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A proper send off

County says goodbye to 325 National Guard unit as they leave for Qatar

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SEBRING – It was an emotion filled afternoon Thursday as 325 soldiers were honored during the 3rd Battalion 116th Field Artillery Deployment Ceremony. The brigade will depart from Highlands and surrounding counties this weekend. The soldiers will spend nine months in Qatar.

Approximately 1,200 family members, friends and supporters filled the Highlands County Fair and Convention Center to show their respects and wish the soldiers well.

Soldiers stood in formation throughout the ceremony listening to the kind and encouraging words of guests speakers.

The send-off featured half a dozen speakers who addressed the brave men and women, including Florida Congressman Tom Rooney.

“There is no greater service that what you and your families are about to do,” Rooney said. Rooney offered many thanks and well-wishes to the soldiers as they venture out into the Middle East.

Matthew Hearon, a former 116th artillery brigade commander during the unit’s last deployment in 2005, spoke briefly to the soldiers, reminding them that they are fully capable of returning from their deployment safe and sound.

“They’ve known for a year that they are mobilizing and deploying. I have the utmost confidence that they will exceed expectations,” Hearon said. “As for your families, we are here for you while your soldiers are deployed. Do not hesitate to contact us.”

Lt. Col. David Pellet is the current brigade commander for this deployment. Pellet looks forward to supervising the 325 souls he is in charge of while deployed.

“I am truly honored to be your



More than 300 Florida National Guardsmen from across central Florida are being honored Thursday afternoon before leaving for a deployment to Qatar in southwest Asia. The soldiers will depart Saturday to take part in Operation Enduring Freedom.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

commander,” Pellet said to the soldiers.

Following the ceremony, soldiers were greeted throughout the center by familiar faces – some smiling, some frowning. Plenty of hugs and kisses were given out and the soldiers had plenty to say regarding their deployment.

Sanchia James of Orlando is a 12-year veteran in the military. Though this will be James’ first deployment, she isn’t feeling as nervous as she thought she would.

“I’m not nervous, no. I’m just ready to get over there, get it done and get back,” said the mother of two.

James works as a military police dispatcher. Her job is an important part of the daily operations of any unit. Though the career woman

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Spc. Tuyet Vo-Le, of Vero Beach, cuddles her son Izaiah Buonomo as her brother Quan Vo-Le snaps a picture Thursday afternoon after the Third Battalion 116th Field Artillery deployment ceremony at the convention center at Firemen’s Field in Sebring.

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Cammie Lester, left, makes her way to the stage Thursday evening as her fans cheer her on during Heartland Idol teen semi-finals.

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Teen, Jr. Idol finalists chosen, adult qualifiers set

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING – Heartland Idol fans packed the Highlands County YMCA pavilion area Thursday night to watch the battle of the voices. The semi-final rounds of Junior and Teen Idol were exciting and jam-packed with talent.

The six Idol judges were laying on the compliments as well as the constructive criticism for each of the 17 aspiring singers.

Five contestants from each division were chosen to move on to the next round following Thursday’s performances.

The junior idol performers that were selected to move on to next

week’s show were: Kalie Christian, 12, Sebring; Ashdone Dennison, 7, Avon Park; Mariah Finney, 12, Avon Park; Bella Marerro, 8, Sebring; and Caitlin Siness, 11, Sebring.

Each of the five singers amped up their previous performances with the help of an instrumental music track which is brought in after the qualifying rounds. Songs ranging in genre from classic Disney ballads to current pop-chart hits were belted out by the five talented singers.

The overly-talented teen division was also narrowed down to five

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DMV office closes Thursday

Tax Collector continues to provide driver licenses services

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SEBRING – The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will close its driver license office at 1205 U.S. 27 North in Sebring on Thursday.

Highlands County Tax Collector Eric Zwayer currently provides full driver license services at the Avon Park and Lake Placid locations and will begin full services at the Sebring office beginning Monday, March 4. Addresses for each location are: 116 E. Main St., Avon Park; 11 N. Pine Ave., Lake Placid; and 540 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. The phone number for all three locations is 402-6685.

“We are pleased to partner with the Highlands County Tax Collector’s Office,” said Division of Motorist Services Director Boyd Walden. “The Department is transitioning driver license services to most county tax collectors across the state, and the closure of the state-run Sebring office will complete the transition for Highlands County.”

“We are excited to strengthen our partnership with the department and continue providing excellent customer service in offering driver license services in our downtown Sebring office. This will add to the services we currently provide in both of our Avon Park and Lake Placid branch locations,” said Tax Collector Eric Zwayer.

To reach the tax collector’s website, go to www.hctaxcollector.com.

Many customers can skip the trip to an office and renew driver licenses, identification cards and vehicle tags, as well as conduct other driving-related business online at www.GoRenew.com. Customers who previously renewed their driver license online will be required to visit an office for the next renewal.

Florida now requires additional documents to obtain a new or renewed driver license or ID card. If you visit an office to make any type of driver license transaction, you should prepare by bringing original documents to show proof of identification, Social Security number and residential address (two items). Customers who have ever changed their names legally must bring additional documentation. To find out exactly what you need to bring with you, visit www.GatherGoGet.com. The Department also has a Facebook page where customers can inquire or keep up with news that affects Florida motorists at www.facebook.com/gathergoget.

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Three departments respond



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
A mobile home on Howard Avenue was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. Everyone in the home escaped safely. Three volunteer departments responded to the call, West Sebring, Desoto City and Leisure Lakes. The fire is under investigation. Unconfirmed reports by witnesses say the fire was electrical and started in the kitchen.

Administration warns of impact of broad budget cuts

By JIM KUHNHENN and TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Widespread flight delays and shuttered airports, off-limit seashores and unprotected parks.

The Obama administration is painting a dire portrait of the many ways the public will feel the effects of automatic federal spending cuts due to begin March 1.

The grim picture is emerging as the White House and lawmakers count down the days until the government is forced to trim \$85 billion in domestic and defense spending with hardly any leeway to save some programs from the budget knife.

In detailing the costs of the cuts, President Barack Obama is seeking to raise the public’s awareness while also applying pressure on congressional Republicans who oppose his blend of targeted savings and tax increases to tackle federal deficits.

“I’ve been very clear that these kinds of arbitrary, automatic cuts would have an adverse impact on families, on teachers, on parents who are reliant on Head Start programs, on our mili-

tary readiness, on mental health services, on medical research,” Obama said Friday. “This is not a smart way for us to reduce the deficit.”

Just in case those consequences didn’t capture the public’s attention, the White House also had Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood spell out the impact on travelers, a frequent-flier nightmare of 90-minute airport waits, limited flights and closed regional airports. Republican lawmakers dismissed LaHood’s warnings as “exaggerations.”

But LaHood said the cuts would require slicing more than \$600 million from the Federal Aviation Administration, resulting in furloughs of one day per pay period for a majority of the agency’s 47,000 employees.

“Once airlines see the potential impact of these furloughs, we expect that they will change their schedules and cancel flights,” LaHood said.

Moreover, he said, the Transportation Department is looking “to likely close” air traffic control towers at 100 airports that have fewer than 150,000 flight operations per year.

“We’re talking about

places like Boca Raton, Fla.; Joplin, Mo.; Hilton Head, S.C.; and San Marcos, Texas,” he said. All in all, nearly two-thirds of the airports are concentrated in three states — California, Florida and Texas.

But in a statement, Airlines for America, an industry group, said the organization, the FAA and

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City hires 8 part-time firefighters

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SEBRING – The Sebring Fire Department will have a few new faces soon since city staff approved the hiring of eight part-time firefighters.

The ongoing issues between the city and SFD have yet to be resolved; mandatory overtime included. Due to the hiring freeze that was placed on the fire department as a result of the contract negotiations, firefighters have been forced to work overtime each week to ensure that there is adequate coverage in the community in the event of an emergency.

City Administrator Scott Noethlich confirmed that the new hires will begin their employment very soon.

“We have hired eight individuals. They have all been through their testing and we are finishing up with the final application process and drug testing,” Noethlich said.

The new hires will work in an effort to cut back on the full-timers overtime. Complaints (non-formal) have been vocalized by some of the SFD members regarding the long hours, though many employees understand the position they are currently in.

Noethlich stated that close to 30 applications had been submitted for the part-time positions. City staff will continue to review those qualified and keep the applications on file in the event more firefighters are needed.

“By the end of this month we’ll have them working,” Noethlich said. “I’m not sure which of the eight hired are local firefighters. We did have several from outside of Highlands County apply, but we also had some from within Highlands County apply as well.”

As the end of the month approaches, both the city and the fire union will be submitting their briefs to a special magistrate in Tallahassee for his recommendations. The two sides sat down three weeks ago during a special meeting to hash out the issues within the departments contract. The parties received the minutes from the court report last week to use for the brief preparing.

Both the city and the union were given until Thursday to submit briefs to the magistrate; the magistrate will then give his recommendation within 15 days of receiving the briefs.

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MOTA exhibit features Shoop and Johnson

SEBRING – Highlands Museum of the Arts announces a new exhibit featuring the “Wild & Wonderful” wood-carving and mixed media talents of local artists John Shoop and Beth Johnson. An array of sea-life themed pieces carved by Shoop and some natural and some wildly painted by partner artist Johnson will be on display through March with an opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Friday at MOTA, 351 W.Center Ave.

Reflections hosts two musical groups

AVON PARK – Reflections on Silver Lake is hosting two musical groups in the upcoming days.

Today at 6:30 p.m., the gospel group Sons of the Father will perform. The public is welcome. Rather than admission, a love offering will be taken. The Link Family will

perform at 6:30 p.m. Monday. This show is also open to the public and tickets are only \$8. The Link Union provides a musical experience of true Americana music, combining folk, rhythm, blues, jazz, swing, and gospel new grass. The eight-member Link family fuses old-time musical instruments and stunning voices for a fresh new style. Call 452-5037.

Legion Korea era vets honored

LAKE PLACID — American Legion Placid Post 25 has received certificates from Secretary of Defense Leon Paneta thanking all those Korean era veterans who belong or did belong to the American Legion. Some have already been given out and the others are available at Post Commander Robert Moore’s office between 9 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday.

The Legion is presently maintaining about an 850-

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Ashdon Dennison, 7, of Avon Park throws a handful of glitter after his performance of 'Diamonds' on Thursday evening during Heartland Idol's junior semi-finals at the YMCA in Sebring.

Adult qualifiers start this week

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Avon Park; Sareena Stoner, 13, Sebring; Nala Price, 14, Sebring; Olivia Hitt, 17, Sebring; and Cammie Lister, 13, Sebring, all gave mesmerizing performances that gained them entry into the next round of competition. Judges were blown away by the big voices and song selection of each of the teen competitors but had a hard time narrowing it down to just five.

The competition is so close in the teen division that emcee David Flowers revealed that the scores between the teen winners were only four points separating first and second places.

The Heartland Idol competition will continue next Thursday with the Jr. Idol Finale and the first round of the Adult Qualifier.

The Teen division will wrap up two weeks from now on Thursday, March 7 for the Teen Finale and second



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Kiana Vassell, 15, of Avon Park, sings 'Rehab' during the Heartland Idol teen semi-finals in Sebring.

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They did not know?

So I'm cruising Facebook and I stumble on this story about a woman who went to the hospital thinking she had a hernia and wound up with a 10-pound baby boy.

Huh? I thought. How does that happen?

So I followed the link to the story on abcnews.go.com. I read about Linda Ackley, 44, who had been told she couldn't have children. She'd also had surgery that removed some of her stomach muscles.

Somehow she missed the fact that she was pregnant and was surprised when a CT scan revealed the news. The baby, a healthy girl, was delivered by emergency c-section.

Her husband got the news over the phone. Needless to say, he was surprised. "I wish someone would have taken a picture of my face."

I thought about this story for a few days and decided it was worth a column. Since I couldn't find the story on Facebook again I did a Google search for "woman who didn't know she was pregnant." And got an education.

According to Google, there were about 158,000,000 results for the search. Even if you figure half of these are bogus results, that's a lot of stories.

Not having time to read all of these, I tried to skim a few. The upshot is these women claim that there was no sign that they were pregnant. They say that they had their periods, no cravings, and didn't put weight gain down to pregnancy. Some of these women also didn't gain much weight during this time, which I admit makes me jealous.

There's even a television show on TLC called "I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant" that features these stories. According to the website health.howstuff-works.com (which appears to be associated with the Discovery channel) one researcher estimated that 1 in 475 births 20 weeks along or more were the result of a "denied pregnancy."

I've been pregnant twice in my life. Both times I didn't have to wonder about it. John and James made their existences in my body very apparent. Now with John I was expecting it. James I wasn't, but it didn't take me

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

long to figure out what was going on.

So part of me looks at these women and asks, "how could you not know? There were no signs? No morning sickness? Cravings? Weight gain? Movement?"

Apparently, some women go through pregnancy experiencing a minimum of these symptoms. Or if they had them, they put them down to other things, such as stress or another medical condition.

But surely a doctor would've been able to tell? If they went to the doctor the pregnancy would've been discovered, right?

According to an OB-GYN quoted in the abcnews article, maybe not. Dr. Kimberly Gecsi claimed that she'd had patients sent to her by family practitioners who were convinced the patient had cancer. This makes you wonder about some doctors.

This same doctor says that the cases of denied pregnancies she sees in her practice are mostly young women in denial. This to me seems to be the case a lot of times — a woman thinks she can't be pregnant and so dismisses the signs.

It seems to me that in today's world, with the level of medical technology and information available, women should be able to know they are pregnant before the baby decides to be born. Not knowing might be a perfect storm of medical circumstances — or maybe the woman just doesn't want to admit the possibility.

Know your bodies, ladies. If you are of childbearing age and your body suddenly goes weird on you, don't discount the possibility of a new arrival. If you're my age (and lack certain female equipment) then sorry, our weight gain can't be blamed on a baby. Time to start exercising.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

It's not all about specs or sports

We have no problem with the Tourist Development Council's plans to reorganize how it distributes tourist tax dollars in marketing the county. In fact, we think it makes sense. By allotting larger percentages in more general categories the council will have more flexibility.

We do, however, have serious concerns about the TDC's commitment to arts and culture. Having been overlooked and done out of its mandated allotment for years — the money has since been given to the Heartland Cultural Alliance — it will take time for the TDC to regain the art community's trust, especially because no one with a cultural or artistic background sits on the board.

This rift comes at the worst possible time — Highlands County is evolving into an exciting center for culture.

This year Sebring and Lake Placid were each chosen to host significant historical displays — one put together by the Smithsonian, the other by the state.

We were selected because the county is centrally located, has the necessary infra-

structure, and the interested volunteers. Outsiders already see what the county has to offer.

Central Florida attracts creative artists. Dozens of them collaborated on the Lake Ridge Project, for example — an exhibit of painting, drawings and photographs reflecting the nature and wild life that exist all around us. This free display, now at the Antigallery in Kenilworth Lodge, is so well received it will travel to public libraries throughout the state.

With projects like these we have more to offer visitors every day.

Lake Placid added yet another mural, four new art galleries opened in Sebring and three new restaurants are serving up Italian, Latin and Mexican cooking in Avon Park. The Champion for Children

Theater on the Circle in Sebring will open later this year — and don't forget the organizations that have been highlighting art and culture for years: The Highlands Art League; the Highlands County Museum of the Arts; the Museum of Florida Art and Culture at the college; the Depot Museums in Lake Placid and Avon Park, the Children's Museum of the Highlands; the Military SEA Museum, and the Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring Historical Societies.

Yes, we need to continue to let the world know about the county's fabulous fishing lakes, many golf courses, and outdoor activities. But sporting opportunities bring in only one type of tourist. If we want to become a popular destination, with a cross section of visitors, we have to offer more, especially if we're going to attract new businesses into the county.

After neglecting the arts for years, we hope the council understands how important it is to take advantage of this change. American and foreign tourists are looking for the fresh and new, in addition to a good, old-fashioned time.

We strongly believe the more we offer, the more people will come.



TODAY'S LETTERS

TDC wants power the public didn't vote for

Editor:

The caption under a photograph in Wednesday's "Flourishing Art" story is misleading. It states "The Tourist Development Council is planning to create new arts and music festivals in an effort to attract tourists to Highlands County." I only wish that was true. In fact the Tourist Development Council (TDC) does not create events. It only pays to advertise events that others have created and paid for.

It uses tourist tax dollars to fund itself and reimburse advertising costs for created events that fall within the county ordinance governing bed tax expenditures. The public voted on this ordinance 2001. It set funding categories, and percentages of the tourist tax dollars allocated to promote each category.

For 10 years the TDC has ignored the county ordinance and spent the tax monies to serve their own interests. Last year the state Joint Legislative Committee called them to task on it. TDC returned to the art & culture (A&C) fund some \$162,000 in reconciliation for the over \$300,000 they took out of it the past 10 years. They used that money to fund things other than A&C. Highlands County has suffered the consequences.

Cultural tourism is 74.9 percent of the tourist market in Florida and is proven to turn around rural economies. In Highlands County there are significant assets to attract this huge market. We have museums, murals, live theatre, art galleries and a vibrant and growing art community. The cultural tourist is looking for out-of-the-way cultural oasis like Highlands County.

The county as a whole would have benefited if TDC followed the rules

set forth in the ordinance that established their existence. The public voted for them to spend 17 percent of the tourist tax dollars to target the cultural tourist. Not only did they redirect that money toward special interests in violation of the public trust but, they now want to change the rules to eliminate spending guidelines and cut the public out of the process altogether.

