peggy Sue Teague was our bright-eyed emcee. The clubhouse was circled with tables from which people were selling: Arlene Dammer and Ruth Pilgun were selling tickets for the choral concert on Saturday, March 9; Brenda Knoche, Luetta Kiger and Evelyn Guiney were selling raffle tickets for Crazy Cards Saturday, Feb. 16; Carolyn Reece and Joan Rau were selling tickets for the chili dinner on Thursday, Feb. 21; Paula Bannister and Gloria Wackerhauser were selling products for the Relay for Life. Peggy Sue Teague introduced our park manager, Jodi Susco and she asked residents to please don’t park on the grass, on the lawns of your homes. Thank you! Then Peggy Sue introduced Bill from the Big Red Blood Mobile. Please give blood and save a life! Volunteers did donate.

Peggy Sue read the names of people having a birthday during this week but only Shirley Zogman was present and we sang Happy Birthday to her while Ruth Ann Walls accompanied us on the piano. Our Sunshine person, Carol Noel, listed the following people who need our thoughts and prayers which are Bill Coder, Tonie Hart and David Bailie.

Ladies Tuesday morning coffee meeting was hosted and led by Marilyn Cromer. The discussion was a review of the activities announced at Monday’s coffee. Verna Hodgkin was present this morning and it was her birthday. Happy Birthday was sung to her by the group.

Pamela Paralkis came from Avon Park to give a demonstration of Tai Chi. Next week her class of Tai Chi starts following Ladies coffee. Know those taking the class will enjoy it and benefit from it.

The monthly noon luncheon, Feb. 12 was held on Lincoln’s birthday. There were 30 who enjoyed the carry-in meal. Marilyn Cromer said Grace which was followed by the individuals pledging allegiance to the flag of America.

“Three things in life that, once gone, never come back: Time, Words and Opportunity.”

‘Autumn’ and the weather

By NEIL SIMPSON

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — No matter how well an event is planned, mother nature can always take control. This year’s Tanglewood Luminary event was scheduled for Feb. 13. The winds picked up and rain was forecast so the display of more than 1,000 luminaries (a candle in a bag) was postponed until Feb. 17. However, guest speaker Autumn Egan, from Cornerstone Hospice, was on hand Feb. 13 to address a crowd of well over 100 Tanglewood folk who came to learn more about the “Five Wishes”. This document is a guide that allows people to pre-plan for their emotional and medical needs when they are no longer able to make all decisions for themselves.

Event chairman Tom McKeever informed those in attendance that during the seven years of Tanglewood’s Luminary program 8,590 bags have been filled, placed around the Tanglewood clubhouse and lit in honor of loved ones. This year, the sale of luminaries generated \$3,905 for cancer research.

During the years, we have



Courtesy photo

Winds and rain delayed Tanglewood’s luminary event for their Relay for Life from the scheduled Feb. 13 to Feb. 17. A team of at least 30 people set up the display Sunday.

heard from a variety of speakers. In 2007, Abe Gold and Al Zwerk of Tanglewood spoke about their fight with cancer. At the second luminary event, a doctor from Atlanta told us how important it is to have events such as Tanglewood’s that are dedicated to cancer research. A brain cancer survivor from Clearwater addressed the crowd in 2009 and the following year, Dr. Pankaj Patel, one of the major sponsors of the Tanglewood Residents’ Cancer Benefit, talked about numerous types of cancer and their detection. A panel of Tanglewood neighbors spoke in 2011 about work-

ing with friends, family and neighbors who are dealing with cancer. Last year, Cindi Crisci of the American Cancer Society told her story of the discovery of her cancer and her journey with the disease.

A team of at least 30 volunteers was out in the cool windy weather on Sunday afternoon to fill, place and light the luminaries. The winds died down in the evening and the luminaries made for an impressive sight as residents walked, rode in golf carts or drove their cars around the half mile circle to view the tributes to family, friends and neighbors.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



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Hey, Bud: one more year at RCR?

Does Kevin Harvick's win in the Sprint Unlimited suggest a successful final season for him at Childress Racing?

Anything is possible, but don't bet on it just yet. Things will come into better focus after we learn where Anheuser-Busch will be spending its racing budget next year. Whether the Budweiser colors are leaving with Harvick or staying with Childress, the decision is bound to hurt some feelings and kneecap someone's budget.

So it's all about the beer?

Ain't that the way it always goes? Many a friendship and partnership have spoiled due to one side's desire to hog the keg. Yes, it's possible that the Harvick/RCR combination will end on a high note, but the odds are against it. And if you like personal drama, it could be fun to watch, considering both men have a stubborn side. Can't wait.

Do we dare consider the possibility of Danica Patrick winning the Daytona 500?

We've learned to never doubt the Daytona 500's ability to serve up shockers. But keeping the car calm and straight for one very fast lap is entirely different from holding off the jackals and bloodhounds on race day. A driver with relatively little superspeedway experience, especially at this level, will have to pedal fast and learn even faster. A lead-lap, top-15 finish would be like a win.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



Harvick Biffle

Kevin Harvick vs. Greg Biffle: Harvick blocked Biffle on the last lap to win Saturday's Sprint Unlimited.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Biffle could have knocked Harvick aside but said he didn't want to create a 'sparks and parts' situation in Daytona's Turn 2."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

(All Times Eastern)

THURSDAY: Budweiser Duel (qualifying races.) SPEED, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY: NextEra Energy Resources 250 NASCAR truck race. SPEED, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY: DRIVE4COPD 300 Nationwide race. ESPN, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY: 55th-annual Daytona 500, Fox, 1 p.m.

