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Sheriff, county agree on budget

Commission also votes to leave millage at 7.1

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — In a tense, back-and-forth negotiation that lasted nearly two hours, Highlands County Commissioners Tuesday night struck a budget deal with Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton. As written, the accord will give the sheriff's office an additional \$550,000 over last year's budget. It also represented a nearly half-million-dollar reduction from the sheriff's original request.

Commissioners also voted to keep this year's millage at the current 7.1 rate, deciding instead to use a portion of the county's rainy day fund to bridge the gap between revenue and spending.

The margin of victory was slim, with

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Halifax set to purchase HarborPoint

Letter of intent signed in deal for News-Sun's parent company

News-Sun

LEESBURG — Halifax Media Group, based in Daytona Beach, and HarborPoint Media have entered into a letter of intent for Halifax to acquire the assets of HarborPoint, principally the *Daily Commercial* of Leesburg, the *News-Sun* of Sebring and the *South Lake Press* of Clermont. The companies anticipate closing the transaction as of Sept. 30.

"We believe that Halifax is a good home for our employees and newspapers," said Russell Denson, a HarborPoint director. "As a larger newspaper publisher in the Florida market, Halifax brings additional

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Christopher Tuffley/News-Sun

A Lake June resident on a mission, Sandy Pelski holds up a sample of Illinois pondweed. 'I'm upset,' she said despite her smile. 'I'm sick and tired of it. We pay higher taxes, Help - that's what I want.'

Residents want war on weed

Unhappy Lake June land owners flock to meeting on Illinois pondweed issue

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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LAKE PLACID — A majority of the Lake June property owners at a meeting held by Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission Wednesday were angry, suspicious and demanding of action.

The meeting was about an outbreak of Illinois pondweed along the lake shore. Residents complained of damage to boat and personal watercraft motors, danger to swimmers and the threat of economic

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We don't want to live with pondweed. We want to get rid of it.

Steve Bastardi

Lake Placid Town Council member



Stunning Comeback

Lady Dragons rally from 2-0 down to beat Okeechobee

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Share the road

Tour of Sebring will draw 550 cyclists to Sebring's highways and byways this weekend

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Natural sight savers

Several natural supplements are available to help you protect your vision

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Commission tells EDC it will need to 'find some money'

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — The Highlands County Industrial Development Authority remains unfunded for this fiscal year, with county commissioners telling the group Tuesday night they will have to run the organization on their savings, at least for the next six months.

The IDA is the governmental arm of the group known as IDA/EDC. The Economic Development Commission is the private sector side. Combined, the two entities are charged with trying to recruit and retain businesses locally.

Highlands County Commission Chairman Jack Richie, liaison to the organi-

zation, noted that there is \$132,000 in the IDA account with another \$32,000 in the EDC's coffers.

Past chairman of the IDA/EDC John Shoop came before the county commission's monthly nighttime session on Tuesday to ask the board to reconsider a



Shoop

decision made last week to remove a proposed \$214,000 expenditure to fund the effort.

"We're somewhat taken aback by the decision made last week to completely defund the IDA," Shoop told the board.

He said IDA/EDC mem-

bers surmised that it may have been their lack of communication with the board that caused them to lose their funding.

Shoop began by outlining both current and past projects of the group. Because of confidentiality agreements, pending projects only were referred to by code names such as The Impala Project,

The Metalica Project and The Pony Project. The Impala Project is believed to be a chain restaurant. Shoop described that effort as "99.99 percent complete." The Metalica Project is a collaboration with the Sebring Airport Authority to land another business for

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Thanks for nine years packed with memories

I began working full time at the *News-Sun* in August of 2004. It's nine years later and Aug. 31 is my last day. I am retiring and moving on to another phase of my life.

Right from the very beginning, this job was a challenge laced with excitement.

It may have even been my first day when the Dollar Store in Lake Placid was hit by lightning

and the resulting fire spread through the attic. First important lesson learned: Never wear sandals to a water event.

Within a few days came hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne. There's nothing like working without electricity to bring people together. Tiptoeing around extension cords snaking outside to a portable generator,

sharing laptops, using flashlights to see, we produced every paper on time and managed a special storm edition. It was quite a beginning. I was considered bad luck for months.

"Tuffin' It With Tuffley" was the most fun.

I'll remember the man yelling,

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The Tour of Sebring offers rides that serious cyclists (above) and those more interested in a casual ride (below) can enjoy.

Tour of Sebring will draw 550 cyclists this weekend

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – About 550 cyclists from six states will attend the Tour of Sebring over Labor Day weekend. These cyclists, attired in colorful sports gear and wearing helmets, will be following the rules of the road. Highlands County motorists have typically been friendly and given cyclists the minimum of three feet of clearance on the roads, which is the state law. Local motorists are reminded to share the road.



or handle a minor repair on the road. Chef Mac of The Palms will cater gourmet lunches for riders as they return.

Routes start and end from The Kenilworth Lodge, a co-host along with the Highlands Pedalers bicycle club.

Event proceeds fund local bike safety programs.

The Highlands Pedalers recently gave \$2,500 to the Team TriPOWER, composed of youth tri-athletes, 10 team members of which will travel to compete at the National Youth Triathlon Championships in Iowa over Labor Day weekend.

For more information, please visit www.TourofSebring.com

Positive Medical gets the green light from county

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – The Highlands County commission has issued another Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for an ambulance service – this time it went to Positive Medical Transport.

The Highlands County-based firm features a fleet of ambulances that serve six area counties.

However, because they are based here, all need to be licensed here. And therein lies the rub.

Under current county statute, the number of licensed vehicles is included in the permit – and with the number set at 20, owner Ron Layne said his firm was being hamstrung.

“I have three units in production and under this, I cannot get them inspected and on the road,” Layne said.

According to Highlands County Attorney Ross Macbeth, although enumerating the ambulance units has been mandated in the county code, the enforcement of that provision has only started recently.

Highlands County Administrator June Fisher indicated the practice began after the hiring of Highlands County Emergency Medical Services Director Harvey Craven.

I don't want to move my headquarters out of Highlands County.

Ron Layne
Positive Medical
Transport owner

One of the provisions that drew fire, both from Layne and from several citizens, is a practice that has the EMS doing the inspection of Positive Medical Transport's Advance Life Support vehicles.

“Why don't you have an independent firm do it?” asked Highlands Tea Party Chairman John Nelson. “This is like having the fox inspect the henhouse – they are in competition with each other.”

When asked by Highlands County Commissioner Jim Brooks who inspected the county's EMS ambulance fleet, Craven simply replied “nobody.”

Layne told commissioners that the number was inhibiting his ability to do business in the other counties in which Positive Medical Transport is located.

He reiterated, that is because his headquarters is located here, so then the

inspections of his fleet also must be done locally.

