

**PLAYOFFS
 START
 TONIGHT**



Morgan Lott (left) and the Green Dragons hope to keep their hard-hitting ways going against Tampa Catholic, while Sebring's Garrett DeRoss (right) looks to keep the Mitchell Mustangs in check as the two area teams open their state playoff bids tonight. Lake Placid plays host to the Crusaders with the Blue Streaks traveling to New Port Richey.

SPORTS, B1

SCREAM if you DARE

Fifth-graders get loud for annual DARE Day show

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK – Fifth-graders took over South Florida State College Tuesday morning during the DARE Day event. Fifth-graders from each of the county's elementary schools were pumped and ready to go when they arrived at the SFSC Performing Arts Theatre.

DARE Day is an annual event that brings together the county's young learners to participate in a positive, uplifting event. Resource officers from each of the schools are present along with the Sebring High School cheerleading squad, guests speakers and the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) role models.

The role models are high school students who participate in DARE clubs, events and promote healthy and positive lifestyles for themselves and the younger generations.

Each of the role models gave a "public service announcement" to the fifth-graders. These PSAs, in the form of skits, included a number of topics – everything from following your dreams to reporting abuse.

According to the DARE role models, last year 950 children in Highlands County were reported as victims of abuse. The role models continued to stress the importance of telling a trusted adult if the students or a friend of



Woodlawn Elementary School fifth grader Emily Wolf screams along with her classmates Tuesday morning during the National DARE Day assembly at South Florida State College in Avon Park.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

theirs is being abused in any way.

A colorful skit about the consequences of buying drugs depicted Highlands County Sheriff's deputies arresting three men who had just finished a drug deal. The kids yelled excitedly as "Bad Boys," the theme song of the television show "Cops," blared in the auditorium.

Heartland Idol winner Nala

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Highlands County Sheriff's deputies take down one of their own Detective Tyrone Tyson during a skit to help deter kids from using drugs.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Shootings leave one dead, one critical

HCSO: Apparent attempted murder-suicide

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — Deputies are investigating an incident on Saturday in Sebring that left one man dead and another critically injured.

According to a press release from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, deputies were sent to 3500 Cindy's Lane on a suspicious incident call. Before they arrived, the caller told Central Dispatch that a gunshot had been heard.

When deputies arrived on the scene, they saw a male subject, later identified as 71-year-old Edward Lee Dazey, in his garage armed with a shotgun that was pointed in the direction of the approaching deputies. The deputies immediately took cover before hearing a loud bang.

After receiving no response from verbal commands directed at the

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Thursday to be Day of Prayer

Ceremony to start
 at 11 a.m. on
 courthouse lawn

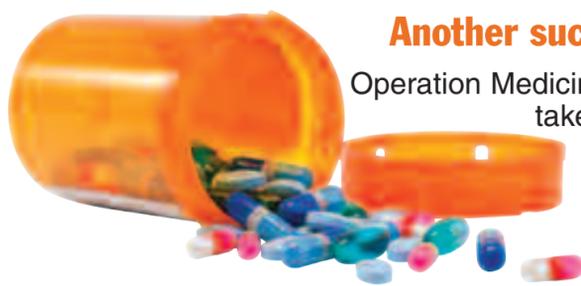
By BARRY FOSTER
 News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – There will be a gathering of the faithful on the lawn of the Highlands County Courthouse for the National Day of Prayer at 11 a.m. Thursday. The observance was first declared in 1952 under President Dwight Eisenhower and set to be held on the first Thursday of each May.

The nationwide ceremonies are designed to mobilize prayer in America and encourage personal

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Look, up in the air

International Aerobatic Club's spring meet starts Thursday at Sebring Regional Airport
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This week's question:
 Should the legislature pass a bill that would streamline the death penalty process?

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No 13.2%

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Avon Park man charged with shooting death of another AP man in Frostproof

News-Sun staff
FROSTPROOF — An Avon Park man is charged with murder in Polk County after the shooting death of another Avon Park man on Saturday.

According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office, sometime after 11 p.m. on Saturday, 25-year-old Travis Lenard Fogle, of 922 S.

Woodrow Ave. in Avon Park, asked his girlfriend Petra S. Moore of Tampa, to take him to the First Baptist Hilltop Church at 200 Maxcy Road in Frostproof.

Fogle said he needed to give something to 25-year-old Jamanus Beck of 721 South Delaney Ave. in Avon Park.

The couple arrived at the

church around 11:30 and Fogle called Beck to confirm the meeting, a HCSO press release said. A vehicle arrived at the church and Fogle got out of the car on the passenger side.

He didn't close the door all the way and Moore leaned over to close the door. When she did, she heard a "pop" and saw the car pull away.

She got out of the vehicle and found Fogle on the ground, shot. He died at the scene.

Through the investigation detectives learned Beck's whereabouts and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was taken into custody at the Frostproof substation and charged with murder. Why the two had agreed to meet remains under investigation.

Community Briefs

Concert kick starts Heartland Tailgate Extravaganza

SEBRING — The Cardinals will be making their debut in the United States with a concert at 6 p.m. Thursday to kick start the Heartland Tailgate Extravaganza, which will be held Friday and Saturday in downtown Sebring.

The Cardinals are from Niagara Falls, Ontario.

A special guest during the concert will be Sebring's own Justus Martin.

Although the concert is a free community event, donations will be collected for the Children's Museum of the Highlands, Boys and Girls Club, and St. Vincent DePaul.

United Way 'Day of Caring' is today

Watch out Highlands County, nearly 350 United Way Day of Caring volunteers will be out making a difference in the community today. These volunteer teams from 30 different local businesses and organizations are matched with United Way Partner Agencies and other non-profit organizations in the county to complete greatly needed service projects.

This year teams will be completing projects such as organizing items at the Boys and Girls Club Emporium, working with clients at Ridge Area Arc, clearing weeds and tack cleaning at Heartland Horses and Handicapped, painting the "Yellow House" for the Highlands Art League and yard work for NU-HOPE Elder Care clients. There are even students from Sun 'N Lake Elementary, Lake Placid High, and Sebring High schools that will do service projects for their schools.

Many of the non-profit organizations cannot afford the labor expense associated with most these projects, so this is a special day for volunteers to provide support to these important agencies, their programs and the people

they serve.

After a long morning of hard work, volunteers will come together at Buttonwood Bay to enjoy a barbecue luncheon donated by The Palms of Sebring. Without corporate sponsorship, Day of Caring in Highlands County could not happen. A big "Thank You" goes out to John Snyder with Allstate Insurance, Lykes Bros. Inc., Florida Hospital Heartland Division, The Andersons Inc., Progress Energy and The Palms of Sebring.

If interested in becoming a business partner, contact Highlands County director Kristin Handley at 453-3401 or email kristin.handley@uwcf.org.

Benefit concert in Circle Park

SEBRING — Bring mom to Downtown Sebring's Circle Park for a concert to benefit the Downtown Sebring non-profit organizations (St. Vincent dePaul and Boys & Girls Club) impacted by the March window shootings.

The concert will be held from 6-9 p.m. Thursday and feature musical artists Cardinals, Justus Martin and Harry Havrey & Friends. The concert is free and donations can be made during the event to help the impacted organizations. For more information, call 381-6467.

SFSC Community Education offers summer classes

South Florida State College's Community Education Department offers summer classes.

Aquabics is a moderately paced exercise class that includes flexibility, balance, stretching, cardio and strength training with the use of water resistant equipment. The class runs from 5:30-6:30 p.m. May 8 through July 31, Mondays and Wednesdays, at the SFSC swimming pool. The cost for the class is \$77, and the course number is (CRN) 30087.

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SFSC Graduation

DISABILITY, NOT INABILITY

Overcoming adversity has been part of the college journey as SFSC's Lakeidra Baker prepares to graduate

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — "Though my arm may look like a disability to the eye, it does not define me. Society should focus on my abilities, not disabilities," Lakeidra Baker said. Born without a right hand, she is a first generation student and the only child of four to graduate from high school and college.

Baker will graduate magna cum laude from South Florida State College Honors Program on

Monday with an Associate in Arts degree in elementary education. She continues her education next fall at Florida Southern College, where she will work towards a bachelor's degree in education.

"Growing up, I was always told I couldn't do things," Baker said. "Yes, my arm is a hindrance, but I don't let that affect my journey to becoming the person I want to be.

Despite what people say or feel, I can't let that hold me back. If you go into something feeling negative, that's what you'll achieve."

Baker has overcome the loss of her hand to become an outstanding student as she will graduate from SFSC with a 3.71 grade point average. "I've had the chance to push myself and exceed limitations," Baker said. "I haven't let my disability hinder my success and dictate where I'm going in life."

SFSC has given Baker the chance to succeed on her own by providing her with special equipment, a recorder, a personalized left-handed lap-



Lakeidra Baker will graduate from SFSC on Monday.

Courtesy photo

Yes, my arm is a hindrance, but I don't let that affect my journey to becoming the person I want to be.

Lakeidra Baker

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More than 1,140 pounds of prescription meds collected

Special to the News-Sun

On April 27, the Sebring and Lake Placid Police Departments and the Highlands County Sheriff's Office participated in Operation Medicine Cabinet. Sponsored by Drug Free Highlands and the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency, the event provided lawful, safe disposal of expired, unwanted or unused prescription medications.

Collections were taken at both police department headquarters as well as the

Highlands County Sheriff's South District Office at Liberty Star Plaza in Sebring and the North District Office in Avon Park. Sebring Chief of Police Tom Dettman, Lake Placid Chief of Police James Fansler and Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton want to thank the citizens for their effort in helping address the problem of prescription drug abuse as well as keeping a clean environment by turning in their expired and unused prescription medications during this event.

A total of 1,143.9 pounds

of medications were turned in during the collection program. By agency, results were as follows:

Sebring Police Department — 417.4 pounds

Highlands County Sheriff's Office — 394.4 pounds

Lake Placid Police Department — 332.1 pounds

The collected medications were transported to the Drug Enforcement Administration by Highlands County Sheriff's Detectives for disposal.



Lottery Center



April 29	7	9	16	19	32
April 28	4	11	26	29	35
April 27	7	9	16	19	32
April 26	9	10	22	26	32



April 26	8	11	20	41	18
April 23	15	17	28	41	12
April 19	26	36	43	44	10
April 16	2	26	30	38	9

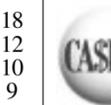


April 27	3	23	48	54	55	PB: 5
Next jackpot	\$165 million					
April 24	9	19	31	56	59	PB: 2
April 20	6	8	30	39	48	PB: 20

April 27	10	12	17	28	38	44	x:5
Next jackpot	\$4 million						
April 24	12	14	27	30	36	44	x:3
April 20	7	8	33	35	39	40	x:4



April 29 (n)	3	9	6	6
April 29 (d)	9	4	3	7
April 28 (n)	4	9	1	7
April 28 (d)	2	5	1	3



April 29 (n)	4	3	8
April 29 (d)	9	6	6
April 28 (n)	8	3	0
April 28 (d)	8	2	0

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

Honoring Arbor Day the right way



Courtesy photo

The clients of Change of Pace, Adult Day Care Center planted a tree at Sebring Christian Church to show their appreciation. Lord's Nursery donated two trees and one was planted on April 25 to honor Arbor Day and to say thank you to the church for donating the space for the center. The clients participated in the planting of the tree by adding one or more shovels full of dirt. The volunteers, staff and caregivers also participated in the program. The previous week, clients discussed Earth Day, Arbor Day and the Farmer's Almanac. For more information, contact 382-1188.

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The 2013 Miss Avon Park Chamber of Commerce court is all smiles following their crownings Saturday evening. (from left) Kiana Vassell, second runner-up; Miss AP Jordan Wright; Cassandra Sullivan, first runner-up and Miss Congeniality; and Maria Tataris, third runner-up. The four young ladies competed against a pool of 13 beautiful contestants being judged in casual wear, evening wear and a question and answer portion. Miss AP Wright was in tears after being named the 2013 winner; this was Wright's third time participating in the pageant. "Third times a charm I guess," Wright said following the pageant. Wright stated that the friendships that have formed over the past several weeks of preparation for the pageant were the most memorable part of the experience.

Miss Avon Park Chamber titles awarded

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Kelli Sullivan is crowned 2013 Jr. Miss Avon Park Chamber of Commerce Saturday evening. Sullivan will take her reign in place of 2012 Jr. Miss Taylor Massey (right) and represent the city of Avon Park throughout the year. The packed auditorium at South Florida State College erupted with joy, applause and tears when Sullivan was named Jr. Miss beating out nine other beautiful young girls.



Art, food and music await at LPHS Spring Showcase

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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LAKE PLACID — Students at Lake Placid High School will get the opportunity from 6-8 p.m. Thursday to showcase their very best work during the LPHS Career Arts Spring Showcase.

Arts instructor Andie Hammett worked to head the second-year event, but said that the teamwork between all the teachers at LPHS is what got the job done.

"It hasn't been a hassle or a lot of planning, it's been an absolute pleasure. We all work together down here. This is something that needed to be done," Hammett said.

The showcase will feature the work of approximately 400 LPHS students in five different categories — music, aerospace drafting and design, culinary arts, visual arts and video production — which will also be judged by local professional artists.

"We've had a lot of support from the art league in Lake Placid. They've funded quite a bit of this event. They will be there handing out cash prizes and ribbons and just showing support," Hammett said.

Artwork, food, music,

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It was a good time last year. It was very successful and relaxing. The music was great, food was good and people, especially the parents, really enjoyed being here. You could just see it on their faces as they walked around and as they were leaving.

Andie Hammett
Lake Placid High School
art instructor

designs and videos will be spread out throughout the school's commons area and down the halls. Hammett describes the event as an art walk that will feature a number of interesting and unique pieces.

"It'll be like a gallery

walk, like the ones you see in cities. There will be music playing from the music department in the commons. People will be able to meander through classrooms and halls to get snacks from the culinary department. There will be various activities going on at one time. We are keeping it sort of centralized, but people can stroll around and check everything out," said Hammett.

The in-house news crew DNN (Dragon News Network) will feature news during their demonstrations while the aerospace department will conduct demonstrations and presentations.

The LPHS library will serve as the gallery for the senior art students' works.

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Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

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DARE Day gets loud at SFSC



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Diamond Steppers entertain fifth graders Tuesday morning during National DARE Day in Avon Park.

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Price sang a couple of songs and the Avon Park Diamond Steppers wowed students, parents and teachers with their one-of-a-kind performance.

Special guest speaker Dustin Woods, lead pastor of Grace Bible Church and SHS football coach, addressed the students enthusiastically, giving any nearby college students a nice surprise when their loud screams reached ear blasting levels after Woods instructed them to "make some noise."

The fired up students were challenged by Woods to be difference makers in the community and out in the world.

"For you to reach your full potential it's going to take hard work and commitment. Say it with me," Woods said.

Students repeated the two phrases (hard work, commit-

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Grace Bible Church pastor Dustin Woods motivates students Tuesday during the DARE event in Avon Park.

ment) loudly as Woods continued speaking to the excited students.

"We need you to be difference-makers. You are the future teachers, doctors, artists, athletes that this world will be depending on. I challenge you. I dare you. I double-dog dare you to be a difference maker," Woods said.

The DARE program is a long-running program that

helps students recognize the danger of drugs, alcohol and bad choices. It uses familiar faces to deliver a message to students at a pivotal age so that positive choices and behaviors are already ingrained in them by the time they hit middle and high school. The DARE program is used throughout the state of Florida as well as nationwide for the same purposes.

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Editorial & Opinion

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Health care does not have to be earned

Our congratulations to Eric Marshall, who was named the biggest loser in the YMCA's Biggest Loser Challenge. Marshall lost 47 pounds, 20 percent of his total body fat and toned his muscles through an exercise regimen.

"If you want to change, you have to try to change and you have to stay dedicated," Marshall told the News-Sun recently. "If you don't, it's just not going to work."

Our point is that people like Marshall are in a minority. Changing one's lifestyle can only be done one way — breaking old habits and learning to see the world from a different, more positive perspective.

The problem is, however,

many people don't have the discipline to make such radical changes.

Our concern is that while more people are entering weight loss programs and going to the gym, those individuals who do not are increasingly blamed for their own illnesses.

According to this world view, people who don't live a healthy lifestyle bring on their own troubles.

It was once inconceivable

to think someone with a serious illness would ever be turned away from medical care. Thanks in part to insurance companies that seem to be looking for any reason to deny health insurance coverage, an increasing number of people are denied coverage outright, or cannot afford the premiums.

As a nation we appear to believe being overweight — or a drinker, or a smoker — is a fault to be judged.

According to this world view, a person who develops diabetes or lung cancer does it to him or herself, and therefore deserves to be sick. This makes it easier to rationalize withholding treatment, especially if it's expensive.

As a result, our national debate about public health issues is becoming divided between those who feel health care should be available only to those who are healthy, and those who accept people are never perfect, but still deserve health care.

When it comes to aging and illness there are no good guys or bad guys. Everybody dies — even those who eat fresh spinach and do push-ups. The real question is when.

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Lessons learned in Boston

The beautiful Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Center for Public Affairs in Simi Valley, Calif., was the last place I expected to be reminded of the violence that paralyzed the city of Boston last week and turned it into a mini-Baghdad.



Making Sense
Michael Reagan

But I was reading my father's presidential dairies and there it was in his very first entry — the issue of terrorism and how to fight it.

On Jan. 26, 1981, on his first Monday on the job, Ronald Reagan wrote that he called the FBI, the CIA and other intelligence agencies into an Oval Office meeting to find better ways of sharing information with each other on terrorists.

I read my father's entry Tuesday, the same day Sen. Lindsey Graham was being told in a hearing that the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI had not shared what they knew about dead Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

It's too early to know the details of who knew what or when, or if the FBI or someone else fumbled the ball. So far it looks like what is to blame is a combination of bureaucracy and the complexities and legalities of compiling and monitoring terrorist watch lists.

But we've already learned the FBI interviewed Tamerlan in 2011 after being told by Russian intelligence officials that he had recently changed into a strong believer in radical Islam and was suspected of joining underground groups in Russia.