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

SPEED DATING

Before they arrived at Speedweeks, Danica Patrick and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. announced they were dating. It's kind of a big deal because Danica drives a Chevrolet and Stenhouse races a Ford. And, they are battling for Sprint Cup Rookie of the Year honors.

When the couple got to NASCAR Media Day on Thursday - yes, Valentine's Day - they were bombarded with questions about their relationship. Patrick bravely fielded all queries.

Three days later, she became the first female Cup driver to earn a pole position. And not just any pole, but the Daytona 500 pole.

After making history, Patrick admitted it was nice to talk racing instead of Ricky.

"I don't mind answering questions about the other stuff," she said. "I get that it's not about racing. It's nice to change the tone of the questions because of what's going on on the track. That is a really good sign, and I like that."

For the record, Stenhouse posted the 12th-fastest lap in 500 time trials and received little attention.

Gordon's goals

Jeff Gordon, 41, has little more to prove to validate his standing in the Cup Series. After four championships, 87 victories and bringing in new fans during the 1990s, he still has goals in the sport.

"I've never won a 'Sprint Cup' ever since they've gone to this (Chase) format," Gordon said. "I've come close but got beat. There's only one thing left and that's to win the Sprint Cup championship."

"What I've realized as I get older, the things that matter to me. I like to make

other people proud, people that put a lot of effort into our race team, my wife, my kids. Those are the things that motivate me."

Lots of one-liners

The first four days of Speedweeks produced several one-liners. Here is a quick sampling:

• **Sprint Unlimited winner Kevin Harvick about the spotlight on the Danica Patrick-Ricky Stenhouse Jr. romance on Media Day:** "I missed all you guys because you were all busy being TMZ the other day."

• **Jeff Gordon, after earning outside pole honors for the Daytona 500:** "I'm the fastest MAN in the field."

• **Owner Tony Stewart, praising the teamwork of driver Danica Patrick and crew chief Tony Gibson:**

"Danica has two boyfriends. She has Ricky (Stenhouse) and she has Tony Gibson. They are all but holding hands in the shop when they're there every day together."

• **Patrick, 30, on being nervous during Daytona Speedweeks:** "My dad said he was going to show up with a lot more gray hairs when qualifying is over with. My hairstylist the other day said he saw one (in my hair). I cried a little."

AP/TERRY IENNA
First Daytona 500 pole winner to accessorize trophy with earrings.



GODWIN'S DAYTONA 500 PICKS



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WINNER: Matt Kenseth
REST OF THE TOP FIVE: Tony Stewart, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kasey Kahne, Joey Logano
DARK HORSE: Mark Martin
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Danica Patrick
FIRST ONE OUT: Regan Smith
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: There are two big wrecks. One early because of a mistake and the other as drivers jostle in the final laps.

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves



AP/TERRY IENNA

Yes, she won more than a flag for capturing the Daytona 500 pole position.

How many laps will Danica lead in the Daytona 500?

GODSPEAK: I think Danica will stay up on the wheel until the first round of pit stops, then Kevin Harvick might lap the field.

KEN'S CALL: I'm assuming Jeff Gordon is sharp enough to tuck in behind her for a few laps. I put it at Lap 5.

Does she have a chance to win the 500?

GODSPEAK: Do you recall a kid by the name of Trevor Bayne? Anything can happen in the Daytona 500. Don't bet against Patrick.

KEN'S CALL: No, but I'm not pulling against it. No matter how good your car is, if you win the 500, you have earned it in many ways.

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SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

A look at the first 10 races of the season (All Times Eastern)

SUNDAY: Daytona International Speedway — Daytona 500, FOX, 1 p.m.

MARCH 3: Phoenix International Raceway, FOX, 3 p.m.

MARCH 10: Las Vegas Motor Speedway, FOX, 3 p.m.

MARCH 17: Bristol Motor Speedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

MARCH 24: Auto Club Speedway, FOX, 3 p.m.

APRIL 7: Martinsville Speedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

APRIL 13: Texas Motor Speedway, FOX, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 21: Kansas Speedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

APRIL 27: Richmond International Raceway, FOX, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 5: Talladega Superspeedway, FOX, 1 p.m.



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

DANICA PATRICK Who were you thinking... Joe Nemechek?	BRAD KESELOWSKI Too young for that broadcast booth	JIMMIE JOHNSON Somehow, five-time champ under Daytona radar	KEVIN HARVICK Tick... tick... tick... tick...	TONY STEWART If we do a top-10 owner's list, he's No. 1	JEFF GORDON Came close to raining the storyline on pole day	GREG BIFFLE Could've wreaked Unlimited havoc, but didn't	MATT KENSETH Found Logano's SpongeBob cap in locker	KASEY KAHNE NASCAR's half-marathon gold medalist	CLINT BOWYER Mr. Hunch likes him in the 500
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SPRINT UNLIMITED REWIND

Lame-duck status doesn't concern Harvick

Kevin Harvick, driver of the No. 29 Chevrolet, won his third Sprint Unlimited in dominating fashion Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway. Harvick led 40 of the 75 laps. It was the eighth trip to the Sprint Unlimited Victory Lane for team owner Richard Childress. Here are some of Harvick's post-race thoughts:

It seems in years after what appears to be a crisis at Richard Childress Racing, you come back stronger. Is there some kind of team marriage counseling you go through in the offseason?