On Thursday, Feb. 28 at 8:15 a.m. at the Ag-Center in Sebring, the TDC is voting to empower itself to change the ordinance the public voted for. They want to replace it, without a public vote, with one that allows them to lump categories into one pot. It further allows them to spend the tax dollars as they so choose without guidelines or public recourse. This gives TDC power the public never voted for. It is also an open door for special interests to control TDC spending, and leave the community's well being hang out to dry, again.

Fred Leavitt, President
Heartland Cultural Alliance

Consider disturbance not business

Editor:

Swamp Hammock, if approved, I lose my rights to quiet, peaceful, serene neighborhood and so will all the other residents. If you think loud music, vehicles and 10,000 people in party setting until 2 a.m. every weekend equates to an occasional hoot owl or a pack of coyotes howling, you are grossly mistaken. Please consider the amount of traffic that will be on this little West Josephine Road that is already very busy with school buses, sod, fertilizer, fruit trucks and farm employees, oh, and 100-plus tax paying homes that drive to work every day. It will certainly change the lives of all in this area.

Does Big Government have the right to change so many peoples' lives? Is it OK for them to steal our rights; our rights to easily access our homes, to sleep in a quiet peaceful neighborhood at night?

If approved there will be many major problems, one will be emergency service to this area. It will be, at times, null due to backed up traffic on a narrow road with many 90 degree turns and blind curves. On any given weekend that the mud bog festivities would take place, driving down West Josephine Road will equate to driving on I-4 in rush hour traffic. The only difference? West Josephine Road is a two-lane road.

The noise level will not be minimal. It will be similar to the Sebring race track during any race weekend. Ask any Spring Lake resident what that is like. The difference? We were here before the proposed Swamp Hammock Mud Bog. We purchased property out here for the serenity and quiet nature of the properties. We enjoy wildlife, and the peace that comes with living out of town.

The activities and noise generated by a mud bog will directly affect everything within a 10-mile radius at best. This area is one of the last unique wildlife corridors of Florida. It contains bears, Florida panthers, deer, coyote, turkey, gopher tortoise, sand hill cranes, caracara and more. A mud bog placed in the direct path of this corridor will disrupt the nature of this unique, last remaining wildlife corridor in Central South Florida for many endangered and protected species.

I sincerely hope and pray the commissioners of this county care about this county and the detrimental effects allowing the Swamp Hammock will have on this area and don't just chalk it up to the cost of doing business.

Dale R. Willard
Sebring

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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veteran membership, however due to change of address and phone numbers that are not reported, only 90 percent are back on board for 2013. Contact the Post with any changes. Call 465-0975.

Eagan to speak at Change of Pace

SEBRING – Change of Pace will host Autumn Eagan from Cornerstone Hospice. She will talk on the topics of advance directives and ethical decisions at 10 a.m. Monday.

Call Change of Pace, 4514 Hammock Road, at 382-1188.

Meeting focuses on GCBI campus

SEBRING – The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency will host its next monthly “What’s Up Downtown Sebring?” meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Sebring Historical Society, 321 W. Center Ave., with featured speakers David and Kirsten Nickisch from the Great Commission Bible Institute (GCBI), a college campus in Downtown Sebring.

The Nickisches are the on-site coordinators for the GCBI program and are both graduates of GCBI. David is a former math teacher from Montanta and Kirsten is a singer/songwriter from Maui, Hawaii. They are coming off their first year of marriage spent on the road in an RV sharing Kirsten’s music with churches around the United States.

The couple live on campus with the full-time students. Logistically, they spend time creating meal plans and cleaning schedules, plugging students in to local churches, coordinating fundraisers, and organizing opportunities to expose students to various ministry experiences. Relationally, David and Kirsten have the specific privilege and responsibility of building intentional, discipleship relationships with the GCBI students throughout the year

Scribe’s Night Out is tonight

SEBRING — At 6 p.m. today hostess Christine Yarbrough will introduce Marilyn Johnson as the featured reader at Brewster’s Coffee House in Sebring.

Johnson came to Highlands County from Indiana in 1989 on the day her grandson was born. After composing many poems in her head, she finally began putting her writings on paper. Her poetry today will include the delights and dislikes of blind dates and other quirky tales (and wails).

An Open Mike session follows. Anyone attending the evenings entertainment may read his/her original work (five minutes). Come before 6 p.m. to sign up for

Open Mike time and get your refreshments.

Buy tickets now for Red Hat Fling

BRIGHTON — Friday is the deadline for purchasing luncheon tickets for the Red Hat Fling at Brighton on Tuesday, March 12. This event, held in the Casino Bingo Hall, is themed “In your Easter Bonnet.” Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated hats.

The lunch tickets are \$10.95 per person and will only be sold now. No ticket sales at the door.

A special Red Hat Bingo will close out the day. Bingo Packets are \$15 and will be sold by the Bingo Crew prior to the game starting immediately after lunch. Call 465-0161 or email beckshel@barqmail.com for details.

Ohio, Snowbird Fly-in dinner set

SEBRING — The Knox County, Ohio and Apple Valley Snowbird Fly-in dinner will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Homer’s Smorgasbord. Social hour is 10-11 a.m.; eat at 11 a.m.

Orchid Society hears about Dendrobiums

SEBRING — The Orchid Society of Highlands County will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Jack R. Stroup Center, 355 W. Center Ave. For this month’s meeting, Jim Roberts will present a topic on Dendrobiums.

There will be plants for sale.

Guests are invited to attend and knowledge of orchids is not required to attend. For additional information, contact Lori Thompson at 382-7924, e-mail at oshc9@aol.com or go to the website at <http://orchidsocietyhighlands.org/>.

Garden Club to meet Monday

SEBRING — The next general meeting of the Garden Club of Sebring will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. Meetings are held at the Jack Stroup Civic Center behind the Sebring Library.

The guest speaker this month will be Debbie Armstrong from Robbins Nursery. Armstrong’s topic will be “Heart Smart Herbs.” Call 385-0759 or 471-0657.

The next big event for the club will be the annual fundraiser card party and luncheon. All proceeds from this event will go towards providing a scholarship to one or two Sebring High School students interested in agriculture or any related field. The card party will be held on Thursday, March 7. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the event will conclude at 2 p.m. There will be lots of door prizes, 50/50 drawing, a silent auction plus a delicious luncheon.

Tickets are \$8. To make a

table reservation, call 471-9979. All card games and board games allowed.

AARP offers Driver Safety Program

AVON PARK — The next AARP Driver Safety Program class will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday (complete class in one day, no driving, no tests). This class makes it possible to get a discount on car insurance, good for three years.

The class will be at Union Congregational Church, 106 N. Butler Ave. To register, call 452-0335.

Audubon program looks at ‘Women Exploring Nature’

LAKE PLACID — Come to a fascinating program on Tuesday by Linda Taylor on famous women in Florida whose lives have been influenced by nature. Taylor is an author, naturalist and eco-entrepreneur who has led many other adventure field trips to the Tampa Bay area (including the local chapter). Her company, “It’s Our Nature,” features “Healthy Wear for People Who Care.”

The Highlands County Audubon Society meetings are held beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 106 N. Main St., with a covered dish dinner, birding talk at 7:15 p.m., followed by the program. Everyone is invited to come for dinner and/or the program.

Other activities include a field trip to South Lake Istokpoga on Saturday, March 2 and another to Circle B Bar Ranch on Wednesday, March 6. Call 465-2468.

Monthly Bunco at Shrine Club

AVON PARK — The public is invited (men too) to play Bunco at the Highlands Shrine Club, 2604 State Road 17 South at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. The event is open to new or experienced players. Cost is \$4 per person. Call 382-4111 for information.

Celtic Concert at the Library

SEBRING – Celebrate “Art, Heart & Soul” month in Downtown Sebring at 3 p.m. Monday as the Sebring Public Library hosts a free Celtic concert with Castlebay. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Sebring Public Library.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK
The American Legion Post 69 will host karaoke by Naomi today; call for time Karaoke by Double D from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday.

For details, call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID

The VFW Post 3880 in Lake Placid will host a poker tournament at 1:30 p.m. today. For more information, call 699-5444.

The American Legion Post 25, 2027 U.S. 27, will host music by Gary and Shirley from 5-8 p.m. today. A casino trip is planned for Tuesday; call 655-0232 for information. Music by L & L from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. For details, call 465-0975.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host

Firemen Karaoke today; Bama Jam Karaoke on Wednesday; and Frank E. on Thursday. All music time is 6-10 p.m. For details, call 465-0131.

SEBRING

The Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 will have NASCAR Daytona500 on the screen at 1 p.m. today. Music by Big Freddie from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday. The House Committee and Loyal Order of the Moose business meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, followed by a general meeting at 8 p.m. For details, call

655-3920.

The Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will host - Shuffleboard Tournament/Amateur/Any Doubles at 9 a.m. Monday. Shuffleboard League is at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Yard sale set up is Thursday. For information, call 385-2966.

The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 will host Wacky Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m. with sandwiches for \$6.50. Dancing to music by Franke is from 4:30-7:30 p.m., (cost to only dance is \$3). For details, call 471-3557.

OBITUARIES

JIMMY CONKLIN

Jimmy Eugene Conklin, 42, passed away at home on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013. Mr. Conklin was born in 1970 to Teresa S. Conklin in Tulsa, Okla., and had been a resident of Avon Park, Fla.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Ramona Conklin of Avon Park, Fla; son, Michael Brownell of Michigan; daughters, Sarah Logan of Tulsa, Okla, and Samantha Brownell of Tulsa, Okla; mother, Teresa Conklin; sister, Tracy Whittington of Oklahoma; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the residence, 465 S Roberta Drive, Avon Park, Fla.

Arrangements entrusted by Marion Community Funeral Chapel.

HERBERT RACKE

Herbert Edward Racke, 83, son of the late Edward and Mary Racke, was called home on Feb. 18, 2013.

Herbert was raised in Claryville, Ky. and is survived by Edna May Thulin (sister), Ruth Combs (sister) and Freddie Racke (brother).

Herbert joined the United States Coast Guard and, while stationed in New York, met “the love of his life,” Joan Ann Giorgio. Joan will

greatly miss her companion and sweetheart of 62 years.

Herbert’s life was accented by God’s goodness and unending grace. Herbert served alongside his wife as a missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship, establishing the ministry in the Dominican Republic. By God’s grace, this work continues reaching thousands of children with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For 11 years Herbert served as CEF’s regional director for all Latin America and their legacy lives on today.

After 36 years of service, Herbert and Joan retired in Avon Park and continued to be used by God serving their church and ministering to children. He was a prayer warrior who rose early each day to pray for his four children, 19 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

His surviving children are David Racke (married to Heidi), missionaries to Bolivia; Beth Vogel (married to Bill), missionaries with CEF Maryland; Susan Pineda (married to Abner), the CEF regional director for Latin America; and Dwight (married to Ruth) who serves God in Salem, Ore.

**Racke**

Herbert was a powerful testimony of how a humble life can be used by God’s might and goodness.

A celebration of Herbert’s life will be held at 11 a.m. on March 30 at Bethany Baptist Church (798 C-17a South Avon Park). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CEF of Florida’s Heartland, 2110 Sylvester Road, Ste. 2, Lakeland, FL 33803.

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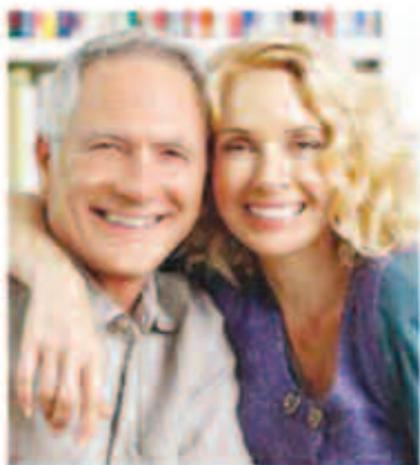
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Unit heads to Mississippi, then Qatar for 9-month deployment

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focuses on the job in front of her, James' girls are always on her mind.

"The little things are what I'm going to miss the most," James said. "I drop them off at school every day, take them to doctor's appointments, pick them up. I'm just sad because my smallest girl starts kindergarten this year. Being there for one and not being there for the other one

starting is going to be hard."

James was accompanied by friends and family members who gave her support. Though she won't be back home until early December, James knows that her girls are in the best hands.

Scott Watson of Sebring was sharing hugs with his mother, Sherri, and other friends and family. This deployment will make Watson's third trip overseas.

"He's a pro now," Watson said jokingly of her son.

The 3rd Battalion 116th Field Artillery will mobilize at Camp Shelby in South Mississippi for a short period of time before deploying to Qatar. These 325 brave men and women are commended on their bravery and service to not only this community but to the nation.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
 'I just came to show my support,' said Thomas West of Avon Park, while standing along the fence line waving a flag following the deployment ceremony at the convention center at Firemen's Field in Sebring.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
 Congressman Thomas Rooney addresses Florida National Guardsmen on Thursday during the deployment ceremony in Sebring.


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Police: Teacher charged after taking boy to Florida

By ERIKA NIEDOWSKI

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Miami Beach police say a Providence elementary school teacher is facing a felony criminal charge after allegedly taking a 15-year-old from Rhode Island to Florida without his parents' knowledge.

The police report shows 56-year-old David Jones of Cranston was arrested Wednesday after the boy was reported missing in Rhode Island. The report says the boy's parents later learned he was in Miami Beach with Jones, and that authorities located the two walking along a road. Jones has been charged with "interference with custody."

The police report says Jones admitted taking the boy to Florida without his parents' knowledge or consent and exchanging sexually explicit text messages with him. The boy told authorities that his parents did not consent to his travel to Florida and that Jones had wanted to have a sexual relationship with him, according to police.

Jones has been placed on administrative leave, according to a statement from Providence schools spokeswoman Christina O'Reilly.

"Given the nature of the charges, and that they involve a minor previously taught by the individual, we will be launching our own internal investigation in concert with law enforcement," O'Reilly said in the statement.

It wasn't immediately clear whether Jones has a lawyer. Miami-Dade jail records showed Friday that Jones was being held on \$9,000 bond.

Mayor Angel Taveras said in a statement Friday he is "very concerned" about the arrest. He said Providence police are working with Florida law enforcement officials and the FBI to investigate.

Associated Press writer David Fischer in Miami contributed to this report.



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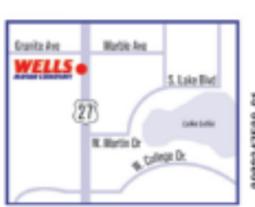
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This group of Tanglewood residents are cancer survivors who are celebrating another birthday.

Tanglewood wraps up Resident's Cancer Benefit

By NEIL SIMPSON
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — On Feb. 19, the 14th annual Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit wrapped up with a gala event in the Tanglewood clubhouse. At the end of the day, it was announced that this year's Cancer Benefit had raised \$54,055.10, bringing the total contributed for cancer research to \$430,000.

More than 500 residents danced to the music of D.J. Bob Weed, ate Bob Evans' bacon/turkey wraps and super sundaes prepared by Tanglewood's Red Hat groups. They also quaffed free liquid refreshments provided by Hometown America. Participants bought tickets for three 50/50 draws, 35 raffle prizes and 37 door prizes as well as five premium prize packages. The real winners were cancer patients everywhere who will benefit from new cancer research.

The lucky 50/50 winners were Joyce Houck, Terry Athorn and Eric Hurst.

The premium prize packages (prize donors shown in brackets) were taken home by:

- Ambrose Brooker - Kindle Fire (Hometown America), John Madeiros Bracelet (Steve & Company), \$100 Gift Certificate (Turner Furniture)

- Carol and Don Phelps - Gift Basket and Mammogram (Florida Hospital), Kindle Fire (Hometown America), Lady's Cancer Watch



Courtesy photo

Don and Carol Phelps won two of the premium prize packages during the wrap up party for the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit last week.

- Barbara Mears - Colonoscopy (Dr. Vinod Thakkar & Dr. Pankaj Patel) and \$100 Gift Basket.

- Don and Carol Phelps - Galaxy 2 - 7-inch Tab (Tanglewood Computer Club), Colonoscopy (Dr. Vinod Thakkar & Dr. Pankaj Patel)

- Bev Race - \$500 Lot Rent (Hometown America)

This was the last of a series of events to raise funds for cancer research. Other events included: gold sale, Highlands Little Theatre special presentation of "Auntie Mame", Walk in the Park, Ride for the Cure, variety show, Heartland National

Bank lasagna dinner, Bill Jarrett Ford's Drive for the Cure, Golf Fore a Cure, luminary display, Cancer Bingo plus petanque, tennis and shuffleboard tournaments.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFELY

Marcie Taylor (left) and Suzanne Shiffarth rehearse Wednesday night for the Tanglewood Actor's Guild production of 'The Bingo Queen'. There are three shows, March 6, 7 and 8 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).

Who knew bingo was the game of life?

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — Members of the Tanglewood Actors Guild bring "The Queen of Bingo" to Highlands County March 6, 7 and 8.

The play is a two-act straight up comedy; the lines laugh-out-loud funny. While an affectionate send up of bingo, the focus is on two hilarious women.

There's not much of a plot, but the audience gets to know two wonderful characters during a bingo session at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

The two middle-aged sisters — bingo fanatics — have arrived late. Instead of sitting in their usual chairs, they're out in a spill-over hallway where they can't

even see the bingo board.