The FBI ultimately decided Tamerlan was not a terrorist threat and did not know he went to Russia. The DHS knew he went to Russia but apparently didn't know the FBI had checked him out.

Haven't we seen this tragic sitcom plot before? Wasn't the failure of the CIA and the FBI to share what they knew about the 9/11 terrorists one of the main reasons they were never caught?

To share. Wasn't that the important kindergarten lesson our overlapping, turf-warring intelligence agencies were supposed to learn from 9/11?

We thought the intelligence-sharing problem was going to be fixed after 9/11. My father thought the

same thing after that big meeting in his office. But nothing's changed after 32 years. Not that our intelligence agencies could have stopped the Boston Marathon bombers even if they had been sharing information the way they

should.

To a large extent the Brothers Tsarnaev were under our anti-terrorist radar screens. We only knew what we knew about them beforehand because the Russians tipped us off.

It's a pretty sad state of affairs when we have to rely on the Russians for intelligence about terrorists in our own backyards. Who'll try to help us next time, the North Koreans?

There will be a next time. Everyone knows Boston was not a one-off. Other terror cells we don't know anything about yet are living among us and they're radicalized and trained to hurt us — and they will. America has millions of soft targets.

At least the state and local police in Boston did a great job, finding and capturing the bombers in less than four days.

But it was humiliating to watch a proud city be shut down and terrorized for more than 24 hours, its people cowering and "sheltering in place" because of two punks with pistols and a couple of homemade pipe bombs.

Paul Revere and his fellow patriots would have been ashamed to see so many Americans afraid to even go outdoors.

It's doubtful, but maybe some of the die-hard liberals of Boston — and the rest of the country — learned a lesson from what played out so dramatically on their streets and our TVs.

Two weeks ago everyone on TV was talking or crying about the need for tougher gun control because of what happened at Newtown. Now, after Boston, everyone is talking about how we all need a gun at home to protect ourselves.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Raising the Tourist Development Tax

Editor:

Did you know that State Statute 125.0104 (3) (d) allows the 2 percent Tourist Tax to be raised from 2 percent to 3 percent, one of two ways: No. 1, By the extraordinary vote of the governing board (county commission by four yes votes); or No. 2, A referendum approval by the registered voters of the county. Which do you think the TDC is presenting to the county commission, a 2 percent or a 3 percent plan. So do they care what the voters think or want?

And have you heard a reason as to why the 50 percent raise in the tax is needed? One of the council persons stated, he thought we should have the money, because everyone gets more than we get.

It is reported in the Highlands County Tourist Development Balances - FY 2012/2013, as of Feb. 1, 2013, the available balance of the TDC Fund is \$603,989.92, that is money they haven't used. Arts and Culture has \$191,276.82 in their fund that hasn't been used, except to help pay Mr. Scherlach's salary and benefits. They both say they need more money.

In the 10 years the TDC has been operating, they have collected better than \$3,000,000 and used \$1,260,000 of it for administration that is 42 percent and not 29 percent as is in the 2002 plan (contract). And what have they accomplished?

So I ask, was the TDC created to see how much tax money they could collect or was it, to bring tourists to Highlands and do you think tourists will flock to

Highlands just so they can pay a larger tax. Or do they come to enjoy the events and lakes we have here?

That brings up another question. How many tourists has the TDC brought to Highlands? I sure would like for them to tell us how many, who and when. Or do they just let others spend their money to bring in the tourists, then reimburse them? Then take credit for the tourists who come.

Remember in 2002 it was Summer Tourists Make Cents; well summer is coming up, let's see what they do.

Bill Youngman
Citizens for Government
Accountability
Sebring

Bouquet

Several come to aid after water problem

Editor:

I would like to say a special thanks to Kevin Chestwood of K.C. Carpet Care and all his helpers who came to my rescue with my water problem. Everyone not only worked hard and fast but took a personal interest in my needs and were there to encourage me and not just to do a job.

Thank you Kevin, Adam, Michael and Rich for going beyond what anyone could expect. You had a tough job to do and handled it professionally while always pleasant and upbeat. Your concern for my welfare and making sure you gave your best and met all my needs were very much appreciated. Even after the work was finished, you kept in touch, Kevin, to make sure I didn't need anything.

Thank you Ben, Dennis and Scott for installing the new kitchen cupboards.

Thank you Robbie for installing the new kitchen sink and garbage disposal.

Thank you C & C Plumbing for sending Kevin late at night to survey the damage.

Thank you John and Tina Bennett, my faithful neighbors who also worked hard and are always there for me.

Thank you Vanessa, for inviting your grandmother to stay with you until I could get back in my own home.

Thank you Farm Bureau Insurance for responding so quickly and fairly to meet my needs.

There are many others who helped and I am very grateful for all of you. May God bless all of you as you continue to bless others.

Eloise Richardson
Sebring

Tootsie roll drive another success

Editor:

Avon Park Knights of Columbus Council 14717 wishes to thank Avon Park Winn Dixie, Avon Park CVS Pharmacy, The Avon Park Chamber of Commerce, Florida Flywheelers and Our Lady of Grace Parish and all citizens for making this year's tootsie roll drive a success. Co-chairs for the council activity were Gary Ingalls and Ed Carrigan.

Also thank you to all Brother Knights who donated their time to this worthy cause. Proceeds from the drive will go to Ridge Area Arc.

S. Ashley
Avon Park

EDITORIAL PAGE
POLICY

Make sure to sign your letter and include your address and phone number. Anonymous letters will be automatically rejected. Please keep your letters to a maximum of 400 words. We have to make room for everybody. Letters of local concern take priority. Send your letter to 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870; drop it off at the same address; fax 385-1954; or e-mail editor@newssun.com.

Car wash benefits Johnny Tanner



Courtesy photo

The deBree family and DeSoto City Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the community for their tremendous support of the Johnny Tanner, who is fighting to recover from being hit by a car earlier this year. The car wash and bake sale held on Sunday was a huge success. Organizers estimate that at least 150 cars were washed in five and a half hours. Organizers would like to thank all who took part. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Tanner family, please contact Kimberly DeBree at 863-381-4498.

Obituaries

MARY JANE HEMMINGER

Hemminger, Mary Jane (Barna), 83, of Somerset, formerly of Johnstown, died April 24, 2013, in Sebring, Fla. Born Feb. 7, 1930, in Johnstown, Pa., she was the daughter of the late John and Mary Barna. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; brother, John; sisters, Sabina and Kathryn; daughter, Lynn Fiscus; and grandson-in-law, Eric Knauss. She was the last surviving member of the John Barna family. She is survived by son, David (Linda) of Houston, Texas; daughter, Susan (John) Tarasenkov of Pittsburgh; son, Darren (Marcy) of Waterford, Va.; son-in-law, Charles Fiscus; and step-mother, Ruth Hemminger. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Tanya Knauss, Sonya (Jason) Fletcher, Pat and Colin Hemminger, Eva Lenz, Grete (Matt) Gridley, Jayne Fiscus, Zachary and Jacob Tarasenkov and Keely Hemminger; many cousins, and a niece and nephew.

She was a 1948 graduate of Greater Johnstown High School. Jane was a member of St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Geistown, for 40 years. She was employed by the Sears Roebuck Co. for more than 30 years, first in the credit office and then as a decorator until her retirement in 1995. She

was a very active woman her entire life and made new friends wherever she went. While raising four children, she managed a part-time job, enjoyed competitive tennis, swimming, gardening, oil painting, sculpting, and arts and crafts. She enjoyed traveling, watching the Steelers, being a member of the Red Hat Society, and loved playing cards. Jane thoroughly enjoyed her family and friends and wintering in Florida. A snowbird to the end.

Family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Harris Funeral Home, 500 Cherry Lane, Johnstown, where vigil for the deceased will be held. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 3, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, 2310 Bedford St., Johnstown, with Father David S. Peles, pastor. Committal will be at Richland Cemetery Mausoleum. Those who wish may contribute to the Somerset Senior Center, 1338 S. Edgewood Ave., Somerset, PA 15501, [1(800)-452-0825], in memory of Jane Hemminger. Online condolences may be posted to www.wharrisfuneralhome.com.

Harris Funeral Home
500 Cherry Lane
Johnstown, PA 15904
PH. (814) 269-3333

DONNA WHIDDON

Donna Lou ("Lee") Whiddon, 81, an Avon Park resident of more than 40 years, passed away on April 27, 2013 in her home surrounded by loving family. She was born July 1, 1931 to William and Ruby Buller in St. Joseph, Mich., and grew up in Montaque, Mich. She married her first husband, Wayne E. Henderson, at the age of 19, moved to Palmetto, Fla., in 1959 and then to Avon Park, Fla. in 1973. Her husband passed away in 1981 and in 1985 she married Tony L. Whiddon, who would be her partner in life for her remaining 28 years.

Donna lived an interesting life. At various times she was a secretary, a beautician, an Avon lady and natural resource officer at the Avon Park Air Force Base. She loved swimming, fishing, dancing and animals, including pet doves, dogs and boa constrictors. A devout follower of Jesus, she also dedicated more than 15 years volunteering in ministry, touching the lives of many troubled teens at the Avon Park Youth Academy and in

women's jail ministry.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents and first husband as well as her daughter, Linda Rae Henderson, who passed at age 5. Donna is survived by her husband, Tony Whiddon; three sons and their wives, Wayne Henderson (Linda) of Sebring, Fla., Ronnie Henderson (Cathy) of Avon Park, Fla., and Charles Whiddon (Julie) of Sebring, Fla.; a daughter and her husband, Terri Kratz (Mike) of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; her step-children, Cassandra Miller (Ernie) of Myakka Head, Fla., and Amy Solomon of Palmetto, Fla.; as well as her sister, Judy Buller Bissen of Tampa, Fla. Donna has 18 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Visitation begins at 1 p.m. and the service at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Polk County Youth for Christ (www.yfcopolk.org).

Day of Prayer to be honored Thursday

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repentance and righteousness in the culture.

Former Highlands County Clerk of Courts L.E. "Luke" Brooker will emcee the event. It was Brooker who began holding annual Day of Prayer ceremonies back in 1994 following his first year in office.

"I didn't really know much about it but after receiving several calls I thought 'This is something we need to be involved in,'" he said.

Although the speakers have been different each year, the format remains virtually unchanged. Three local pastors are asked to address the importance of prayer, and to offer a prayer.

Speaking this year will be Father Luis H. Pacheco of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Avon Park and Dr. Kevin Aherns of the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine. Also speaking this year will be George Hensley. A member of the First United Methodist Church of Sebring, Hensley also is the



mayor of Sebring.

Music will be provided from some longtime participants in the Day of Prayer observances: Former Highlands County commissioner David Flowers, Highlands Little Theater member Joe Lewis and the Walker Memorial Academy Fire & Steel band, now under the direction of Leonard Cann.

Singing the national anthem to help start the event will be Heartland Idol winner Mary Hazel Teope.

Highlands County Tax Collector Eric Zwyer is scheduled to give the opening invocation with current Highlands County Clerk of Courts Bob Germaine giving the welcome and introduction. Circuit Court Judge

Peter Estrada will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closing the ceremony will be 10th Judicial Circuit Court Judge J. David Langford, who will offer the benediction.

In 18 previous years the event has never been rained out. Brooker hopes to keep that streak unblemished.

"There have been some days that have not been very sunny," Brooker said. "I have seen the forecast for this week, which calls for a 50 percent chance of showers on Thursday, but we are hoping it would be an afternoon rain."

The crowd generally runs between 200-300 citizens, with a liberal sprinkling of city and county workers who

take the time to come out from Sebring City Hall, the courthouse and the Government Center for the observance.

Although there are chairs set up for attendees, Brooker has urged those who want to ensure a seat to bring a lawn chair for themselves.

A companion event, the "Adopt a Leader Luncheon" will be held immediately following the Day of Prayer ceremonies. At that event, people are urged to offer prayer for individual elected officials as well as different governmental entities.

The luncheon will be at the Heartland Christian School on Persimmon Avenue in Sebring. A buffet-style meal will be served.

Advanced tickets are required and are available for sale at the school or from any board member of Heartland Christian School.

Interested individuals may call the school at 385-3850, Jerome Kaszubowski at 835-0157 or Kathy Whitlock at 381-7925.

Community Briefs

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Take the Lap Swim class for swimming gentle laps or cross training for marathons. This class runs 4:30-5:30 p.m. May 7 through July 30 and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost for the class is \$77, and the course number is (CRN) 30549.

Preregistration is required for all classes. Register in Building B, at the Highlands Campus, or at any SFCC campus or center. For more information, call 784-7388 or email CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu.

Neighborhood Watch group meets Thursday

SEBRING — The Greater Kenilworth Neighborhood Watch, serving all streets connected to Kenilworth Avenue, will meet at the Military Sea Services Museum on the corner of Kenilworth Boulevard and Roseland Avenue, at 6 p.m. Thursday. Gun locks and emergency signal lights will be available.

Parking lot sale today

AVON PARK — The Arc Resale Store, 899 W. Main St., is having an inventory reduction sale from 9 a.m. to noon today in the parking lot. The store will be closed during the sale and will reopen at noon.

Also, visit the Wauchula store at 1010 S. 6th Ave. and receive a 50 percent discount on all items in the store.

Pigman to speak at chamber luncheon

LAKE PLACID — Greater Lake Placid

Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 8 at the Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center, 2665 Placid View Drive. The guest speaker will be State Representative Cary Pigman.

Menu selection is lasagna and full salad bar.

Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP at chamber@lpfla.com or call 465-4331 on or before Friday.

Scribblers and Scribes meet today

SEBRING — The Florida Writer's Association group, Sebring Scribblers and Scribes, will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today at Beef O' Brady's in Sebring. Come early to eat dinner.

Guest speaker is Mark Swift who has been an information technology professional trainer for 15 years. He assessed the individual needs of members and is returning for a follow-up meeting.

The meeting is open to the public and membership in FWA or Scribblers is not required, although membership applications are available. For more information, call Barbara Beswick at 402-9181.

LPHS band prepares for spring concert

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid High School's Concert Band is proud to present its "Spring Concert" during the school's Fine Arts Gala. The music concert will showcase the school's concert band, orchestra and the chorus.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school's Commons. This

musical extravaganza is free and the entire town is invited.

A special "shout-out" to all Lake Placid High School's music/band alumni. A raffle fundraiser will be available benefiting the Music Department.

Sebring Moose Riders Ride and Fish Fry

SEBRING — On Thursday, a bike ride will be held leaving the Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 at 11 a.m. Following the ride, a fish fry will be held at the lodge from 5-7 p.m. Fish or chicken baskets will be available. Join in on the karaoke beginning at 6 p.m.

The Moose Riders will hold its monthly meeting immediately after the fish fry.

Revitalization and Redevelopment expert to address Downtown Sebring

SEBRING — The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency announces that Marjorie Ferrer, executive director for the Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority and an expert on downtown revitalization and redevelopment, will address Downtown Sebring at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Sebring Civic Center.

Anyone who is interested in Downtown Sebring is encouraged to attend and hear Ferrer speak with the community once again about redevelopment and the opportunities within the Downtown Sebring district.

Ferrer is an inspiring speaker and a well-respected leader in the area of down-

town redevelopment.

An executive director for the Delray Beach DDA since 1993, Ferrer has spearheaded the revitalization of the city to encompass daytime and nighttime economy and activity. In less than two decades, she has initiated concepts that have been instrumental to Delray Beach's emergence as a thriving downtown, including Clean and Safe Initiatives, directing award-winning marketing campaigns and promotions that drive economic growth throughout the community.

For updates, "Like" Downtown Sebring on the CRA's Facebook Fan Page at www.Facebook.com/DowntownSebringFL or sign up to receive the monthly E-newsletter at www.DowntownSebring.org.

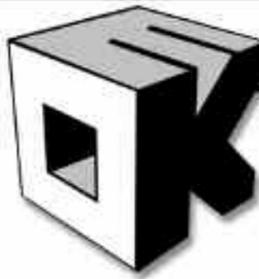
Clays for Kids helps Big Brothers Big Sisters

LAKE PLACID — CFIndustries presents Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast Clays for Kids Fun Shoot from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Square One Sporting Clays, 7500 State Road 70.

Lots of chance drawings. Sponsorships still available.

Lunch will be provided by Cowpoke's Watering Hole.

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Kenny Van Hying, 14, climbs a tree in search of eggs Saturday evening during the Humane Society's Flashlight Egg Hunt in Sebring. Jeff Layport of Avon Park found the \$2,500 grand prize egg sponsored by Dr. Parnassa. Shannon Kersey of Sebring won \$1,000 cash prize during the hunt.

Flashlight Egg Hunt a success for Humane Society



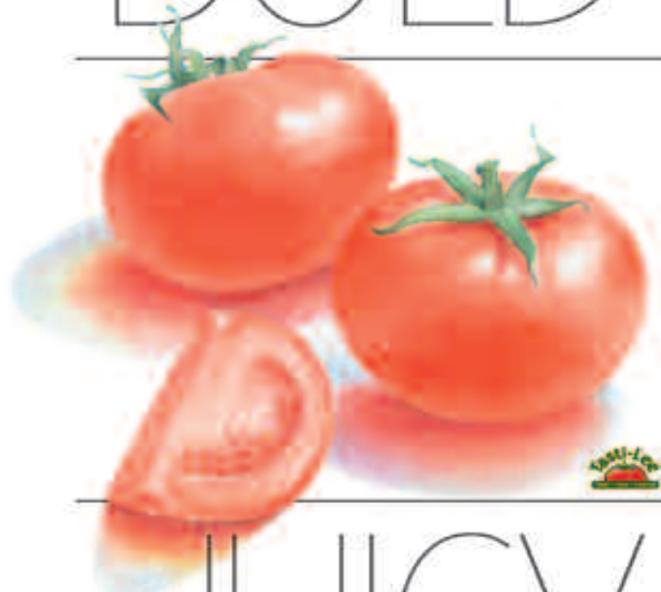
News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Crystal Cooper wins \$200 worth or Shell gift card's Saturday evening during the Humane Society's Flashlight Egg Hunt in Sebring.