"We went and hired these psychiatrists to tell us what we need to do. Now, we call them engineers (laughter). No, I think with all the crew chiefs, the engineering staff, the amount of effort that Richard has poured in from a financial standpoint to a people standpoint,

getting organized, there's a lot of effort making sure the cars are prepared better. Not that everybody wasn't working just as hard. There's a lot more structure and engineering that goes into these cars nowadays."

How did the cars react compared with what you expected? The long-range forecast for the 500 calls for highs in the low 80s. How different do you think that's going to be from Saturday night's race in the cold temperatures?

"Low 80s will be exactly what we were expecting because there were zero handling issues in the Sprint Unlimited. When we were here at the test, there were a lot of handling issues with the car

sliding around. I think that will fit more of what we were expecting when we went home from the test. That will change the ballgame a lot if it's not 40 degrees outside."

Everyone has heard the talk about lame-duck drivers. I think you even referenced it on your radio when you won. Why will you guys be different?

"I don't think it's been that big of a deal. Matt Kenseth did a great job with his situation last year. For us, from his side of it, his guys, our guys, they don't care. They just want to win. For our side of it, it's our jobs to control the atmosphere and the things that go around. The atmosphere is great, honestly. Everybody is just working toward the same goal. That's winning races."

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Heartland Horses helps improve motor skills and strength

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — Lynda Paul, executive director of Heartland Horses and Handicapped, Inc., gave an informative speech to the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club on Feb. 14 about the group. The Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club donated \$100 to Heartland Horses, and Beef O'Brady's of Lake Placid matched the club's donation. The donation was made possible by funds raised from the World Famous Wild Game Dinner.



Courtesy photo
Lynda Paul, Heartland Horses, accepts a check from Donald Elliot, past president of Lake Placid Noon Rotary.

Heartland Horses and Handicapped Inc. is a non-profit tax exempt organization that was founded in 1998 on the vision and aspirations of Sandy Kuhn. This volunteer-driven program puts riders and horses together in a unique mixture of physical interaction, exercise, education and fun. They were founded on the belief that experiencing and riding horses in a safe yet challenging environment can significantly improve the lives of individuals who are physically, emotionally or developmentally challenged. Heartland Horses

helps improve motor skills, posture, balance, coordination and strength. They help stretch tight muscles and expand minds by grooming, stroking and riding wonderful horses.

Paul mentioned that a lot of people do not even know about them. All their services are free of charge. This incredible program receives no government funding or subsidies. They rely totally on volunteer help, special

events and contributions.

They do have fundraisers to raise money for the facilities. You can have birthday parties with horse/pony rides starting at \$100. Check out their website for updates and information on current events at www.heartlandhorses.org. They are right beside Arc on College Drive in Avon Park. For more information on Heartland Horse call 452-0006.

Fashion Show has Mardi Gras theme



Courtesy photo
Nancy Galida, District 8 Children and Youth chairman and chairman of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 69's fashion show is shown with Reggie Lemmen on keyboard. This year's theme was Mardi Gras. There were 120 women who attended. Lemmen along with Patsy Howard, Tommy Love and Terry Gallagher provided musical entertainment. A Lucy skit was performed by Jan Telling. The proceeds of this event will go to the Children and Youth 'Josh Puppy Program.' Several officers from District 8 attended including District 8 President Terry Maganello and Dennis Bolen, National Chairman, Children and Youth.

Knights of Columbus donate money for women in crisis pregnancies

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1,700 to Choices Pregnancy Care Center. The Knights of Columbus members want to assist women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. The money was donated to Choices PCC to aid the non-profit organization in providing services such as counseling, free pregnancy tests, cribs, maternity clothes, and education.

The annual baby bottle change drive was passionately led by Ted Brown, chairman of the Pro Life committee, and Jim Dannels, Grand Knight of the Lake Placid Knights of Columbus. Last year's pro-life fund raiser raised money for an ultrasound machine donated to a pro-life pregnancy center in Palmetto. Statistics show that 90 percent of the women who are contemplating abortion change their minds after seeing an ultra-sound image of their unborn child. The Lake Placid council was happy to support a local agency that provides assistance to expectant mothers as well as providing real choices other than abortion.

According to Kofc.org, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$158 million to charities worldwide. From helping with the Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission, and Habitat for Humanity to charities in our local area such as Choices PCC, the Knights of Columbus constantly help people in need.



Courtesy photo
Ted Brown (left), Respect Life chairman, and Jim Dannels, Grand Knight, Lake Placid Knights of Columbus, present a check to Mandy Fugate, ChoicesPCC Lake Placid director.