“I don't want to move my headquarters out of Highlands County,” he told the board.

The breakthrough in the discussion came when Commissioner Don Elwell asked about the actual number of vehicles listed on the certificate.

“Does it have to be 20? Could we approve a higher number? Could we approve 23? Could we approve 50?” he asked.

Macbeth replied that would be an option of the board, however, final approval would hinge on the units passing prior to being placed into service.

Commissioners then approved up to 50 units on the two-year permit, once they are properly certified.

“We're expecting a big expansion out of you now,” Elwell told Layne.

Positive Medical Transport was tapped as the 2011 Business of the Year by the Highlands County Economic Development Commission and was given the Business Excellence Award by the EDC last year.

Earlier this month, county commissioners awarded a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to another ambulance service – the Aeromed air ambulance.

Community Briefs

Shinholser re-elected as chairman

SEBRING – Tenth Judicial Circuit Judge Olin Shinholser, who is presently assigned to hear family law cases in Highlands County, has been re-elected to serve a second one-year term as chair of the Conference of Circuit Judges of Florida.

Shinholser, who received near-unanimous support to serve as a second term from circuit judges in Florida, said, “It seems to make sense that we keep the officers of the Conference in place for two years instead of one because there is so much to learn about the business operation of the Circuit Judges’ Conference and the lobbying efforts put forth before, during and after each legislative session.”



Shinholser

“After serving one year in this capacity, I am much better able to be an effective voice for the judiciary and the State Courts System with the FLorida Legislature in next year's session. I look forward to working with the other leaders and judges in our Conference, the other judicial conferences, the Office of State Courts Administrator and Justice of the Florida Supreme Court as we work together to improve the administration of justice in Florida.”

Walker and her three children – ages 2, 3 and 4 – lost everything in the apartment fire. For those wanting to purchase clothing items, the youngest boy wears size 24 months to 1T, shoe size 8; the 3-year-old boy wears size 3T, shoes 9; and the daughter is size 6T, shoes 13.

The Aktion Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sebring, is a civic club consisting of people with

Contact the Avon Park Public Works Department at 452-4429.

Aktion Club plans benefit car wash

SEBRING – The Aktion Club of Highlands County will wash cars and collect donations on Saturday to help the Eron Walker family who was burned out of their Sebring home on Aug. 5.

The Aktion Club will wash cars from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Advanced Auto Parts in Sebring at the corner of the Sebring Parkway and U.S. 27. The club will also collect any monetary donations, non-perishable food items, shoes and clothing for the family.

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The Aktion Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sebring, is a civic club consisting of people with

disabilities. Call 452-1295, ext. 124.

Legion Post 25 plans Labor Day Picnic

LAKE PLACID – American Legion Post 25, Lake Placid is having a Family Labor Day Picnic on Sunday. Food will be a half chicken with potato salad and baked beans, and will be begin to be served at 4 p.m. Music is from 5-8 p.m. provided by Steve and Peggy.

Everyone is welcome. Join in for good food, good music and good company. Questions? Call 465-0975.

Moose Lodge 2259 plans membership appreciation

SEBRING – The Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 is hosting a Labor Day Eve Membership Appreciation on Sunday. Free hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad and baked beans will be served from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and entertainment will be provided from 2-5 p.m. by Frank E and Friends.

The lodge is open to members and guests.

Online

YOUR VOICE

This week's question: Do you think Florida residents have become complacent about the dangers of a possible hurricane strike?

Yes 70.1% **No 29.3%**

Total votes: 124

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Aug. 28	3 9 11 21 24 49 x:3
Next jackpot	\$3 million
Aug. 24	11 24 36 45 46 47 x:4
Aug. 21	3 6 36 46 48 52 x:4

FANTASY 5 with ezmatch

Aug. 28	1 18 25 27 32
Aug. 27	10 12 20 24 35
Aug. 26	6 16 18 20 29
Aug. 25	3 4 24 34 35

MEGA MONEY

Aug. 27	9 15 35 38 10
Aug. 23	17 35 37 39 19
Aug. 20	18 25 31 43 16
Aug. 16	2 14 26 27 11

FLORIDA POWERBALL

Aug. 28	6 7 9 19 32 PB: 13
Next jackpot	\$142 million
Aug. 24	12 17 25 45 59 PB: 19
Aug. 21	30 40 42 46 48 PB: 23

MEGA MILLIONS

Aug. 27	4 7 30 36 38 MB: 38 x4
Next jackpot	\$77 million
Aug. 23	1 9 17 20 53 MB: 14 x4
Aug. 20	1 9 17 20 53 MB: 14 x4

CASH 3

Aug. 28 (n)	8 9 6
Aug. 28 (d)	9 2 8
Aug. 27 (n)	7 4 6
Aug. 27 (d)	7 9 1

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OTHER VIEWPOINTS

Fixing DCF's problems is vital

The annual Child Protection Summit, running this week in Orlando, presents an opportunity to jump-start improvements to Florida's Department of Children and Families.

The agency, which oversees child-welfare interventions, is at one of its periodic low points. Its former chief, David Wilkins, resigned last month amid a sudden surge in child abuse and neglect deaths.

The summit agenda — perhaps set months before Wilkins' unexpected departure — doesn't quite reflect the urgency of the situation. Still, the event (expected to draw 2,500 participants) can spread best practices as DCF works to re-establish trust

and accountability.

Among the presenters will be staff from the respected Casey Family Programs, which recently signed on to help DCF assess and improve performance measures.

DCF Interim Secretary Esther Jacobo said of Casey, "The foundation brings national experts and decades of experience in the child welfare arena to this discussion." The goal of their partnership, she indicated, is to "ensure the children and

families in our care are receiving timely and effective services."

DCF supervises and collaborates with community-based care coalitions around the state. The locally oriented approach began more than a decade ago, in part to get away from past bureaucratic failures that let too many children slip through holes in the safety net.

The community-based care model has gained praise. But this year, as the Miami Herald reported, the child-protection system has been plagued with an unusual series of fatalities among youngsters whose families had prior contact with DCF. Many of these cases were in South Florida.

Child-safety advocates, who have called the number of deaths unprecedented, criticized DCF leadership, priorities and quality-control cuts.

As DCF works to reset itself, evaluations need to establish whether child-safety efforts have the preventive tools, training, personnel and funding needed.

These become especially vital in hard economic times, when children in families destabilized by unemployment and financial stress may be most in need of protection.

An editorial from the Sarasota Herald-Tribune.

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MLK would be embarrassed by BHO

I was 15 in 1963, and I vaguely remember breaking my summer routine to notice that the largest crowd of Americans ever to congregate on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., had gathered to demand their civil rights. They were led by a 34-year-old black preacher from Georgia.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been gaining a name for himself and his movement for several years. Like his contemporary, John F. Kennedy, this man knew how to inspire and lift an audience. On this day, King's speech was lackluster until he set aside his prepared remarks and launched from the heart into the only section of his speech anyone now remembers.