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A huge crowd attended the Humane Society's Flashlight Hunt in Sebring. According to Humane Society's Board President Judy Spiegel, the event ran smoothly, everyone had a good time and it was a huge success.

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The spring meet of the International Aerobatic Club begins Thursday at Sebring Regional Airport.

Showing off in the sky

Aerobatics group lands at Sebring Regional Airport

By **BARRY FOSTER**
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – It's the spring, and while many young men's fancy turns to baseball, it also means the first of a pair of aerobatic competitions of the year will take to the skies above Sebring Regional Airport.

This will be the spring meet of the International Aerobatic Club, where dozens of competitors fly in for two days of competition for points and camaraderie.

Although the event gets under way officially on Thursday, many of the competitors have been at the Sebring Regional Airport for nearly a week practicing up for the event.

Pilots fly in one of five individual categories, beginning with the Primary division. There also are the Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced and Unlimited classes. Aviators advance through the ranks through experience and performance.

The pilots go out individually, flying routines including both "known" and "unknown" categories. The "known" flights are designed by each competitor, then flown to show their proficiency in a number of different maneuvers.

The "unknown" flights are a bit different. Pilots are given a number of different maneuvers that they must cobble together into a routine within a certain amount of time. They then fly the routine to be reviewed by judges.

Maneuvers include such well-known aerobatics as the barrel roll and the stall turn, as well as lesser-known maneuvers such as the scissors and the Cuban eight.

The IAC competitors come from all over the United States and abroad to fly in the semi-annual meets.

There are nearly three dozen different makes and models of aircraft that are eligible for the competition, but there are favorites for speed and handling, including the Pitts Special and

the Russian-built Sukhoi.

Officially, the IAC meet is listed as a "non-spectator event," however, those who wish to watch may see the competitors fly from a grassy area by the airport's main building.

The IAC is a division of the Experimental Aircraft Association and the National Aeronautics Association. Not only does the organization promote aerobatics, it also governs the sport of competition aerobatics.

The organization was founded in 1970, evolving from of the EAA's "Precision Flying Division" to provide an organized method for advancing aerobatic skills via a "building block" competition system.

It is responsible for pilot selection of Advanced, Unlimited Power and Unlimited Glider Aerobatic Teams that represent the United States at World Aerobatic Championships events. IAC has grown to be the world's largest aerobatic organization.

The green part was bad, but the blue was even worse

6,000-piece puzzle took nearly a year

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
christopher.tuffley@newssun.com

SEBRING — Thelma Chapman spends a lot of time sewing lap blankets and other items for residents of nursing homes, abused women and children with cancer as a member of the Highlands County HCE Council. Still, she found time to complete a 6,000-piece puzzle recently. It took her about a year, working a little every evening.

Completed, it's 61-and-a-half inches wide and 42-and-a-half tall, large enough to take up the bulk of her dining table that sits six comfortably.

"There were times I thought I was crazy," she said laughing.

"My daughter helped me before she went back home. We got the outside edge



Despite volunteering for several clubs, Sebring resident Thelma Chapman still found time to put this 6,000 piece jigsaw puzzle together. She plans to frame and hang it.

together."

Her technique, she said, is based on separating colors and putting them in cut-down cardboard boxes. From there, it is looking at shapes

"I think I could do it quicker now, but I don't know if I'll do it again," Chapman said, laughing once again.

Her husband, Andy Chapman, comes in from the

living room.

"Do you know how many pieces I put in?" he asks. Not waiting for an answer, he says, "Not a one," and looks fondly at his wife.

Baker hopes to continue success story beyond SFSC

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top, and a disabilities advisor.

"SFSC offered a support system where I could get one-on-one attention from faculty and advisers that were ready and willing to ease my transition between high school and college," Baker said. "Everyone at SFSC is so genuine and helpful; I'm not just a seat to fill in their classroom."

Baker acknowledges that it's difficult for people who grew up without disabilities to understand the constant stares and troubles she deals with on a daily basis.

"I haven't always been the bright, cheerful, and optimistic person I am today," Baker said. "I've been through

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struggles and tribulations and had to overcome so much."

"Growing up, I was always singled out, picked on, and laughed at," Baker said. "I hit rock bottom. I had no friends and a very low self-esteem. I want students to understand that we are all created equally and should be treated respectfully in the same matter."

Baker was unsure of what she wanted to pursue as a career in life.

She was told she couldn't work in certain occupations due to the limitations from her arm.

Until she attended SFSC and had the chance to talk to Michele DeVane, professor of education, she began to realize that education was her calling. DeVane helped Baker pursue opportunities in the education field by suggesting she take education classes, volunteer, and become a substitute teacher.

"Lakeidra is a highly motivated and intelligent person who exhibits a positive attitude in all areas of her life," DeVane said.

"She is a real people person who enjoys helping others and is a dedicated and creative individual who will be an

HCSO investigating apparent suicide and attempted murder

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subject, a HCSO K-9 was sent into the garage. Deputies found Dazey had a self-inflicted gunshot wound and EMS was called however, Dazey was dead at the scene.

Acting on information received on the scene, deputies proceeded to 3515 Cindy's Lane in search of another possible gunshot victim. There they found Robert Hugh Delaney, 85, critically injured with a gunshot wound. Delaney was flown out by Aeromed for treatment of his injuries.

Chief Deputy Mark

Schrader advised detectives are working this investigation as an attempted-murder and suicide. Detectives have learned there has been an ongoing dispute between the two subjects.

This incident is currently under investigation.

Anyone with information is requested to contact the HCSO Criminal Investigations Unit, Det. Hank Smith, at 863-402-7250. Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477) or www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2009-CA-000366
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
SACCO, JEFFREY, ET AL., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 2009-CA-000366 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff, and SACCO, JEFFREY, ET AL., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 16th day of May, 2013, the following described property:

UNIT 102, LAKESHORE TOWER TWO CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 435, PAGE 1, AS AMENDED OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING IN SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES HOLIDAY VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 1/32ND INTEREST IN AND TO THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT TO SAID UNIT.

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

DATED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida this 18th day of April, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Office of the Court Administrator at 863-534-4686, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
April 24, May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000575
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MASUD RAHMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MASUD RAHMAN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
LOT 19, BLOCK 17, HYDE PARK, 2ND REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A
903 W Pleasant St
Avon Park, FL 33825
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on May 17, 2013.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 19th day of April, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
May 1, 8, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 12-988-GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JULIE DISTEFANO and IDA DISTEFANO, PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on April 18, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on May 15, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.
EXHIBIT "A"
The South one half of Lot 5, Block 217, Placid Lakes Section Twenty, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 31, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Property address: 104 Anna Maria Court NE, Lake Placid, FL 33852
C-14-37-29-200-2170-0050
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
April 24, May 1, 2013

April 23, 2013

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„You are hereby notified that Wauchula State Bank will sell the vehicle described below "As Is" to the highest bidder for cash, free of prior liens, to satisfy legal obligations.

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Contact Joann Chandler for details at Wauchula State Bank 863-465-3553. The sale will be held on Friday May 3, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Wauchula State Bank parking lot located at 102 Interlake Blvd. Lake Placid, FL 33852.
April 26, May 1, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 09001194GCS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PLAINTIFF,
vs.
HAROLD L. JETMORE, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 18, 2013, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Highlands, Florida, on May 16, 2013, at 11:00 AM, at Basement of courthouse in Jury Assembly Room - 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 for the following described property:

LOT 3, BLOCK 1, CIRCLE TERRACE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 1, 2 AND 6 OF LAKE VERONA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
DATED: April 18, 2013.

By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk of the Court

Prepared by:
Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300
Boca Raton, FL 33486
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Office of the Court Administrator at 863-534-4686, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
April 24, May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000575
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.

MASUD RAHMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MASUD RAHMAN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
LOT 19, BLOCK 17, HYDE PARK, 2ND REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A
903 W Pleasant St
Avon Park, FL 33825
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on May 17, 2013.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 19th day of April, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
May 1, 8, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 12-988-GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JULIE DISTEFANO and IDA DISTEFANO, PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on April 18, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on May 15, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.
EXHIBIT "A"
The South one half of Lot 5, Block 217, Placid Lakes Section Twenty, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 31, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Property address: 104 Anna Maria Court NE, Lake Placid, FL 33852
C-14-37-29-200-2170-0050
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
April 24, May 1, 2013

Tax ID No.:
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April 24, May 1, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000714

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF DOREEN L. CORCORAN A/K/A COREEN LYNN CORCORAN; PATRICIA CLINGER, DECEASED, ET AL. Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF PATRICIA CLINGER, DECEASED, AND DOREEN L. CORCORAN A/K/A DOREEN LYNN CORCORAN, DECEASED, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, AND WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST PATRICIA CLINGER, DECEASED, AND DOREEN L. CORCORAN A/K/A DOREEN LYNN CORCORAN, DECEASED, OR ANY OF THE HEREIN NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED
Current residence unknown, but whose last known address was:
4802 QUEEN PALM DR., SEBRING, FL 33870
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:
LOTS 4, 5 AND 6, BLOCK 1, SEBRING VILLAS, FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 83, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before May 28, 2013 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 15th day of April, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AT (863)534-4690. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD 1-800-955-8771 OR 1-800-955-8770 (V) VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.
April 24, May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000126
JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD L. BRANSCOMBE A/K/A RICHARD LEE BRANSCOMBE, DECEASED, et al, Defendants.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-121

IN RE: ESTATE OF WALTER KATZ Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of WALTER KATZ, deceased, whose date of death was December 24, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

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

Personal Representative: /s/ Joseph Bonett 404 Bottlebrush Avenue Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ W. Roy Wilkes

Attorney for Joseph Bonett Florida Bar Number: 0608475 202 Dal Hall Boulevard Lake Placid, Florida 33852 Telephone: (863)699-2222 Fax: (863)465-1857 E-Mail: wrw@wilkeslawfirm.com

April 24, May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-177 Division: Estrada

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE L. CHAPMAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GEORGE L. CHAPMAN, deceased, whose date of death was February 3, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-9404, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is May 1, 2013.

Personal Representative: /s/ Charles Chapman 805 Matt Road Kernersville, NC 27284

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Nicholas G. Schommer

Attorney For Personal Representatives Florida Bar No. 221090 Email: ngsnpa@embarmail.com or tinasharpe_law@yahoo.com 329 South Commerce Avenue Sebring, Florida 33870 Phone: 863-385-5139 Fax: 863-385-2566

May 1, 8, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001146 DIVISION:

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC., Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES C. DAVIS, JR., et al, Defendants).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 18, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-001146 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC. is the Plaintiff and JAMES C. DAVIS, JR.; KARON K. DAVIS; 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 16th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 9, BLOCK A, KAYWOOD ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 17 N MARYLAND AVENUE, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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 April 19, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.

P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F12017538 NATIONSTAR-SPEECFNMA-keeper-son-Team 4-F12017538

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In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

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April 22, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

You are hereby notified that Wauchula State Bank will sell the vehicle described below "As Is" to the highest bidder for cash, free of prior liens, to satisfy legal obligations.

1977 Bell 206B with an FAA Registration Number of N134MS (Serial Number 2226) with attached Simplex Spray System. Model: 4900; STC#SH848NW; Capacity 140 Gal (530 Lt); Boom Span; 36-44 ft 911-13.4 m), Boom Mounting: Midship/Also a Fron Mounted Boom Equipment mounted inside aircraft; Agnav Gula (GPS for spraying) Auto Cal (Flow Control) Garmin 496 GPS.

Contact Rob Roberts for details at Wauchula State Bank 863-471-1972. The sale will be held on Friday May 3, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Wauchula State Bank parking lot located at 1385 US 27 S. Sebring, FL 33870

April 24; May 1, 2013

Notice is hereby given that Downtown Mini Storage LLC will sell at public auction at 195 S. Railroad Ave., Avon Park, Florida 33825 at 1:00 P.M. Saturday 11th May 2013 to the highest bidder. Items held for Juatevin Hicks, mirror, dresser, full size bed. Items held for Ashley Wiley, air conditioner, 3 tvs, dining set, couch, childs bike, carpet, lamp, dresser, car seat, coffee table, beds, dvd, clothing, bedding.

May 1, 3, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 6.914 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to adopt Rule 6.914, Use of Sick Leave by Family at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed rule shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed rule. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to conform with the requirements set forth in recent Florida legislation. A summary of the proposed rule is as follows: (1) A district employee may authorize his or her spouse, child, parent, or sibling ("a family member") who is also a district employee to use sick leave that has accrued to the authorizing employee. (a) Sick leave donated cannot be used until all of the individual's sick leave has been depleted, excluding sick leave or any existing sick leave bank, if the recipient participates in a sick leave bank. (b) Donated sick leave shall have no terminal pay value. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1001.41, 1001.42, 1012.22, and 1012.23, 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 (Attn. Connie Scooby), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary

May 1, 2013

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is amending the job description for a Transportation Dispatcher. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 21, 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 create a new job description for a Transportation Dispatcher. A summary of the proposed amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: 1. High school diploma or GED. 2. Licenses and Certificates: Must possess and maintain a valid Class B Commercial Driver's License and hold a Passenger & Student Endorsement. 3. Two (2) years experience as a school bus operator, or one year as a full-time 911 dispatch operator, or other experience in a full-time, high volume communications center; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job. 4. Demonstrate the following aptitudes and abilities: Language skills – Ability to read and comprehend simple instructions, short correspondence and memoranda. Ability to write simple reports. Ability to effectively present (orally) information in one-on-one and small group situations to students, parents, and other employees of the organization. Mathematical skills – Ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Reasoning ability – Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists. Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form and perform semi-routine standardized work with some latitude for independent judgment concerning choices of action. Ability to exercise the judgment required in situations characterized by repetitive or short cycle operations covered by set procedures or sequences. 5. Successful completion, as determined by a School Board approved physician, of a Florida School Bus Operators Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination. 6. Physical ability to perform tasks that involve the ability to exert moderate, though not constant physical effort, typically involving some combination of climbing and balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling, and which may involve some lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (15-25 pounds). 7. Physical ability to perform highly skilled coordinated movements. 8. Physical ability to perceive and discriminate colors or shades of colors, sounds, and depths. Some tasks require visual perception and discrimination, as well as oral communications ability. 9. Physical ability to safely operate school bus during exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as dirt, dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, fumes, temperature and noise extremes, machinery, vibrations, traffic hazards, violence, disease, or pathogenic substances. 10. Physical ability to inspect the bus daily, to include checking the brake system and the engine compartment (belts, hoses and fluid levels), the emergency doors, windows and hatches. 11. Physical ability to operate the service doors and open and close windows. 12. Physical ability to ascend and descend bus entrance steps to ensure safety to oneself and others. 13. Physical ability to implement emergency evacuation procedures. 14. Satisfactory clearance of criminal history records check and drug screening. 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. 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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary

May 1, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. PC-13-170 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF SANDRA LYNN OWENS Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION (Testate)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION The administration of the estate of SANDRA LYNN OWENS, deceased, File Number PC-13-170 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 other persons are required to file with this court: (a) All claims against the estate WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE and (b) any objection by an interested person to whom this notice is served that challenges the qualifications of the personal representative, venue or jurisdiction of the court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE on the objecting person. ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

Publication of this notice has begun on April 24, 2013.

Personal Representative: /s/ Melanie Lynn Stalvey 4831 Stalvey Oaks Drive Plant City, Florida 33563

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ David H. Galloway Florida Bar No. 259535 506 North Alexander Street Plant City, Florida 33563 Telephone: 813-754-3438

April 24; May 1, 2013

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

The following legal notices are from the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners and are being published in the font, size, and leading as per their specifications.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 13000001TDS CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that AARON JAMES W, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.: 1818 Year of Issuance: 06-01-2009 Tax ID: S-21-34-29-010-1023-0190 Description of Property:

LOTS 19 AND 20 BLOCK 1023 HIGHLANDS VIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 91 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: ANTHONY L. BROWN; MICHAEL PARKER; LARRY PARKER; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 15th day of May, 2013.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2013. ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 13000002TDS CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

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LOTS 24 AND 25 BLOCK 1023 HIGHLANDS VIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 91 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: ANTHONY L. BROWN; MICHAEL PARKER; LARRY PARKER; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 15th day of May, 2013.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2013. ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk

April 10, 17, 24; May 1, 2013

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A couple of t-storms, mainly later	Variable clouds with a thunderstorm	A couple of showers and a t-storm	Variably cloudy, t-storms possible	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.
84° / 66°	82° / 64°	84° / 66°	84° / 64°	85° / 61°
Winds: ESE at 4-8 mph	Winds: NE at 6-12 mph	Winds: ENE at 4-8 mph	Winds: ESE at 4-8 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph

Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday: 87°
Low Friday: 59°
High Saturday: 86°
Low Saturday: 58°
High Sunday: 86°
Low Sunday: 55°
High Monday: 89°
Low Monday: 61°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today: 84°
Expected air temperature: 84°
Makes it feel like: 87°

Barometer
Saturday: 29.98
Sunday: 29.99
Monday: 29.92

Precipitation
Saturday: 0.00"
Sunday: 0.00"
Monday: 0.26"
Month to date: 5.37"
Year to date: 8.28"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High: 0:33 p.m.
Low: 1:51 a.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High: 1:51 a.m.
Low: 7:43 a.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson: 78.36'
Lake Okechobee: 13.44'
Normal: 14.51'

UV Index Today

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Regional Summary

Mostly cloudy today with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later. A couple of showers and a thunderstorm tonight. A shower or thunderstorm tomorrow and Friday. Saturday: thunderstorms possible.



Farm Report

A couple of showers and a thunderstorm today, mainly later. Winds southeast becoming east-northeast 4-8 mph. Expect 2-4 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation.