Appraising treasures



Courtesy photo
Last month, the Woman's Club of Sebring, Inc. offered antique appraisals at the club-house. Jim and Jody Dow, of The Furniture Doctor, examined and determined the value of prized possessions. One fascinating item was a music box, dated 1896 and valued at several thousand dollars by Jim Dow. Another item of interest was a cast iron miniature rocking chair from 1889, small enough to fit in the palm of a hand. The club plans to schedule the event again next year.

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Finalists in Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers' 'Red Hot Mama' contest held Feb. 16 are Betty Kinch (from left), Dee Jellots, Joanne Croniser, Dolores Bristol, Pat Mancuso, Gracie Shea, Bonnie Thompson and Barbara High.

'Red Hot Mama' finalists

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Betty and Mark Kinch enjoy a dance at the Red Hot Ballroom dance, sponsored by the Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers. Betty was the winner of the 'Red Hot Mama's'.




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Wrede talks about wildlife with Woman's Club

Special to the News-Sun
 SEBRING — The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring welcomed guest speaker David Wrede, from Wrede's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, at the Feb. 11 meeting. He gave an informative and witty talk about 27 years of wildlife rescue, a passion that he and his wife share. Their goal is always to return the animal to its natural habitat.

Everyone enjoyed seeing a beautiful male Kestrel, one of the many birds receiving his care. Members were cautioned not to attempt to aid an injured wild creature, but to call the center for assistance.

Wrede emphasized the center is not "a zoo," but individual visitors or groups are invited to visit the center by appointment. The center is operated exclusively on donations, and the club was happy to make a sizable donation to the cause.

This meeting was hosted by the Community Service Conservation Program, led

by chairman Sissel Hopper. The emphasis of this program is to support the protection of endangered species and habitat and to encourage recycling.

President Phyllis Summers welcomed members and guests, and Marion Hibbard led the Pledge of Allegiance. A group rendition of "God Bless America" was directed by Rusty Sherman. Trish Broksch, chaplain, led an inspirational devotion and blessing. A wonderful variety of food and desserts was enjoyed by all at a potluck luncheon and the business meeting followed.

The club was also pleased to present a check to Don Applequist, Dean of Resource Development at South Florida State College. The scholarship program for women returning to school has been supported by the Woman's Club of Sebring for many years.

Mary Foy of Heartland Food Reservoir Inc. made an appearance and thanked the

group for their support. She explained the process by which the reservoir supports the many local food pantries and welcomed continued contributions.

Margie Bynum, chairman of the Membership Committee, was happy to introduce new members Terry Comeau, Bernetta Daino and Diane Marnier. For more information on the

club or membership, call Bynum at 382-6007.

Upcoming events are the Dessert Card Party on Thursday, Feb. 21 and the Spring Flea Market on March 1 and 2. Donations for the flea market can be dropped off at the clubhouse on Monday, Feb. 25. Sponsor for the month was Hickory Hill Nursery and Landscaping.



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Judith Ebbert's 'I Love Barns' quilt was The Viewers Choice winner at the recent show hosted by the Highlands County Quilt Guild. Best in Show went to Betteanne Nicholas' 'Garden of Roses.' Kitty Lewis, a resident of Ohio who winters in Okeechobee, was the Opportunity quilt winner. The show was held Feb. 1-2 at the convention center at Firemen's Field.

Lewis, Nicholas and Ebbert are winners at quilt show

Special to the News-Sun
 SEBRING — The Highlands County Quilt Guild presented Sebring with a first-class show Feb. 1-2. The Opportunity quilt winner was Kitty Lewis from Ohio and winters in Okeechobee.

Best in Show was "Garden of Roses" created by Betteanne Nicholas. It is hand appliqué and hand quilted with all red roses on a white background. It is a stunning quilt that took three

years to complete. The Viewers Choice, "I Love Barns," was created by Judith Ebbert.

The Quilt Guild is now 20 years old. The space's great lighting and acoustics of this building was perfect for this venue.

Sebring supported the Guild with a good turn out for this once-every-two-years event. Lots of out-of-towners were also here to enjoy the city.



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Sissel Hopper (left), chairman of the Community Service Conservation Program, introduces David Wrede of Wrede's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, along with Phyllis Summers, president of the Woman's Club of Sebring, Inc.