Sis, the elder sister — played by Marcie Taylor — is the calmer of the two, taking life as it comes.

Babe — played by Suzanne Schiffarth — is the opposite. Loud, boistrous, sometimes crude, the younger sister is also vigorous and brimming with the love of being alive.

While Sis complains of never winning, Babe always believes she'll win the next pot.

Schiffarth, who directed the production, had to step into Babe's role at the last minute.

"(The play) is about winning and losing," she said. "If you consider yourself a winner, you'll be a winner."

Babe, especially, gains insight in the course of the

evening. She does this at the same time as she haranges other bingo players, comments on life, and spars with her sister.

Brian Leavy plays Father Mac and Steve Waitkus is the bingo caller.

Tickets are \$10. The price includes a desert, served during intermission. Tickets are available from 3-4 p.m. Thursday at the Tanglewood Clubhouse, or at the door before a performance.

The doors open at 6 p.m.; the curtain rises at 7.

The 50/50 raffle each show night is a fundraiser for the Tanglewood Cancer Residents' Benefit.

For more details go to diannelane@embarqmail.com or call Dianne Lane at 471-1946.

No deposition for lawyer in Trayvon Martin case

Associated Press

SANFORD — Lawyers for neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman will not be allowed to question an attorney for the parents of slain Florida teenager Trayvon Martin, a judge said Friday.

Lawyers for Zimmerman, who is charged with second-degree in Martin's shooting death, wanted to question attorney Benjamin Crump. The out-spoken attorney has said he talked to Martin's girlfriend and she was on the phone with Martin in the minutes before Zimmerman shot the unarmed teenager to death on the night of Feb. 26, 2012.

Zimmerman has pleaded not guilty. He has said Martin punched him, they fought and he shot Martin in self-defense.

Zimmerman's attorneys wanted to question Crump in part to ask him about specifics on the circumstances surrounding his recording of the girlfriend, who was identified as witness eight in court.

Circuit Judge Debra S. Nelson said Crump didn't have relevant information and questioning him would

violate attorney-client privilege.

Nelson also said the defense team has had 10 months to interview the witness and she, not Crump, is the only one who could provide testimony about the phone call.

Crump's attorney, Bruce Blackwell, called the motion "a side show" by the defense. Crump did not attend the hearing.

Don West, an attorney representing Zimmerman, said Crump misrepresented the woman's age as 16 when she was 18.

"She has been cloaked in mystery since the beginning of this," West said.

Also, the judge denied a request to release the addresses of Martin's parents, girlfriend and other witnesses. However, the judge said the defense could ask them for their address during depositions. The state had withheld the addresses to protect the witnesses from public scrutiny.

Following the hearing, defense attorney Mark O'Mara said Zimmerman has talked to him about the one-year anniversary of the shooting.

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Coast Guard finds 16 violations on Shell ship

By MARK THIESSEN
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The U.S. Coast Guard has turned over its investigation of violations on a Royal Dutch Shell PLC Arctic drill ship to the Department of Justice, officials said Friday. The violations were found after the drilling season when the Noble Discoverer was in dock in Seward, Alaska. Shell's other Arctic drill barge, the Kulluk, remains in a sheltered bay off Alaska's Kodiak Island, where it was towed after grounding on New Year's Eve. The Coast Guard found 16 violations on the 571-foot Noble Discoverer after it

completed drilling this summer in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska's northern coast. The violations included fire hazards and problems with the propulsion system that didn't allow the ship to operate at a sufficient speed at sea to safely maneuver in all expected conditions. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Thomas Ostebo, who oversees Alaska operations, recommended the investigation be forwarded to the U.S. attorney's office, said Lt. Veronica Colbath, a Coast Guard spokeswoman. Messages left after business hours Friday with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and ship owner Noble Corp. in Sugar

Land, Texas, which leases the ship to Shell, were not immediately returned. U.S. Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., detailed the violations Friday, as first reported by the Anchorage Daily News. Markey also sent a letter to Shell President Marvin Odum asking how the company plans to address problems and what changes will be instituted going forward. "The reports that Shell may have been drilling this summer using a drill ship with serious deficiencies in its safety and pollution control equipment raise additional and continued questions about whether Shell is able to drill safely offshore in the Arctic, and raises serious questions regarding the nature and adequacy of Shell's compliance with applicable laws and regulations," Markey wrote in the letter to Odum. Curtis Smith, a Shell spokesman, said in an email

to The Associated Press that many of the issues raised by the Coast Guard have already been addressed. "Of course, we take any deficiency very seriously, including those associated with the main propulsion system that surfaced after the Noble Discoverer had transited out of the Chukchi Sea. At no time was the Noble Discoverer found or believed to be a danger to people or the environment while drilling in the Chukchi Sea in 2012. Had that been the case, we would have ceased all operations immediately," he said. Both the Noble Discoverer and the Kulluk will be taken to Asia for further inspection and repairs. It wasn't immediately clear how this will affect the company's drilling plans in the Arctic. "We have not made any final decision on 2013 drilling in Alaska," Smith said.

Cuts will require severe reductions

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airline carriers would be meeting soon to plan for potential cutbacks. "Air transportation is a key driver of our economy, and should not be used as a political football," the statement said. Paul Rinaldi, the president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, said the reductions will not just inconvenience passengers, it will also affect local economies and result in more lost jobs. "The fact that they will not just be furloughing critical FAA personnel but closing air traffic control towers means the system will be even more compromised than anticipated," he added. Still, top Republicans on congressional transportation and aviation panels accused the administration of unnecessary alarm.

"Before jumping to the conclusion that furloughs must be implemented, the administration and the agency need to sharpen their pencils and consider all the options," the lawmakers said in a joint statement issued by Rep. Bill Shuster, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; Sen. John Thune, the top Republican on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Frank LoBiondo, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Aviation.

Throughout the administration, agency heads have been depicting an onerous after-effect to the cuts. The federal government is required to spell out the consequences to federal workers, but the details are also designed to warn lawmakers that the cuts could have a fearsome result: angry constituents. Some of the warnings:

— Defense Secretary Leon Panetta last week said that automatic cuts, known in Washington budget language as a sequester, would harm the readiness of U.S. fighting forces and he said the "vast majority" of the Defense Department's 800,000 civilian workers would have to lose one day of work per week, or 20 percent of their pay, for up to 22 weeks, probably starting in late April. The biggest potential losses, in term of total civilian payroll dollars, would be in Virginia, California, Maryland, Texas and Georgia, according to figures provided by the Pentagon.

— On Friday, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said cuts of more than \$300 million to his agency would mean less money to solve outbreaks, fight hospital infections and keep illnesses overseas from making their way here. For instance, Dr. Tom Frieden said, the cuts

could limit the agency's investigation of a tuberculosis outbreak in Los Angeles.

— At the National Park Service, employees would be furloughed, hours would be cut and sensitive areas would be blocked off to the public when there are staff shortages, according to a park service memo obtained by The Associated Press.

The giant sequoias at Yosemite National Park in California would go unprotected from visitors who might trample their shallow roots. At Cape Cod National Seashore, large sections of the Great Beach would close to keep eggs from being destroyed if natural resource managers are cut. Programs on the chopping block include invasive species eradication in Yosemite and comfort stations on the Natchez Trace Parkway in Mississippi.

Gettysburg would decrease by one-fifth the number of school children who learn about the historic battle that was a turning point in the Civil War. And in Yosemite, park administrators fear that less frequent trash pickup would potentially attract bears into campgrounds.

Over the years, budget threats have inevitably resulted in grim warnings, no matter which administration, about calamitous consequences. Many have been avoided; others have been short-lived. But Obama administration officials say they are not exaggerating or bluffing.

The cuts, with few exceptions, are designed to hit all accounts equally. The law gives Obama little leeway to ease the pain.

Even if granted flexibility to apply the cuts with more discretion — a legislative step Republicans say they might pursue — White House officials say that would still require severe reductions.

"It's essentially rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic," Obama senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer said of such a proposal in a recent interview.

LaHood, in response to a question, denied that he was simply describing a worst-case scenario that would scare the public and put pressure on Republican lawmakers.

"What I'm trying to do," he said, "is wake up members of the Congress with the idea that they need to come to the table so we don't have to have this kind of calamity in air services in America."

Cone reported from Sacramento, Calif. Associated Press writer Joan Lowy and AP Medical Writer Lauran Neergaard contributed to this report. Follow Jim Kuhnenn on Twitter: http://twitter.com/jkuhnenn

Additional information

In a column that appeared in Wednesday's edition, an unidentified letter was submitted reminiscing of a couple of friends who had recently passed. The letter, quoted in the column, said "Highlands County had the honor of being the resident county for the last two survivors of the Burma Road, a World War II project."

William W. Kresge, a 31-year resident of Highlands

County, wrote in to say that he was "also a survivor of the Burma Road, having traveled over it in 1945 in a 148-vehicle convoy from Ledo, Burma to Kunming, China. I drove a two and one half ton truck loaded with medical equipment. I was in the 95th Field Hospital and we set up Station Hospitals in Nanning, China and Liuchow, China.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001300 DIVISION:
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JARED ANDERSON, et al, Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 8, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001300 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC¹, is the Plaintiff and JARED ANDERSON; THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, A PUBLIC CORPORATION; TENANT #1 N/A/K/A STANLEY NELSON are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 14th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

¹Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on February 12, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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February 17, 24, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000189 DIVISION:
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, RAFAEL A. ALVARADO, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 15, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000189 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC is the Plaintiff and RAFAEL A. ALVARADO; ANGELICA M. ALVARADO, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 14th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 41, BLOCK 61, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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February 15, 22, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000235 DIVISION:
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. GREGG S. FOSTER, et al, Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 8, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000235 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and GREGG S. FOSTER; BRENDA M. FOSTER A/K/A BRENDA MARIE FOSTER; GSF ENTERPRISE, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 14th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-47

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD A. RIPLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of RICHARD A. RIPLEY, deceased, whose date of death was January 6, 2013, 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.

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 24, 2013.

Personal Representative:
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Attorney for Personal Representative:
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February 24, March 3, 2013

February 24, March 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000189 DIVISION:
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, RAFAEL A. ALVARADO, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 15, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000189 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC is the Plaintiff and RAFAEL A. ALVARADO; ANGELICA M. ALVARADO, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 14th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-50
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH S. KUNNECKE aka ELIZABETH ELVA KUNNECKE, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of ELIZABETH S. KUNNECKE aka ELIZABETH ELVA KUNNECKE, deceased, File Number PC 13-50, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was September 17, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$43,102.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address
JAQUELYN REESOR 544 ST. ANDREWS RD.
BRANDENBURG, KY 40108

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 24, 2013.

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February 24, March 3, 2013

February 24, March 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-38

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA L. WRZALINSKI Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are indicated below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of death of the decedent is November 21, 2012.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 17, 2013.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
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GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, RAFAEL A. ALVARADO, et al, Defendant(s).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 15, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000189 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC is the Plaintiff and RAFAEL A. ALVARADO; ANGELICA M. ALVARADO, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 14th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 41, BLOCK 61, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 6223 ORDUNA DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33872

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on February 10, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

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P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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February 24, March 3, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC13-2
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAUDE E. MUSICK, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CLAUDE E. MUSICK, deceased, File Number PC13-2, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 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, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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, INCLUDING UNMATURED, CONTINGENT, OR UNLIQUIDATED CLAIMS, ON WHOM A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IS SERVED MUST FILE THEIR CLAIMS WITH THIS COURT WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 24, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Donald Lee Musick

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael L. Keiber
MICHAEL L. KEIBER, ESQUIRE
Law Office of Michael L. Keiber, P.A.
129 South Commerce Avenue
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V. (863)385-5188 F. (863)471-1111
Florida Bar No. 620610
February 24, March 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-38

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA L. WRZALINSKI Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are indicated below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

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EVER BARRED.
EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of death of the decedent is November 21, 2012.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 17, 2013.

Personal Representative:
FRANK V. WRZALINSKI
8069 LaSalle Road
Morgantown, IN 46160

Attorney for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD R. RHOADES, P.A.
Florida Bar No.: 308714
Clifford R. Rhoades, P.A.
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February 17, 24, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000189 DIVISION:
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perience with Finance and/or Human Resources databases. (3) Minimum of three (3) years working experience with a report writing tool. (4) Intermediate proficiency in writing a sequel/SQL statement. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES MANAGER/AREA SUPERVISOR AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Food and Nutrition Services Manager/Area Supervisor. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of this notice is to amend the job description for a Food and Nutrition Services Manager/Area Supervisor. A summary of the amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: Physical Ability: Lift 30 pounds maximum with frequent lifting and/or carrying of objects weighing 20 pounds; reach, stretch, bend, stoop or kneel to handle, lift or move objects from floor level; walk or stand for periods of four (4) continuous hours. a. Environmental Factors: Ability to work in a noisy, hot, humid environment and a fast-paced work place that contains hazardous equipment, supplies and situations. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER - ACCOUNTING AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager - Accounting. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager - Accounting. A summary of the proposed amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience; (2) Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions and tasks which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, pulling, and pushing, if required. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER - CONSTRUCTION/BUILDING INSPECTOR AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager - Construction/Building Inspector. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager - Construction/Building Inspector. A summary of the proposed amendment is as follows: The minimum qualifications for a Manager - Construction/Building Inspector are

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amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience; (2) Appropriate licensing as required by the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulations. The following shall be removed from additional desired qualifications: 1. Bachelor's degree in Building Construction, Architecture, or Engineering from an accredited educational institution preferred. 2. Verification of training or experience in interpreting construction drawings and design specifications. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER – FINANCE, STAFF AND STUDENT DATABASES AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager – Finance, Staff and Student Databases. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager – Finance, Staff and Student Databases. A summary of the proposed amendment is as follows: The minimum qualifications are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience; (2) Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions and tasks which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, pulling, and pushing, if required; may involve extended periods of time at a keyboard or work station; a. Dexterly: Ability to perform skilled coordinated movements. b. Sensory: Ability to perceive and discriminate sounds; some tasks require visual perception and discrimination as well as oral communications ability. c. Environmental Factors: Tasks may risk exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as noise extremes, electric currents, or bright or dim lights. The following shall be removed from additional desired qualifications: (1) Minimum of five (5) years of employee management. (2) Minimum of seven (7) years working experience with Finance and/or Human Resources and/or student databases. (3) Minimum of five (5) years of working experience with a report writing tool. (4) Working experience in writing advanced sequel/SQL statements. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

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NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager – Fire and Environmental Safety. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager – Fire and Environmental Safety. A summary of the proposed amendment is as follows: The minimum qualifications for a Manager – Fire and Environmental Safety are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. The following shall be removed from additional desired qualifications: Verification of training or experience in interpreting construction drawings and design specifications. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

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NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager – Food & Nutrition Services Department. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager – Food & Nutrition Services Department. A summary of the proposed amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, pulling, and pushing, if required. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER – HUMAN RESOURCES, RECRUITMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager – Human Resources, Recruitment & Professional Development. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager – Human Resources, Recruitment & Professional Development. A summary of the proposed amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions and tasks which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, pulling, and pushing, if required. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER – MAINTENANCE, HEALTH AND CASUALTY SAFETY AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager – Maintenance, Health and Casualty Safety. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager – Maintenance, Health and Casualty Safety are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Physical Ability: Performs work requiring physical strength and endurance, to include lifting up to 100 pounds, bending, stooping, pulling, pushing, climbing and crawling. The following additional desired qualification is removed: (1) Knowledge of data processing concepts and computer operations either from experience or education. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing

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the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER – MIS COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTALLATION AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager – MIS Computer Repair and Installation. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager – MIS Computer Repair and Installation. A summary of the proposed amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience; (2) Physical Ability: Performs work requiring physical strength and endurance, to include lifting 80 pounds, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, pulling, and pushing, if required. The following shall be removed from additional desired qualifications: 1. Knowledge of data processing concepts and computer operations either by experience or formal education. 2. Verification of experience operating several types of computer equipment and local area networks as well as a proven ability to deal with user problems and needs. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER – TRANSPORTATION GARAGE AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager – Transportation Garage. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager – Transportation Garage. A summary of the proposed amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions and tasks which may include lifting up to 100 pounds maximum with frequent lifting up to 20 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, pulling, and pushing; a. Dexterly: Ability to perform skilled coordinated movements that involve moderate manual dexterity and demonstrate a mastery of the particular tools, equipment, material, and techniques of the automotive repair trade. b. Environmental Factors: Ability to perform tasks in an environment that may risk exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as dirt, dust, odors, wetness, humidity, fumes, temperature and noise extremes, machinery, vibrations, electric currents, compressed air sources or toxic agents; ability to perform tasks that require the ability to perceive and discriminate colors or shades of colors, sounds, odors, and depths. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER – MIS NETWORK AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager – MIS Network. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager – MIS Network. A summary of the proposed amendment is as follows: The minimum qualifications for a Manager – MIS Network are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Competency in reading and mathematics testing as administered by approved outsourced vendor with a minimum score of 80%. (3) Physical Ability: Tasks involved the ability to exert moderate, though not constant physical effort, involving some combination of climbing and balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling; may involve some lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (10-50) pounds: a. Sensory Requirements: Most tasks require visual perception and discrimination; many tasks require oral communication ability. b. Environmental Factors: Tasks may risk potential exposure to electrical currents when servicing systems. The following additional desired qualifications are removed: (1) Minimum of two (2) years experience working in network software support with appropriate supervision. (2) Minimum of two (2) years experience installing and maintaining microcomputer systems application software. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER – TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Manager – Transportation Operations. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager – Transportation Operations. A summary of the proposed amendment to the minimum

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qualifications is as follows: Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A SUPERVISOR – TRANSPORTATION AREA (AVON PARK, LAKE PLACID AND SEBRING) AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Supervisor – Transportation Area (Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring). The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Supervisor – Transportation Area (Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring). A summary of the amendment to the minimum qualifications of the job description is as follows: Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions and tasks which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, pulling, and pushing, if required. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary February 24, 2013

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Areas of fog in the morning	Times of clouds and sun	Not as warm with t-storms possible	Chance for a couple of showers	Partly sunny; breezy in the p.m.
85° / 63°	86° / 67°	78° / 55°	75° / 56°	72° / 45°
Winds: WSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: S at 7-14 mph	Winds: WSW at 10-20 mph	Winds: W at 4-8 mph	Winds: WNW at 8-16 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Arnsfeld Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	81°
Low Tuesday	46°
High Wednesday	80°
Low Wednesday	55°
High Thursday	84°
Low Thursday	56°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	52%
Expected air temperature	54°
Makes it feel like	56°

Barometer

Tuesday	30.12
Wednesday	30.07
Thursday	30.09

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	1.31"
Year to date	1.72"

Regional Summary

Morning fog today, then variable cloudiness with a shower or thunderstorm during the afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow. Tuesday: not as warm with showers and thunderstorms possible.