Weather History

Hartford, Conn., had its worst flood of the 19th century on May 1, 1854. After 65 hours of steady rain, the flood crested at 23.9 feet.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	6:49 a.m.	6:48 a.m.
Sunset	7:58 p.m.	7:58 p.m.
Moonrise	1:06 a.m.	1:52 a.m.
Moonset	12:27 p.m.	1:20 p.m.



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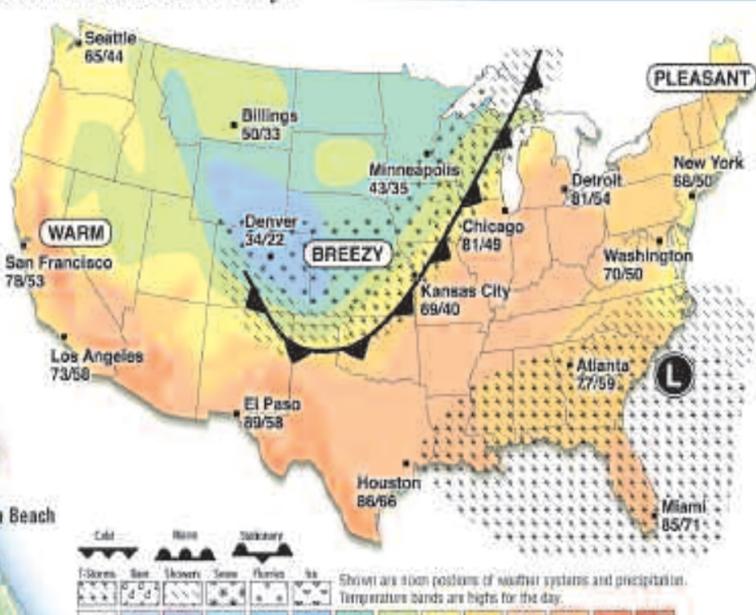
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Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	84/67	82/64	84/64	Miami	85/71	82/71	83/72
Clearwater	83/68	80/67	81/68	Okechobee	82/65	80/65	83/66
Orlando	83/68	81/68	80/67	Orlando	83/68	81/68	80/67
Daytona Beach	83/68	79/68	75/68	Pensacola	85/69	82/67	84/70
Fort Myers	84/71	82/71	84/72	St. Augustine	77/67	76/68	74/68
Fort Myers	84/68	82/64	84/65	St. Petersburg	83/67	78/64	82/64
Gainesville	81/62	79/64	75/63	Sarasota	84/67	80/64	82/64
Hollywood	85/70	82/68	84/71	Tallahassee	83/61	79/61	78/61
Homestead AFB	83/70	82/68	84/70	Tampa	81/68	81/68	82/68
Jacksonville	79/62	78/63	77/62	West Palm Bch	84/69	80/68	83/70
Key West	85/75	84/73	85/72	Winter Haven	83/65	81/65	83/66

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

National Forecast for May 1



National Summary

High pressure will keep the weather dry today across the Northeast, and there will even be some sunshine, especially across New England. Persistent showers and thunderstorms will continue to bring heavy downpours and isolated flooding across the central and eastern Gulf coasts. Showers and storms will also fire across the Southeast. Warm and breezy weather will be found across the Midwest and Ohio Valley from Illinois into Ohio. Heavy late-season snow will grip the High Plains and mountains near Denver.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	82/41	83/39	87/44	Los Angeles	72/58	80/62	80/70
Atlanta	77/69	73/66	73/70	Louisville	84/60	80/60	73/58
Baltimore	70/47	68/47	69/46	Memphis	81/62	77/63	84/50
Birmingham	83/60	78/59	71/50	Minneapolis	43/35	44/37	45/38
Boston	62/45	62/46	59/49	Nashville	67/59	70/60	66/58
Charlotte	71/64	70/61	71/62	New Orleans	89/67	78/61	78/62
Chester	32/18	43/21	54/29	New York City	68/50	69/50	63/49
Chicago	81/49	83/46	55/48	Portland	65/53	65/53	65/51
Cleveland	70/34	73/32	73/55	Raleigh	67/53	68/53	71/49
Columbus	81/56	79/55	73/55	Richmond	76/48	78/50	76/50
Dallas	85/65	89/58	89/42	St. Louis	83/59	71/54	81/58
Denver	34/22	45/29	58/32	San Francisco	78/53	78/55	75/56
Detroit	81/54	74/50	70/50	Seattle	63/44	70/44	73/49
Hannover	72/42	80/45	74/45	Washington	70/50	70/48	73/49
Honolulu	80/72	81/69	80/69	West Palm Beach	84/69	84/69	84/69
Houston	80/66	71/48	68/45	Winter Haven	83/66	83/66	83/66
Indianapolis	81/58	78/57	70/50	Key West	85/75	85/75	85/75
Jackson, MS	78/62	77/60	65/45				
Kansas City	84/40	83/45	45/48				
Lexington	81/55	73/49	73/50				
Little Rock	81/62	74/50	80/49				

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Aspen	89/68	89/69	89/71	London	61/41	59/39	63/43
Athens	84/65	85/63	84/62	Montreal	74/38	74/32	72/33
Beirut	87/72	83/68	81/62	Moscow	57/38	61/41	60/46
Berlin	62/44	63/45	61/46	Nice	73/61	72/58	72/57
Bombay	70/65	69/62	67/60	Ottawa	73/52	74/50	74/52
Calgary	49/37	67/40	68/35	Quebec	74/52	69/48	68/47
Cardiff	54/43	56/46	56/46	Rio de Janeiro	83/78	83/75	86/72
Edinburgh	50/31	60/39	60/35	Seoul	61/45	63/45	64/45
Frederic	81/74	77/72	80/73	Singapore	90/78	90/78	91/78
Geneva	63/51	65/46	61/47	Sydney	73/57	70/55	73/55
Havana	89/68	91/67	87/68	Toronto	70/48	71/48	72/45
Hong Kong	79/70	77/72	77/72	Vancouver	58/44	63/44	67/50
Jakarta	86/69	81/61	83/62	Vilnius	73/56	78/63	71/58
Johannesburg	71/49	71/49	70/48	Warsaw	62/44	63/42	63/49
Kiev	71/48	67/49	70/50	Winnipeg	42/32	43/28	33/31

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Ryan Rawlings
SFSC Cisco Networking Academy, 2011

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Let the games begin

Blue Streaks motivated for Mustangs

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — The numbers were daunting as Sebring head coach Buck Rapp looked over the stats for the Mitchell Mustangs in his locker-room office Monday afternoon.

A team batting average of .344, 17 team home runs and 68 stolen bases.

Two starting pitchers that average more than one strike out per inning and one batter, Marcus Begg, with a .451 average, seven home runs, 34 RBI, 35 runs scored and 15 stolen bases.

Those pitchers would be Cobi Johnson, who had 89 strike outs in 59 innings, with just nine walks and a 1.90 ERA on the season, along with Chris McCormack, who had 66 strike outs in 55.2 innings and an ERA of 2.26.

But as impressive as the stats look, Rapp immediately recalled a similar moment from his playing days at the University of North Florida.

“We were playing the

University of Indianapolis in the Division II College World Series and their stats were just ridiculous on paper,” he said. “Then we watched them in batting practice and they were knocking balls out of the park all over the place.

“But the thing is, stats only tell you so much and have to be taken with a grain of salt,” Rapp continued. “We beat them 9-0 the next day.”

And as impressive as the stats are, Mitchell wasn’t the top seed heading into it’s district tournament, having lost twice during the regular season to Land O’Lakes before topping them in the tournament title game.

But however one may want to overlook, or discount, or not take too seriously, the Mustang stats, they do tell Rapp one thing.

“They are a good, solid baseball team,” he said. “They can hit and run the bases. We know they’re going to put pressure on us and we’ll have to play

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Courtesy photo by CALLIE MADDOX
Garrett DeRoss gets the nod for Sebring tonight against a hard-hitting Mitchell squad in the Class 6A Regional Quarterfinals.

Anxious Dragons prep for Crusaders

By DAN HOEHNE

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On the precipice of the first playoff appearance in seven years, Lake Placid is prepping for tonight’s contest against visiting Tampa Catholic.

And while the challenge of the postseason is added to by the thought of the perennially strong Crusader squad, the Green Dragons are realizing where they stand, with the information and encouragement head coach Dan Coomes has been giving them.

“Coach has told us that Tampa Catholic is really no different than us,” first baseman Morgan Lott said. “They have about the same record, and if we play the type of ball we’ve been playing lately, and play to our ability, everything will turn out great.”

How they’ve been playing lately has been fantastic, including eight straight wins and the 11-0 blowout of top seed DeSoto in the District 10-4A title game last week.

The Crusaders are coming off a 6-0 loss to Berkeley Prep in the District 9-4A championship game.

A look at the team stats overall, the assessment that the teams are about equal is seen.

Lake Placid has a team average of .300, while Tampa Catholic is at .274.

The Crusaders have belted seven home runs and scored 110, with 21 stolen bases as a team.

The Dragons have hit three home runs, scored 117 and have stolen 65 bases.

So Tampa Catholic has a little more power, while Lake

See LP, Page B4

Bucs agree with 13 college free agents

Associated Press

TAMPA — UCLA receiver Jerry Johnson and Arizona State cornerback Deveron Carr are among 13 undrafted college free agents agreeing to terms with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs also announced agreements Monday with South Florida tight Evan Landi; Northern Illinois cornerback Rashaan Melvin;

Texas receiver D.J. Monroe; Buffalo linebacker Willie Moseley; Arizona State tackle Brice Schwab; Purdue running back Akeem Shavers; Western Kentucky guard Adam Smith; Georgia cornerback Branden Smith; Massachusetts tackle Nick Speller; Southern Mississippi tackle Jason Weaver and Rutgers receiver Tim Wright.

Jaguars part with 3 in front office

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Jaguars have parted ways with three front office personnel, including director of player personnel Terry McDonough.

Also dismissed by new general manager Dave Caldwell were Louis Clark, director of pro personnel, and regional scout Chris Prescott.

The moves came as no surprise given that most new GMs bring in their own personnel staff after the draft.

McDonough served as

former GM Gene Smith’s right-hand man the past four years.

He raised eyebrows last year when he challenged reporters to find a better pro down the road than Jacksonville’s third-round draft pick, punter Bryan Anger.

Seattle took quarterback Russell Wilson five picks later.

Clark was promoted in December 2011. Prescott was credited with scouting 2011 first-round pick Blaine Gabbert, who hasn’t proven to be a franchise quarterback.

Tee time on ‘Sports Talk’



Courtesy photo
Highlands Ridge golfers Toni Fletcher, left, and Hazel Dobbs were featured guests on “Sports Talk” with Ed Lynch on Saturday, April 27. The 84-year old Dobbs garnered her first hole in one recently, on the 100-yard seventh hole of the Highlands Ridge South course. Fletcher is one of the lower handicap golfers in the Highlands Ridge Ladies Golf association. “Sports Talk” airs each Saturday, immediately following the Noon News on WWTN 730-AM. Scheduled guests for the May 4 broadcast are Sebring boys tennis coach Jack Holt and Blue Streak baseball coach Brian Rapp.

CFL’s Alouettes own Tebow rights but are set at QB

Associated Press

MONTREAL — The Montreal Alouettes would welcome Tim Tebow to the CFL — provided he’s willing to compete for a job as a backup quarterback.

The New York Jets released the former Heisman Trophy winner Monday just a year after acquiring him in a bally-hooded trade with the Denver Broncos.

Tebow has been one of the league’s most popular players since his arrival but has drawn constant criticism for his passing mechanics.

But his NFL future remains very much in doubt.

If the former Florida star wants to keep playing quarterback, the CFL could be a landing spot.

But if Tebow wants to come to Canada, Montreal has exclusive negotiating rights.

Anthony Calvillo is entrenched as Montreal’s quarterback.

The 40-year-old Calvillo is entering his 20th CFL season and assesses his career on a year-to-year basis.

That would leave Tebow to contend with former Boston College star Quinton Porter, a five-year CFL veteran, for the No. 2 spot.

“If Tim Tebow wants to come to Canada we’d definitely welcome him,” general manager Jim Popp said. “That’s why we have him on our neg list and we’d take a look at him and see if he can play in Canada, but it would obviously be a landing spot.”

See TEBOW, Page B4

Lovett honored with coveted title

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

An up and down season on the diamond for the Blue Streaks took a tick upward for one player as the postseason honors started rolling in last week.

It was just a day like any other when Sebring’s own Cullen Lovett received a text from his grandpa reading, “Congratulations!”

Lovett, unsure of what his grandpa was congratulating him for, asked his father what the text might be about.

It was then that Lovett learned he had been recognized as the District 17, 6A Player of the Year.

Lovett, currently in his junior season with the Streaks, is a strong contributor to the team as a second baseman and switch-hitter.

Despite battling a shoulder injury, he currently leads the team with a .346 batting average, tallying up 28 hits and 14 runs scored.

Lovett is tied for team leader in RBI with 12 and has

a .465 on-base percentage with three stolen bases.

To add to his successes, in nearly 100 plate appearances, Lovett has only struck out seven times and has a keen enough eye to draw 16 walks.

“He’s worked real hard coming back from surgery,” said Blue Streak head coach Buck Rapp. “He tore his labrum in the fall, so you could see his dedication to work hard and get his body stronger.”

“He did a real good job for us this year at a few different positions defensively, and he led us in most offensive categories.”

Lovett still has one more go-around with the Streaks before he retires his Sebring jersey and moves on to the next chapter in his life.

Being dual enrolled, Lovett is on track to graduate his senior year with his AA degree in hand and hopes to be committed to play baseball somewhere by that time as well.

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News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Cullen Lovett races out of the box after a hit earlier this season, one of many that would add to his team-leading .346 average and help get him honored as the District 17, 6A Player of the Year.

THE SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(x-if necessary)
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami 4, Milwaukee 0

Miami 110, Milwaukee 87
Miami 98, Milwaukee 86
Miami 104, Milwaukee 91
Sunday: Miami 88, Milwaukee 77

New York 3, Boston 1

New York 85, Boston 78
New York 87, Boston 71
New York 90, Boston 76
Sunday: Boston 97, New York 90, OT
Wednesday, May 1: Boston at New York, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, May 3: New York at Boston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Boston at New York, TBA

Indiana 2, Atlanta 2

Indiana 107, Atlanta 90
Indiana 113, Atlanta 98
Saturday: Atlanta 90, Indiana 69
Monday: Atlanta 102, Indiana 91
Wednesday, May 1: Atlanta at Indiana, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, May 3: Indiana at Atlanta, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Atlanta at Indiana, TBA

Chicago 3, Brooklyn 2

Brooklyn 106, Chicago 89
Chicago 90, Brooklyn 82
Chicago 79, Brooklyn 76
Saturday: Chicago 142, Brooklyn 134, 3OT
Monday: Brooklyn 110, Chicago 91
Thursday, May 2: Brooklyn at Chicago, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 4: Chicago at Brooklyn, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Oklahoma City 3, Houston 1

Oklahoma City 120, Houston 91
Oklahoma City 105, Houston 102
Saturday: Oklahoma City 104, Houston 101
Monday: Houston 105, Oklahoma City 103
Wednesday, May 1: Houston at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 3: Oklahoma City at Houston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Houston at Oklahoma City, TBA

San Antonio 4, L.A. Lakers 0

San Antonio 91, L.A. Lakers 79
San Antonio 102, L.A. Lakers 91
San Antonio 120, L.A. Lakers 89
Sunday: San Antonio 103, L.A. Lakers 82

Golden State 3, Denver 1

Denver 97, Golden State 95
Golden State 131, Denver 117
Golden State 110, Denver 108
Sunday: Golden State 115, Denver 101
Tuesday: Golden State at Denver, late x-Thursday, May 2: Denver at Golden State, TBA
x-Saturday, May 4: Golden State at Denver, TBA

L.A. Clippers 2, Memphis 2

L.A. Clippers 112, Memphis 91
L.A. Clippers 93, Memphis 91
Memphis 94, L.A. Clippers 82
Saturday: Memphis 104, L.A. Clippers 83
Tuesday: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, late Friday, May 3: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBA

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
z-Pittsburgh	36	12	0	72	165	119
x-N.Y. Rangers	26	18	4	56	130	112
x-N.Y. Islanders	24	17	7	55	139	133
Philadelphia	23	22	3	49	133	141
New Jersey	19	19	10	48	112	129

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Montreal	29	14	5	63	149	126
x-Boston	28	14	6	62	131	109
x-Toronto	26	17	5	57	145	133
x-Ottawa	25	17	6	56	116	104
Buffalo	21	21	6	48	125	143

Southeast Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Washington	27	18	3	57	149	130
Winnipeg	24	21	3	51	128	144
Carolina	19	25	4	42	128	160
Tampa Bay	18	26	4	40	148	150
Florida	15	27	6	36	112	171

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
z-Chicago	36	7	5	77	155	102
x-St. Louis	29	17	2	60	129	115
x-Detroit	24	16	8	56	124	115
Columbus	24	17	7	55	120	119
Nashville	16	23	9	41	111	139

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Vancouver	26	15	7	59	127	121
x-Minnesota	26	19	3	55	122	127
Edmonton	19	22	7	45	125	134
Calgary	19	25	4	42	128	160
Colorado	16	25	7	39	116	152

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Anaheim	30	12	6	66	140	118
x-Los Angeles	27	16	5	59	133	118
x-San Jose	25	16	7	57	124	116
Phoenix	21	18	9	51	125	131
Dallas	22	22	4	48	130	142

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
y-clinched playoff spot
x-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 4, New Jersey 0
Detroit 3, Dallas 0
Columbus 3, Nashville 1
Florida 5, Tampa Bay 3
Washington 3, Boston 2, OT
Philadelphia 2, Ottawa 1
Montreal 4, Toronto 1
Minnesota 3, Colorado 1
Pittsburgh 8, Carolina 3
St. Louis 3, Chicago 1
Phoenix 5, Anaheim 3
Edmonton 7, Vancouver 2
Los Angeles 3, San Jose 2