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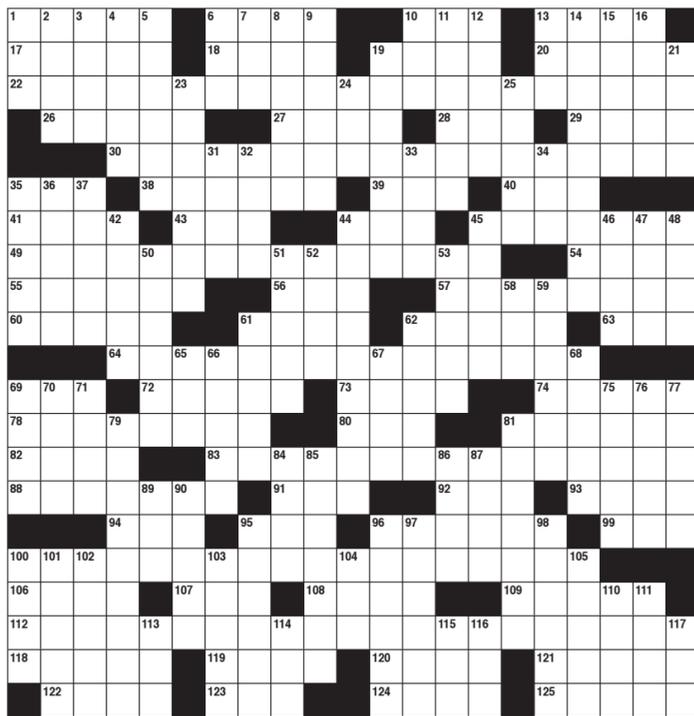
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 19 Kaplan of "Welcome Back, Kotter"
 20 Info from a debriefing
 22 Somewhat redundant 1965 country song?
 26 Journalist Couric
 2 ___ Lang, Superboy's love
 28 1951 C o o p e r s t o w n inductee
 29 Increases, with "up"
 30 Somewhat redundant Milton Bradley game?
 35 Show featuring the L.V.P.D.
 38 Oktoberfest collectibles
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 40 Power in sci-fi
 41 Kneeler's offering
 43 Ambient musician Brian
 44 Org. that fines polluters
 45 Chicken bred for its meat
 49 Somewhat redundant size?
 54 Roof projection
 55 Constitutional
 56 Bedtime prayer?
 57 "Nick News" host Linda
 60 Song featured in "Animal House"
 61 Bakery array
 62 Reacted to a bad call
 63 Mr. Bill appeared on it: Abbr.
 64 Somewhat redundant 1960s spy series?
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 95 Pink lady ingredient
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 100 Somewhat redundant theater production?
 106 Glinda's creator
 107 Clock face number
 108 Repo justification
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 112 Extremely redundant 1963 caper film?
 118 "Ta-da!"
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 120 Cut and collect
 121 128-character set
 122 Job title abbr.
 123 Cooper Union's location, briefly
 124 Haute cuisine it's not
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 2 Visibility reducer
 3 Skull session result
 4 Comb row
 5 Ancient Roman author Quintus ___
 6 In accordance with
 7 Goalie's jersey number, often
 8 A Waugh
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 10 Shearing shed sound
 11 Swallow, as costs
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 19 Will Geer's role on "The Waltons"
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 23 Refined
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 25 Common check box on surveys
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 32 & 33 Plastic shields and such
 34 Equal: Prefix
 35 Tangy salad leaves
 36 Amendment guaranteeing a speedy trial
 37 Part of the front matter
 42 Mosaicist's supply
 44 South Dakota Air Force base
 45 Not on deck, maybe
 46 R&D sites
 47 Unchanging
 48 Walk while dizzy
 50 Wimbledon champ Gibson
 51 Shakes up
 52 Very impressed
 53 Crystal Cave is one
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 59 E Day debuts
 61 Emergency
 62 Captain who says "Well, gentlemen, between ourselves and home are 27,000 sea miles"
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 66 Perfume sampling spot
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 68 Overused
 69 One way to go to a party
 70 "What a calamity!"
 71 Inclination
 75 Big East sch.
 76 Proust's "À la Recherche du Temps ___"
 77 Sweet meet?
 79 Nabisco treats sold only seasonally
 81 Hidden
 84 Athens's home
 85 1950s TV star Duncan
 86 Do as expected
 87 Old World deer
 89 Body blow reaction
 90 World capital situated in what was once ancient Thrace
 95 How bad news is often received
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 98 Open conflict
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Boyfriend's x-rated experience leaves woman feeling blue

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, "Doug" (24), and I (22) have been in a long-



Dear Abby

distance relationship for a year, but we were friends for a couple of years before that. I had never had a serious relationship before and lacked experience. Doug has not only been in two other long-term relationships, but has had sex with more than 15 women. One of them is an amateur porn actress.

I knew about this, but it didn't bother me until recently. Doug had a party, and while he was drunk he told one of his buddies - in front of me - that he should watch a certain porn film starring his ex-girlfriend. It made me feel awkward. The next day he apologized.

Of course, having learned her name, I couldn't help myself from searching for her on the Internet. Now I can't stop comparing myself to her, and I feel intimidated and frustrated.

I have been struggling with how to get over it. Doug has told me many times that he loves me and I believe him. But those stupid, drunken comments really knocked me down. How do I get over my boyfriend's past? - **Eclipsed by a "Star" in New York**

Dear Eclipsed: A giant step in the right direction would be to quit comparing yourself to a porn actress. In his addled condition, your immature boyfriend couldn't resist bragging to his buddies because he thought it would impress them with his prowess. If he had serious feelings about her, he would still be with her, not in a relationship with you.

That said, it would be in your best interest to find out if this woman really was a "girlfriend" or one of his one-night stands. If he is in a long-distance relationship with you and tends to be promiscuous, you should be more concerned about his judgment

than how to get over his past.

Dear Abby: We have always purchased rather than leased our cars. One of them has 225,000 miles on the odometer and is running well. I have two friends who lease expensive foreign cars. Keeping the mileage down on their cars is important to them, especially when it comes time to return them at the end of the lease.