Farm Report

Fog this morning, a thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. Winds west 6-12 mph. Expect 2-4 hours of sunshine with a 45% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Weather History

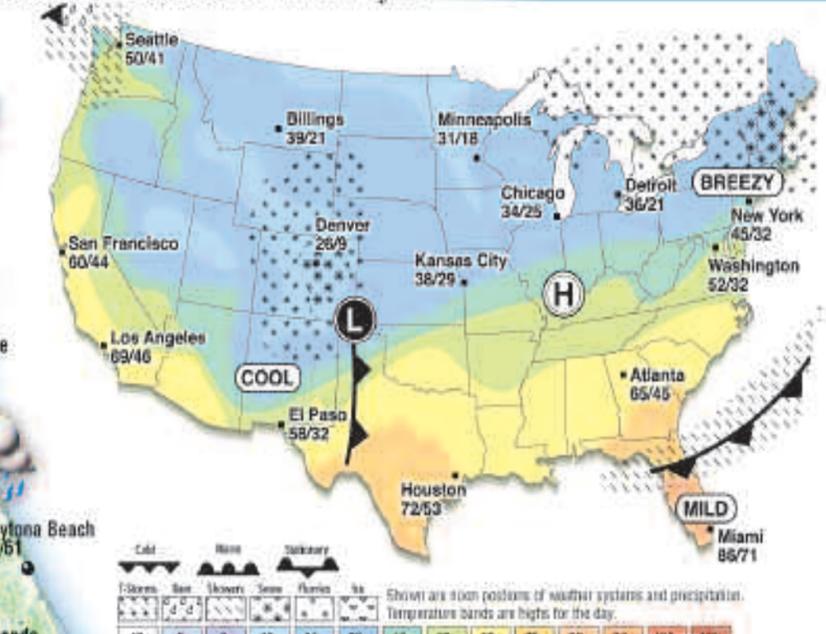
Ice on the lower Susquehanna River in Maryland began to break on Feb. 24, 1852. The previous 40 days, an ice bridge had been used for the crossing of loaded freight cars.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:54 a.m.	6:51 a.m.
Sunset	6:25 p.m.	6:25 p.m.
Moonrise	5:35 p.m.	6:32 p.m.
Moonset	5:49 a.m.	6:27 a.m.



National Forecast for February 24



National Summary

A wave of heavy snow will race through New England today, bringing accumulations of up to a foot from interior Connecticut into Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Flows will be out and about even in the Boston area, with 2-4 inches a good bet. The Southeast will have dry and tranquil weather with plenty of sunshine from Georgia to Nashville. Cold, dry and sunny weather is in store for the Great Lakes as a large dome of high pressure remains entrenched overhead. A few clouds will make their way into the northern Plains.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon	Tue	City	Today	Mon	Tue
Albuquerque	40/21	40/24	49/24	Los Angeles	60/46	60/45	72/50
Alford	62/45	52/40	55/38	Louisville	50/38	53/43	47/37
Baltimore	48/28	48/24	45/37	Memphis	50/44	60/38	61/36
Birmingham	62/48	61/38	50/37	Minneapolis	31/18	32/24	35/25
Boston	39/30	40/30	42/38	Nashville	50/34	57/43	61/56
Charlotte	64/36	54/38	58/35	New Orleans	66/60	72/60	81/66
Chesapeake	24/10	34/16	31/14	New York City	45/32	45/35	44/35
Chicago	34/25	36/28	34/27	Portland	55/35	49/38	60/43
Cleveland	33/23	40/31	42/33	San Antonio	63/35	60/24	45/28
Columbus	40/26	48/34	42/35	Seattle	61/34	63/36	62/37
Dallas	68/43	61/35	69/37	St. Louis	46/35	49/36	43/34
Denver	26/18	36/15	35/14	San Francisco	60/44	59/44	60/45
Detroit	39/21	39/29	39/32	Seattle	51/41	49/35	49/37
Harlingen	41/26	44/11	42/25	Washington	62/32	49/36	50/40
Honolulu	81/66	80/65	80/65				
Houston	75/53	65/40	69/47				
Indianapolis	48/27	45/35	44/34				
Jackson, MS	67/52	67/57	58/35				
Kansas City	39/29	39/28	39/27				
Lexington	47/33	54/39	45/35				
Little Rock	58/41	57/37	52/32				

World Cities

City	Today	Mon	Tue	City	Today	Mon	Tue
Agartota	88/67	88/60	88/60	London	39/32	41/36	41/37
Athens	66/35	66/34	66/47	Montreal	32/24	33/25	37/29
Beirut	67/50	74/22	78/50	Moscow	25/14	31/13	34/21
Berlin	37/14	38/14	39/23	Nice	57/11	61/11	56/13
Bermuda	71/62	66/59	66/60	Ottawa	32/21	34/23	34/25
Calgary	40/26	41/26	35/14	Quebec	31/20	31/18	33/22
Dublin	40/26	43/40	43/35	Rio de Janeiro	85/74	81/75	90/74
Edmonton	33/18	31/18	28/14	Saudi	41/35	43/22	46/22
Frankfurt	79/47	78/69	79/54	Singapore	86/77	84/77	86/77
Gary	32/20	33/25	43/16	Sydney	85/72	80/73	82/76
Havana	88/67	88/65	87/60	Toronto	37/23	37/27	35/31
Hong Kong	73/44	73/65	77/70	Vancouver	45/40	46/33	45/34
Jakarta	59/49	71/55	75/56	Vienna	41/30	40/33	43/34
Johannesburg	84/56	81/55	82/58	Warsaw	37/34	37/32	38/34
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Erika Cord helped the Lady Blue Streaks with a win in the high jump and a second in the triple jump Thursday at Lake Placid.

Track season opens with Lady Streak win

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID – The 2013 Track and Field season got underway Thursday with the inaugural meet at Lake Placid High School.

But it was the Lady Blue Streaks and Moore Haven Terrier boys that won their respective sides of the four-team competition.

The Sebring ladies topped the field with a 103.83 total, while the Moore Haven boys accumulated 91.50 points.

The Lady Terriers were second at 58.83, Lake Placid third with 34 and Avon Park fourth in the girls side of the meet with 33.33.

Sebring's boys were second with 83.50, the Green Dragons third at 36.50 and

the Red Devils fourth with 30.50.

The Lady Streaks got it started with a win in the 4X800-meter relay, as Katherine Stoll, Hannah Kimber Harris, Cassandra Marentes and Hannah Schroeder came in with a time of 12:25:75.

The Lady Devils took second in the event with Brittany Egan, Kelsa Knowles, Brandi Best and Aline Yline crossing the line in a time of 14:07.81.

Sebring got a leg up in the field events, specifically the jumps, with Shalontay Rose winning the triple jump (31-foot, 1-inch), Erika Cord winning the high jump (5-foot-

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Courtesy photo

Torri Pringle and the Red Devils are off to a hot start, winning their first six games of the season.

Red Devils roll to 6-0

By DAN HOEHNE

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It's still early, but the Red Devils of the baseball diamond are already on a roll, winning three times this week to get out to a 6-0 start.

Tuesday saw a 4-1 home win over Hardee behind an Anthony Carruthers two-run double and seven shining innings for Kenny McGrath.

The southpaw McGrath scattered four hits, allowed just one run while walking three and striking out five.

A first-inning explosion paved the way to Thursday's 10-5 win over the Miners of Ft. Meade with the Devils sending 14 batters to the plate in their first at-bat.

Josh Gomez got it started with a walk and moved to third on an Alfred Brown single to right.

Brown stole second and both runners came in on a Tyrone Perry single to right.

Anthony Carruthers walked and one out later Torri Pringle walked to load the bases.

Luis Martinez and Colton Brock then added RBI singles and Gomez and Brown drew walks to push two more runs across.

Perry then pounded a

bases-clearing double into the left-center field gap to give him five RBI in the inning and put the Devils up 9-0.

The Miners answered with two in their half of the first off Avon Park starter Austin Stadie, and scored two more in the third.

But the Devils added another in the fourth and Gio Gomez pitched the final four innings, allowing just one more run to provide for the final margin.

And while Perry was the demolition man Thursday, it was a more rounded offensive effort Friday that got Avon Park an 8-2 win at McKeel Academy.

The Red Devils were held down over the first three innings and the hosts scratched for on in the second for a 1-0 lead headed into the fourth.

But Perry started another mini-explosion with a double down the right-field line.

Carruthers knocked him in with a double to left-center and Steven Flowers bunted Carruthers to third.

Pringle then singled to bring him in and Mason Jahna later doubled to score Pringle and would come around himself on a

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Streaks outlast rain, DeSoto

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – The rain came unexpected, and so was the resolve of the visiting DeSoto Bulldogs in Sebring's late-night, 4-3 win at Firemen's Field.

DeSoto, scrambling into the season with one coaching change and then another unexpected one, were taking the field for just the second time and were facing Blue Streak flame-thrower Jordan Baker. But the Bulldogs scratched for a run in the top of the first with some errant fielding helping them along.

Baker did strike out two to get out of it and his batmates answered back as some sloppy Bulldog fielding allowed for two errors and evened it up at 1-1.

Some control problems plagued Baker in the second as he plunked the first batter and later saw a pick-off throw get away and send the runner all the way to third.

An RBI single followed, but that would be it, for the moment.

The next two half-innings went quickly, before the Streaks scored twice to take the lead in the bottom of the third.

With one out, Wyatt Johnson singled up the middle and gave way to designated runner Landon Willey.

Willey stole second and one out later, came around on a Dane Maddox double to right.

Ty Little then drew a walk and when Brad Doty's grounder to third was thrown away, Maddox came in to score for a 3-2 lead.

But the Bulldogs were let back in with an error to start the fourth, a sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch that evened it up at 3-3.

Which was when the rains came, sure and steady, and caused a half hour delay as the tarps to cover the mound and home plate were brought out.

When play did resume in the bottom of the fourth, Justin Acevedo singled to right with one out, but was stranded.

Baker mowed DeSoto down in order in the top of the fifth, but the rain came again, a bit more insistently this time around, and it was more than an hour later when play would resume.

"(Baker) probably had his best outing of the year," Sebring head coach Buck Rapp said. "Still some control problems, but much better this time out. And after that long of a delay, I wasn't going to put him back out



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Landon Willey stands at second base as the first rains began to fall Friday. Two rain delays would stretch the contest late into the night, but Willey would score the winning run for the Streaks in the bottom of the seventh.

there. He got his work in and you can't bring a pitcher back after that kind of delay."

Matt Portis came in when the rain finally subsided and held DeSoto down over the next two innings, though the Streaks couldn't muster anything either, until the bottom

of the seventh.

Then, a lead-off walk got a runner on, with Willey coming in to take over on the basepaths.

A passed ball moved him to second and a pitch in

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Heartland weekend for tennis teams



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

After winning Thursday against Bartow, Nisha Patel and the Lady Blue Streaks saw their season mark improve to 6-1. Patel won out in a tough, three-set match before besting Lady YellowJacket Thinzar Zaw, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, while the rest of her teammates won their matches in straight sets. Breaking from the regular season schedule this weekend, the Lady Streaks hosted the Heartland Conference Invite Friday and Saturday, with Avon Park and Lake Placid among the teams on hand. The boys side of the Heartland Tournament were playing their matches at Avon Park.

Wild finishes for Sebring 70s

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – In the Thursday, Feb. 21, games in the Sebring 70s Softball League, the Silent Salesman had a big upset win over VFW4300 in mind when they led 3-2 after three innings and 6-2 after seven innings.

Good defense kept the VFW Team from scoring in four consecutive innings.

That all changed in the bottom of the 8th inning when VFW's hot bats took over.

The last man in the batting order led off with a base hit, then the top of the order took over, banging out six more hits and scoring five times to pull the 7-6 win out of the fire.

Salesman's Cliff Sheane had another good game for a first-year player, going 3-for-3.

Norm Grubbs had 3-for-4 and rapping out two hits each were Don Day, Fred Moore,

Richie Burkholz and Bobby Iott.

VFW4300 reports Don Knowlton had a hit that started a late rally.

Chuck Fluharty and Bob Fulcher had 3-for-4, which were key hits in the last inning.

Doran Quinn drove in the winning run on a fielders choice.

John Kloet was the winning pitcher. Royal Palms had a 12-7 victory over Highlands Independent Bank.

Palms Bobby Floodine went 4-5 with a bases-loaded triple.

Having two hits each were Curt Brown, Dale Demar, Gene Hanford, Kyle Saunders and Harley Smith.

The Bank had the only home run of the day banded out by Bobby Fahnstock, who went 2-for-4.

Gene Phillips, Jose Torres and Andy Timmerman each

had a double in their 2-for-3 times to bat.

Don Cunningham and Don Sheets were 2-for-4 and four other players followed with a one base hit each.

Andrews Allstate Insurance took control over Buttonwood Bay with an 11-9 win.

Their John Pena went for a double in his 4-for-5 times up.

Four players having 3-for-4 were Jerry Kauffman, Marvin Knutilla, Rudy Pribble and John Smith.

Having 2-for-4 were Mel Gross and Tom Royal.

Buttonwood Bay made a good effort with their multiple hits.

Tom "Moose" Morrissette banded out a 4-for-4 day, including a triple.

John Degnen had two doubles in his 3-for-4 times at the plate.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Boston	29	26	.527	4.5
Philadelphia	22	30	.423	10
Toronto	23	33	.411	11

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	38	14	.731	—
Atlanta	30	23	.566	8.5
Washington	16	37	.302	22.5
Orlando	15	40	.273	24.5
Charlotte	13	42	.236	26.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	34	21	.618	—
Chicago	32	23	.582	2
Milwaukee	26	27	.491	7
Detroit	22	35	.386	13
Cleveland	17	37	.315	16.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	44	13	.772	—
Memphis	36	18	.667	6.5
Houston	31	26	.544	13
Dallas	25	29	.463	17.5
New Orleans	19	37	.339	24.5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	40	15	.727	—
Denver	34	22	.607	6.5
Utah	31	24	.564	9
Portland	25	30	.455	15
Minnesota	20	32	.385	18.5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	39	18	.684	—
Golden State	32	23	.582	6
L.A. Lakers	27	29	.482	11.5
Sacramento	19	37	.339	19.5
Phoenix	18	38	.321	20.5

Thursday's Games

Miami 86, Chicago 67
San Antonio 116, L.A. Clippers 90

Friday's Games

Chicago 105, Charlotte 75
Toronto 100, New York 98
Indiana 114, Detroit 82
Washington 119, Denver 113
Atlanta 122, Sacramento 108
Houston 106, Brooklyn 96
Memphis 88, Orlando 82
Dallas 104, New Orleans 100
Oklahoma City 127, Minnesota 111
Boston 113, Phoenix 88
Golden State 107, San Antonio 101, OT
L.A. Lakers 111, Portland 107

Saturday's Games

Denver at Charlotte, late
Cleveland at Orlando, late
Houston at Washington, late
Miami at Philadelphia, late
Indiana at Detroit, late
Atlanta at Milwaukee, late
Utah at L.A. Clippers, late

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

LEADERS

SCORING

	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	511	465	1591	28.9
Anthony, NYK	444	269	1277	28.4
James, MIA	540	261	1415	27.2
Bryant, LAL	534	345	1505	26.9
Harden, HOU	433	470	1451	26.4

REBOUNDS

	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, LAL	169	424	593	11.9
Randolph, MEM	224	383	607	11.7
Asik, HOU	190	465	655	11.5
Vucevic, ORL	193	439	632	11.5
Noah, CHI	198	380	578	11.3

ASSISTS

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	38	420	11.1
Paul, LAC	45	425	9.4
Vasquez, NOR	56	528	9.4
Holiday, PHL	48	423	8.8
Westbrook, OKC	55	444	8.1

STEALS

	G	STL	AVG
Paul, LAC	45	115	2.56
Conley, MEM	52	116	2.23
Westbrook, OKC	55	105	1.91
Jennings, MIL	53	100	1.89
Lin, HOU	57	107	1.88
Ellis, MIL	53	99	1.87