Sunday's Games

Ottawa 4, Boston 2

End of Regular Season

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	18	7	.720 —



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

BOXING

THURSDAY

10 p.m. Mauricio Herrera vs. Ji-Hoon Kim ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL

THURSDAY

3 p.m. UAB at Southern Mississippi SUN

COLLEGE LACROSSE

THURSDAY

8 p.m. ECAC Tournament Semifinal SUN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

THURSDAY

8 p.m. Texas Tech at Baylor ESPN

GOLF

THURSDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Volvo China Open. GOLF

12:30 p.m. LPGA – Kingsmill Championship GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – Wells Fargo Championship GOLF

MLB

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Washington at Atlanta ESPN

8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Kansas City SUN

THURSDAY

2 p.m. Tampa Bay at Kansas City SUN

NBA PLAYOFFS

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Boston at New York TNT

9:30 p.m. Houston at Oklahoma City, if necessary TNT

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Brooklyn at Chicago TNT

9:30 p.m. Denver at Golden State, if necessary TNT

Times, games, channels all subject to change

New York	15	10	.600	3
Baltimore	15	11	.577	3.5
Tampa Bay	12	13	.480	6
Toronto	9	17	.346	9.5

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	14	10	.583 —
Kansas City	13	10	.565 .5
Minnesota	11	11	.500 2
Cleveland	10	13	.435 3.5
Chicago	10	14	.417 4

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	16	9	.640 —
Oakland	15	12	.556 2
Seattle	12	16	.429 5.5
Los Angeles	9	16	.360 7
Houston	8	18	.308 8.5

Philadelphia at Cleveland, late
Washington at Atlanta, late
San Diego at Chicago Cubs, late
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, late
Cincinnati at St. Louis, late
San Francisco at Arizona, late
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, late

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets at Miami, 12:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1:45 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Transactions

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed K Casey Barth, LB Joplo Bartu, FB Devonte Campbell, LB Nick Clancy, QB Seth Doege, WR Rashad Evans, FB Deon Goggins, OG Theo Goins, DE Cam Henderson, DT Neal Huynh, WR Darius Johnson, OT Terren Jones, WR Martel Moore, DT Adam Replogle, RB Donald Russell, S Troy Sanders, OT Alec Savoie, OT Ryan Schraeder, P Sean Sellwood, C Matt Smith, CB Momo Thomas, DE Brandon Thurmond, RB Ronnie Wingo and LB Paul Worrior. BUFFALO BILLS—Traded LB Kelvin Sheppard to Indianapolis for LB Jerry Hughes. Agreed to terms with G Zack Chibane, LB Keith Pough, DE Izaan Cross, CB Nickell Robey, DB Jordan Dangerfield, CB Kip Edwards, CB Jumal Rolle, RB Kendall Gaskins, FB Drew Smith, WR Brandon Kaufman, DT Aaron Tipoti, CB Vernon Kearney, QB Jeff Tuel, WR Kevin Norrell and C Ryan Turnley. Released QB Aaron Corp, OT Adam Grant, K Chris Koeplin and TE Joe Sawyer. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released G Joe Gibbs. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Waived DE Jerome Long and WR Jerrell Jackson. Fired director of player personnel Terry McDonough, director of pro personnel Louis Clark and regional scout Chris Prescott. MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed CB Jacob Lacey and DE Lawrence Jackson. Waived P T.J. Conley. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released WR Jeremy Ebert, FB Tony Fiammetta, TE Brad Herman, DL Tracy Robertson and DB Malcolm Williams. NEW YORK JETS—Waived QB Tim Tebow. Signed G Stephen Peterman. Agreed to terms with WR Zach Rogers, WR Ryan Spadola, WR K.J. Stroud, WR Antavious Wilson, TE Chris Pantale, WR Mike Shanahan, OL Dalton Freeman, OL Trey Gilleo, OL Mark Popek, DL Roosevelt Holliday, DL Jake McDonough, DL Spencer Nealy, LB Troy Davis, DB Mike Edwards and DB Rontez Miles. OAKLAND RAIDERS—Agreed to terms with LB Billy Boyko, DB Adrian Bushell, P Bobby Cowan, C Deveric Gallington, S Shelton Johnson, TE Brian Leonhardt, G Lamar Mady, WR Sam McGuffie, QB Kyle Padron, LS Adam Steiner, DT Kurt Taufa'asau, WR Conner Vernon, OT John Wetzell and RB Deonte Williams. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Agreed to terms with LB Jake Knott, RB Miguel Maysonet, C Kyle Quinn, DL Isaac Remington, WR Russell Shepard, DL Damien Square, G Matt Tobin, RB Matthew Tucker and P Brad Wing. Released TE Evan Moore. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Agreed to terms with WR Jerry Johnson, CB Deveron Carr, TE Evan Landi, CB Rashaan Melvin, WR D.J. Monroe, LB Willie Mosley, OT Brice Schwab, RB Akeem Shavers, G Adam Smith, CB Brandon Smith, OT Nick Speller, OT Jason Weaver and WR Tim Wright.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Lake Placid

TODAY: Baseball hosts Class 4A Regional Quarterfinal, vs. Tampa Catholic, 7 p.m.



Sebring

TODAY: Baseball at Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal, at Mitchell, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY: Track at FHSAA 3A State Finals, Jacksonville, 1 p.m.



SFSC

FRIDAY: Softball at FCCAA State Tournament, Pensacola, vs. Gulf Coast State, Noon

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Sebring Elks Golf Tourney

SEBRING – The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, May 6, beginning at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$27, which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund.

To sign up, contact Jack McLaughlin at jacknjudy33872@gmail.com or leave a message on 863 471-3295.

Check in not later than 7:40 a.m. by the Pro Shop.

Blue Streak Golf

SEBRING – The 30th Annual Blue Streak Golf Classic will tee off Saturday, May 18, on both the North and South courses of Highlands Ridge.

The four-person scramble format has an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, and the \$65 entry fee includes one mulligan, lunch, beverages, prizes, cart, greens fees, range balls and a lot of fun.

Each team members tee shot must be used at least twice, ladies shoot from the ladies tees, all ties are determined by a match of cards and professionals are not eligible for Hole In One prizes.

Among those prizes are a \$10,000 Hole in One prize, a chance to win a 50-foot putt for \$5,000, \$25-\$100 gift certificates in the Closest to the Pin contest, and additional prizes on all par 3s.

Other door prizes include a 50-inch widescreen TV and BBQ grill.

Sebring Firemen Inc. are the major sponsor, so come out, join in the fun and support Sebring High School Athletics.

Panther Softball Camp

AVON PARK – The 2013 SFSC Panther Softball Camp will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28-29, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day for players aged 6-18.

Cost of the camp is \$45, with registration and check-in at 8 a.m.

Pre-registration is not necessary and walk-ups are accepted.

The SFSC Panther Camps are designed to provide quality softball instruction, with emphasis on fundamentals and improvement in all areas of the game.

Each day, campers will have the opportunity to improve their skills and softball knowledge with the help of Panther head coach Carlos Falla, assistant coach Heather Barnes and members of the Lady Panther softball team.

To register, go to www.southflorida.edu/athletics/softball and print out the Admissions Application form.

Mail the form as indicated, or bring it to the camp.

For further information, call Coach Falla at the following campus phone numbers at extension 7038 – Avon Park/Sebring, (863) 784-7038; Lake Placid, (863) 465-5300; DeSoto, (863) 494-7500; Hardee, (863) 773-2252.

Coach Falla can also be reached via email at fallac@southflorida.edu.

YMCA Flag Football

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is now taking registrations for our YMCA/Eagles Youth Flag Football Program for ages 5-14.

We are also taking registrations for our Cheerleading Program ages 5-16. Any questions please call 382-9622.

Miracle League 5K

LAKE PLACID – Heartland National Bank presents The Miracle League for Highlands County 2013 5K-10K Run Walk Team Challenge Saturday, May 18, at DeVane Circle Park in Lake Placid.

Entry fees - Early student \$15; early team member \$20; early individual \$25; day of race \$30 (day of race, registration

closes promptly at 7 a.m.)

Race starts at 7:30 a.m. sharp.

First 150 registered entrants guaranteed a Dri-fit T-shirt.

Send entry name, gender, race you're doing, team name, address, phone number, age, shirt size and e-mail.

Any lack of information will not be acceptable.

Make check out to Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, 18 North Oak Avenue, Lake Placid, FL 33852.

Awards for each race - 5K and 10K.

Team awards will be presented for Most Creative Team and Team with Most Finishes.

Proceeds from this new event will directly benefit the Miracle League for Highlands County as \$200 plus \$3 of each paid entry (more than 150) will be donated to this wonderful organization.

Sponsored by Cohan Radio Group; CORA Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine; Delray Plants (sponsors of Miracle League shirts); Eastside Christian Church; Howard fertilizer and chemical; The Journal; Lake Placid Health Care Center; Wheeler Farms Inc.; Winn Dixie; and Party Dog Entertainment.

For more information, contact Niki Gregor, event chair at 386-1300 or nregor@heartlandnb.com.

Sunrise Rotary Golf

SEBRING — Sebring Sunrise Rotary 24th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be Saturday, June 1, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start on the Deer Run course at Sun 'N Lake Golf and Country Club.

Format is a Four-person Scramble (double Bogey maximum).

Cost is \$220 per team and includes greens fees, cart, range balls, lunch and on-course beverages along with some fabulous raffle prizes.

Sponsorships available: \$100 Hole sponsor; \$155 Hole sponsor including single entry; and \$320 Hole sponsor including team entry.

Hole-In-One sponsors are being provided by Cohan Radio Group (\$2,000 cash) and Alan Jay Automotive Network.

Trophy sponsor is the Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Make checks payable to Sebring Sunrise Rotary, P.O. Box 1363, Sebring, FL 33871.

Please enter by Tuesday, May 28.

Home run for Habitat 5K

SEBRING — Home run for Habitat 5K Run/Walk will be Saturday, June 1, at Highlands Hammock State Park.

Check-in starts at 7 a.m.; race starts promptly at 8 a.m.

Entry fee \$15 through May 24; \$20 after and until Race Day, June 1 (checks if mailed and cash on day of race).

Shirt sizes can only be guaranteed for pre-registered participants.

Age groups - eight and under; 9-13; 14-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; and 70-70-plus.

Make checks payable to:

NASCAR THIS WEEK

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

ONE WINS, ONE FAILS

SPEED FREAKS



Giddy images/Took Will Nelson may need more of a disguise after last weekend.

With the current climate, is this any time for Talladega?

GODSPEAK: We all know that every crash at Talladega is purely "accidental" or caused by "unavoidable contact" or "just one of them racing deals."

KEN'S CALL: As unpredictable as things have been lately, Talladega will probably run caution-free. Stop laughing.

Will Nelson Piquet Jr.'s image survive his Richmond actions?

GODSPEAK: This was much more than a simple knee-jerk reaction by young Piquet. In this case, there's more to heal than just Piquet's image.

KEN'S CALL: Well, I'm sure his closest friends will still be there for him. Wearing a cup, of course ... you know ... just in case. But they'll be there.

ONLINE EXTRAS

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Do you have questions or comments about NASCAR This Week? Contact Godwin Kelly at godwin.kelly@news-jnl.com or Ken Willis at ken.willis@news-jnl.com

SPRINT CUP POINTS STANDINGS

Rank	Driver	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	43
2	Carl Edwards	42
3	Kasey Kahne	41
4	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	40
5	Clint Bowyer	39
6	Brad Keselowski	38
7	Kyle Busch	37
8	Greg Biffle	36
9	Kevin Harvick	35
10	Paul Menard	34
11	Aric Almirola	33
12	Jamie McMurray	32
13	Matt Kenseth	31
14	Jeff Gordon	30
15	Martin Truex Jr.	29
16	Ryan Newman	28
17	Joey Logano	27
18	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	26
19	Jeff Burton	25
20	Kurt Busch	24
21	Mark Martin	23
22	Tony Stewart	22
23	Marcos Ambrose	21
24	Juan Pablo Montoya	20
25	Casey Mears	19
26	Danica Patrick	18
27	Bobby Labonte	17

Jeff Burton hasn't won a Cup race since 2008, so his heart was pounding when he had the lead with two laps to go at Richmond. But he had one major disadvantage — worn tires. He gambled on track position and lost, finishing fifth in the 1.5-mile scramble to the checkered flag.

But this had to make it hurt just a bit worse: He lost to teammate Kevin Harvick, who restarted seventh on fresh tires and had a comfortable lead by the time the field got to the white flag. To Burton's credit, he shrugged it off.

"Obviously, new tires are a lot better," he said. "But, it was worth a shot."

Harvick beating Burton at Richmond was not lost on car owner Richard Childress, who gave Burton a verbal pat on the back during the winner's interview. "I think everyone, even (Harvick's) team, was probably pulling for Burton."

Juan for the ages

After sputtering along for almost two years, Earnhardt Ganassi Racing appears to be getting back up to speed.

The two-car organization put together a pair of solid runs Saturday at Richmond and posted its first top-five finish since Aug. 27, 2011 (Jamie McMurray — fifth, Bristol).

McMurray and teammate Juan Pablo Montoya were lined up in the top five on a green-white-checkered restart.

McMurray, who elected to hold track position on old tires, went from second to 26th in two laps but showed muscle with the gamble.

Montoya, who had a 0.613-second lead over race winner Kevin Harvick before the final caution on Lap 396 of 400, pulled down pit road for fresh tires. He snagged a fourth-place finish — his first top-5 since April 3, 2011 (4th, Martinsville).

The late caution wiped away a sure victory, but Montoya — who led 67 laps — was giddy on pit road because his team was competitive from start to finish.

"Yeah, we made the right calls when we pitted and when we stayed out and everything, but we got that caution at the end, and it was a no-brainer to take tires," said Montoya, who hasn't won in 95 Cup races. "I thought everybody on the team did a really good job, and I'm just really proud of the guys."

Best in class

When Roger Penske decided to leave Dodge, join Ford and lease engines from Roush Yates Racing, most everyone thought Penske Racing would take a hit on the competition index.

Just the opposite has happened. Through nine Cup races, Penske's top-finishing driver — either Brad Keselowski or Joey Logano — has crossed the stripe ahead of the top finisher at Roush Fenway Racing — Carl Edwards, Greg Biffle and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. — seven times.

Keselowski has four top-5s, and Logano has three top-5s — and two post-race flare-ups.



AP/Steve Heber
Troll the infield at Talladega this week, and you'll see dozens of guys who look like this.

GODWIN'S TALLADEGA PICKS



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WINNER: Kevin Harvick
REST OF THE TOP FIVE: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Clint Bowyer, Brad Keselowski, Jeff Gordon
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Jimmie Johnson

DARK HORSE: Jamie McMurray
FIRST ONE OUT: David Gilliland
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Richmond winner Harvick, who was fast at Daytona, makes it two in a row.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



AP/Chris Bix
Harvick learned long ago, Bud is for drinking, champagne for spraying.

Why aren't you impressed with Kevin Harvick's Richmond win?

First, we have to define "impressed." Sure, the Answer Man is impressed, as always, by Harvick's ability to handle the closing laps when he's in contention. He smells the lead the way Paul Hornung sniffed the end zone (ask your daddy). But we like to look long-term at consequences here, and long-term, we're not sure it's gonna help Kevin's efforts to keep Budweiser's frothy checkbook with him as he leaves for Stewart-Haas next season.

What are you hearing?

Nothing, and that's always scary. Here's the deal: Under normal circumstances, Anheuser-Busch would naturally want to hitch its marketing wagon to a consistent producer like Harvick and follow him wherever he goes. But the trump card, this time, is a 3. If Richard Childress tells Budweiser he's putting Austin Dillon in the No. 3 next year, what corporation could resist that?

Is Kurt Busch steadily alienating every potential ride in the garage?

You know Kurt desperately wants another chance in a top-tier ride, but, yes, he has seemingly burned every bridge — at Richmond, he further torched them by imitating Tony Stewart and Matt Kenseth. But believe this: Sometimes a big sponsor attaches itself to a driver, not an owner. If Kurt somehow attracts the right meal ticket (WWE?) and brings along enough budget, there's not an owner out there who wouldn't "give the guy another chance."

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



BUSCH **STEWART**
Kurt Busch vs. Tony Stewart: Busch gave Stewart the chrome horn on a last-lap pass at Richmond; Stewart then sideswiped Busch on the cool-down lap.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Busch better have a last car at Talladega, because he doesn't want to see Stewart in his rearview mirror."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: Aaron's 499
SITE: Talladega, Ala.

SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Speed, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.); qualifying (Speed, 5:35 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (Speed, 12:10 p.m.); Sunday, race (Fox, coverage begins at 12:30 p.m., green flag at 1:19 p.m.)

TRACK: Talladega Superspeedway (2.66-mile tri-oval)

RACE DISTANCE: 188 laps, 500.08 miles

NATIONWIDE: Aaron's 312
SITE: Talladega, Ala.

SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (ABC, 2:30 p.m.)

TRACK: Talladega Superspeedway (2.66-mile tri-oval)

RACE DISTANCE: 117 laps, 311.22 miles



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

1 JIMMIE JOHNSON Leading points almost as big as leading here	2 MATT KENSETH No penalty effects in our top 10	3 BRAD KESELOWSKI Studying appellate law	4 CARL EDWARDS Avoiding all the controversy, so far	5 KYLE BUSCH Outkicked his coverage in marriage	6 KASEY KAHNE Nod in general direction of Talladega winner	7 CLINT BOWYER Population of hometown (Emporia, Kan.) 24,916	8 GREG BIFFLE Two straight clunkers; smell a slump?	9 JAMIE MCMURRAY Shares hometown (Joplin, Mo.) with Hale Irwin	10 JUNIOR EARNHARDT Backdoors his way back into our top 10
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RICHMOND REWIND

Danica talks about divorce, Colbert and shutting up

Danica Patrick was busy last week. Not only was her divorce finalized, but she made an appearance on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" before arriving at Richmond International Raceway to compete in Saturday night's Sprint Cup race, where she finished 29th. Her No. 10 Chevy had a sticker of Colbert's face on the side of the car. The media cornered Patrick the day before the race.