Because of this, I find myself driving more often than I should. One friend attends a weekly meeting with me, and we're supposed to take turns driving each other every other week. But somehow I end up at the wheel more often. I'd hate to start writing down our outings, but I'm beginning to feel used.

While I respect their decision to lease expensive new cars, it is not my responsibility to keep their expenses down. Both of these women are in a better financial position than I am, although we are all "comfortable."

Any ideas about how to approach this without seeming petty? It has been going on for a long while and is starting to bother me. - **Driven Too Far in Long Beach, Calif.**

Dear Driven Too Far: If you feel that you are being taken advantage of, then you probably are. I recommend you wean these ladies off your chauffeur services by being less available when they need a ride. And if you are asked why, remind them of your original agreement to share the driving duties 50-50.

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Romanian movie 'Child's Pose' wins at Berlin fest

By GEIR MOULSON
 Associated Press

BERLIN — A Romanian drama that centers on a woman's effort to cover up her son's responsibility for an accident in which a boy is fatally injured won the Berlin film festival's top Golden Bear award on Saturday.

"Child's Pose," directed by Calin Peter Netzer, emerged as the winner from a field of 19 films that included a strong eastern European contingent this year — the 63rd edition of the event, the first of the year's major European film festivals. Netzer said he was "a little bit speechless" at the award.

The tale of corruption and guilt depicts the efforts of an upper-class mother, played by Luminita Gheorghiu, to bribe witnesses to give false statements and keep her son — the driver, who was speeding at the time of the accident — out of prison.

"This is about a ... pathological relationship between mother and son," he told reporters later. "The rest is really just a backdrop," Netzer told reporters, stressing that it is "a very universal story" and that "corruption is not something which is only taking place in Romania."

A runner-up Silver Bear went to "An Episode In the Life of an Iron Picker," in which a Bosnian Roma, or gypsy, couple re-enact their own struggle to get treatment after their baby died in the womb. The movie was made on a tiny budget.

'Rich Food Poor Food'

I have to tell you, I get a bunch of the same questions every day about what to buy in the grocery store. I get that - it's a maze of possibilities (and confusion) that needs particular navigation when you venture out to the weekly grocery procuring for your family. There is so much to think about - what everyone will eat, what you need to make your meals and how much it's going to cost you.

But something that we all need to think about is the quality of what we're purchasing. Is it a rich food - as in nutrient rich, good for you and free from toxins or is it a poor food - negative nutrition, full of chemicals and definitely not good for you?

We all have moments of pause at the grocery store, don't we? We wonder how bad is this or is that the right choice for my family? What's the difference between organic, certified organic, fair trade, grass-fed - the list goes on.

Enter "Rich Food, Poor Food", a brand new book by husband and wife team Jayson and Mira Calton. This book is the definitive guide to everything in your grocery store. They call it the ultimate GPS for shopping (Grocery Purchasing System) and give you the down low on what's what,



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why buy it, why avoid it and what your best choices are.

With this handy book by your side, you'll find the freshest, healthiest choices for every single thing on your grocery list and will avoid the most common pitfalls from deceptive packaging (ie: "all natural" -really? Steer clear says the Caltons!). One of the places they shine is the quick overview on how to properly navigate a food label.

Beautifully and colorfully illustrated with plenty of visuals and photos, the fun graphics point you in the right direction and make reading (and using) this guide an easy navigational tool you'll want to keep with you as you hit the store.

I highly recommend this resource - every nutritional i and t is

crossed and the best part, is it comes from the Calton's. Their combined nutritional expertise guided and healed Mira Calton's own advanced osteoporosis at the age of 30 years old! (you'll have to read their first book, "Naked Calories", to get that story).

If you're confounded at the grocery store and just want to make the right choices, chose the right brands and put an end to the nutritional frustration and confusion the grocery stores seem to major in these days, then "Rich Food Poor Food" is the book for you!

As a bonus, the Calton's have given Dinner Diva column readers a special excerpt to read, enjoy! <http://tinyurl.com/azvo82e>

Premium Menu-Mailer helps you make good choices every week, check it out... <http://savingsdinner.com/menu-mailer-3/premium-menu-mailer-membership/>

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Lil Wayne's New Orleans skate park hits more snags

Associated Press
 NEW ORLEANS — Grammy-winning rapper Lil Wayne's skate park project in the city's rebuilding Lower 9th Ward is off to a bumpy start.

The building that houses the park didn't pass a city electrical inspection and had to be re-wired, and only a handful of children are able to skate at a time because of a shortage of staffing. Many days, the Trukstop skate park — named after the rapper's skateboarding-inspired Trukfit clothing line — hasn't been open at all.

"We really put the cart before the horse on this project, and right now we're at a crossroads," said Ward "Mack" McLendon, who manages the facility.

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Chef's Corner

Tim Spain

Safe cooking

Hope everyone had a nice Valentine's Day. I enjoyed a nice cut of beef topped with broiled Blue Cheese at a hip little restaurant in Avon Park.

This week I'm at Lake Shore Medical Center in Lake City, offering support to the Morrison team up here with the roll out of the Great Living Menu. This hospital is 100 years old and I have to wonder how much focus was on diets back when this place opened. Actually, I wonder how and what kinds of food was served to the patients then. I wonder if everyone ate the same things and how much emphasis was put on the control of food borne illnesses.