BLOCKED SHOTS

	G	BLK	AVG
Sanders, MIL	47	153	3.26
Ibaka, OKC	53	157	2.96
Duncan, SAN	47	129	2.74
Hibbert, IND	55	144	2.62
Howard, LAL	50	115	2.30

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Korver, ATL	133	288	.462
Calderon, DET	101	223	.453
Webster, WAS	89	199	.447
Novak, NYK	101	226	.447
Ilyasova, MIL	59	133	.444

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Chandler, NYK	220	334	.659
Jordan, LAC	212	353	.601
Spittler, SAN	223	376	.593
Howard, LAL	301	518	.581
Hickson, POR	288	501	.575

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

	FT	FTA	PCT
Durant, OKC	465	512	.908
Collison, DAL	161	178	.904
Curry, GOL	159	176	.903
Martin, OKC	166	184	.902
Redick, ORL	115	129	.891

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	10	3	4	24	45	40
Pittsburgh	12	6	2	24	60	45
N.Y. Rangers	8	6	2	18	41	41
Philadelphia	8	10	1	17	53	59
N.Y. Islanders	7	9	1	15	50	60

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	11	4	2	24	49	39
Boston	10	2	2	22	41	33
Ottawa	10	6	2	22	43	34
Toronto	11	7	0	22	51	41
Buffalo	6	11	1	13	48	59

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	8	6	1	17	44	44
Tampa Bay	8	7	1	17	61	51
Winnipeg	7	8	1	15	41	50
Florida	5	8	4	14	41	61

AUTO RACING

SUNDAY

Noon Daytona 500 FOX
8 p.m. NHRA - Arizona Nationals ESPN2

BOWLING

SUNDAY

3 p.m. PBA - USBC Masters ESPN

CHEERLEADING

SUNDAY

Noon Cheerleading from Orlando ESPN2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Illinois at Michigan ESPN
2 p.m. Cincinnati at Notre Dame CBS
2 p.m. Boston College at Duke 44
4 p.m. Michigan State at Ohio State CBS

MONDAY

7 p.m. Syracuse at Marquette ESPN
9 p.m. Kansas at Iowa State ESPN

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Indiana at Minnesota ESPN
7 p.m. Memphis at Xavier ESPN2
9 p.m. Florida at Tennessee ESPN

GOLF

SUNDAY

9 a.m. PGA - WGC Accenture Match Play GOLF
1:30 p.m. LPGA - Honda LPGA Thailand GOLF
2 p.m. PGA - WGC Accenture Match Play NBC

MOTORCYCLE RACING

SUNDAY

Noon Monster Energy Supercross CBS

NBA

SUNDAY

1 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Dallas ABC
7 p.m. Memphis at Brooklyn ESPN
9:30 p.m. Chicago at Oklahoma City ESPN

NHL

TUESDAY

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

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

MONDAY

2:55 p.m. West Ham vs. Tottenham Hotspur ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Purdue at Minnesota ESPN2
1 p.m. Miami at Georgia Tech SUN
2 p.m. Tennessee at Arkansas 38
3 p.m. Duke at Maryland ESPN2
5 p.m. Texas A&M at Vanderbilt ESPN2

MONDAY

7 p.m. Baylor at Oklahoma ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. Florida at Georgia SUN

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	14	0	3	31	57	35
Nashville	8	5	5	21	39	39
St. Louis	9	6	2	20	53	51
Detroit	7	7	3	17	45	51
Columbus	5	10	2	12	39	53

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	3	4	24	49	40
Minnesota	8	6	2	18	36	39
Colorado	7	7	1	15	38	43
Edmonton	6	7	3	15	37	44
Calgary	5	7	3	13	40	54

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	12	2	1	25	53	39
San Jose	8	5	3	19	40	36
Phoenix	8	6	2	18	44	41
Dallas	8	8	1	17	44	47
Los Angeles	7	6	2	16	36	38

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Ottawa 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO
Toronto 3, Buffalo 1
Florida 5, Philadelphia 2
New Jersey 3, Washington 2
Winnipeg 4, Carolina 3
N.Y. Islanders 4, Montreal 3, OT
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2
Columbus 3, Detroit 2
Vancouver 4, Dallas 3
Minnesota 3, Edmonton 1

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh 3, Florida 1
Vancouver 1, Nashville 0
Chicago 2, San Jose 1

Saturday's Games

New Jersey at Washington, late
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, late
Phoenix at Edmonton, late
Colorado at Los Angeles, late
Nashville at Detroit, late
Tampa Bay at Carolina, late
Toronto at Ottawa, late
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, late
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, late
San Jose at Dallas, late

Columbus at St. Louis, late
Minnesota at Calgary, late

Sunday's Games

Boston at Florida, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Winnipeg at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 8 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	GP	G	A	PTS
Vanek, Buf	17	12	13	25
Crosby, Pit	18	7	18	25
Stamkos, TB	16	11	13	24
Kane, Chi	17	9	14	23
Tavares, NYI	17	11	11	22
Zetterberg, Det	17	5	17	22
St. Louis, TB	16	4	18	22
Elias, NJ	17	5	16	21
Malkin, Pit	18	4	17	21
Kunitz, Pit	18	7	13	20
Moulson, NYI	17	9	10	19
Voracek, Phi	19	7	12	19
Ribeiro, Was	16	6	13	19

2 tied with 18 pts.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX-Agreed to terms with RHP Dylan Axelrod, RHP Simon Castro, RHP Deunte Heath, RHP Nate Jones, LHP Charlie Leeman, RHP Jhan Marinez, RHP Nestor Molina, RHP Brian Omogrosso, LHP Jose Quintana, RHP Addison Reed, RHP Andre Rienzo, LHP Santos Rodriguez, LHP Chris Sale, LHP Hector Santiago, LHP Leyson Septimo, LHP Donnie Veal, C Tyler Flowers, C Hector Gimenez, C Josh Phegley, INF Brent Morel, INF Angel Sanchez, OF Jordan Danks, OF Jared Mitchell, OF Blake Tekotte and OF Dayan Viciedo on one-year contracts.
SEATTLE MARINERS-Agreed to terms with RHP Stephen Pryor, RHP Erasmo Ramirez, RHP Tom Wilhelmson and C Jesus Montero on one-year contracts.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

MONDAY: Softball vs. Booker, 4 p.m.
TUESDAY: Baseball vs. Frostproof, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at Frostproof, 6 p.m.; Softball at DeSoto, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis vs. Frostproof, 4 p.m.;

Track and Field season underway

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even), with Cord also taking second in the triple and Rose second in the high.

Destiny McCartney was in fine hurdling form, also getting a leg up, and won both the 100- and 300-meter heats with times of 17.31 and 52.51, respectively.

Recent Florida Gator signee Taylor Tubbs got dual wins for Sebring as well, cruising to first-place finishes in the 800-meter run (2:23.80) as well as the mile (5:20.25).

Also scoring some points for the Lady Streaks were Angela Dennard, who took second in the discus with a toss of 63-feet, 3-inches, while teammate Denise Constant was third at 60-feet, 10-inches.

Constant also took second in the shot put, 26-feet, 8-inches, with Alexis Harris taking third with a distance of 24-feet, 3-inches.

For the Lady Dragons, Shaquavia Gayle won the 400-meter dash in 1:07.07, took second in the long jump

at 13-feet, 11-inches and Quiahja Williams was second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.92.

Lake Placid got another second in the 4X100 relay, with Dawn Barrett, Shonkeria Robinson, Shelby Dillon and Williams finishing in 58.87, and yet another when Alex Coyne was runner-up in the mile at 6:29.21

For Avon Park, Lashady Love took third in both the triple jump and 100-meter dash, Angelina Ligon was third in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.

Like the girls, the Sebring boys got things rolling with a win in the 4X800 relay, with Eric Foster, Elias Salgado, Damian Foster and Nathaniel Acosta crossing the line in a time of 9:12.31.

Lake Placid's Jorge Gomez, Evan Holden, Brandon Skeens and Dalton Shelton were second in the event at 9:31.30.

Shelton would pick up a win for the Dragons in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:32.68, with Sebring's Wesley Koning a close sec-

ond at 10:33.72.

In the tosses, the Red Devils got a win from Masco Louis in the discus, 108-feet, 4-inches, with teammate Vassell Vinroy second at 107-feet, 8-inches and Sebring's Gary Demarest third at 104-feet, 9-inches.

Green Dragon Dennis Johnson won the shot put at 38-feet, 11-inches, Demarest took second with a toss of 36-feet, 6-inches and Vinroy was third at 34-feet, 4-inches.

Blue Streak Jordyn Blount won both the high and long jumps, at 5-feet, 10-inches and 20-feet, 7-inches, respectively.

Vinroy took third in the long jump at 19-feet, 8-inches and Sebring's Jarvis Bridges was second in the high jump at 5-feet, 8-inches.

Avon Park's Steven Roberts earned a second in the triple jump at 38-feet and was fourth in the 110-meter hurdles at 17.38.

Lake Placid's Keplet Charite was third in that hurdle event at 17.21 and won the 400-meter dash in 52.18. Sebring's Carl Dassinger



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Red Devil Steven Roberts took fourth in the 110-meter hurdles and second in the triple jump in Thursday's season-opening meet in Lake Placid.

was third in the 400 in 53.74. The Streaks also got a 1,600-meter win from Tim Koning in 5:10.43 and a 200-meter win from Brian Dixon at 22.80.

Red Devil Logan Lashley

was third in the 1,600 at 5:14.20.

All in all, a decent start to the spring season, with some familiar names rising to the top and a host of newcomers making their own way up.

The three county teams will be in action with the Red Devils hosting a meet on Thursday, Feb. 28, while the Streaks host their own meet on Tuesday, March 5.

Sebring gets rain-delayed win

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dirt allowed him to steal third.

Then it was just a matter of a fly ball just deep enough off Doty's bat to bring the winning run in after a long night.

"We've still got things to work on and gave away too many runs," Rapp said. "But

'We've still got things to work on and gave away too many runs.'

BUCK RAPP

Sebring head coach

we're a young team with only one returning starter from last season.

"When we played Lake Placid the other night, I thought we were the better team, but realized that (the Dragons) have a lot more varsity experience," he continued. "(Catcher) Wyatt (Johnson) is the only returning position starter from last year, so we have a lot of guys



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Dane Maddox connects for an RBI double in the third inning Friday, though Sebring would have to wait out two rain delays before taking a 4-3 win over DeSoto.

getting their first varsity experience as starters. But we're working and getting better."

With the weekend to rest up, Sebring hits the road at

Bartow Tuesday, hosts Hardee Thursday and travels to Lake Wales for a contest Friday.

AP off to smoking hot start

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Colton Brock single to put the Devils up 4-1.

McKeel edged a little closer with a run in the sixth, but Avon Park answered back again with another four-spot in the top of the seventh.

Cody Pearlman lead it off with a single and moved up on a Brown base-knock.

One out later, Perry and Carruthers drew back-to-back walks with Pearlman coming in on a wild pitch.

Flowers brought a run in with a single and Pringle reached on an error to bring two more in.

In all, five different Devils had an RBI, seven scored run and all but one starter had at least one hit.

Flowers and Brock com-

bined on the mound to give up just two hits, two earned runs and struck out four.

Looking to keep things rolling, Avon Park has a three-game homestand coming up this week with Frostproof at Head Field on Tuesday, McKeel in Thursday and Ridge Community on Friday.

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Johnny Sauter wins NASCAR Trucks Series opener

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — Johnny Sauter was taken out on the final lap at Daytona International Speedway last year.

On Friday night, another late wreck helped him get to Victory Lane.

Sauter caught a break when defending series champion James Buescher crashed on the final lap of the Trucks Series opener, bringing out a caution that prevented veteran Kyle Busch from making a last-lap move on the leader.

Instead, Sauter cruised to victory.

"I was having flashbacks of last year," said Sauter, who was turned by race winner John King in 2012. "They always say you want to be second going into the last lap. It just didn't work out that way. ... I'm not going to lie, I was happy to see that caution come out at the end. Just a wild race. Speedway racing is just crazy. ... I'm just ecstatic to be in Victory Lane."

Getting there wasn't easy, either.

After Sauter performed a burnout, he got lost trying to find Victory Lane.

"I didn't have a clue where it was," Sauter said. "I couldn't see. I was relying on the spotter to tell me where to go. He told me to turn into that entrance. It was the wrong one. Nobody was more confused than I was."

Maybe that's why just about everyone watching the 250-mile race figured Sauter was a sitting duck with Busch on his bumper.

But before Busch could make his move, Buescher spun Jeff Agnew back in the pack.

That brought out a final caution, and since the leaders had already taken the white flag, the race ended under caution.

"Thought I was in the perfect spot," Busch said. "Was gonna somehow make a move on the last lap. Unfortunately, it was only a 99-lap race today. We didn't get the full 100 in and wasn't able to make a move coming down toward the end."

Busch wound up second for the third time in the series opener.

"Yeah, it's another year in waiting," said Busch, who has wins at Daytona in the Sprint Cup and Nationwide series.

It was the 100th win in the series for Toyota and the manufacturer's seventh straight at NASCAR's most famous track.

Ron Hornaday Jr. was third, followed by Justin Lofton, rookie Jeb Burton and Ty Dillon.

Buescher finished 13th, one spot behind highly touted rookie Darrell Wallace Jr.

"It's a lot harder to win a restrictor-plate race than you think," said Sauter, who failed to win in his first four races at Daytona.

The race was clean for the first 26 laps, until Scott Riggs' engine blew.

That was minor compared to the next caution.

Brendan Gaughan, trying to pull off one of the strangest moves of Speedweeks, tried to squeeze between pole-sitter Brennan Newberry and fellow rookie German Quiroga in turn three.

It failed miserably.

All three trucks slid into the outside wall, setting off a melee that collected about a dozen others.

Burton, Ryan Truex, Tim George Jr., John Wes Townley and Jason White were among the 13 trucks involved.

After six laps of caution and lots of cleanup, the race restarted — but just briefly.

White slammed into the wall shortly after the restart, bring out the third caution.

The fifth yellow set up the frantic finish.

Truex and Buescher were making a run toward the front on the outside lane when Truex's left-front tire started to go flat.

Truex started to slow down and make his way to the bottom of the track, but he got sideways and collected several others.

"We saw a couple of crashes," Busch said. "That's part of the game. Everybody is fighting for the front, but there's only those guys up there that can be up there."

Seniors swinging away in 70s

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Tony Christo was 1-2 with a double and Fred Boyd had his double in 2-for-4 times up.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 was a troubling day for the Sebring Seventy and Over Softball League teams.

The weather was good and the fields were up to par, but all three games played had unusual final scores.

Silent Salesman and Highlands Independent Bank, two evenly matched teams, played an exciting game that ended with a big "come from behind" win of 15-14 for the Salesman.

The Salesman scored 11 runs in the last two innings.

The bottom of the batting order did a fantastic job as they scored seven runs to put the Salesman back in the game.

The deciding hit came off the bat of Don Goodwin, with the go-ahead run on second base.

Don scorched a double down the left-field line to drive in the game winner.

Don Day had an outstanding day, going 4-for-4 and three runs scored.

Don Goodwin had 4-for-5

with a double and Bill Todd went 3-for-4.

Norm Grubbs chipped in a double and a single, while Larry Ambuel and Fred Moore rapped out two hits each.

Highlands Independent Bank held the lead as long as possible with Bob Fahnestock having a double in his 4-for-5 times at bat.

Don Cunningham had 5-for-5.

All hitting 3-for-4 were Harry Bell, Ross Moody, Gene Phillips and Bob Sheets.

Lloyd Noaker went 2-for-4 at the plate.

Andrews Allstate Insurance's final score was an upset of 16-3 over Royal Palms.

This was attributed to good pitching and very strong defense for Allstate.

Jose Torres had two triples in his 3-for-4 times at bat.

Dick Ostrich, Rudy Pribble and Eddie Lindberg each had 3-for-4 including a double.

Jerry Kauffman had a 4-for-4 game.

Having 3-for-4 were Gallo Gonzalez, John Pena and John Smith.

Mel Gross came up with 2-

for-4.

Royal Palms also exhibited some good defensive plays by Harley Smith.

J. C. Brown had 2-for-3 including a double, and Kyle Saunders went 2-for-3.

VFW4300 and Buttonwood Bay had a wide spread final score with VFW on top 15-5.

For VFW, Bob Ross had a double in his 2-for-4 times at bat.

Cal Bready and Bob Fulcher each had 4-for-4.

Ross "Spider" McMinn and John Kloet each had three hits and Ron Lewis was the winning pitcher.

Buttonwood Bay's leading hitters were John Degen with a triple in his 3-for-3 times at the plate.

Rick Vancuren had 3-for-3.

Tony Christo and Tom "Moose" Morrisette were 3-for-4.

Having 2-for-3 hits each were Jim Delahunt, Jack Grasso, Diz Jones, Jim Moore, Fred and Nelson Richardson.

The games are played at the Highlands County Sports Complex each Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Bleachers are furnished.

Longoria back in Rays camp after birth of daughter

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE — Rays third baseman Evan Longoria returned to camp after missing three days due to the birth of his daughter.

Longoria, and girlfriend Jaime Edmondson, welcomed Elle Leona Longoria, who was born more than a month premature, on Feb. 20.

The All-Star 27-year-old returned to the Rays training facility Saturday morning and spoke about become a first-time father.