In those final phrases, King solidified his place in history. And every statement he uttered in those final moments — the entire "I have a dream" segment we all cherish — tells me that he would be sad and even embarrassed that the first black President of the United States is Barack Hussein Obama.

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia," King intoned in 1963, "sons of former slaves and sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood."

Fifty years later, the only brotherhood Obama has embraced is the Muslim Brotherhood.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character," King continued on that hot August day.

A generation later, skin color seems to be all that motivates Obama. From turning a blind eye to the blatant intimidation of white voters at polling places by nightstick-toting New Black Panthers, to the ridiculous assertion that state voter ID laws somehow suppress the rights of black voters; from an insistence that the Cambridge, Massachusetts, police "acted stupidly" in dealing with a black professor breaking into a house that later turned out to be his own, to helping perpetuate the lie that George Zimmerman "murdered" Trayvon Martin — these are just a few of the examples of Barack Obama's racial duplicity.

"I have a dream," King pressed on in his now-famous speech, "that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of



Guest Column
Doug Patton

interposition and nullification; one day, right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers."

Today, sadly, the "vicious racists" are sitting in the Oval Office, the Justice Department, in the left-wing media and in the so-called civil rights leadership. Barack Obama, his attorney general, Eric Holder, and race pimps like Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and NAACP Director Ben Jealous — men who claim to continue the work of civil rights — would be an offense and an embarrassment to Martin Luther King.

King's dream was the American dream. "I say to you today, my friends, that even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream," he told us. "It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream."

King's final words that day were particularly telling: "From every mountain, let freedom ring. And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

It is obvious to me that Martin Luther King (a Registered Republican, by the way, having come out of the Jim Crow South ruled by racist Democrats) would recognize that Barack Obama does not believe in the American dream. Instead, Obama believes in a discredited Socialist utopia that punishes achievers, rewards dependency and promotes "equality" by making everyone equally miserable and fostering freedom for no one — a doctrine he calls "the fundamental transformation of the United States of America."

That was not Martin Luther King's dream.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

More auto shops deserve kudos

Editor:

After reading about Mr. Cool, two auto business facilities also should be recognized.

R&M, on U.S. 27 South, has been in business for many years. This repair facility is the essence of friendliness, efficiency and honesty. Even if you pull into the shop, with no appointment, your problem is handled.

Gene Alegamest on Cooper Road will go the extra mile for a customer. Following a test drive to listen to that noise you hear, your fears are relieved when Gene tells you this is a "normal" thing. There is no charge for his expertise.

Driving an older car, fears of not being able to keep the car on the road are relieved knowing there are honest business owners ready to assist.

Audra Aubin
Sebring

Immigration reform is needed

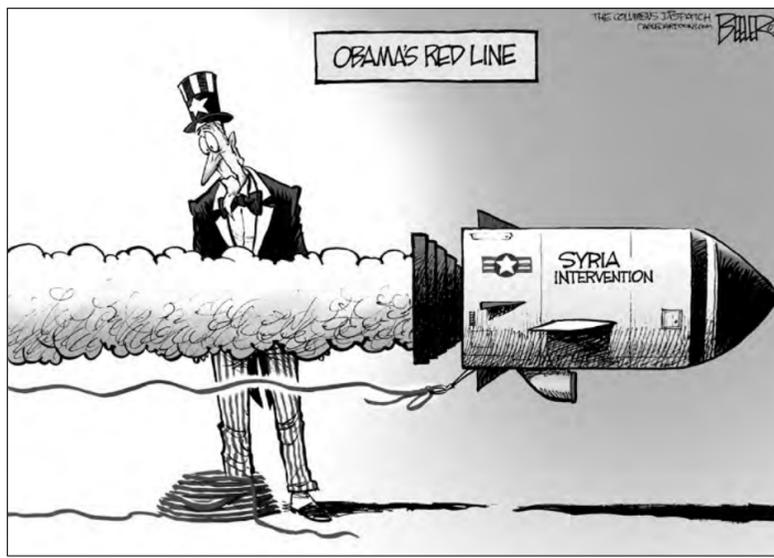
Editor:

Open Letter to U.S. Representative Tom Rooney on Immigration Reform.

Dear Representative Rooney: I am writing today to urge you to support common sense immigration reform that will give hard-working immigrants an opportunity to earn American citizenship. It is essential that Congress fix our broken immigration system this year.

I am particularly concerned about the young immigrants who were brought here as children, raised in our communities and educated at our schools. They are our friends, neighbors and classmates. These undocumented youth currently have no way of ever becoming American citizens. No matter how hard working or successful, these young people face deportation to countries they may not remember where people speak languages they may not know.

Congress must fix this. The current broken system fails all of us. By pre-



venting talented immigrants from contributing fully to our economy, we both hamper our economic growth and waste tremendous resources on an enforcement system that all agree does not work.

The cost to deport all of those here without proper status would be staggering, with estimates of \$23,000 to deport a single immigrant. This makes no economic sense. As Congress considers how to overhaul our nation's immigration laws this year, I hope that you will keep these views in mind.

This issue is extremely important to me and to our nation's future. Please support common sense immigration reform and finally fix this broken system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gregory Esteve
Lake Wales

Should I apply?

Editor:

"Wanted Inspector General: Rhea State of Florida is seeking a highly responsible individual to manage, direct and supervise the activities of the Office of the Department of Children and Families," salary \$56,779.84 to \$236,091.96 per jobs.myflorida.com.. Should I apply? My resume repre-

sents my proactive advocate and activist for children since 1983, with over 1,000 published newspaper letters. Floridian Rush Limbaugh dedicated his entire National Radio Commentary in July of 1998 (and re-aired January 1999) criticizing my creative way of trying to prevent Kentucky kids from smoking.

I spent almost five years in a Florida licensed group home and emergency shelter for DCF placed kids. I've heard a "removed" child from parents crying to sleep, "I want my momma." The most upset I got during my four-year mayoral term was when the family service investigating supervisor "slow-played" the beating investigation of a teen girl in my city.

A Key West lawyer kindly asked me to please try not to be so upset while discussing the neglect of the wrap-around professionals concerning a poor foster child. I was sexually abused as a fatherless 11-year-old.

Should I apply, even though I'm about to begin a Denver hospital chaplaincy internship program? I applied! Will work for \$56,779.00. Florida keep the change. But, the application didn't ask for "passion."

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Residents demand action on Illinois pondweed in Lake June

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disaster. The weed, speaker after speaker said, was obnoxious and disgusting. It was spreading rapidly, clogging beaches and boat houses and ruining recreation on the lake. Longtime residents said they had never seen anything like it before.