In our kitchens we go to every length possible to prevent possibilities of food borne illness. We wash all our fresh vegetables in a sanitizing solution created for fruits and vegetables. We take the temperature of all proteins upon arrival from our purveyors and keep a log of it. In the event of a protein arriving and it does not reach a safe temperature of 41 degrees or lower, it is refused.

At home we need to be aware and careful of spreading germs and pathogens around our homes. Believe it or not, the three things in our homes that have a very possibility of spreading germs are our remotes, our keyboard and our cell phones.

This week I have a cool take on salsa with one health twist to it. It has apples and mango in it with a little spice. I have also included the recipe for homemade baked corn chips to go with it. Cheers, Chef

1/4 cup vinegar, rice, seasoned
1/2 cup oil, vegetable
1 tsp base, vegetable
3 cup mango, fresh, peeled, diced
8 ounce apples, baking, fresh, peeled, cored, diced, 1/4-inch
1/3 cup onions, red, fresh, diced
1/2 cup peppers, bell, red, fresh, diced, fine
1 tsp peppers, chili, jalapeno, fresh, diced

Preparation Method

- In a bowl, combine rice vinegar, vegetable oil, and sauteed vegetable base using a fine wire whip until well blended.
- Add mangoes, apples, red onions, red peppers and jalapeno peppers. Gently fold until well blended. Serve chilled.

2 tsp oil, canola
1 tsp salt, kosher
8 each tortilla, corn, 6-inch

Preparation Method

- Refer to HACCP Plan Form HFS 001: Prepared Hot For Hot Service. Pre-heat the oven to 400F. Spray a baking sheet with pan spray.
- Using a pastry brush, dab tortillas with oil, or drizzle 1/4 teaspoon oil on each tortilla and spread with the back of a spoon. Stack tortillas and cut into sixths. Arrange on a baking sheet and sprinkle lightly with salt.
- Bake for about 7 minutes or until crisp. Portion size: 1 oz. Hold hot for hot service

RISE & DINE

Breakfast dishes for any springtime celebration

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or just want to make breakfast more special, gather friends and family around the table to make some new memories together. These recipes are full of flavor and, best of all, easy to make, so you have more time to spend enjoying a delicious meal with the people you love.

- **Olé Tortilla Cups** — Zesty bites made with Johnsonville Hot & Spicy Breakfast Sausage Links can be prepped ahead of time and baked when you're ready.
- **Cornbread with Spicy Sausage and Red Peppers** — A colorful side that pairs great with a tasty skillet dish.
- **Breakfast Sausage Skillet with Sautéed Tomatoes and Basil** — Have all the ingredients prepped and ready to go to make cooking this restaurant-style breakfast skillet really easy.
- **Crustless Mini Quiches** — Make these bite-sized beauties ahead of time and serve at room temperature.

For more delicious reasons to rise and dine, visit www.johnsonville.com.

Cornbread with Spicy Sausage and Red Peppers

Servings: 8
Prep Time: 25 minutes
Bake Time: 20 minutes

- 1 12-ounce package Johnsonville Hot & Spicy or Original Recipe Breakfast Sausage
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 3/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Remove sausage links from casings. (Slice casing with knife and peel to remove.)

In skillet, cook and crumble sausage until no longer pink; drain and set aside. In bowl, combine cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.

In another bowl, combine eggs, milk and butter; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened.

Fold in sausage, red bell pepper and cheese.

Pour into a greased 8-inch square baking pan. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Crustless Mini Quiches

Yield: 7 servings (3 quiches each)
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes

- Nonstick oven spray
- 1 sleeve whole wheat crackers, crushed
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 package Johnsonville Original Recipe Breakfast Sausage
- 1 package frozen broccoli florets, thawed, drained
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 8 ounces reduced fat cheddar cheese
- 32 ounces liquid egg whites
- Kosher salt and fresh pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Generously spray 21 mini muffin cups with cooking spray. Set aside.