"It was pretty miraculous," Longoria said. "I've experienced a lot of things in this game and that was like nothing I'd ever experienced."

Longoria did not play in

the split-squad game against the Pirates on Saturday, but manager Joe Maddon said he may make his spring debut Tuesday against Houston.

"There's no rush," Maddon said.

Longoria missed 13 weeks in 2012 due to a hamstring injury.

Hitting on deck for Cubs' Castro

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — The Chicago Cubs are convinced Starlin Castro can hit.

They showed that much when they signed their All-Star shortstop to a seven-year, \$60 million contract last summer.

The big question for the 23-year-old Castro to answer as he enters his fourth season in the major leagues is whether he can cut down on his errors and headline-making mental lapses in the field.

"I like the way he's been going about his business defensively," Cubs manager Dale Sveum said. "It's one thing I challenged him to do: 'Your next step now in all this is to win a Gold Glove.' Obviously, that takes a lot of focus and hard work and being focused for 150 pitches a game and 162 games. He's got the ability to do it. The rest is up to him."

Castro, who has led the National League in errors each of the past two seasons, said that is his major goal this season — to match the defensive achievement of teammate Darwin Barney, who won a Gold Glove at second base last year.

Castro said he focused "much time" over the winter on his fielding.

"When I went (home) to the Dominican (Republic), I worked hard every day on my defense, because I want to be better. I want to be like

Barney and win a Gold Glove. And it's going to be fun to win Gold Gloves at shortstop, second base and first base — because (Anthony) Rizzo is very good, too," he said.

That's not only Castro's view. That's a vision of the defensive-minded coaching staff has in mind for the infield.

After Rizzo showed exceptional skills around the bag at first in his half-season debut for the Cubs last season, it might be up to Castro to make that threesome as formidable as he thinks it can be.

"I know I can be like those guys," Castro said.

Last June in San Francisco, Castro forgot the number of outs on a possible double-play ball with the bases loaded and began jogging off the field after getting only the first out on the play.

"That was obviously a noticeable one," Sveum said, even as he defended Castro for general improvement in that area last season.

Indeed, there were no repeats last season of the 2011 incident at Wrigley Field, when Castro was caught on camera daydreaming, with his back to the plate, spitting seeds, as the pitcher delivered the ball.

"I will eliminate those, eliminate everything," Castro said. "This year it's gonna be where those things

don't happen that happened those couple of years ago. Each game, I'll concentrate, and (stick to) my game plan. It's going to be perfect."

The Cubs don't need perfection. They say they'll settle for the improvement they saw last season.

"I wasn't here before (2012). All I know is what other people have told me," Sveum said, "that he improved tremendously throughout the season. And I saw it. So hopefully, he just keeps improving. That's all we're asking out of a guy like him, that he just keeps growing."

If the seven-year deal wasn't enough to convince people of the Cubs' faith in their shortstop, team President Theo Epstein gave Castro a strong vote of defensive confidence as spring training opened this year.

"I thought he made significant strides defensively last year and still has more room for improvement in that area," Epstein said. "Certainly, he has all the physical tools to play shortstop. He's always going to be able to make plays at the extremities of his range. He's very athletic. He's got a strong arm. As we sat here last year, it was a bit of an open question in the organization whether he could stay at shortstop long term. And I think now we all feel he definitely can, and be a real good one."

Lady Panthers pawing, baseball scuffling

News-Sun photo by
DAN HOEHNE

Amanday Byers and the Lady Panthers powered past Broward in Friday's doubleheader to move their season mark to 12-9 with less than one month to go before the start of the Suncoast Conference schedule. The South Florida State baseball team split their twin-bill Friday with visiting Baltimore-area Dundalk Community College. After winning the first game, 4-3, the Panthers squandered a 10-0 lead and fell in the nightcap 14-12. The baseball team hosted Broward in a Saturday doubleheader before getting their Suncoast Conference slate started Wednesday with a visit from the State College of Florida.



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application that lets you access your home inventory, anywhere, anytime (www.iii.org).

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Make sure you fully understand what is and isn't covered by your insurance policies for natural disasters. You may need additional coverage for damage associated with hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes and other weather conditions. Also:

- Document any damage with photos or video before you start cleanup or repairs.

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FEMA provides information on how you might be able to get government assistance before, during and after a disaster at www.disasterassistance.gov.

Bottom line: Develop a family emergency plan now and make sure everyone knows what to do when disaster strikes.

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Peace River Electric selects students for Washington

Special to the News-Sun
WAUCHULA — Two local 11th-graders were selected by Peace River Electric Cooperative (PRECO) to attend the national "Youth Tour to Washington DC" event. Shakera Latimore, Southeast High School, Bradenton, and Savannah Miller, Hardee High School, Wauchula, along with about 30 other students from Florida electric cooperatives, will enjoy the rich history of our nation's Capitol firsthand.

The weeklong Youth Tour takes place each year in June, drawing more than 1,500 students from electric co-ops in 46 states. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), headquartered in Arlington, VA, has coordinated this event for nearly 50 years.

"I have always wanted to

go to Washington, D.C., because I want to be in politics some day," Miller, a student at Hardee High School in Wauchula, said.



Miller

PRECO promotes the program to 16 high schools throughout its 10-county service territory. To be considered, students are required to submit an application and a two-page essay. "PRECO enables quality students to explore Washington DC by sending them all-expenses-paid to Youth Tour," explains Nell McCauley, chief marketing and member services officer. "We're giving back to the community by helping our future leaders gain a greater understanding of our system of government."

Latimore and Miller will meet Florida legislators on Capitol Hill and visit many area points of interest, such as the White House, National Cathedral, Washington Memorial, Holocaust Museum, numerous war memorials and many more. "These bright, young students will also learn about the history and development of rural electrification and discover the value of electric cooperatives in the economic development of rural areas," adds McCauley.

To learn more about Youth Tour online, visit PRECO.coop and YouthTour.coop. Peace River Electric Cooperative serves Highlands, Brevard, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Indian River, Manatee, Osceola, Polk and Sarasota counties.

Sebring CRA plans more workshops

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SEBRING — On Feb. 4, the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency hosted its first Retail Academy Workshop at the Sebring Civic Center with nearly 20 attendees. This workshop addressed customer service and merchandising and was free for any business in the 650-acre Downtown Sebring CRA District.

"We know how important good customer service and proper merchandising is to the success of a business," said Kathy Cosgrave, chair of the Sebring CRA. "With our unique retail mix of small businesses and organizations in Downtown Sebring, an important niche for Downtown merchants is that of exceptional customer service, which leads to positive word of mouth promotions."

The CRA's Retail Academy is a series of

workshops designed for small businesses in the Downtown Sebring CRA District and they are presented by the CRA and the Small Business Development Center for Downtown Sebring business owners, managers, volunteers and employees. Due to the success of this first workshop, additional seminars are being planned to address internet marketing, public relations and advertising.

"Hosting these educational opportunities for Downtown Sebring merchants and organizations is part of the CRA's active business recruitment and retention efforts," Cosgrave said. "The better informed our merchants are, the more successful their businesses will be."

The next workshop will be held on Monday, April 22 and address marketing. For more information about these seminars, contact the CRA office at 471-5104.

Agero helps Project Graduation



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Agero Associates present a donation of \$500 to each area high school for their project graduation. Those present are Project Graduation representatives Gail Stein (from left) of Sebring, Jeanna Evers of Avon Park, Michelle Jackson of Lake Placid, along with Agero Associates Sandra Savage, vice president of Human Resources; Judy Stone, director of Human Resources; Barry Bittner, director of Operations; Carl Belcher, Connected Vehicle supervisor; and Cheryl Sharp, senior recruiter and Community Relations.

Plans for Sarasota National Cemetery announced

Associated Press

SARASOTA — Plans for a \$2 million art installation at a veterans cemetery in Sarasota will include hand-tiled spires, granite-embedded photos dating back to the Civil War, massive bronze eagles and a 50-foot landscape mosaic embroidered with military service ribbons. The Herald Tribune (<http://bit.ly/YL17n2>) reports that the design for the Sarasota National Cemetery will be released Friday.

The design includes Patriot Plaza, which is already under construction for \$8 million and holds a 2,800-seat amphitheater. It's set for completion in 2014.

The Patterson Foundation

gave a total of \$10 million for the project to the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration in

South. hopes of making the cemetery the Arlington of the South.



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Inspirational Thoughts
by Patricia Valentine

Romans 8: 18-19, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." That is a powerful scripture. There is a time coming when God will so possess His children that we will manifest His glory to the whole world. We all await the day that we become like Christ. It is waiting for the day we become God's holy love revealed to a world that desperately needs that love. Suffering is part of the human experience. In life there will always be times of pain, sickness and misery. In a fallen world, they're unavoidable. But that suffering, as the scripture reads, is nothing compared to the glory God has prepared for us. We have to share in Christ's sufferings in order to share in His glory. As the song writer wrote the words, no cross, no crown. You can know with an assurance, the glory has always far eclipsed the suffering. Go back and read Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Seasons have a beginning and an end. No season last forever. You may be experiencing some pain today, but remember, the suffering we endure is nothing compared to the glory God has prepared for us. Be Blessed!

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Ladinsky joins CORA Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine

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SEBRING — CORA Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine of Sebring announces that Dr. Jeff Ladinsky has joined the Sebring office to provide outpatient rehabilitation services for disorders and injuries affecting the musculoskeletal system (muscles, bones, joints, ligaments and tendons), neurological dysfunction and post-operative orthopedic rehabilitation needs.

Ladinsky comes with more than 20 years of experience within the field of orthopedic and neurological rehabilitation, having spent the last five years providing care at Florida Hospital Sebring, where he provided a wide range of physical therapy patient services.

Ladinsky joins the CORA Rehabilitation team as a Clinical Physical Therapist to continue CORA's tradition of providing clients with orthopedic, neurologic and work-related injury rehabilitation. Ladinsky said, "I am excited to bring my clinical skills to CORA and am fortunate to join a respected team of clinicians who take pride in offering quality, patient-focused service."

Kim Price, area clinic director of the Sebring, Lake Placid and Haines City CORA offices, said, "Dr. Ladinsky's wealth of experience and clinical knowledge has already



made him a key addition to the CORA family. We view his appointment as a sign of our commitment to being the leading organization in the rehabilitation field.

With all of the current and future changes in healthcare, there is an increasing demand from our patients and clients to make additions to our team that align with our ethos of clinical excellence. We believe that Dr. Ladinsky will play a key role in providing this type of care to our clientele."

CORA Rehabilitation's mission is to provide rehabilitation services in a professional and caring manner and to return patients to their jobs and lifestyles as soon as possible.

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Benevolent Dinner benefits The Palms

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Local area residents met recently at The Palms of Sebring to demonstrate their support for The Palms Foundation at the annual Palms Benevolent Dinner. Chef Mac Gentleman prepared a five course dinner to delight the attendees' palates.

Greg Harris was invited to emcee the evening event that included remarks from Harry Johnson, The Palms Foundation president. Steve Austin, executive director of The Palms of Sebring, welcomed the crowd and Molly Morand, vice president of the Palms organization, shared greetings from the president, Ted McMullan.

As in the past, McMullan



Courtesy photo
Guests at the annual Palms Benevolent Dinner enjoyed a meal prepared by Chef Mac while helping raise money to help the senior population at the facility during their times of need.

will match all funds raised for this benevolent dinner. Also it was a privilege to introduce Denise Grimsley, who represents District 21 in the Florida State Senate.

The Palms Foundation was

founded for the purpose of giving monetary assistance to the senior population at The Palms of Sebring in their times of need, as well as seniors in the surrounding area of Highlands County. They

have also assisted other organizations such as Nu-Hope Elder Services, Meals on Wheels, Change of Pace and Cornerstone Hospice.

Heartland for Children receives \$14,100 State Farm Good Neighbor grant

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Heartland for Children is the recipient of the State Farm Insurance 2013 Good Neighbor Citizen Grant, which was for \$14,100.

Heartland for Children is the community-based care organization that oversees foster care, adoption, case management, prevention and independent living services in Highlands, Hardee, and Polk counties. Heartland for Children will coordinate car seat safety technician training classes, provide car seat safety check events in partnership with local State Farm Agency offices, and provide car seats to newly licensed foster fami-

lies who are trained in car seat safety and to parents in the community who complete a car seat training class. The grant will also provide Heartland for Children funding to purchase very unique car seats that can be used by their providers to transport children with special needs.

Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death for children age 1-12. Three out of 4 children are not as secure in the car as they should be because their car seat is not being used correctly. Educating caregivers to correctly identify and install car seats will reduce the chance of fatal injury for an

infant by 71 percent and for a toddler the risk of a fatal injury is 54 percent. From 1975 to 2010 child restraints saved the lives of an estimated 9,611 children age 4 and younger. Monthly check up events are scheduled throughout the community, to schedule your appointment please visit www.allkids.org/body.cfm?id=1340.

For more information, call (863) 519-8900 ext. 204 or visit www.heartlandforchildren.org. For information on Heartland for Children's Car Seat Safety initiative contact Jen Sweet at jsweet@heartlandforchildrne.org, or call (863) 519-8900 ext. 294.



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County chapters celebrate 2013 National FFA Week

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SEBRING – The seven FFA chapters in Highlands County celebrated National FFA Week in a variety of ways Feb. 16-23. This year's theme is Grow, and it celebrates more than 80 years of FFA traditions while eagerly anticipating the organization's future.

More than 550,000 members nationwide participated in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels. These members came from rural, suburban and urban environments and are interested in the diversity of careers within agriculture.

FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural education and hands-on learning, they are preparing for the more than 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry.

National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation and annually encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday.

FFA members celebrated National FFA Week by participating in the following activities at schools around the county including:

- Students guessing amount of FFA mints in a container during lunches
- FFA Facts on morning announcements everyday
- Teacher Kiss-A-Donkey Contest
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- Attending the Sebring Chamber Luncheon

Students have some activities that they would like the whole school to participate



Courtesy photo
Shelby Ball (from left), president Avon Park Sr. FFA, joins Megan Stein, president of Sebring Sr. FFA, and Brittany Palmerton, Sebring Sr. vice president, record public service announcements for National FFA Week, Feb. 16-23.

in. They also wanted to do one charity event. In spirit of all the teachers dropping weight the students held a clothes drive. The goal was to collect 1,000 pounds of clothes. The top three participants received a Walmart gift card.

For each day of the week they chose Feb. 18 as twin day, Feb. 19 as spirit day or FFA colors, Feb. 20 as FFA official dress day, Feb. 21 as Western Wear day and Feb. 22 as FFA T-shirt day. Also on Feb. 21 was hat day for \$1 so the students could raise money for state convention.

The students also made a video about FFA to show to the school and hosted a teacher appreciation breakfast on Friday. They cut pub-



Courtesy photo
Megan Stein and Brittany Palmerton appeared on Barry Foster's talk radio program on Feb. 18 to discuss National FFA Week activities.

lic service announcements to run throughout the week. Two students appeared on Barry Foster's talk radio program. And helping make the

week complete, Sebring Mayor George Hensley proclaimed FFA Week at the Feb. 19 city council meeting.

Class of 2013: The future careers of this year's high school graduates

High school seniors nationwide are preparing to graduate, receiving college acceptance letters and possibly enrolling in a college or university. The challenging economy has made many of these young adults acutely aware of the important role their degree can play when they face commencement once again, this time entering the job market.

Some schools offer degree programs that address the skills required to enter fast-growing fields, such as cyber security, cloud computing, health care and accounting - U.S. News & World Report included accounting in its ranking of 25 Best Jobs in 2012. This strong connection to a promising career path can be attractive to prospective students.

"Knowledge of projected industry growth is extremely helpful as students choose their major or area of study," says Dr. Chad Kennedy, chair and professor of biomedical engineering technology in the College of Engineering and Information Sciences at DeVry University. "Unlike some career fields where opportunities are shrinking, many technology and engineering fields are expanding at double-digit rates. In fact, many employers can't find enough qualified applicants to meet their needs."

Careers in technology are growing up to three times faster than other fields. For students inter-

ested in pursuing employment in this thriving industry, ComputerWorld recently outlined the "10 hot IT skills for 2013." Cloud computing was among the most coveted skills. Though relatively unfamiliar to the average consumer, this data management knowledge drives the services that support many of today's businesses.

Similarly, cyber security professionals will play an integral role in keeping information safe as the majority of companies' assets move online. According to Today's Engineer, the monthly Web publication of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the cyber security field is growing "in leaps and bounds."

Employment in health care fields is also on the rise. An aging population of baby boomers and expanded access to health care has placed growing pressure on the health care industry.

The workforce is rapidly evolving; some of the most desired professional roles of yesterday are shrinking today and will become obsolete tomorrow. The class of 2013 will enter emerging career fields, managing the technologies that drive advanced hospital settings, leading development of the next cloud-based application and protecting companies and consumers from cyber and financial fraud alike.

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Insight and inspiration for GED seekers

More than 39 million Americans 16 and older lack a high school diploma, according to the 2010 U.S. Census. And while a new survey indicates their reasons for dropping out range from lack of parental support to becoming parents themselves, those seeking a second chance at an education often find hope in General Educational Development (GED) programs.

Daily, about 7,000 students drop out of high school - about 1.3 million per year, according to advocacy group Alliance for Excellent Education. Nearly a quarter of those who drop out cite a lack of parental support or encouragement as their chief reason for not completing high school, according to the 2012 High School Dropouts in America survey conducted by Harris/Decima on behalf of Everest College. Becoming a parent prompted 21 percent to drop out, and

missing too many days of school influenced 17 percent.