Their property values were falling, speakers said, because the lake could no longer be enjoyed as before, and they still paid very high taxes.

Hoz Compton, a real estate broker and home owner said, "It's passed the point of maintenance. We are in now in crisis mode."

Steve Bastardi, a member of the Lake Placid Town Council, was applauded when he said, "We don't want to live with pond weed. We want to get rid of it."

The conflict arose because the FWC scientists — and one or two residents — told the standing-room-only crowd things they did not want to hear.

People were polite but restless as Kelle Sullivan, director of the invasive plant management section, presented the science and natural history background of the weed, as well as the parameters of the FWC's authority in dealing with the plant and its maintenance.

The property owners were impatient and irritated when Sullivan told them the meeting was to collect information and listen to anecdotal evidence, not produce a plan of action. It was the first step, not the time to make decisions.

"We have to understand your needs," she said. "We

need to understand what we're dealing with here."

The audience refused to believe Sullivan when she told the audience Illinois pondweed was found in Lake June during the first large scientific survey of aquatic plants in 1988. It is natural to Central Florida lakes, she said, and is typically found in 12 and 20 percent of them.

Pondweed benefits the lake in several ways, Sullivan said. For one thing it provides nutrients and creates a habitat for small fish. Being a natural part of the environment, it fills a niche.

The weed will not take over the lake, she added. It can't grow in deep water. Large areas of Lake June are completely open.

"We don't want to make the situation worse," Sullivan said, referring to the majority's desire to remove pondweed altogether. "We're not saying we won't do something, but a solution has to be somewhere in the middle."

The audience was not impressed with slides showing the results of two separate computer enhanced aerial surveys, one with supporting hand-gathered samples.

The data, Sullivan said, showed there wasn't much of a difference in weed coverage between 2012 and 2013. That statement was met with derisive cat calls of disbelief.

"I live in the cove area," said Jerry Creedy. "There was nothing in June, now I can't get into my beach." The audience applauded when he added, "I think you don't care. I think you're here to promote pondweed."



Christopher Tuffley/News-Sun
Kelle Sullivan (center) listens to unhappy property owners as they complain. She is the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's director of invasive plant management section.

Paul Gray, a member of the Audubon Society, faced hoots when he said, "The lake belongs to everyone. It's a valuable habitat for migratory birds."

"I have my place on the lake," said Joy Post. "If I have to choose between my grandchild and a bird, I'll choose my grandchild every time."

Some options were raised by residents, but all had serious drawbacks, they said, from high cost to inconvenience.

In any case, they said, the weeds keep coming back.

Residents wondered about introducing sterile carp. There are problems with carp, a representative of FWC said. For example, one can't be sure the fish will stay and specifically eat the Illinois pondweed and there

are paths of escape from Lake June. The fish may just as likely swim away as stay. "It's a not a science, no matter what you hear," the scientist said.

"We're taking in all the input," Sullivan said. "We're going to see what we can do, given our (legal and financial) constraints." She promised FWC will remain responsive to the residents, who were encouraged to sign up on the email list.

Property owners did not leave happy. "We pay a huge amount of taxes," muttered one on his way out, "and we want answers."

Also in attendance were county commission members Jack Richie, Jim Brooks and Don Elwell. In addition to Bastardi, Debra Worley, a Lake Placid town councilor, was present.

Halifax

MEDIA GROUP

Halifax Media looking to buy HarborPoint

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resources and capabilities to expand and enhance the newspapers' service to their readers, advertisers and communities."

"We are excited about the deal. *The Daily Commercial*, the largest newspaper in the group, is located in Leesburg, within an hour of both the Halifax's *News-Journal* in Daytona Beach and the *Star-Banner* in Ocala. Plus, the *News-Sun* operation based in Sebring is near our Lakeland operation," said Michael Redding, CEO of Halifax Media Group. "These Central Florida markets are positioned in the heart of our Florida footprint. We know the markets and the publications."

Dirks Van Essen & Murray, a newspaper merger and acquisition firm located in Santa Fe, N.M., represented Halifax in the transaction.

Founded in 2010, Halifax Media Group is headquartered in Daytona Beach. The company's investment group includes Stephens Capital Partners, JAARSSS Media, and Redding Investments. The group consists of 33 newspapers and affiliated websites, published in five

states in the Southeast.

Halifax Media Group's strategy is to invest long-term capital in quality companies positioned in strong markets that are closely connected to the community.

Halifax bought 16 newspapers from The New York Times in January of 2012, reaching into Florida and the Southeast. The former New York Times Regional Newspaper Group included newspapers in Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida dailies in Ocala, Lakeland, Winter Haven, Gainesville and Sarasota.

Six months later, Halifax closed a deal with Freedom Communications to purchase two additional daily newspapers in Florida, in Panama City and Fort Walton Beach, plus eight weekly newspapers in the Panhandle.

Redding was the former CEO of HarborPoint

Media, originally purchasing the *Daily Commercial* and the *News-Sun* in 2004. He started Halifax Media in 2010, leaving his post with HarborPoint to buy *The Daytona Beach News Journal* and facilitate the deals with The New York Times and Freedom Communications.

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Sheriff's new budget won't impact public safety

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Jim Brooks and Ron Handley voting to raise property taxes and Don Elwell, Greg Harris and chairman Jack Richie voting no, opting instead to use the fund balance money as a solution for the upcoming year.

In a special budget meeting last week, commissioners had reduced the request of the sheriff's office by more than \$809,000. They utilized a formula for all constitutional officers that would provide a 1 percent raise over a previous comparable year. That would have given the sheriff's office some \$224,000 more than it had in this current fiscal year's budget.

"The way it stands today, with the board's budget recommendations, we will not be able to meet our financial obligations," Benton told commissioners.

Looking for a way to find money in the current county coffers, Benton brought the commission a suggestion that would have taken money from the compensated absences fund. Such a tactic would have infused more than \$4 million into the current budget pool.

However, the idea did not fly, as state mandates require that if there is such a fund, it must be funded at 100 percent of the outstanding liability. Moreover, all of the county's constitutional officers would have had to be on board with such a plan and at least two of them said they were not interested.

"This is a place where the sheriff and I are on opposite sides," said Highlands County Clerk of Courts Bob Germaine. "Usually we are on the same page, but not this time. We think the county should stay 100 percent funded."

Germaine said he previously had discussed the plan with Highlands County Tax Collector Eric Zwayer, who also declined to participate.

Benton objected to the cost-cutting formula imposed on constitutional officers, alleging that what she was left with would be insufficient funds to operate her department.

"I have the numbers now, and that would be a reduction of about \$809,000, which would leave us a \$224,000 increase over last year," she said.

Without that money, Benton said she would be forced to give a number of duties that her office currently handles for the board back to the county. That would include courthouse security, operation of the jail and allowing the county's facilities department to handle the care and maintenance of the sheriff's office buildings.