Your divorce was final last week, any comments on that?
"No, it is just the end."

After the race last week, were you really mad at David Gilliland, or was that just venting?

"Yes, I was mad. I've felt like he drives very aggressively against me (since) Darlington last year. There was just a lot more of it last weekend, and I was frustrated. But, I think in general, it was a frustrating race, and that was just one of the elements."

How much of a chance do you think you have of winning at Talladega, considering how well you ran at Daytona?

"I feel like I've learned some lessons from Daytona about the draft, and what unfolds at the

end, if you are in the right place at the right time. I think that when we talk speedway racing, there's a lot of luck involved. Like I said — right place at the right time. There are a lot of people that have a good chance of winning Talladega, I think. Hopefully, we are one of them. But, we won't know that until the end of the race."

How was "The Colbert Report" experience?

"I love Stephen Colbert's sense of humor. That was the first time I have been on his show. I was excited. He's a cool guy. Obviously, he plays a character. He said before I went out there: 'My character is incredibly ignorant and stupid. Just

bear with me; have fun with it.' It was cool."

Did Gilliland's "shut up and drive" comment bother you, or did you sort of feel like he is treating you like everyone else?

"No, I don't think he races me like everyone else. I watched him move over and let someone by, so no, I don't think he does. And, that is what makes me mad. He is just getting more attention for this than he deserves. I think he was just driving in a way that I didn't think was appropriate, and I haven't thought was appropriate for a long time, but it was just too much that time."



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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Jimmy Peck gets his swings during batting practice Monday afternoon, and will look to flex his hitting muscles tonight at Mitchell.

Sebring feels no pressure

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defense and make them earn it.”

And even within the strong stats of Johnson and McCormack, a benefit can be seen.

“It shows they throw strikes and will be around the plate,” Rapp said. “Which means there will be pitches to hit, and our goal is to hopefully score one run per inning.”

“They’re a good team playing with a lot of confidence so we’ll need to get after them and if we can get some runs up, it can add to the pressure for them.”

Which is another thing that, from looking at the stats, can be a benefit to the Blue Streaks.

“Other than the guys in this room, and maybe a couple of people outside these walls, nobody really expects us to win,” Rapp said. “So there’s no pressure on us. We have nothing to lose, so we can just go out and have fun. Play a good game and see what happens.”

Garrett DeRoss will get the starting nod for the Streaks, and though a smaller sample size than those of the Mustang hurlers, has some pretty impressive stats of his own.

In 19 innings pitched, DeRoss has yet to be scored upon and has given up just 10 hits, two walks and struck out 12.

Perhaps some stats for Mitchell to ponder.



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Jacob Cram and his Lake Placid teammates are ready and raring to go in tonight’s state playoff opener against the Crusaders of Tampa Catholic.

Tebow would be back-up in Montreal

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ously be competing for a backup job.”

Tebow led the Broncos to the playoffs in 2011, but became the odd man out in Denver when Peyton Manning arrived.

The Jets acquired Tebow for a fourth-round draft pick and \$1.5 million in salary.

Playing Canadian football would present Tebow with clear challenges, given the importance of the passing game on the longer, wider CFL field.

“None of us know if he can really play in Canada either so it would be a project to see what he’s capable of doing,” Popp said. “Tim Tebow has a strong arm. You hear about the knocks on his throwing whether it’s accuracy or touch. If you’re going to have success in Canada you’re going to have to be able to throw the ball all over the field.”

But Popp said Tebow’s mobility would be a definite asset in Canada.

“It depends on what you’re asking him to do,” Popp said. “If one day you decide to make him your starter then obviously you’re going to formulate an offense that best suits Tim Tebow.”

“I think right now there’s 32 NFL teams that aren’t willing to do that. That doesn’t mean a CFL team wouldn’t in the future. But, again, until you have him and really figure out what he can and can’t do you don’t really know.”

Tebow wouldn’t be the first big-name quarterback to



MCT photo
Released by the Jets Monday, Tim Tebow will be sorting through his options – perhaps even in the Canadian Football League.

make the trek north.

Doug Flutie, Warren Moon and Jeff Garcia all came to the CFL and blossomed into stars before returning to play in the NFL.

But a CFL team with Tebow would also have to adjust to his celebrity.

The two-time NCAA champion’s No. 15 jersey with Denver ranked second in U.S. sales to Green Bay’s Aaron Rodgers in 2011.

And if Tebow wants to

come to Canada — and there’s no indication he does — he would have to call Popp.

“I don’t know what his process is going to be, if any, or if he even has an interest in playing in another league outside the NFL,” he said. “If they end up having that discussion I’m sure we’ll hear from them and we’ll move from there.”

Popp said Montreal also has former Texas star quar-

terback Vince Young on its negotiation list, and Young’s representatives have spoken to the Alouettes twice.

Each time the message has been the same: If Young came to Quebec, it would be as Calvillo’s backup.

“They know we have Anthony, they know if he (Young) comes he’s not starting,” Popp said. “If (Tebow) has a real interest in coming to Canada, he or his representation will call.”

LP confident

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Placid has the edge in team speed, or at least aggressiveness on the base paths.

“Coach told us they don’t steal a lot,” shortstop Tyler Carr said. “He said that they like to swing the bats.”

And while the Dragons aren’t a consistently high-scoring team, they have shown that they are capable of putting big numbers on the board, to the tune of 74 runs in their last seven wins.

And while the numbers bear out that Lake Placid is well within their element, the worry could be that this next level, the stage of the state playoffs could cause the nerves to ramp up a bit.

“We’re anxious knowing that one loss could end the season,” Lott said. “But the team is in a great mood and we’re having fun like usual and getting a lot of work done in practice.”

Third-baseman Jacob Cram echoed the overall feeling.

“We are looking at this game just like another game,” he said. “Not like it’s regionals and not like it’s ‘Tampa Catholic’. We’re not nervous about it. We’ve just been working on our two-strike swings and curveballs.”

A business as usual approach, as the Dragons set to go out and take care of business.

Lovett puts in hard work – pays off

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Of course, he knows the value of perseverance and dedication, and will continue working hard to make this dream a reality.

“I’m hitting the ball well and playing good defense, but there is always room for improvement.”

Throughout his baseball career, Lovett has had the constant support of his family and he credits them for his success.

“My dad pushes me every day, and my mom is always there for support and encouragement,” he explained. “Without them, I would not be the player or

the man that I am today.

“And I can’t forget my coaches,” he continued. “They have had a big impact on my life these last couple of years and I wouldn’t trade those moments for anything.”

Lovett had some words of wisdom to share with rising athletes as well.

“Never give up on your dreams; if you are willing to put in the work, do it. The hard work will pay off.”

Indeed, and Lovett is quite the testimony to this statement, as evidenced by his success on and off the field.

Heat heading back to work for next round

By TIM REYNOLDS
 Associated Press

MIAMI — Given that the Miami Heat have won 41 of their past 43 games, it’s clear that things are going fairly well for the reigning NBA champions.

And now they have time to get better.

Monday was a day off for the Heat, a reward for a four-game sweep of the Milwaukee Bucks in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Heat returned to work on Tuesday — though the earliest they will hit the floor to begin their second-round series against either Chicago or Brooklyn would be Saturday.

“It will be tough, but we’ll challenge each other and we’ll push each other in practice,” Heat forward Chris Bosh said. “We have great professionals. We’re not

going to let each other slip. We’re going to challenge each other, keep our conditioning up. When this next series starts I think we’ll be ready.”

The time off certainly will be good for Dwyane Wade.

Miami’s starting shooting guard has been dealing with

bone bruises around his right kneecap for more than a month now, and was so sore on Sunday that he did not play in the Heat series-clinching win at Milwaukee.

At minimum, the layoff between rounds means Wade will have at least eight full days off without a game, pos-

sibly longer.

“It’s big,” Wade said. “Obviously, we’re one of the oldest teams in the league, maybe the oldest team in terms of rotation players. Guys have some bumps and bruises coming out of this series, so it’s going to be great to get some rest.”

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Martins awarded AP Yard of the Month for April

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — From the road, a passer-by can see a hedge of pittosporum and schefflera. An opening in the hedge has a foot bridge into the yard, but the bridge is roped off with a sign stating “bridge closed” and a statue of a dog with a bone in its mouth sits in the middle of the bridge.

This clever use of statuary and recycled household pieces is seen throughout the yard at 404 Malcolm St.

Eugene and Lovie Martin were presented with the Yard of the Month Award given by the Avon Park Founders Garden Club, after a recommendation from a passer-by. It isn't until you enter the yard, that you appreciate its

beauty. It is obvious that the couple have a love for plants and gardening.

The Martins have used a bathroom pedestal sink as a planter/birdbath and a huge cooking pot is overflowing with plants. Around the base of the pot are small logs placed in a way to give the appearance of a campfire. Several small statues of children are placed in plant beds.

The couple has used plants that were grown from starters to fill beds around the perimeter of the yard. These include elephant ears, giant liriope, oyster plant, mondo grass and heather.

Other plants have been placed to best show off their color and texture. Bromeliads, caladiums,

amaryllis, African iris, calla lily, ixora and periwinkle can be seen peeking through the greenery. A gardenia bush stands in a protected corner. A raised bed surrounds a huge oak tree that holds a stag horn fern.

Most stag horn ferns are seen hanging by chains from a tree, but this one is actually attached to the tree and was started from a small piece of a plant. Variegated schefflera forms a hedge across the front of the house. A wrought iron table and chairs provide a place to sit, relax and enjoy the beauty of this yard.

To recommend a yard for the award, call 452-1927. An award will be presented in May and June.



Courtesy photo
The Avon Park Founders Garden Club presented the Yard of the Month Award to Lovie and Eugene Martin, 404 Malcolm St.

Lake Placid Garden Club pays tribute to late Beth Norman, 'The Hat Lady'

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Thirty-three Lake Placid Garden Club members and two guests attended the April 10 meeting with Alice Stahr presiding.

After lunch, guest speaker Highlands County Master Gardener coordinator David Austin presented a program, “Plants for Summer Gardens.”

Austin brought a variety of plants from Robbins Nursery and explained the pros and cons needed for perennials and annuals in Florida's hot humid summers.

He also distributed surveys to members to complete. Questions and answers followed.

A short memorial was presented for Beth Norman. Norman joined the garden club in 1983. She served two consecutive years as president, also she was Environmental Concerns chairman. Several tributes with many wonderful memories were shared.



Courtesy photo
Lake Placid Garden Club members honor the late Beth Norman, lovingly known as the 'Hat Lady'.

Norman was known as the “Hat Lady,” so members wore hats for the occasion. A donation to the Nature Conservancy and a Garden Path Paver for the state headquarters will be given.

Nominating committee chairman

Marsha Browning presented the slate of officers for 2013-2014: president Alice Stahr, first vice president Marsha Browning, second vice president Peggy Alexander, recording secretary Sandy Otway, corresponding sec-

retary Diane Brouhle, treasurer Patsy Stamm; officers will be installed at the May 8 meeting.

The club meets every second Wednesday, September through May, at the Lake Placid Woman's Club. Call 465-6106.

Reed honored for work



Courtesy photo
Paula Pero (left) presented ESO Book Club chairwoman Nancy Reed with an award for her outstanding leadership and dedication to the GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club ESO Book Club. This award was presented to Reed at the monthly meeting of the book club at the Lake Placid Library with 21 women participating in a book discussion about 'Clara and Mr. Tiffany.'

Lake Placid Elks donate to help HLT's Summer Theatre program



Courtesy photo
Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 donates \$1,000 to the Highlands Little Theatre for students to participate in the Summer Theatre Program. Jim Mason, Elks Southwest Central District deputy grand exalted ruler, presents the \$1,000 check to Vanessa Logsdon, executive director, Highlands Little Theatre. Also pictured are Ronna Mason (far left), Exalted Ruler Sebring Elks; Jennifer Westergom (right of Jim Mason), camp director; and Sebring Elks Leading Knight Judy Hanson. Jim Mason stated the Sebring Elks will annually make a donation to the theatre to support middle and high school students who attend the camp.

Snapshots

Lunch Club Wednesday

SEBRING — In April, Lunch Club Wednesday's “Rise and Shine Speaker,” a ladies network group, was Dr. Debra Doud, board certified – cardiovascular disease and internal medicine and a member of the Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Associates practice. LCW members were honored to hear Doud's informative PowerPoint presentation about women's cardiovascular health.

Florida Hospital gave each member a first aid kit and a couple of grand door prizes over \$500.

This club meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Sebring Elks Lodge and always welcomes new members to join, as it's for all women of all ages. For more information, visit www.lunchclubwednesday.com, join the group on Facebook or call LCW founder Diana Albritton, 381-8170.

TOPS FL Club 632

LAKE PLACID — Monday afternoons finds this TOPS 632 group meeting at the Woman's Clubhouse on Main Street. Weigh in is between 3-3:45 p.m. Chair exercises, led by Joan Dunn, are from 3:45-3:55 p.m. Judy O'Boyle, leader, conducts the meeting at 4 p.m.

The pledge to the flag as well as the TOPS and KOPS pledges were recited and Ethel Emanuel led the song “TOPS is Great” to the tune of “Jingle Bells.”

Donna Raaf gave the program, stating that “life is like a tennis game, you can't win without serving. The journey of life is not the destination but how we prepare and adjust our attitude. We will stumble over pebbles and perhaps boulders, but we can, as the song goes, pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and start all over again.”

Karen Goodwin took the roll call. It was another week of net loss and Betty Kerpan was the best loser. Faye Nutt has three weeks to go for the travel gift.

Barbara Heitzenrater brought samples of Splenda packages that had diet tips on the back side.

Yes-yeses for the week are salads and carrots and the No-no is ice cream. For more information, call O'Boyle at 260-0831.

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Rotary District Governor for 2012-2013 Dr. Thomas E Wade and his wife Ann, with Elmer Hall, member of the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club, who spoke to the club about Earth Day.

Rotarians learn about Earth Day from member

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Elmer Hall talked at the Lake Placid Noon Rotary luncheon on April 25 about Earth Day and sustainability.

He pointed out the top 10 measures that would be used to gauge the warming of the planet. All point toward warming and all show signs of getting worse at an accelerating rate. For example, this decade, the thinning ice in the polar caps are starting to allow ships to navigate the North Pole (artic) in the summer; something that was not expected until 2050 or later.

The problem with sustainability is figuring out first, what is non-sustainable. This requires measuring the resources used and the garbage produced. Once the issues and problems are understood, then the places to start become rather obvious. And getting started, is a must.

Hall likes ideas that can be started immediately, like recycling. He especially focuses on activities that are immediately profitable and that can be implemented without government assistance (mandate). His focus is on Energy Efficiency (EE) in buildings and also telecommuting.

EE should be started by a free energy audit by your favorite power company. Usually very little investment will result it 15-30 percent savings in utilities; the payback is in months, not years. Plus there are government and power company rebates. Make sure to include water and gas in a review audit. Also, review TV, Internet and phones, where one can usually realize a 25-50 percent savings if one exerts a little effort (and pressure).

Telecommuting is a favorite area of interest. The savings from a single full-time telecommuter can easily be \$30,000 per year with more than \$20,000 in savings for the company. More if one counts the savings in time and other savings to the employee. Even more if one counts the community and environmental savings.

In short, all need to understand the issues and start to identify the facts. Is it the truth? Once the facts are identified, the urgency becomes apparent, and the best places to start become conspicuous.

Go to www.Earth911.org to find out what can be recycled, and where (<http://earth911.com/recycling/>). Put in the local zip code and get extremely local information. There's an app for that on iPhone. Take fluorescent lights to Home Depot, for example; batteries

to Battery Plus, especially rechargeable batteries. All electronics and chemicals must stay out of the garbage. Take stuff to the recycling center and drop it off. About the only plan to deal with the mountains of trash is to build more mountains, or to burn it

(for power). Hall is happy to consult, coach or simply offer moral support on sustainability issues. Contact him at www.SustainZine.com (Sustainability Blog); Elmer@SBPlan.com or call (954) 704-9100.

Orchid Society installs officers

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The Orchid Society of Highlands County held a covered dish dinner and installation of officers on April 22 at the Sebring Civic Center. There were 70 members and guests in attendance.

Prior to dinner, president Lori Thompson held a short business meeting and thanked Betsy Miller, who made all the arrangements for the banquet. Thompson did the invocation and then everyone lined up to sample

all the food. There was a big variety of delicious dishes made by the members, all of which were outstanding; no one went home hungry.

After dinner, Thompson gave recognition to the outgoing officers and trustees. She introduced the new officers president Cindy Barber, first vice-president Sheri Macchia, second vice-president Pete Otway, treasurer Betty Kendrick and secretary Amada Bouffard. The trustees are Lori Coon, Betsy Miller, Bill Ross,

Julia Newell, Jim Elliott and Lori Thompson. The new officers and board were given the oath of office by past president Ed Fabik.

Anyone wishing information about the society can contact Barber at 307-2300 or by e-mail at cindybarber2@gmail.com or visit the website, <http://orchidsocietyhighlands.org/>. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month. Guests are always welcome to the meetings. Knowledge of orchids is not required.



Courtesy photo

The Orchid Society of Highlands County recently inducted its officers and trustees – Bill Ross (from left), president Cindy Barber, Jim Elliott, first vice president Sheri Macchia, Lori Thompson, Betsy Miller, Lori Coon, secretary Amanda Bouffard, treasurer Betty Kendrick, second vice president Pete Otway and Julia Newell.

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Town and Country Mobile Home Park

By Janet Day

SEBRING — As usual, April brought a major exodus of snowbirds heading north. Shirley and Lee Lundgren feel they need to leave this weekend dreading to view the results of an 11-inch snowfall this week plus ice packed lakes where their cottage is located. We don't envy them and have attempted to convince them another week in sunny Florida won't disrupt their schedule but ... they and most of our northern neighbors will be leaving within a couple weeks. We are just getting back to water aerobics after a long winter break so just glory in these wonderful days. Safe travel to all and happy summer days with family.