"Americans without a high school diploma or GED test credential face tremendous challenges," says John Swartz, regional director of career services at Everest College. "Yet the obstacles that prompt students to drop out of high school, or that stand in the way of their GED pursuit, are solvable. We need to continue putting our dropout crisis under the microscope and develop substantive solutions going forward."

The Everest College survey indicates that dropping out of high school creates new issues for dropouts, including unemployment and a lack of career potential. Only a third of those surveyed were employed, either full-time, part-time or self-employed. And of those who were working, 46 percent said they had little or no prospects for advancing in

their current jobs.

"It's certainly not surprising that almost half of young Americans without a high school diploma feel like their career prospects are on shaky ground," Swartz says. "The unemployment rate for high school dropouts is significantly higher than those with a high school diploma. A dropout's access to post-secondary education and training - a requirement for many jobs in today's competitive economy - is severely restricted."

A GED credential can be a second chance for dropouts, granting them access to higher education and better job prospects. However, more than three quarters of those surveyed by Everest said they had not considered a GED credential or looked into it, and had yet to pursue entering the program. More than a third said lack of time prevented them from pursuing a GED, and 26 percent said



cost was an obstacle.

"Completing high school or a GED program is fundamental to our economy, and is the first step toward receiving post-secondary education and training for the in-demand jobs of the future," Swartz says.

All 50 states recognize the General Educational Development (GED) credential, and GED testing is available year-round. In addition to thousands of testing centers, many states now make GED testing available online. The GED test covers five subject areas: social studies (which encompasses history,

geography, civics and economics), science, language arts/reading, math and writing. In some states, you can take the test free of charge. Your local GED testing center can advise what the cost is in your state and help you register for the test.

Many GED-seekers find value in preparation courses such as Everest's recently launched GED Advantage. The GED test prep and credential completion program is free and open to the public. Call (888) 201-6547 to learn more about the program. After completing a prep course and achieving their

GED, students will be better poised to enter degree programs for high-demand fields such as health care or law.

To learn more about the GED program, visit www.yourged.org, acenet.edu or your state department of education's website. For more information on Everest's GED Advantage, a free GED program, log on to www.everest.edu. To learn about high-growth employment fields, visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics' website (www.bls.gov) and search the Occupational Outlook Handbook.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parish office/mailling address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcatho.com; website, www.stcatho.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcatho.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcatho.com or 385-0049;

Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 3:30 and 5 p.m. (vigil); Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

CHRISTIAN

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, (Saxon Hall) 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

■ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning

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

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

The Florida grasshopper sparrow – a bird in peril



Courtesy photo

The Florida grasshopper sparrow's decline in population is due partially to habitat loss.

nest and young. Captive breeding efforts will also be studied.

Hopefully solutions will be found and the bird will continue to inhabit our Florida prairies. While it may not be as majestic as the bald eagle or as picturesque as the Florida panther, the Florida grasshopper sparrow is important in its own right and needs to be protected.

Although it is sad to hear of any endangered species and its fight to survive, at least most of these animals are well known and recognized. But if the package is small and little known, the plight may be even more challenging. Take the Florida grasshopper sparrow – a small bird measuring only five inches in length and weighing only about an ounce. These endangered birds are found only in Florida and at the rate they are disappearing, they may not be around much longer.

The bird has been rapidly vanishing since the 1970s. The Florida grasshopper sparrow was first discovered by Major Edgar A. Mearns, a United States Army surgeon, in 1902. At that time, reports stated that the creature was widespread in the south-central Florida region. About 70 years later, the open prairie grasslands, where the bird makes its home, were being

rapidly converted into cattle pastures, sod production and other agricultural uses.

Since those early days, about 85 percent of dry prairie habitat has been destroyed.

In 1986, the ill-fated sparrow was placed on the federal endangered species list. Unfortunately, even though efforts have been made to help, continued habitat loss has nearly wiped out many known breeding populations. Most of the remaining sparrows are located on public lands and serious efforts are continually being made to assist the little birds.

Florida grasshopper spar-

rows require large, treeless grasslands which are dominated by bunch grasses, low shrubs and saw palmetto. They also need open areas to forage for food.

These small feathered creatures are often overlooked due to their small size and unusual habits. Usually they can be heard, but are rarely seen. They appear somewhat awkward when flying and seem to prefer running along the ground, hidden by the grasses of the prairie. The sound they make is similar to a grasshopper and other insects with a tick, tick, buzz. They also dine on grasshoppers as well as any other type of insect within their reach.

Florida grasshopper sparrows, while attractive, are not remarkable in appearance. They are small birds with a fairly large, flat head and short tail. They sport a paler stripe on the crown, an

orange patch in front of their eyes, and their backs are streaked with brown and black. They do have brighter colored yellow feathers at the bend of the wing.

Adding to their challenges is the fact that many folks may not know about these small creatures and they do not have the qualities that attract many bird lovers. They are not found in neighborhoods, bird feeders or birdhouses and therefore, are not on most people's radar.

The Florida grasshopper sparrow nests on the ground in the spring time. They search out grass clumps or palmettos to lay their three to five eggs, which appear creamy white with reddish brown flecks. They use the same area to nest year after year. The ideal nest is made up of grass and is in the shape of a dome. The eggs are incubated in about 12 days and the fledglings stay

with the mother for another eight days or so. Less than 50 percent of the nests are successful. Some of the reasons may be exotic fire ants killing the flightless chicks, diseases, genetic problems, predators such as snakes, skunks and feral hogs. Some nests are destroyed by flooding or wildfires.

Only seven breeding locations are known for this tiny creature. Their total population is estimated as less than 1,000. Many agencies as well as private land owners have banded together to assist this tiny bird in peril. Their goals are to manage the sparrows' habitat so that they can continue to exist and continue to research the bird and its habitat to try to figure out why they are disappearing at such an alarming rate. Some of the concerns that will be addressed include disease, genetics and the effect that fire ants are having on the

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

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

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church**, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

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

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INDEPENDENT

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park – LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Faithful of Faith.

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

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

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church – ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Fragrance Free Service Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. "God's Work, Our Hands."

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for

January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

■ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

■ **Crossroads of Life**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long – empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English – no problem. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

■ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Dustin Woods, interim lead pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth;

first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry.

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

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@htn.net. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available

during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpcip.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday - Traditional Worship, 8 and 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group – (middle and high school) 7 p.m., RockSolid (kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

■ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA)**, 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacons meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Frank Gonzalez. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Associate Pastor is Ryan Amos. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

■ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church**, 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Nathan Madrid.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmysebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

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Local Read Across America event offers Dr. Seuss activity

Special to the News-Sun
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Creating lifelong readers is not only critical in student achievement, it is paramount in empowering all our citizens. Today Read Across America is celebrated in schools, libraries, and homes. Government officials declare proclamations. Actors and pro athletes issue reading challenges to kids. And if you’ve ever visited an elementary school on this special day, you may well have seen green-haired administrators and Seuss characters parading around the campus. All families are urged to

take part in Read Across America Day. Go to www.readacrossamerica.org and take the Reading Pledge. Then spend at least one hour on Friday reading to yourself or to a child. It can be a book, a magazine, even a newspaper. Lake Placid Memorial Library has an event planned for 7- to 11-year-olds, including homeschoolers, at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Author Millie Richmond will be presenting a special Dr. Seuss activity. To reserve space or get more information, call 699-3705.

Richmond also will have a book signing for her children’s book, “Hildy,” available at \$8 per copy. Fifty percent of the sales will be donated right back to the library. Remember, books can take us anywhere, from a mountaintop to a dentist’s chair, from a deep, dark cave that makes us shiver to a pleasant trip down a winding river. To get to one of these wondrous sites, just open a book and enjoy the delights.



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 See the different interpretations of trees in a variety of chosen mediums during ARTWORX in the Afternoon on Friday at Highlands Art League.

Local soloist takes stage on Thursdays

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 SEBRING – Lora Patton will be singing a variety of music from 7-9 p.m. every Thursday at Highlands Inn Lounge. Patton, of Avon Park, sings songs from the 1950s to 1970s, country and even a few line dancing tunes. This local soloist has been singing since 1999 in a band in Indiana. She moved to Florida in 2007 and has been performing at local veterans organiza-

tions, retirement parks and other club functions. She has even performed at River Ranch and sings with the choir at First Baptist Church in Avon Park. She is married and has three children. There is no admission fee and plenty of room for dancing in the lounge. Highlands Inn is at 6525 U.S. 27 North, in front of Sun ‘N Lake and Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.



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 Lora Patton will perform from 7-9 p.m. every Thursday at Highlands Inn Lounge, in front of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Join fiber artists in ‘The Magic of Trees’

Special to the News-Sun
 SEBRING – From 1-2 p.m. Friday, join the talented fiber artists of the Highlands Art League for ARTWORX in the Afternoon in “The Magic of Trees” at the Yellow House Gallery. Meet the artists to see how they each interpret trees in their chosen mediums – quilting, fabric collage, appliques and more. The artwork will be on display at the Yellow House for the entire month of March. On hand each first Friday of the month for the ARTWORX in the Afternoon series will be Mary Seigfreid, Sandy Spice, Bonnie Smick,

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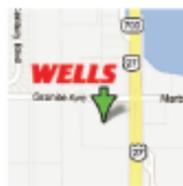
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Tyler, Perry lead Songwriters Hall of Fame class

By CHRIS TALBOTT
AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Songwriters Hall of Fame is saluting 1970s and '80s rock 'n' roll with its 2013 induction class.

Joe Perry and Steven Tyler of Aerosmith and Mick Jones and Lou Gramm of Foreigner will join the hall of fame this year along with the writers of iconic rock hits "Love Is a Battlefield" and "Heartache Tonight." The ceremony will be held June 13 in New York.

Aerosmith and Foreigner will get the attention here, but inductees Holly Knight, JD Souther and Tony Hatch also have distinguished careers that helped define the sound of rock 'n' roll.

Knight wrote anthemic hits "Love Is a Battlefield" and "Invincible" for Pat Benatar and "The Warrior" for Patty Smyth. She also wrote several songs for Tina Turner, including "The Best" and "Better Be Good to Me," that became standards for the star.

Souther, who has a role on the music-inspired television show "Nashville," had a partnership with The Eagles that spawned several hits, including "Heartache Tonight," "Victim of Love," "New Kid in Town" and "Best of My Love."

Hatch made his mark during the British invasion, teaming with Petula Clark on hits like "Downtown" and "My Love" that helped shape the future of pop music.

Perry and Tyler have survived a sometimes contentious relationship to become one of rock's most



Jaime Green/Wichita Eagle/MCT
Steven Tyler guitarist Joe Perry perform at Intrust Bank Arena during the 'Global Warming Tour' on Nov. 11, 2012, in Wichita, Kansas.

successful songwriting teams over the last 40 years. The Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, staples of classic rock radio and pop culture icons, are known for hits like "Sweet Emotion," "Dream On" and "Livin' on the Edge," and released their 15th studio album last year.

Jones and Gramm are contemporaries of Perry and Tyler who also ruled radio for a time, but they sometimes came at it from a different

angle. They could lay down a straight-up rocker like "Jukebox Hero" or "Feels Like the First Time." But they also could slow it down with hits like "I Wanna Know What Love Is" and "Cold as Ice" that helped foreshadow the ballad-driven rock of the late '80s.

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'Parade's End' keeps British TV invasion going

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Tom Stoppard is sitting on the patio of a Sunset Boulevard hotel, bathed in California winter sunshine, framed by bamboo landscaping and looking very much out of his element in Hollywood.

The acclaimed British playwright professes to feeling that way as well, despite having pocketed a Writers Guild of America lifetime achievement award the night before for his screenplays, including the Oscar-winning "Shakespeare in Love."

"I was always nervous coming here. The first time I was terrified," he said. "I'm trying not to sound nauseatingly self-deprecating, but I don't think of myself as being a terrific screenwriter or even a natural screenwriter."

Combine that, he said, with the local entertainment industry's perception that "I'm some different kind of animal," a high-minded artist to whom the words "intellectual" and "philosophy" are freely applied.

But if Hollywood can be forgiven anything, it should be that. Stoppard has created a remarkable wealth of two dozen-plus plays, including "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," "Travesties" and "The Real Thing," and he's counting on more.

He looks like a proper man of letters, with unkempt gray hair, a comfortably unstylish cardigan and a delicately shaped

mouth that hesitates, slightly, before dispensing exacting thoughts on the art of writing (without pretension: he relishes a snippet of "Ghostbusters" dialogue.)

Stoppard also is the master behind "Parade's End," a five-part HBO miniseries (airing Tuesday through Thursday, 9 p.m. EST) that was lauded by U.K. critics as "the thinking man's 'Downton Abbey'" after its BBC airing.

Adapted by Stoppard from a series of novels by British writer Ford Madox Ford, "Parade's End" features rising stars Benedict Cumberbatch ("Sherlock Holmes" and the upcoming "Star Trek" movie) and Rebecca Hall ("Vicky Cristina Barcelona") in the juiciest of roles.

Like PBS' "Downton Abbey," it's set in the early 20th century among aristocrats and encompasses World War I's shattering effect on the social order. Romance is provided by the triangle of Cumberbatch's tradition-bound Christopher, his unfaithful wife, Sylvia (Hall), and a suffragette (Australian newcomer Adelaide Clemens). The uniformly impressive cast includes Janet McTeer, Miranda Richardson, Roger Allam and Rupert Everett.

Stoppard rejects the oft-made comparison to PBS' "Downton" as unfair to it and its writer-creator, Julian Fellowes: "I was embarrassed by it because it's so condescending of Julian's work. He's a good writer

and he's done a superlative job," he said. It's also a misguided comparison because "Downton" is heading toward season four and "Parade's End" is "five episodes and that's it, forever."

The self-effacing Stoppard leaves it at that. But there's a wider gap between the two: "Downton" is an easy-to-digest soap opera, while "Parade's End" is a challenging, nuanced view of a slice of British society and a set of singular characters, all dressed to the nines in the heady language of literature.

"There's a wonderful richness to the language and a beauty, which I think is the brilliance of Tom Stoppard, and also this very beautiful language of Ford Madox Ford," said director Susanna White.

The heedless, acid-tongued Sylvia has dialogue to relish, something Stoppard cannot resist.

"The line I like best comes straight from Ford: (the public) likes 'a whiff of sex coming off our crowd, like the steam on the water in the crocodile house at the zoo,'" he said, adding gleefully, "What a line!"

Although careful to credit the novelist with that particular zinger, Stoppard said "Parade's End" is the first adaptation in which his dialogue and that from the original text have become intertwined in his memory.

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Oscar animators ready to be taken seriously

By DERRIK J. LANG
AP Entertainment Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — In the animated feature film category at this year's Oscars, there's a film set in medieval Scotland, another that features old-school video game characters, one that relies heavily on dry British humor, while the other two take inspiration from the supernatural.

It's not exactly kid stuff — and that's how the directors like it.

"I think this year with these films — and so many more — the envelope for animation is being pushed," said "Brave" director Mark Andrews at an Academy Awards event Thursday night honoring the animated feature film nominees. "We keep seeing more risky, deep films that we wouldn't have seen 10 years ago coming out. I wanna be one of those guys pushing it more and more and more because it's not only an awesome medium, but there's so many more stories that we can tell."

The Scotland-set "Brave," a darker fable from Pixar about a rebellious red-headed princess named Merida, will face off against four other animated films at Sunday's 85th annual Academy Awards. The category was first introduced at the 2002 ceremony, with "Shrek" winning the inaugural trophy.

Despite the less lighthearted tone of this year's animated nominees, none cracked the best picture category for a spot alongside the likes of "Argo," "Lincoln" and "Zero Dark Thirty." (Only three animated films have ever been nominated for best picture at the Oscars: "Beauty and the Beast," "Up" and "Toy Story 3.")

"Edward Scissorhands"

and "The Nightmare Before Christmas" mastermind Tim Burton could take home his first-ever Oscar at the Dolby Theatre ceremony for "Frankenweenie," his black-and-white stop-motion film based on his 1984 live-action

short film of the same name. "Frankenweenie" is among three of the five Oscar nominated films this year that employ stop-motion, the intricate and time consuming animation method that use miniature sculptures and sets.

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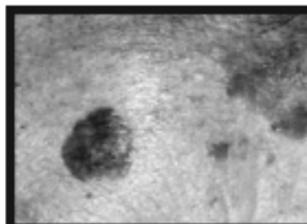
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Oscar guy MacFarlane aims to perk up stodgy awards

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — You think the Academy Awards are boring? Try the nominations. They only last a few minutes, but it's generally a sleepy academy suit and a sleepy starlet droning a list of names at 5:30 in the morning.

Except last time. Some baby-faced guy took the stage, advised people who don't know him to pretend he's Donny Osmond, then stood beside sleepy starlet Emma Stone and cut loose with this line about best-picture nominee "Amour":

"I read 'Amour' was co-produced in Austria and Germany, right? The last time Austria and Germany got together and co-produced something, it was Hitler."

For good or bad, Oscar host Seth MacFarlane already has enlivened the awards scene. As emcee of a broadcast notorious for its predictability and geezer audience, MacFarlane may bring a cheekiness that prods younger viewers to check out the Oscars just to see what he might pull. But given his Hitler wisecrack, just how far will MacFarlane push it?