Elwell suggested that jobs performed by the sheriff for the board could be moved to the county commissioners' budget to better track the expenditures. He also suggested that although the board had made dramatic cuts in their budget in the recent past, by comparison, the sheriff's office had not reduced its budget as much.

"I have historic data that indicates over the last eight or nine years, the sheriff's office has not decreased their total budget to the same extent that the revenues have gone down," he said.

"Conversely, the board has over cut compared to how the revenues have gone down in order to help absorb some of the deficits in other areas."

On several occasions, Benton told the board she did not understand the rationale behind the board's fiscal policy and how it was determined. The sheriff was not at



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Susan Benton
Highlands County sheriff

last week's special meeting, and reportedly was out of state at the time.

Elwell explained that it has been a long-standing — though often ignored — board policy to raise or lower budgets based on the available revenue. He stated that the time was overdue to adhere to that policy.

Benton responded that her office has fixed costs, pointing to the jail and saying that there are 400 inmates that had to be fed and guarded regardless of the budget.

Elwell then asked Benton, "In an effort to cut to the chase, what can you get by with?"

"If I could get to \$550,000 over last year, that would help with the Florida

Retirement System payments and the compensated absences fund," she replied.

The sheriff assured the board that although they might have to reduce some programs, the office would not have to totally cut any of them.

"You have to remember that 86 percent of our budget is people. All we can do is move or consolidate staff," she said.

"But there will be no jeopardizing of public safety?" asked Elwell. Benton confirmed that was correct.

To fund the additional \$325,000 for the sheriff's office and the remaining budget shortfall set at nearly \$1.9 million, commissioners by a 3-2 vote moved to dip into the reserve for contingency fund. Moving it from three months of operating expenses to no less than 2.5 months after learning that each half month would amount to nearly \$2.3 million in additional revenue.

"The three months is not a policy, it was established as a goal," said Highlands County Administrator June Fisher.

Germaine suggested that the compensated absences fund also still might act as an unofficial rainy day fund. It could remain intact without being disturbed, he said, unless there was a natural disaster or other emergency.

"If we did get into a mess and we had to have the money we could change the policy and go back to zero," he said. "I don't want to encumber that money, but it is an option."

The next hearing is set for Sept. 5.

Tuffley bids farewell

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"bend your knees, bend your knees" as a light wind blew his hot air balloon — with me in the basket — into a tree; getting into firefighter's gear to crawl on my hands and knees through a dense, smoke-filled room during a drill; working as a lifeguard at the Avon Park High School Olympic-sized pool where I swam two laps, while the teenagers did 20 — and still finished before I did.

Or the rat that leaped out of the trash can at me the morning I collected garbage. This was back in the day when muscle power, not hydraulics, did the heavy lifting. I only managed to lift and dump two cans, and didn't have the breath to scream.

There was the little girl who grabbed my thigh and wouldn't let go because I was an elf and she was terrified of Santa Claus; and the funeral director, the stunt car driver, the volleyball coach and the bowling machine mechanic.

My hair's been died blue. I've had a facial — complete with cucumber slices, and worn pink hair extensions. I've mixed drinks, played a pirate on stage, delivered flowers, washed dishes in a restaurant, stripped a roof, made doughnuts, cleaned port-a-potties and cut meat.

I'll remember it all. Even the times that were tough.

I'll remember clenching my teeth at deadlines; the sweating palms before every important interview; the struggle to stay alert at

interminable, long-winded meetings, and struggling to keep up during the energetic, eventful ones.

I admit to having enjoyed the occasional adrenaline rush. Covering brush fires for example — the searing heat, the sound of pine sap popping, surrounded by shifting curtains of acrid smoke filled with swirling embers that look like volcanic snow.

For me, however, adrenaline only goes so far. You'll never know how grateful I am that I'll never report on a fatal work accident, car crash, murder or drowning again.

The memory of the absolute quiet among hundreds of police officers standing at attention to honor Florida Highway Patrol Sergeant Nicholas Sottile, killed in the line of duty in 2007, still makes me weep.

I'll try to remember everything I learned — like the hydrology of Lake Wales Ridge lakes; how teachers are evaluated; how waste water plants work;

what CBDG, CRA, SWFWMD, FDOT, HCEA, and EDC stand for.

More important than any event or adventure, however, are the people with whom I've worked over the years. The *News-Sun* staff is special. They make hard work a laugh-out-loud pleasure, the work place an oasis, the paper something important of which to be proud.

Romona Washington and Scott Dressel turned me into a reporter, while helping me become a better person. I will more than remember my *News-Sun* family. I will always treasure them in my heart.

The best news is I am not leaving leaving; I'm staying in town and will continue writing for the *News-Sun* on occasion. I'll see you around.

There are cycles in life and it's time for me to get on with my (purely fictional) book.

Here's the first line: "I was nineteen years old when my cousin Travis arrested me."

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Obituaries

SHIRLEY ELSEA

Shirley Louise Elsea, 77, of Pahrump, Nev. and formerly from Lake Placid, passed away Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013. Ms. Elsea was born Aug. 27, 1935 in North Baltimore, Ohio and moved to Pahrump in 2011 from Lake Placid, Fla. She had retired from electronics manufacturing and was of the Nazarene faith. One her enjoyments in life were to join her husband at his music gigs.

Survivors include her sons, Randall (Joetta) Elsea of San Antonio, Texas, Kevin (Sharon) Elsea of Pahrump, Nev.; brother, Larry Smith of North Baltimore, Ohio; sister, Sharon Dalton of Ashland, Ohio; half sisters, Joyce

Stephens and Ruth Ann Moore; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Ms. Elsea was preceded in death by her loving husband, Kenneth; daughter, Deborah Van Slate; and brother, Richard Eugene Smith.

Visitation for Ms. Elsea will be held 1-2 p.m. with a service beginning at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013 in the Chapel of Peace at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Avon Park, Fla. Online condolences may be shared by visiting www.bankspage-theus.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood, Fla.

BERNARD M. SCHRAMM

Bernard M. Schramm, age 80, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Monday, Aug. 26, 2013 in Sebring. He was born on April 28, 1933 to Zelma (nee) Kazmaier and Harvey F. Schramm in Perrysburg Township, Ohio, and had been a resident of Sebring since 2003, coming from Toledo, Ohio. He was a millwright for LOF Glass Company for 36 years.

He was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church of Avon Park and served his Lord as a member of the Church Council, head usher, Sunday school teacher and property chairman. He also was a volunteer at Florida Hospital. Bernie will be sorely missed.

He leaves behind his

wife of 57 years, Virginia A. (von Borries) Schramm; sons, William Schramm and Edward Maki-Schramm; daughters, Rinda A. Schramm Holshoe and Rebecca L. Schramm Diaz; eight grandchildren; brother, David G. Schramm and sister, Doris J. Schramm Landrum.