A bit of sadness as one of our long-time residents will be leaving the park to reside with her son. Bob and Peg George came to Town and Country in 1995 from Rochester, N.Y. area via Crystal Beach. Bob passed away Nov. 29, 2012 and now Peg will be moving to reside with son Larry in the Valrico area. She will be greatly missed by all who befriended her over the years. Our sincere good wishes go with you, Peggy. You and your family have a special place in our hearts. Who will soon forget Peg's Christmas cookies, or a handcrafted little gift, or some of Peg and Bob's memories which Peg loved to recall?

Past due congratulations to Hal and Wendy Johnson as recipients of House of the Month award for April from our park managers. Residents of our last Homeowner Association meeting approved monetary gifts to Wounded Warriors (through our local VA and Rich Ingler) and to Cornerstone Hospice. We are a small park but have shared monetary donations over the years to various local deserving organizations.

We received word that Marie Taylor had successful knee surgery on April 16. Marie suffered so long with this problem that she must be elated to have this surgery behind her. Virginia Burns will hopefully soon return home from rehab. We've heard Betty Geiter and Marge Cerda have had some health issues since returning north. Our best wishes and prayers for better days ahead to all who need physical healing.

Back in August 2006 in Hull, Ill., a small group of interested folks formed a support group to raise research money for Parkinson's disease. Our Marilyn White was part of this group and has served as co-director of the 5K-10K Race held in mid-August in her hometown. The committee and workers are mainly former West Pike alumni where Marilyn was a teacher for many years. The committee has adopted the title "Parkinson's Pit Crew", and the race is called "Hull of a Race" with their website at hullofarace.com. Running courses are certified and draw more than 200 serious runners yearly.

Hull is a small town of 450 people with four main streets, so raising \$10,000 yearly over the past three years is a major project. The donated monies are stipulated for research only to cure Parkinson's.

Raffles are held for gift certificates and merchandise from local businesses. There will also be a separate raffle for two king-size quilts, which our Marilyn prepared herself. The quilts are on display at Hull area banks. I viewed them in the process myself and they are

absolutely beautiful. Marilyn, herself afflicted with Parkinson's, is one amazing, delightful, energetic lady and seeking a cure for this disease is her passion. We pray for a wonderful and successful day for this great endeavor. Thank you, Marilyn, for your inspiration to all of us at Town and Country MHP.

April birthdays include Dallas Ross, Dwaine Lowe (special congratulations on celebrating his 80th year), Daniel Legault, Nancy Brennan, Ruth Lee, Barbara Quinn and Claudette Boisvert.

Heard on local radio this morning of an upcoming event on the circle May 3-4 titled "Heartland Tailgate Xtravaganza." Art, food, musicians and a monster truck show will be featured. Sounds like an exciting weekend.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — The Archbold Biological Station on the southern part of the Lake Wales Ridge, was an educational place of interest for all the Red Hatters on Thursday. It was walked, talked about, questioned and photographed. The guide, Dr. Mark Deyrup, led our walk and pointed out all points of interest. The Archbold Biological Station is an independent, non-profit research facility. After our educational walk, we took off for the Moose Hall and had an appreciated lunch with dessert. The May 9 meeting will be held at the Tropical Harbor Estates Park with a weiner roast. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. This will take place at 11:30 a.m.

"The Blind Side," a movie based on the true life of Michael Oher, starring Quinton Aaron and Sandra Bullock, was shown by the Nu-Hope Ladies on April 21. Coffee and cake were served. Our motion picture projector engineer, Rick Knoche, started the movie promptly at 3 p.m. Brenda Knoche thanked everyone for coming and donating to the Senior Nu-Hope Care Service.

Monday morning coffee was made and hosted by Brenda and Rick Knoche. Peggy Sue Teague was the emcee. She introduced our manager, Jodi Susco, who commented on different things as they were mentioned to her. Carol Noel, our Sunshine person, listed the people who are ill: Glenn Horton, Carol Oldham, Linda Mattia and Edie McGovern. Lowell Anderson's brother Walter Robbins, passed away; Barbara Berry and Joseph Green have also passed away. Remember these peo-

ple and families in your prayers. It was good to see Janet Tyre at the coffee.

Peggy Sue read the names of people having birthdays this week but only Tommy Clements was present. Ruth Ann Walls played the piano so we sang Happy Birthday to him and Happy Anniversary to Gloria and Louis Wackershauser. Mike and Marcia Collier introduced their son, Josh Collier and his fiance, Karolina. There was a lot of hugging in the clubhouse this morning as the last of the Snowbirds are leaving for the northern snow country and will not be back until November.

Activities for next month: The Men's Pancake Breakfast is on Saturday, May 4; come and get those pancakes. It's always a good breakfast. Tuesday morning, May 7, at 8 a.m., will be the Men's Breakfast Out at the Truck Stop. The Red Hatters are having a weiner roast at 12 noon, Thursday, May 9, at the clubhouse. Husbands are invited. Everyone bring a dish to pass.

Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day. Joan Rau and her co-horts, Carolyn Meece, Marilyn Cromer and Rowena Hoover are planning a Mother's Day dinner for 5 p.m. The entree will be stuffed pork chops and everything that goes with them.

A new picture directory is being planned for 2014 for Tropical Harbor Estates. Rick Knoche announced that he will take pictures of year-round residents during the summer at your home, at his home or at the clubhouse. Just call Rick for an appointment.

Ladies Coffee was made by Carolyn Reece and she held the meeting. She was also selling tickets to the Mother's Day dinner. We sang Happy Birthday to Sandra Brown, who is our librarian and is leaving shortly for the summer. The Singles Group enjoyed lunch out at the Olive Garden on April 27. They will continue to meet through the summer. The fresh produce from McCracken Farms is available from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays in our park. If you haven't tried them, you should, their things are so good.

Today is May 1 or May Day. Do you remember when you were in the lower grades and made May Baskets out of colored construction paper along with the rest of the class? On the way home, did you fill it with wild flowers or weed flowers or maybe even bright yellow dandelions? Did you leave it on the door knob of your elderly neighbor and ring her door bell or give it to your loving mother when you got home?

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Courtesy photo
Director Betty Meinholz (standing, center) recently welcomed Renee Stalenhoef (standing, left), Carolyn Reece (standing, right), Mary Martini (seated, left) and Marilyn Peterson to the Heart of Highland Sweet Adelines.

Heart of Highland Sweet Adelines Chorus welcomes new members

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Director Betty Meinholz recently welcomed four new members to the Heart of Highland Sweet Adelines.

Renee Stalenhoef is originally from Amsterdam, Netherlands. She and husband, Walter, moved to Canada, where they became citizens. Stalenhoef, who sings lead, was very involved with music in the Netherlands and from 1988 to 2010 as a voice teacher for the Royal Conservatory of Toronto. She and husband, Walter, divide their time between Canada and Lake Placid.

Carolyn Reece, originally from Huntsville, Ala., has resided in Florida most of her adult life. She and hus-

band, John, have been permanent residents of Tropical Harbor, Lake Placid for the past four years. Reece, who also sings lead, sang in various choruses and vocal groups throughout Florida. She is a great lover of music and now sings in the Tropical Harbor Chorus.

Mary Martini and husband Joseph are longtime residents of Sebring. She sang in choruses throughout high school and college. Martini, who sings bass, graduated with a B.S. degree in teaching. She also plays the clarinet.

Marilyn Peterson and her husband, James, live in Duluth, Minn., and are winter residents of Whisper Lake in Sebring. Peterson was a Sweet Adeline with

the Duluth Harbor Chords from 1983-1989. At present, she is a member of a community barbershop chorus in the Duluth area, North Shore Sounds. She sings baritone

The new members attended the Sweet Adelines fashion show this past November and also attended the February show "On The Road Again" and liked the new sound and wanted to get involved with the chorus.

The chorus invites all ladies who like to sing to visit them on a Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the Avon Park Rotary building, 20 S. Verona Ave. Call 452-1927 or 699-0743 for more information.

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Celebrations

Elva Dennis, 100, lives her life with 'nothing against nobody'

By LARRY LEVEY

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK – Ask Elva Dennis of Avon Park about her childhood and chances are she'll tell you her daddy had been in World War I.

"I remember pretty good when he came back from the Army, still in his uniform," she says. "Peace had been declared before they sent him overseas."

Ask her if she watches TV, she just might tell you about seeing President George Bush and his library on the news the other night. "His mother hoped he wouldn't talk too long." Yes, she does remember "pretty good."

She also knows that Woodrow Wilson was president when she was born and she admits that President Roosevelt "was the only one I fell in love with."

This lady with a sharp-as-a-tack memory has just turned 100. Although her first name is Elva, most of her friends call her Evelyn, much to her regret. "It started," she says, "when I was a little girl."

Miss Elva was born in Perry, with the family then moving to Trenton and Plant City. "My daddy worked in a saw mill and they moved him about a lot." While in her 30s, she moved from Plant City to Avon Park, where her uncle and other relatives lived.

"I helped my uncle do the cooking in his café on Delaney Street and I lived in a room in back of the restaurant. Then I worked across the street. It was a place for entertainment: drinking beer, shooting pool, dancing. They called it "Bill Hogan's Place."

As she grew older, she worked as a maid at the Hotel Jacaranda, but she mainly cleaned homes for people. "I stopped working when I was 80," she says, "but I still do my own house."

Not only that, she still does most of her cooking, bill paying and shopping, sometimes with a little help from her friends. She knows she is slowing down a bit, so she now intends to write out a shopping list to give to her friend Maxine (Floyd) to fill. Maxine's mother, Mary Packer, had been Miss Elva's "real dear, dear friend," but has passed away. The way



News-Sun photo by LARRY LEVEY
One-hundred-year-old Elva Dennis (left) of Avon Park, chats with her friend, Maxine Floyd.

Miss Elva sees it, "The Lord knows I needed Maxine and He sent her to me. Maxine will do anything for me."

Another friend helps out on a regular basis. "Viola Bell calls me every morning to see if I'm all right. But most of my other friends have died."

While Miss Elva uses a walker to move around, she seems to be in high spirits with few aches and pains. In fact, the last time she saw a doctor was last November. And there's nothing wrong with her appetite. "I eat a lot of chicken," she says with a smile. "I love them chicken wings – and vegetables; spinach, cauliflower, broccoli – and ice cream and raisin pie (a pastry made by Little Debbie)."

When Miss Elva first came to Avon Park, she joined Beulah Baptist Church, where she is still active. Over the years, she has been given several certificates reading, "In appreciation for many years of service as a Sunday School teacher..."

Talking about her life, she touches on both the highs and the lows, but stresses the highs. She perhaps sums up her view with these words: "I love everybody, white and colored. When the Lord calls me home, I want to go with a clean conscience, with nothing against nobody."

When the Lord calls me home, I want to go with a clean conscience, with nothing against nobody.

Elva Dennis



Courtesy photo
Elva Dennis, here in her younger years, recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Births

Shamir Foster

Sharome Foster of Sebring announces the birth of a son, Shamir Sharod, at 10:32 a.m. on April 25, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Shamir weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Charlene and Martin King and Rachel Loreda.

Dalton Roberts

Victoria and Gairett Roberts of Bowling Green announce the birth of a son, Dalton Brice, on April 26, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Dalton weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

Maternal grandfather is Ricky Brown.

Paternal grandfather is Carl Roberts.

Hutchinson celebrates 80th birthday with Sebring Elks



Courtesy photo
Helen Hutchinson celebrated her 80th birthday at the Sebring Elks 1529. Pictured with her is her husband Jim who threw her a very nice party with more than 50 of her friends sharing a delicious steak dinner at the lodge and then enjoying the music by Don and Allen.

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Musical of 'Rocky' heading to Broadway

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been a knockout in Germany. Now Sylvester Stallone hopes a musical based on his beloved boxing film "Rocky" will also be a hit on Broadway.

Producers said Sunday they plan to get "Rocky" up and punching at the Winter Garden by February following a successful debut in Hamburg last fall.

Based on the Oscar-winning 1976 film, the musical features a score by "Ragtime" veterans Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens, and a story by Thomas Meehan, who wrote "The Producers" and "Hairspray."

Originally written in English but translated into German for its world premiere and billed as "Rocky:

Das Musical," the show is produced by Stallone and Stage Entertainment USA.

"The reason I think it has worked so well there and why I think it'll work on Broadway is that, yes, it's a story about boxing, but the real story is actually an intimate, powerful and gritty and moving love story between two people who are both lonely and in a difficult place in their worlds," said Bill Taylor, managing director of Stage Entertainment USA. "They rescue each other. It's very uplifting."

The musical stays close to the film, which charted the rise and romance of amateur boxer and debt collector Rocky Balboa, played in Germany by Drew Sarich. No casting has been decided.

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Holocaust survivors, veterans gather to mark 20th anniversary of DC museum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elderly Holocaust survivors and the veterans who helped liberate them gathered for what could be their last big reunion Monday at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Nearly 1,000 survivors and World War II vets joined with former President Bill Clinton and Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Holocaust activist Elie Wiesel to mark the museum's 20th anniversary.

Organizers chose not to wait for the 25th milestone because many survivors and vets may not be alive in another five or 10 years.

"We felt it was important, while that generation is still

with us in fairly substantial numbers, to bring them together," said Museum Director Sara Bloomfield.

Washington has many monuments and memorials that offer something special for visitors from around the world, Clinton told the crowd, "but the Holocaust memorial will be our conscience."

Since the museum opened, the world has made huge scientific discoveries, including the sequencing of the human genome, Clinton said.

"Every non age-related difference you can see in this room and across the globe, every single one is contained in one half of 1 percent of our genetic make-

up ... but every one of us spends too much time on that half a percent," Clinton said. "That makes us vulnerable to the fever and the sickness that the Nazis gave to the Germans."

"And that sickness is very alive all across the world today."

The occasion marked a reunion of sorts for Clinton and Wiesel: Both were on hand to dedicate the museum at its 1993 opening.

On Sunday night, the museum presented its highest honor to World War II veterans who helped end the Holocaust.

Susan Eisenhower accepted the award on behalf of her grandfather, U.S. Gen.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, and all veterans of the era.

The federally funded museum also launched a campaign to raise \$540 million by 2018 to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive and to combat anti-Semitism, Holocaust denial and contemporary genocide.

It has already secured gifts totaling \$258.7 million in its quest to double the size of the museum's endowment by its 25th anniversary.

Also, a \$15 million gift from Holocaust survivors David and Fela Shapell will help build a new collections and conservation center.

Bloomfield said organizers wanted to show Holocaust survivors, veterans and res-



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Former President Bill Clinton, right, and Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, Nobel Laureate and founding chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, attend a tribute ceremony to honor Holocaust survivors and WWII veterans for the celebration of the museum's 20th anniversary Monday in Washington, DC.

cuers that the effort will continue to honor the memory of 6 million murdered Jews, in part by working to prevent genocide in the future. For instance, a study released by the museum last month found the longer the

Syrian conflict continues, the greater the danger that mass sectarian violence results in genocide.

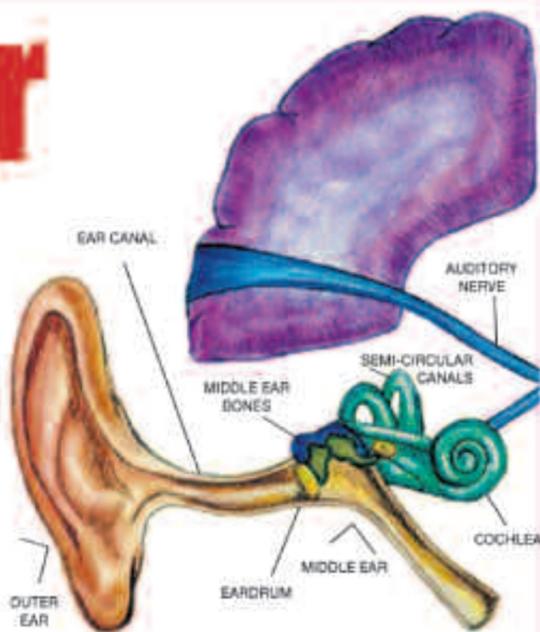
The museum's theme for its 20th anniversary is "Never Again: What You Do Matters."



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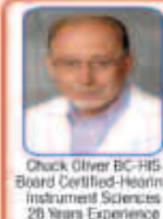
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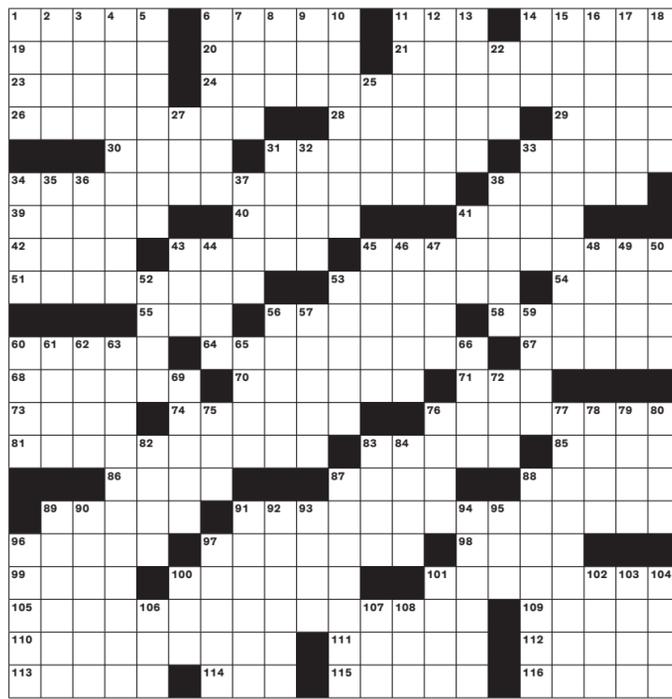
Diversions

FRONT FLIPS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Solar panel spots, sometimes
 - 6 Coolidge's vice president
 - 11 Hollywood hrs.
 - 14 Grammar concern
 - 19 "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" composer
 - 20 Dramatic response to "Who's there?"
 - 21 Neighboring bunkers?
 - 23 Biting
 - 24 Tammany Hall corruption, e.g.?
 - 26 Patisserie offerings
 - 28 Sunflower State capital
 - 29 Starting stake
 - 30 Bona fide
 - 31 Poetic pause
 - 33 Sign that means "Do not disturb"
 - 34 Try to see what you're getting for Christmas?
 - 38 Something a model should be in
 - 39 Up, as an anchor
 - 40 Piazza parts?
 - 41 Way to go
 - 42 What much can follow
 - 43 Is in the works
 - 45 Academy for criminals?
 - 51 Journey from the nest to the kitchen, say?
 - 53 "Arrested Development" character
 - 54 "Harry Potter" librarian
 - 55 Itty-bitty battery
 - 56 Cactus features
 - 58 Had an appetite
 - 60 Take in or take on
 - 64 Hidden drug habit, maybe?
 - 67 Torture
 - 68 Accidentally reveal
 - 70 Psychologist Jean known for his theory of cognitive development
 - 71 Laugh syllable
 - 73 Prefix with -plasm
 - 74 Pitchers to publishers
 - 76 Drink greedily?