"It's a balance between not being completely dismissive of the ceremony, but at the same time, injecting a little bit of a lighter sensibility than maybe we've seen in the past," said MacFarlane, the impudent creator of "Family Guy" and last summer's potty-mouthed blockbuster "Ted." "The Oscars does have a history of taking itself so deadly seriously. And while it obviously is a ceremony that's important to the people involved, you know we're not curing cancer here. So if there's any subtle reminder that I'll try to inject into the show tonally, it would be that."

The most-beloved Oscar hosts — Billy Crystal, Johnny Carson, Bob Hope — are those who play it safe while managing to poke gentle fun at Hollywood, the awards and the nominees. With TV ratings generally declining over the last few decades,



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Oscar host Seth MacFarlane, the creator of 'Family Guy' and last year's blockbuster 'Ted', hopes to shake things up a bit for tonight's Oscars.

Oscar overseers have tried shaking things up, trying out new hosts and different ways of handing out prizes.

The results have been mixed. Jon Stewart and Ellen DeGeneres earned polite praise as Oscar hosts. Chris Rock ruffled feathers with a few tart jabs but was mostly respectful. Hugh Jackman was charming and energetic, while Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin were an able team as dual hosts.

Another duo, Anne Hathaway and James Franco, were brought in two years ago to court young viewers. Hathaway was cute and perky, but Franco seemed to sleepwalk through the show. So last year, Oscar organizers lured back old stand-by Crystal, the most-popular among hosts of recent years.

The show's audience has inched up from its all-time low five years ago, when 32 million people watched the Oscars. But ratings

remain well below the Oscar heyday of decades ago, and no matter who's the host, the show has never been able to shed its image as a marathon broadcast where rich and famous people hand out trophies to other rich and famous people.

Enter MacFarlane, who's not just a funny guy but a gifted singer, with a Frank Sinatra-style album of standards to his credit.

"What I'm hoping for — like everybody else, the other billion people watching — is just that it's the best show of all time and he's the greatest host ever to have lived," said former emcee Jackman, a best-actor nominee for "Les Misérables." "He's going to nail it. I think he's very funny."

Not everyone's looking forward to a Seth-fest Oscars.

"I'm not that big a fan of his," said Alan Arkin, a supporting-actor winner for "Little Miss Sunshine" who's nominated in the same category this time for "Argo." "I find him a little crude, more crude than necessary."

MacFarlane gave a taste of things to come Jan. 10, when he became just the second Oscar host to join the nominations announcement (Charlton Heston was the first, for the 1972 show).

His early-morning shtick lasted just 10 minutes — a fraction of the often interminable Oscar show itself — but it brought a backlash from people wondering what sort of show might be expected from a guy whose chubby cartoon hero on "Family Guy" once was forced to strip off his shirt and moo like a cow while a woman pretended to milk his man-breasts.

The Hitler joke aside, critics said MacFarlane disparaged women with a comment that supporting-actress nominees no longer had to pretend they're attracted to Oscar kingpin Harvey Weinstein; belittled writers by saying adapted-screenplay contenders just cut-and-pasted from their source material; and slammed the directing picks as the "five peo-

ple who are the very best at sitting in a chair watching other people make a movie."

Edgy or insulting?

Some feel it's just the jolt the stodgy Oscars need to get younger, hipper fans — the key audience for Hollywood films — to tune in.

"The Oscars still remain the pinnacle of artistic achievement in film, and I think it will always be that," said Jim Gianopulos, studio chairman at 20th Century Fox, whose Fox network airs "Family Guy" and MacFarlane's other animated series, "American Dad" and "The Cleveland Show." "At the same time, I think it needs to be able to have a certain level of irreverence to be culturally relatable at this point, and I think Seth is the absolute perfect host to bring that."

Oscar producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron said there's no leash on MacFarlane — they'll allow him to get as edgy as he wants.

"If we hire him and we don't let him say anything, then we're idiots," Zadan said. "Then why do we even go to him?"

"The question is always said, are the Oscars still relevant?" Meron said. "We believe the way we've put together the show this year, it's completely relevant, especially having Seth, who is kind of the voice of the current culture right now."

MacFarlane — who provides the voice of F-bomb-dropping stuffed bear Ted along with "Family Guy" characters Peter, Stewie and Brian Griffin — also is an Oscar nominee himself — best song, for a tune he co-wrote for "Ted."

"That's kind of cool. I got nominated," MacFarlane said on nominations morning. "I get to go to the Oscars."

Hope he likes the host.

AP writers Sandy Cohen, Anthony McCartney and Michael Cidoni Lennox contributed to this report.

Cleotha Staples of Staple Singers siblings dies

By CARYN ROUSSEAU
Associated Press

CHICAGO — In a family of vocalists, it was Cleotha Staples' smooth and velvety voice that helped set apart the sound of the influential and best-selling gospel group The Staple Singers.

Staples, the eldest sister and member of the group her father Roebuck "Pops" Staples started in the 1940s, died Thursday at age 78. She was at her Chicago home and had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for the past decade, said family friend and music publicist Bill Carpenter.

The group included sisters Pervis, Yvonne, Mavis and Cynthia, but Cleotha was the backbone, defining herself by being the "strong, silent type," said Carpenter, author of "Uncloudy Day: The Gospel Music Encyclopedia."

"When she was young they used to call her granny because she acted like a granny in terms of being wise and always sure of the best thing to do," Carpenter said.

Staples, known as "Cleedi," was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with her family in 1999 and received a lifetime achievement award from the Grammys in 2005. The Staple Singers gained a huge audience with their first No. 1 hit "I'll Take You There" in 1972 and followed with top 40 hits "Respect Yourself," and "Heavy Makes You Happy."

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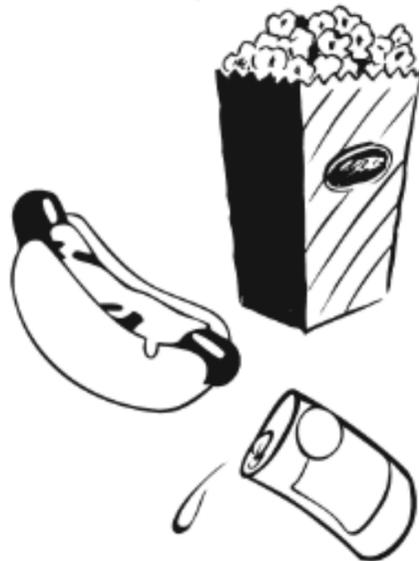
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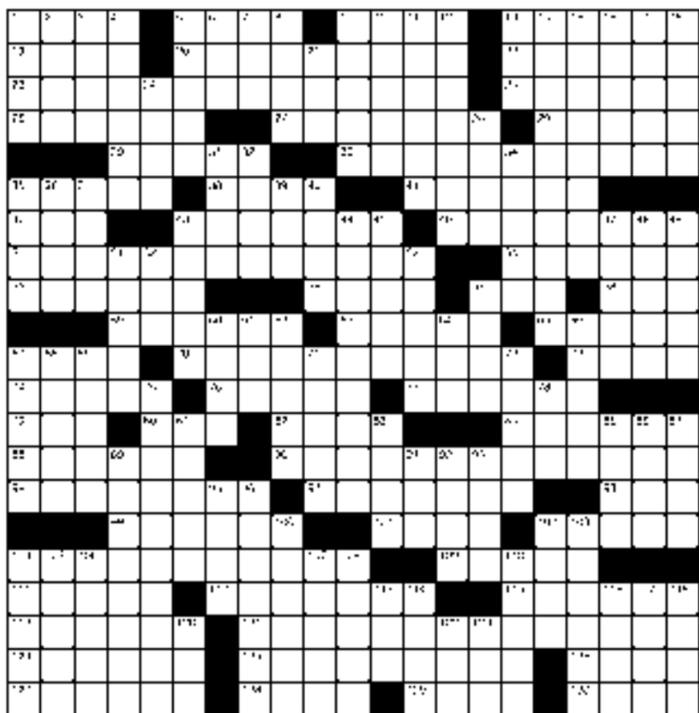
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Watching God work



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

In the book of Proverbs in the Bible, we are given many words of wisdom. I love Proverbs 3: 5 and 6, which says (NKJV), "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

These words are confirmed in other places in Scripture when we are admonished to wait on the Lord; to trust in the Lord ... do good ... and commit our way to Him; to rest in Him; to seek Him with all our heart; to ask, seek, and knock; to pray believing and to thank Him right away ... even before we may see his answer.

The Lord took me on a journey in 2012 in which he sought to impart that truth more deeply into my being.

I have an inquisitive nature; creativity and imagination. But, these things can easily lead me on rabbit trails that may take me away from trusting God implicitly. Without realizing it, I'm leaning on my own understanding.

Perplexity and uncertainty follow.

Such was the case with our desire for a family reunion. No matter how I turned it around in my mind, I couldn't get us all to select a firm date.

One son was out of work; another in a lot of pain and awaiting surgery; yet, our other son had insisted we meet over Christmas break and stick with it. He and his wife would travel the furthest and could possibly encounter weather-related flying issues; but they weren't concerned. Their faith in setting a date encouraged us to trust the Lord and not try to figure it all out.

This remained a ball tossed in the air and kept aloft ... while nothing firm (that I could see) took shape. But, while I kept my hands off, God was at work.

Suddenly, I was like a person watching a tennis match as I observed God pulling all of the details together (healthy recovery from surgery; the needed new job enabling the visit; and perfect traveling weather) to bless us with one son's family here for Christmas; and, everyone else joining us a few days later for our family reunion.

None of us would have dreamed it would occur here in Florida. God even supplied extra sleeping space through a kind neighbor lending us his house.

God directed our path ... my own understanding resting in his amazing grace and making what seemed impossible - possible!

It is so much fun to watch God work. Selah

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Gemini may have trouble with communications through the week

Metro News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20) - Aries, direct your efforts toward helping other people. You may find you are more energized when helping others, and your efforts will be much appreciated.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) - Surround yourself with friends and family this week, Taurus. You should have some downtime, and you can use this time to catch up and reconnect with your loved ones.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) - Gemini, some levels of communication may be compromised this week, so your messages may not reach the intended recipient. It could take a little longer to get your point across.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Cancer, your boundless energy keeps people happy and engaged and should be used as much as possible in the next few days. You also could be sought after to fix problems.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Leo, tap into your creative side to shake things up and stave off some boredom. Others may think your actions are suspect, but you know these efforts will help you achieve your ultimate goal.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) - You have to accept that things change and you cannot preserve the present, Virgo. That said, start mak-

ing plans for new things for this year starting with right now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Libra, although you are able to think quickly, you much prefer to have things organized. If you have a presentation to make next week, start working on it now.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Scorpio, there has never been a better time to put romance in the forefront. If you're single, put all your cards on the table. If you're matched up, increase your amorous gestures.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Sagittarius, some people you know may be caught up wondering about past decisions that might not have worked out. Help them to focus on the here and now.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) - Capricorn, while you are glad to lend a helping hand when you are asked, the request that comes in this week could be so big that you may actually be caught off-guard.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) - It is hard to make progress this week, especially since it could feel like you're going at a snail's pace. Stick with it and everything on your list is likely to get done.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Pisces, although you can certainly use your share of the limelight, let another person shine this week and you'll have your own glow.

Distance doesn't diminish man's misplaced anger

Dear Abby:

I have been in love with "Richard" for 14 years. We broke up after we dated for a while because my alcoholic mother kept interfering. She kept telling me how "bad" he was for me - and I, thinking my mother had my best interests at heart, believed her.

Dear Abby

After a divorce on my part and a breakup on his, we are now in a long-distance relationship. We hope to make our relationship permanent after getting to know each other again.

My problem is, when Richard is unhappy or upset with someone else, he takes it out on me. It doesn't seem to matter what happened, he'll pick a fight over something inconsequential. It drives me crazy.

I know what he's doing; I just don't know how to stop it. The latest flare-up involved the fact that his dog was missing, so he picked a fight with me because I "always tell him how nice the weather is where I live."

He refuses to get counseling. What do I do? - **Pulling My Hair Out**

Dear Pulling: Your problem isn't that Richard uses

you as a scapegoat for his frustrations; it's that you tolerate it. It's possible that because of your mother's alcoholism and the unpredictable behavior you were subjected to during your formative years, you have accepted Richard's behavior.

Because he refuses counseling, you should get some. What he's doing is not acceptable. It is emotional abuse. From my perspective, the healthiest thing you could do for yourself besides break up with Richard would be to keep the romance long-distance.

Dear Abby: I am a retired woman, active in my community and troubled by a recent incident involving a longtime friend. This is the third time it has happened, and it left me feeling embarrassed.

When we're out together meeting new people, she will introduce herself as being a secretary or a senior secretary and me as "just" a receptionist. The job title is true, but I hold a college degree. I have held other positions commanding greater respect. I am chair of the local Council on Aging, a town meeting member and on the cultural council. The last time it happened, I had brought her to a lunch at a very nice restaurant, and the people we were meeting were members of my community.

Why does this make me feel so demeaned? Am I being petty or vainly pretentious? Right now I no longer want to continue the friendship. Can you help me understand and form a game plan? I think I may be too close to the forest to see the trees. - **More Than a Job Title in New England**

Dear More Than a Job Title: Your "friend" is insecure. That she describes you as "just" a receptionist is her attempt to make her own job designation appear more important. And that's what is offensive.

You don't need a "game plan" in dealing with her. "Just" tell her to cut it out or the friendship will be history. Whatever happens after that, your problem will be solved - one way or another.

Dear Abby: A good friend of mine gave me some books - books she didn't like. My question: Why would you pass on something you did not enjoy reading? - **Theresa in San Diego**

Dear Theresa: Perhaps she thought you would like them. Because she didn't care for the books didn't mean you automatically wouldn't. Or, having paid for them, she didn't want the money she had spent to go to waste.

My thought: Give her the benefit of the doubt and stop looking a gift horse in the mouth.

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SPRING CLEANING SHORTCUTS

FAMILY FEATURES

Spring brings a sense of fresh beginnings, and for many, that includes the annual ritual of spring cleaning. A survey conducted by the American Cleaning Institute found that 62 percent of people engage in spring cleaning each year, and their top three priorities are the kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.

This year, spring cleaning doesn't have to be a long, dreaded process. Follow these quick tips to not only get your house clean in no time, but keep it clean in the long run.

Dealing with Dust

Dust buildup not only looks bad, but it can also be bad for allergies.

- Skip the feather duster — it just spreads dust around. For fast dusting, use multi-surface cleaning wipes to pick up dust from furniture and electronics. When you dust, work from the top down.
- Cut back on dust by making sure your vacuum cleaner bags and filters are clean and in good working order. That will keep dust and debris from being blown out into the air as you vacuum.
- Change your furnace filter regularly and dust or vacuum vents to keep buildup to a minimum.

Kitchen

As one of the busiest rooms in the house, the kitchen gets cleaned frequently, but there are some areas that may need a little more TLC.

- Use steam to clean the inside of the microwave. Bring two cups of water to a boil in the microwave, keep the door closed and let the water sit for a few minutes. The steam loosens dried-on food particles, making it easier to wipe them away. For a fresh scent, drop a slice or two of lemon in the water before boiling. Keep it clean by using food covers to prevent food splatters.
- Keeping the sink, counters and appliances clean and sanitized is fast and easy with a product such as Kitchen Windex Touch-Up Cleaner. A quick pump onto a paper towel, rag or sponge and you can wipe away messes and kill 99.9 percent of common household bacteria in no time. The bottle is designed to stay out where you need it, and the cleaner works on a variety of hard, non-porous surfaces.
- When you clean the sink, make sure to get behind the faucet and around the seals using an old toothbrush.
- Don't forget to clean the outside of the refrigerator and freezer. Clear off the clutter of notes, coupons and photos, and then clean the doors, handles and seals.
- Keep the inside of the refrigerator smelling fresh with an open box of baking soda.

Bathroom

From make-up spills and toothpaste smudges to mildew and everything in-between, the bathroom needs touching-up on a daily basis.

- To keep the counter clean of little messes and smudges, use an antibacterial product. Windex also makes a Touch-Up Cleaner for the bathroom. Dab the cleaner onto a rag or tissue and wipe down the counter, faucet and any other hard, non-porous surfaces to clean and sanitize quickly.
- To get rid of soap scum, clean the tub and shower with a foaming cleanser that does most of the work for you, and simply rinse it off. Wash shower curtains and liners according to label instructions.
- To help prevent soap scum buildup in the future, try switching to a liquid shower gel. Bar soaps have binders that are a primary cause of soapy residue. You can also use a towel to quickly wipe down the tub and faucets after each shower.
- Combination mold and mildew cleaners can make fast work of those deep messes. Spray where needed, and rinse off following label instructions. Be sure the bathroom is well ventilated before spraying them on.
- To discourage mildew, use the bathroom fan during a shower and for about 30 minutes after. You can also use a dehumidifier or open the window.

Floors

You'll be amazed at how much cleaner a room will look when the floors are done right.

- If you have the time and money to rent and use a carpet cleaner, now's the time to do it. If not, target stains with a carpet cleaner and give all your carpets a good vacuuming. Sprinkle baking soda on carpets and rugs to absorb odors.
- Steam mops are a great way to quickly clean multiple flooring surfaces without a mop and bucket. You can do a whole room in just a few minutes.
- A lot of the dirt and dust in a home is brought inside on the soles of your shoes. To keep carpets and flooring clean, place doormats inside and outside each entrance and always take your shoes off when entering.
- Wiping floorboards of dust and dirt is often overlooked and makes a big difference in the appearance of your home.

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