Schramm

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, 2013 at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Avon Park. Memorial contributions may be made either to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park, FL 33825, or the donor's choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home
Sebring, Fla. 33870
(863) 385-0125
stephensonnelsonfh.com

ALCUS SNELL SR.

Alcus Snell Sr., age 89, passed away Monday, Aug. 19, 2013 at The Oaks of Avon Park. He had been a resident of Avon Park for 70 years, coming from Defuniak Springs, Fla. He had been employed with Sebring Packing Company and IMC Agrico. He was a lifetime member of church of Christ.



Snell

Alcus is survived by his daughters, Yolanda Y. Snell of Avon Park and Yvonne C. Watson of Meridianville, Ala.; sons, Alcus L. Snell Jr. of St. Petersburg and Gerald Snell of Avon Park; 10 grandchildren and 23 great-

grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Avon Park church of Christ, 200 S. Forest Ave. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31 at Avon Park church of Christ with Brother Don Smith and Brother Rico Brown officiating.

Interment will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Sebring. Final arrangements entrusted to: Marion's Community Funeral Chapel
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Death notice

Roosevelt Wilson, 79, of Avon Park died Aug. 21, 2013. Marion Funeral Chapel, Avon Park, is in charge of arrangements.

Group: Environmental laws not enforced under Scott

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Enforcement of the state's environmental laws has plummeted under Gov. Rick Scott and the private company attorney he picked to lead the Department of Environmental Protection, according to a report to be released Thursday by a group that represents government workers who work in environmental regulation.

The Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility report says that since Scott took office and Secretary Herschel Vinyard took over DEP in 2011, enforcement has dropped by just about every measure. For example, DEP opened 1,587 cases in 2010 and 663 last year. Similar drops were shown in consent orders, which dropped from 1,249 in 2010 to 482 last year, as well as penalties

assessed and fines collected.

The report said the department essentially has become nonfunctional under Vinyard, who worked for a shipyard before Scott appointed him secretary.

"This is nothing more than that department taking a blind eye, looking the other way when these facilities pollute," said Jerry Phillips, director of Florida PEER. "The message is out to the employees that they should not be aggressive in this area. We talk to these employees, we hear from them and I haven't heard from a single employee that enforcement is better now under Herschel Vinyard. It's just the opposite."

DEP said it is taking its responsibility seriously and said the drop in cases is because of a focus on prevention.

SFSC trustee named chair of AFC Commission

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Tamela Cullens, a member of South Florida State College's (SFSC) eight-member District Board of Trustees, has assumed the chair of the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) Trustees Commission. Her term runs through June 30, 2015.

Cullens has been an active member of the AFC Trustees Commission since 2006, serving as secretary-treasurer in 2011 and vice chair 2012-13.

In the role of chair, Cullens will oversee all aspects of the annual commission work plan and work closely with Division of Florida Colleges Chancellor Randy Hanna and AFC Chief



Tamela Cullens

Executive Officer Michael Brawer to carry out its mission. Cullens will be responsible for planning education forums for the trustees, coordinating communications, and planning the Trustee

Commission's annual legislative conference. The Trustees Commission will hold its annual Trustees Commission meeting Sept. 12-13 in Orlando.

"Mrs. Cullen's exemplary leadership skills and experience with the SFSC District Board of Trustees prepared her well to assume expanded duties which benefit the entire state," said Dr. Thomas C. Leitzel, president, SFSC. "She is a tireless worker who believes in the mission of our state college. She is an ideal choice to coalesce the talents of many individuals who are extremely passionate about higher education."

Cullens was appointed to the SFSC District Board of

Trustees and began serving on June 1, 2006. She twice served as board chair, in 2008-09 and 2012-13. As an SFSC trustee, Cullens follows in the footsteps of her uncle, Ronnie Sachsenmaier, and her brother-in-law, Jim Brooks, who both served on the SFSC District Board of Trustees in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

She is also a member of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and served on the Finance and Audit Committee for one year. Currently, she is a member of the ACCT Southern Regional Awards Committee during its 2013 selection process.

EDC to remain unfunded by county commission for this year

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their industrial park.

The Pony Project reportedly was an offshoot of a suggestion by Richie. Shoop said that one could produce as many as 200 jobs.

Among the successes by the IDA/EDC, Shoop listed various levels of help with the Lakeshore Mall, GenPac, Amerikan, E-stone, Cross Country (now known as Agero), the new Walmart in Avon Park and the now-defunct BP Biofuels plant.

As an example, Shoop said the Economic Development Commission had helped the mall with the access road that encircles it and pointed to the expansions at E-Stone and Agero as being facilitated by the EDC. He also alluded to a number of grant applications worked up by IDA/EDC staff.

"If you look at the return on investment over the past eight years the county has given us \$2.3 million and there has been \$39 million in capital investment. That figures out to a 21 percent ROI," he said. "And that is without the multiplier."

Additionally, Shoop said the IDA/EDC was a major force behind the tax abatement program, was the creator of Florida's Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative, the originator of the Small Business Development Corporation and actually served as the original coordinating agency for the Highlands County Tourist Development Commission.

Besides business and expansion efforts, Shoop

discussed EDC Action Plan items, including the listing of development sites on the web, a schedule of trade shoes and an outreach to existing local companies, among other things.

He told the commission if they were going to defund the group, the commission needed to develop an "exit strategy" to turn a number of the current IDA/EDC functions over to other groups or agencies.

"Companies call all the time. We get referrals constantly. There are a lot of intangibles out there we need to know what to do with," he said.

Richie said the object was not to get rid of the group, but rather to change the focus for the funding of its staff and operation.

"We're not dismantling

the IDA/EDC," he said.

"What we're doing is giving them some motivation to go out and find some money."

Shoop replied that the EDC takes in about \$3,600 annually from membership but was trying to raise that figure.

Plans are to raise membership fees in search of a \$50,000 war chest. To date, he said, they already had taken in about \$8,000.

Richie noted that currently there are only 15 member businesses of the EDC, with seven of those serving as board members.

"That's out of 11,000 businesses we have here," he said. "I think that's a little short."

Richie said that county funding of the organization originally was designed to be a jump start, with a goal

toward making the IDA/EDC self-sustaining. Noting the current funding and the talent of the board, the chairman suggested the IDA/EDC could "weather the storm" for this year along with the rest of county government.