- 81 Playground apparatus of the Apocalypse?
- 83 Game for players with steady hands
- 85 ___ deck (part of a cruise ship)
- 86 Plasma constituents
- 87 Vibe
- 88 Cooler, to LL Cool J
- 89 Comes to
- 91 Be a lenient judge?
- 96 Hayride seats
- 97 Some tennis play
- 98 All that and ___ of chips
- 99 Top Qatari
- 100 Lifeguard's act
- 101 It might be right under your nose
- 105 Maligned merchandise?
- 109 Cartoon boy with an antenna on his cap
- 110 Lover of Lancelot
- 111 Actor Hirsch of "Speed Racer"
- 112 "Victory is yours"
- 113 Wolfgang Puck restaurant
- 114 Part of a reactor
- 115 One of the Ephrons
- 116 Like some blood and articles

- DOWN**
- 1 Librarian's urging
 - 2 "When I was young ..."
 - 3 A lot of binary code
 - 4 Memorable romantic moment
 - 5 Regain clarity, say
 - 6 Got rid of the waist?
 - 7 Relatives of dune buggies, for short
 - 8 Something to connect to a TV
 - 9 U.S. alien's subj.
 - 10 They're shaken in kitchens
 - 11 Support
 - 12 Actress Suzanne
 - 13 Hasbro brand
 - 14 Affiliate of the A.F.L.-C.I.O.
 - 15 1989 John Cusack romantic comedy
 - 16 Like some noise music
 - 17 "___ the Dinosaur" (pioneering cartoon



Solution on page B8

- short)
- 18 Gravelly ridge
- 22 ___ culpa
- 25 Sub ___
- 27 Series
- 31 Captain's command
- 32 Stupefies
- 33 Ear-related
- 34 Two threes, for one
- 35 Site of Cyclops's smithy
- 36 "It was," in Latin
- 37 O.T. book
- 38 Pert
- 41 No. between 0 and 4
- 43 Support provider
- 44 Gather
- 45 Puerto Rican city that shares its name with an explorer
- 46 "Awake in the Dark" writer
- 47 Increase
- 48 Yes ___
- 49 You might see one in an eclipse
- 50 Margaret Thatcher, e.g.
- 52 "Catch ya later!"
- 53 Supermodel Cheryl
- 56 Police setup
- 57 Exams for would-be Natl. Merit Scholars
- 59 Family name in the Old West
- 60 Undercover?
- 61 Some '30s design
- 62 Good name for a car mechanic?
- 63 Commitment signifier
- 65 Amenable (to)
- 66 Tough
- 69 Reflexes said to be contagious
- 72 Like
- 75 They're not vets yet
- 76 Bother, with "at"
- 77 Under the table, maybe
- 78 Work the land
- 79 "What's the big ___?"
- 80 Land on the Arctic Cir.
- 82 Dipsos
- 83 Title fellow in a
- Beatles song
- 84 Figure with arrows
- 87 Supposed
- 88 "Eww, no!"
- 89 Was mentioned
- 90 Lover of Cesario in "Twelfth Night"
- 91 Set of software components packaged for release, briefly
- 92 Moved like a caterpillar
- 93 Possible flu symptom
- 94 Possible flu symptom
- 95 "Conan" channel
- 96 Arctic Circle sights
- 97 Annual dinner
- 100 Excite, with "up"
- 101 Roman 1551
- 102 Wheat or corn
- 103 It might fill a kiddie pool
- 104 Carefully saw?
- 106 Rex of the jungle
- 107 Kipling's "Follow Me ___"
- 108 It can be refined

By JONAH KAGAN

Healthy grilling tips for the barbecue season

It's barbecue season. And while we all love the thrill of the grill, it's a known fact that cooking meat over charcoal can be harmful for our health because of the carcinogens that come from cooking over chemically charged lava rocks and from eating charred meat.

Rather than giving up the grill on those hot summer nights, here are a few ways to make your next barbecue a little healthier.

Do not burn your meat. Try to get used to eating meat that's more on the medium side of well done. Cook your food just until it reaches the goal temperature:

- 160 degrees for pork or ground beef
- 165 degrees for poultry
- 145 degrees for chops or steaks

Why is it bad to cook meat longer than it needs to be cooked? Because burnt meat can contain carcinogens.

Remove burnt parts of meat before eating it. A little char is unavoidable and it also tastes pretty good, but don't eat incinerated meat.

Marinate, marinate, marinate. Marinating meat helps to reduce carcinogens. Try using a mixture of vinegar, oil, herbs and spices. Why the marinade helps to cut down carcinogens in grilled meat (research has shown carcinogens reduced by up to 88 percent when marinade is used) is unclear but it could be a combination of the antioxidants in the marinade mixture or the barrier the marinade makes between the grill and the meat. Either way, marinate your meat for your best chance against those carcinogens.

Clean the grill. Scrub that grill until it's good and clean before using it. It's easiest to do this when the grill is hot. The carcinogenic black coating will slough right off with your grill brush. It will be healthier for you and it will also make your food taste much much better.



Dinner Diva
Leanne Ely

Watch out for cross contamination. Don't baste meat with marinating liquid while it's on the grill without first boiling the liquid to kill any harmful bacteria. Also be mindful of using tongs for handling raw chicken. Don't use them to flip over burgers. That's asking for trouble. Another important step to prevent cross contamination is to use a clean plate for carrying cooked meats to the table.

Cook lean cuts. Reduce flare ups which create carcinogenic smoke.

That means you shouldn't grill fatty pieces of meat like ribs or sausages (oh the humanity!) without boiling them first. The fat dripping on the coals is what causes those flare ups. Grill skinless chicken breasts, lean beef, veggies, and other lean items.

Always keep a squirt bottle of water beside the barbecue so you can douse any flare ups that come along.

I can almost smell the barbecue now.

Do you have any other tips for healthier grilling? Let us know on our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/savingdinner>.

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Man peeking out of closet should open it all the way

Dear Abby: My oldest son came out to me as a gay man in a private conversation. I have no problem with him being gay; however, I do have a problem with the fact that he has asked me not to tell anyone. He isn't ready to come out to anyone else. I tried to advise him that until he is true to himself, he won't be happy. My son says if he comes out to anyone else, it would "hurt so many people."

I will keep his secret, but there is a young woman he is living with and planning to marry, and I do not believe this is fair to her or her child. He is not happy being a gay man, and that's why he's choosing to live a lie. He was raised in church and feels like he is betraying God by being gay.

How can I support him and lie to this young woman he is with? My son is so confused. How do I help him and keep his secret at the same time?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous: Your son may not be "happy" being a gay man, but that is who he is. For him to keep a secret like this from his fiancée, who plans to share the rest of her life with him, will be more hurtful to her if he goes through with the wedding than telling her now.

Help him by encouraging him to seek counseling through an LGBT community center. It will be strictly confidential, and there is nothing he can tell them they haven't heard before. He has already cracked open his closet door by



Dear Abby

disclosing his sexual orientation to you. This tells me that on some level he wants to open it all the way. He is fortunate that he has a parent who is as accepting and wise about life as you. Continue talking to him and encourage him to talk more with you. It may help him to become more comfortable opening up and to accept reality.

Dear Abby: I live in a small town where traffic isn't much of a problem. Recently, though, a young man was killed in a car wreck. He ran into a semi because he was texting while driving. His final text was to a friend who had asked if they could get together for a night of fun.

As a rule, we look down on people who drink and drive, as this is unacceptable in today's world. But we do nothing to drivers who text and drive. Please advise your readers that no message is worth dying over. Last night there was another traffic accident caused by the same thing!

— Robert in Kilgore, Texas

Dear Robert: Sadly, that "night of fun" will have to be postponed indefinitely. Sometimes it takes a tragedy (or two) to wake people up because they're operating under the delusion that they are the exception to the rules of the

road or are invincible.

Dear Abby: My mother is in her mid-90s and in good health. She has no intention of dying soon, but asked me an interesting question. She has mileage points with a major airline and was wondering if she can use them for the "final trip" back to her home state for burial when the time comes. Do you know the answer?

— One-Way Ticket

Dear One-Way: Your question is not only an interesting one, but it's a first. I contacted a spokesperson for a major airline who responded that his company does not accept mileage points as a form of payment for any type of "shipment." For her last flight, your mother would no longer be considered a passenger; she would be cargo, which is why her points idea won't fly.

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Country star Jason Aldean files for divorce

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jason Aldean has filed for divorce.

The country music star filed the complaint for divorce against his wife Jessica on Friday afternoon in Williamson County, Tenn., citing irreconcilable differences. The two met in high school and have been married since August 2001.

"This is a really tough time for my entire family," Aldean said in a statement Monday afternoon. "Jessica and I have been together since we were teenagers. We've been through a lot of ups and downs over the years as we grew up together as a couple. She will always be important to me because she is the mother of my children, and I know

that we will both always make our daughters our #1 priority."

Aldean's publicist confirmed last week the couple had separated after media reports surfaced. The filing comes six months after Aldean was photographed while appearing to kiss former "American Idol" contestant Brittany Kerr in a Los Angeles bar. Aldean later

apologized to fans on Twitter for acting inappropriately.

Aldean and his wife met while in school in Macon, Ga., and were married long before Aldean found fame. He is country's top-selling male act, one of its top touring draws and recently won the Academy of Country Music's male vocalist of the year award.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This time-honored puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off. So sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numbers clues already provided in the boxes. The four numbers you receive the clues are enough to solve the puzzle!

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themed menus, such as a taco bar, a carnival bar, a hot dog bar and (a hospital staff favorite) the wing bar.

I am looking forward to the hot dog bar because of all the different toppings that we have come up with. Have you ever put mac and cheese on your hot dog? Or made spicy Asian coleslaw? We are also going to offer soft Bavarian pretzel buns for the dogs, and I think that is the perfect bun for a hot dog.

We will be doing panini sandwiches every day and the salad bar will be loaded with fresh seasonal vegetables and house-made dressings like cucumber wasabi and ginger vinaigrette.

Each day, there is a section of the buffet for comfort foods and this section will offer things like pot roast and chicken pot pie. We will continue to take vegetarian foods to another level and offer two different vegetarian entrées each day, always made from scratch by our culinary team.

Next to the comfort section, you will find a pizza and flatbread station that will also have daily pasta dishes like grilled chicken pesto or asparagus carbonara and, of course, we will do meat and vegetable lasagnas.

During the remodel, we will still be business as usual in the kitchen and make three meals daily for our patients as well as set up a buffet in the dining room of the café and serve our staff and visitors.

This week, I have a cool fiesta cornbread recipe for you since Cinco De Mayo is right around the corner. Cheers, Chef.

Fiesta cornbread

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup plain white cornmeal
3 tbs. granulated sugar
3/4 tsp. kosher salt
1 tbs. baking powder
2 tbs. fresh whole egg w/citric acid,
1 cup fat free buttermilk
1/3 cup pure vegetable salad oil

3/8 cup frozen, cut whole kernel corn
1/4 cup jalapeno chili peppers, sliced and chopped
2 tbs diced canned pimento, drained
5/8 oz. liquid oleo margarine, zero trans-fat

Preheat convection oven to 350 degrees with fan on low. Spray or lightly grease muffin pans.

1. In large mixing bowl place flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder and salt. Whisk to combine dry ingredients.

2. In second mixing bowl, pour in eggs, milk, and oil. Whisk to combine wet ingredients.

3. Combine wet and dry ingredients in large mixing bowl, whisking to combine. Fold in the corn, jalapeno, and pimento. Do not overmix. Using a No. 16 scoop, portion batter in muffin tins. Batter should be filled to about one-quarter inch from the top of each cup.

4. Bake in preheated convection oven with fan on low at 350 degrees for approximately 20 minutes, or until muffins are golden brown and toothpick comes out clean when inserted into the center of muffins.

5. Lightly brush each muffin with margarine while still hot.

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ADVENTURES IN GRILLING

FAMILY FEATURES

The next time you fire up the grill, give your taste buds a thrill with recipes that are inspired by some of the best cuisines from around the world. These recipes from Omaha Steaks will take you on a culinary adventure right in your own backyard. Sweet and spicy Korean, zesty South American and bold Mediterranean flavors make perfectly grilled steak even better.

You can find more adventurous recipes at www.OmahaSteaks.com.



Korean Barbecue Beef Tenderloin with Stir-Fried Bok Choy

Serves 6 to 8

1 3-pound Omaha Steaks Tenderloin
Roast
2 cups Korean Barbecue Marinade (see recipe)
1/4 cup Omaha Steaks Private Reserve American Steak Rub
1 pound Stir-Fried Bok Choy (see recipe)
1 14-ounce bottle Korean barbecue sauce
6 to 8 cilantro sprigs
1 teaspoon black sesame seeds
1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds

Begin by completely thawing tenderloin. It will take 2 days in refrigerator or 1 hour in a sink full of cold water.

Remove tenderloin from plastic, and place in a large resealable bag with Korean Barbecue Marinade. Marinate overnight in refrigerator.

Remove tenderloin from marinade, and season with steak rub. Sear tenderloin on all sides on a pre-heated grill. Place in a 250°F oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until the internal temperature is 125°F for medium rare.

With 15 minutes remaining, prepare the bok choy and heat Korean barbecue sauce. Remove tenderloin from oven, let rest 15

minutes. Slice and serve. Garnish with cilantro and a mixture of sesame seeds.

Korean Barbecue Marinade

Makes 2 cups

1 tablespoon sesame oil
2 tablespoons garlic, finely chopped
2 tablespoons fresh ginger, minced
1 cup canned pear juice
1/2 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon crushed red pepper

Place sesame oil in a thick bottom pot and add garlic and ginger. Place pot on a medium burner and add the rest of ingredients and slowly bring to a boil. Bring heat down to a simmer and cook while stirring for approximately 5 minutes. Remove sauce from heat and refrigerate for up to one week.

Stir-Fried Bok Choy

1 tablespoon canola oil
1 pound bok choy, chopped
1/3 cup Korean barbecue sauce
1 tablespoon sesame oil
Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

In a wok, briefly heat canola oil. Add bok choy and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Add Korean barbecue sauce and sesame oil to wok and mix well. Serve while hot.

10 Tips for Perfect Grilling

To help you get the perfect steaks every time, follow these simple tips from the experts at Omaha Steaks:

1. Clean and preheat grill on high.
2. Lightly oil everything before putting it on the grill. This helps the searing process and prevents sticking.
3. Season food before grilling.
4. Sear the outside of steaks when grilling. This helps with the flavor and juiciness.
5. Use tongs or a spatula to turn meat on the grill. Using a fork can damage the meat.
6. Cover grill as much as possible during the grilling process. This helps to lock in the grilled flavor and will help prevent flare-ups.
7. Keep a spray bottle with water handy to douse any unexpected flare-ups.
8. Use the 60/40 grilling method. Grill for 60 percent of the time on the first side, then grill 40 percent of the time after turning over the food. This will make sure your food is evenly cooked.
9. Place cooked food on a clean plate. Never place cooked food on the plate you used to transport the raw food to the grill without thoroughly washing it first.
10. Allow foods to "rest" for 5 minutes between cooking and eating. This will help them retain moisture when you cut into them.

To get your grill time just right, download SteakTime, Omaha Steaks' free app with an innovative grill timer, at www.itunes.com/appstore.



Mediterranean Sirloin Skewers

Serves 4 to 6

2 pounds Omaha Steaks Sirloin Tips
1 cup Mediterranean Steak Marinade
4 to 6 skewers

Thaw sirloin tips.

Prepare Mediterranean Steak Marinade.

Drain sirloin tips and place in a resealable bag with marinade. Marinate sirloin tips in refrigerator for at least 8 hours or overnight.

Agitate bag periodically to ensure marinade is well combined with the sirloin tips.

Preheat grill on high. Thread sirloin tips onto skewers. Grill for 4 to 5 minutes on each side.

Serve over couscous, pasta,

salad or rice.

Mediterranean Steak Marinade

Makes 1 cup

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 teaspoons sea salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice
2 tablespoons fresh garlic cloves, chopped
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped
1 tablespoon fresh oregano, chopped
1/4 cup California chardonnay wine

Combine all ingredients and mix well.

Grilled Ribeye Steak with Chimichurri Salsa

Serves 4

4 Omaha Steaks Ribeye Steaks
Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
1 cup Chimichurri Salsa (see recipe)
4 cilantro sprigs

Begin by thawing steaks. Then season and grill to desired doneness.

Top each steak generously with Chimichurri Salsa. Garnish each steak with one cilantro sprig.

Chimichurri Salsa

Makes 1 cup

1/2 cup green onions, minced
2 teaspoon fresh

oregano, minced
1/4 cup red bell pepper, minced
1/4 cup cilantro, minced
1 tablespoon jalapeño, minced
2 teaspoons fresh garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1/2 lime, juiced

Combine all ingredients and mix well.