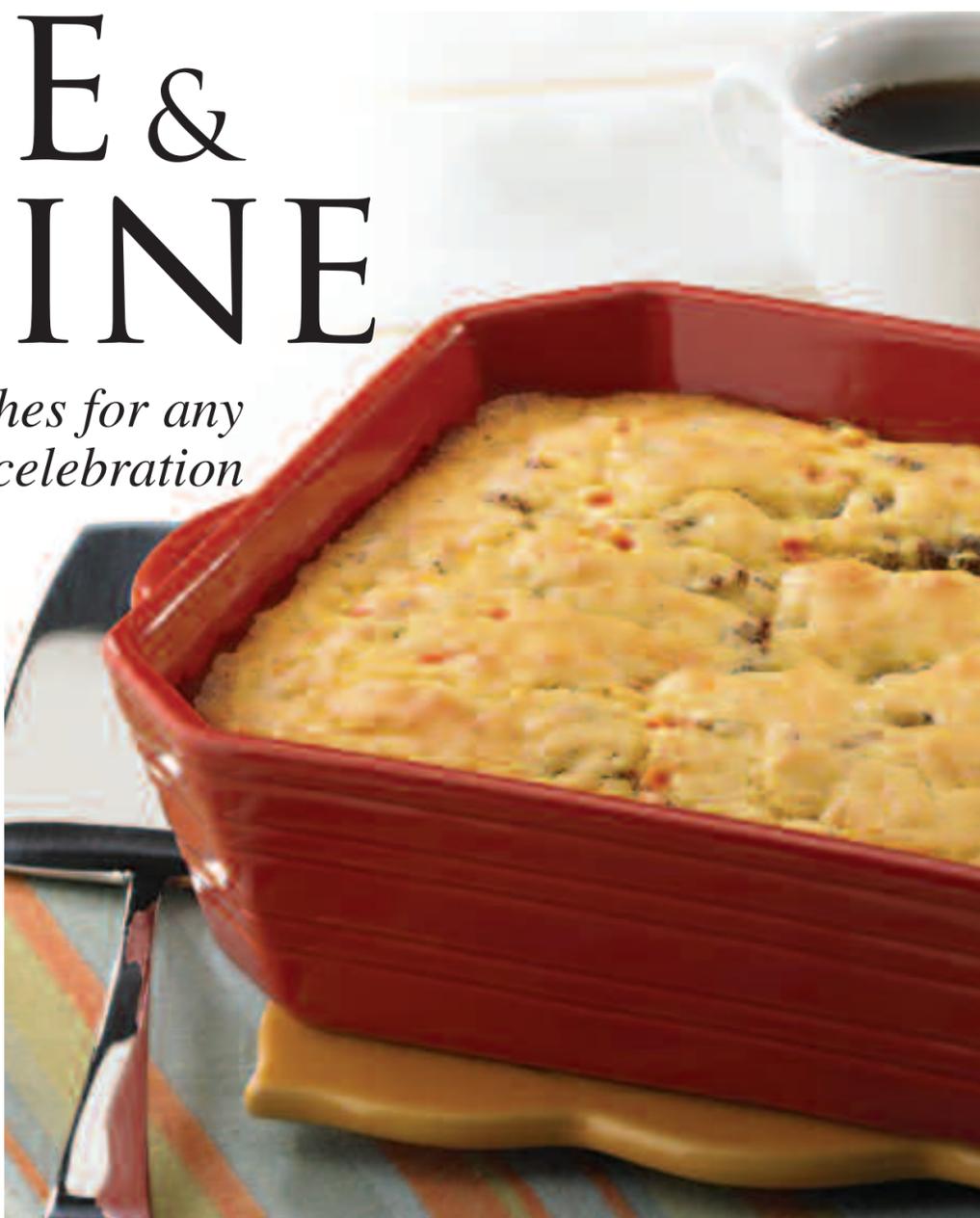
In small bowl, mix crushed crackers and Parmesan. Distribute evenly between muffin cups.

Cook sausage according to package instructions. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Evenly distribute sausage into muffin cups.

Chop broccoli into small pieces. Microwave for 1 minute on high; drain well. Spoon broccoli evenly into muffin cups. Top evenly with corn and cheddar cheese.

Pour egg whites over each of the muffin cups.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until mini quiches are set. Let rest for 2 minutes prior to unmolding.



Breakfast Sausage Skillet with Sautéed Tomatoes and Basil

Servings: 3 to 4
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes

- 2 medium red skinned potatoes, (about 3/4 pound) cut into thin wedges
- 1 small onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon rosemary, dried or fresh
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 12-ounce package Johnsonville Original Recipe Breakfast Sausage, divided
- 1/2 pint grape tomatoes, (about 1 cup)
- 1/3 cup shredded Gouda cheese
- 2 to 4 large eggs, poached, fried or scrambled
- 1/4 cup slivered fresh basil leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste

In bowl, combine potato wedges, onion slices, rosemary and olive oil. Toss together.

In large skillet over medium heat, add potato mixture and cook for 5 minutes. Add half the sausages to pan and continue cooking another 10 to 12 minutes, turning occasionally to evenly brown ingredients.

Add tomatoes, stir to combine and heat through allowing the tomatoes to brown slightly and burst, about 3 minutes.

Remove from heat and sprinkle with shredded Gouda cheese, and top with eggs and a sprinkling of fresh basil.



Olé Tortilla Cups

Servings: 12
Prep Time: 30 minutes
Bake Time: 18 minutes

- 1 12-ounce package Johnsonville Hot & Spicy or Original Recipe Breakfast Sausage
- 9 flour tortillas (6 inches), at room temperature (thicker, home-style tortillas work best)
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Mexican blend cheese
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Salsa

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Cook sausage according to package directions; cut into small pieces and set aside.

Coat muffin pan and both sides of tortillas with cooking spray. Cut tortillas into quarters. Arrange three tortilla pieces in each muffin cup, overlapping to fit. Press tortillas gently and firmly into muffin pan. (Tortillas should stick up higher than muffin cup sides.)

Arrange half of the cheese in tortilla-lined muffin cups. Top with sausage and the remaining cheese.

In a bowl, combine the eggs, milk, bell pepper, cilantro, salt and pepper. Carefully pour into cups.

Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until eggs are set. Serve with salsa if desired.