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v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF RUTH L. WHITTINGTON, DECEASED; EVONNE W. PRESCOTT; JACK SHERRON WHITTINGTON; JOHN LEON WHITTINGTON, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EVONNE W. PRESCOTT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JACK SHERRON WHITTINGTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN LEON WHITTINGTON, JR.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 3, 2013, and Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 13, 2013, both entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000293, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2 is Plaintiff and CHERYL L. WARD A/K/A CHERYL WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN RAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHERYL L. WARD A/K/A CHERYL WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN RAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHERYL L. WARD A/K/A CHERYL WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN RAY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

LOT 25, BLOCK 54, OF SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE(S) 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 4316 Talbot Street, Sebring, FL 33872
Dated this 13th day of August, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Highlands County will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities. 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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact Melissa Bruns, ADA Coordinator, at 863-402-6509 (Voice), via Florida Relay Services 711, by e-mail mbruns@hcbcc.org, by regular mail at 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 request for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the services.
11826.1845
August 23, 30, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. GC 12-884
LAKE JUNE HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIAM E. LEWIS, JR. Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
Lot 9, Block 1, LAKE JUNE HILLS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 30, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 26th day of September, A.D., 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.

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

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August 30, September 6, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000044
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
JUAN HERRERA A/K/A JUAN HERRERA-QUERIAPA A/K/A JUAN QUERIAPA AND MARIA HERRERA A/K/A MARIA LUGO HERRERA A/K/A MARIA L. HERRERA A/K/A MARIA L. QUERIAPA A/K/A MARIA QUERIAPA A/K/A MARIA LUGO MACARIO A/K/A MARIA L. MACARIO A/K/A MARIA MACARIO, et. al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 13, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000044 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, is the Plaintiff and JUAN HERRERA A/K/A JUAN HERRERA-QUERIAPA A/K/A JUAN QUERIAPA AND MARIA HERRERA A/K/A MARIA LUGO HERRERA A/K/A MARIA L. HERRERA A/K/A MARIA L. QUERIAPA A/K/A MARIA QUERIAPA A/K/A MARIA LUGO MACARIO A/K/A MARIA L. MACARIO A/K/A MARIA MACARIO, are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on September 13, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK "S" OF SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 13th day of August, 2013.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, 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; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
12-12632
August 23, 30, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000845
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,
vs.
RIVERO, DANNY, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 13, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2012-CA-000960 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, Bob Germaine, the Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Highlands, Florida 33870 at 11:00 A.M. CST on the 13th day of September, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 1539, AND THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF LOT 1538 SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION F, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 13th day of August, 2013.
(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

BOB GERMAINE
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.
11-004601
August 23, 30, 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-000713
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF DEVEDA E. MARTIN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JAMES A. MARTIN, DECEASED; SANDRA L. COCHRAN; EDWIN MARTIN, JR.; JANICE KAY BURCH; DENISE DENE KOVATCH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANDRA L. COCHRAN; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: STANLEY J. BOGDAN; CAROL A. BOGDAN AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 26, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 18, SEBRING HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 109 ROBIN AVE, SEBRING, FL 33870-8534 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on September 27, 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.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 863-534-4690 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."
August 30, September 6, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000960
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
PETER A. MARTIN, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 13, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2012-CA-000960 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, Bob Germaine, the Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Highlands, Florida 33870 at 11:00 A.M. CST on the 13th day of September, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 1539, AND THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF LOT 1538 SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION F, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 13th day of August, 2013.
(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

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11-004601
August 23, 30, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2013CA000581GCAXMX
SECTION NO. 10
MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION F/K/A MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
v.
STANLEY J. BOGDAN; CAROL A. BOGDAN; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: STANLEY J. BOGDAN; CAROL A. BOGDAN AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 26, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOTS 23, 24 and 25, Block 232, LEISURE LAKES SECTION FIVE, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 6, Page 30, in the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
ADDRESS: 834 Stotter St., Lake Placid, Florida 33852-5316
has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Highlands County, Florida, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to the Complaint, if any, to Gregory A. Sanoba, Esq., 422 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801, on or before October 1, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATE: August 19, 2013

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the 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. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 863-534-4690 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."
August 23, 30, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2009-CA-001731
U.S. BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
v.
DAVID A. PRYCE A/K/A DAVID PRYCE; CAROLYN PRYCE; JOHN DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 26, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 1, BLOCK 9, SECTION F, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 95, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 1515 PAPER BIRCH ST, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on September 26, 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.
Dated as Sebring, Florida, this 27th day of August, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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.
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August 30, September 6, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION Case No. 12000584GCAXMX Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as Trustee for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC4 Asset-Backed pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff, vs. Richard T. Pedonti; Julie Anne Pedonti f/k/a Julie Kertes; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 14, 2013, entered in Case No. 12000584GCAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as Trustee for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC4 Asset-Backed pass-Through Certificates, is the Plaintiff and Richard T. Pedonti; Julie Anne Pedonti f/k/a Julie Kertes; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2 are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 17th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
AVON PARK LAKES UNIT 9, SOUTHWESTERLY 1/2 OF LOT 2585 PLUS LOTS 2586 AND 2587, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 100, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Dated this 14th day of August, 2013.

ROBERT GERMAINE AS CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As 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.

August 23, 30, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-385 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ERNEST SARTELL GREENE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ERNEST SARTELL GREENE, deceased, whose date of death was July 31, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-6527, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, 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 August 30, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Barbara Jo Greene
4547 Sebring Lakes Boulevard
Sebring, FL 33875

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-5156
Email: livingston@livingstonpa.com
August 30; September 6, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-351

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY A. ROBINSON, Deceased.

ORDER FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION (testate)

On the petition of CHERYL R. BARBIERE, aka CHERYL A. BARBIERE, and MARGARET E. ROBINSON for summary administration of the estate of DOROTHY A. ROBINSON, deceased, the court finding that the decedent died on June 15, 2013; that all interested persons have been served proper notice of the petition, or have waived notice thereof; that the material allegations of the petition are true; and that the decedent's estate qualifies for summary administration and an Order of Summary Administration should be entered, it is

ADJUDGED that:

1. There be immediate distribution of the assets of the decedent as follows:

Name and Address
CHERYL R. BARBIERE
38147 Poplar Drive
Willoughby, OH 44094

MARGARET E. ROBINSON
4205 N. Ardmore Ave.
Shorewood, WI 53211

Asset, Share or Amount

Each as to a one-half undivided interest in: A Portion of Lot 11B, and All of Lot 12A, of a REPLAT OF THUNDERBIRD HILL VILLAGE I, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 35, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Said Portion of Lot 11B, more particularly described as follows: BEGIN at the Southwest Corner of Lot 11B of Replat of Thunderbird Hill Village 1; thence run North 0 degrees 05 minutes 49 seconds West and along the West Line of said Subdivision a distance of 2.22 feet; thence South 64 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds East and parallel with the South Line of Lot 11B, a distance of 159.87 feet to a point of the Northwesterly right of way line of Thunderbird Hill Circle; said point being on the arc of a curve concave to the Southeast; thence in a Southerly direction along the arc of said curve and along said right of way line (curve having for its elements a radius of 100.00 feet, a central angle of 1 degree 08 minutes 45 seconds) a distance of 2.00 feet to the most Southerly Corner of Lot 11B; thence North 64 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds West and along the South Line of Lot 11B, a distance of 158.14 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING.

2. Those to whom specified parts of the decedent's estate are assigned by this order shall be entitled to receive and collect the same, and to maintain actions to enforce the right.

3. Debtors of the decedent, those holding property of the decedent, and those with whom securities or other property of decedent are registered, are authorized and empowered to comply with this order by paying, delivering, or transferring to those specified above the parts of the decedent's estate assigned to them by this order, and the persons so paying, delivering, or transferring shall not be accountable to anyone else for the property.

ORDERED on August 12, 2013.

/s/ Angela Cowden
Circuit Judge

cc: Robert E. Livingston, Esq.

August 23, 30, 2013

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000656
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF FRANCES I. DRIGGERS, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF DEBORAH JEAN DRIGGERS, DECEASED; DUSTIN COLE DRIGGERS; JOHN BLAKE LOWRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DUSTIN COLE DRIGGERS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 26, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 15, BLOCK 5, OF SEBRING VILLAS SUB-DIVISION, FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 83, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 4730 COCO PALM DR., SEBRING, FL 33870-5301

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on September 26, 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 sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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.
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August 30; September 6, 2013

1055 Highlands County Legals

HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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

14-002.2: Electrician Services
14-007.2: Plumbing Services

Specifications & General Terms and Conditions may be obtained from publicpurchase.com, or by contacting Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB by phone 863-471-5110, Fax 863-471-5168, or email: purchasing@mysebring.com at the City purchasing office located at 368 South Commerce Ave - Sebring, FL 33870. If obtaining documents via the website, it shall be the bidders responsibility to check for amendments/changes made to the document.

Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City Of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 10:00 AM, September 13, 2013, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of any other type of delivery service.

The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §sect;287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §sect;287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.

The Sebring City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof; and the award; if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the City of Sebring. The council reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Sebring, Florida

Publication: News-Sun
Dates: August 30 & September 6, 2013

1100 Announcements

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Please check your ad on the first day it runs to make sure it is correct. Sometimes instruction over the phone can be misunderstood and an error can occur. If this happens to you, please call us the first day your ad appears and we will be happy to fix it as soon as we can.

If we can assist you, please call us:

314-9876 News-Sun Classified

2000 Employment

2100 Help Wanted

RETREAD TIRE Sales Rep: full time position - sell tires to current and new customers; 5 years' experience in retread tire recapping sales. College Degree or combination of college and experience. Assigned annual sales objectives; directly manages Tire sales within Florida; prepare major customers analysis - target markets; track leads; work trade shows; identify alternative distribution opportunities; visit and educate customers; conduct scrap tire analysis, understand tire maintenance programs, weekly call reports and cold calling; must possess a valid FL driver's license; must pass background check; location: Avon Park. \$40,000 base + commission. E-mail resumes to bwignall@pride-enterprises.org

AVON PARK Looking for FT. Warehouse & Delivery to work Tues. - Fri. 10-4:30. Apply in person at Main Store located at 2900 US. 27 S. 863-402-1688.

LOCAL DRIVER WANTED P/T seasonal for Parcel Delivery must have at least 1 year of prior driving experience within the last 3 yrs. of driving commercial cargo van or larger. Must have clean driving record and be able to pass background and drug screening, must be able to lift 70lbs., be dependable and 21 yrs. or older. Send resume or go to Heartland Workforce.

P/T - Now accepting applications for Swimming Pool Technicians, Outside work. Exper. helpful but not necessary. Will Train. Must be self motivated and have good driving record. Drug Free Work Place. Pool Parachise. 863-382-7728 Leave Message

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN Needed for dialysis clinic - Prefer certified, but will train right person with phlebotomy experience. Excellent benefits. Fax resumes to (863) 382-9242 Attn: Peggy or call (863) 382-9443

SUNSHINE PAYDAY LOANS Full time clerk needed Must be organized and Have excellent Customer Service skills Fax resumes to: 863-678-2170

TOWN OF LAKE PLACID HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUEST FOR RESUMES FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN CLERK

Town Population: 2,127
Opening Date/Time: August 22, 2013
Closing Date/Time: OPEN UNTIL FILLED Submit to: Resumes for the position of Town Clerk Phil Williams, Town Administrator
pwilliams.townoflakeplacid@gmail.com
Town of Lake Placid 311 W. Interlake Blvd. Lake Placid, FL 33852

The Town of Lake Placid is accepting resumes from qualified individuals to fill the full-time position of Town Clerk. The position is a responsible position which is answers to the Lake Placid Town Council, the Mayor and the Town Administrator. The proposed salary range will be \$35,000 - \$55,000, dependent on qualifications, plus benefits of health insurance, sick leave, vacation and state retirement paid in full at this time by the town.

The Town Clerk must have the following minimum qualifications:

- * Associate's Degree or a combination of college work which demonstrates accountability, organizational skills, communication skills and potential to develop within a responsible government environment.
- * Certification as Municipal Clerk or Municipal Clerk experience is preferred but not required.
- * Must have background favorable to a position of trust.
- * Must be a Florida Notary Public or become one within ninety (90) days after hire.
- * Must possess a valid drivers' licenses required for the operation of vehicles and a dependable mode of transportation.
- * Must have computer skills to perform essential job functions using Microsoft Word, Excel, web base, Quickbooks experience desirable.
- * Must have knowledge of legal advertising requirements, election laws and procedures, ability to understand and interpret state and local laws or have ability and commitment to learn same.

The functions of the Town Clerk include, but are not limited to the following:

- * Serves as Official Clerk to the Town Council and to various Boards throughout the Town, fulfilling the public records requirements as established by statute.
- * Attends all official meetings, records proceedings and prepares minutes of all meetings.
- * Supervises and manages the Town's municipal and special elections.
- * Maintains up-to-date Town Code, Ordinance, Resolutions, Policies and Procedures as adopted by the Town Council.
- * Publishes legal notices for all public hearings before the Council and various Boards.
- * Administers oath of office to employees, Town officials and board members having enforcement or regulatory powers
- * Provides information of public record to citizens on request.
- * Performs such other duties as are assigned by the Town Administrator, Mayor and Town Council.

Copies of the full job description will be on the town's website after August 26, 2013. The town is looking to fill the position by October 1, 2013.

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2100 Help Wanted

SEBRING NOW HIRING Clerical/Administration.
We are currently looking for an individual who is dependable, organized, self motivated and possesses great communication skills. Must be proficient in Word & Excel and Computer Literate. Duties include: office work, answering phones, filing, data entry & invoicing. Fax resumes Attn: Liz 863-382-1206 or Email: eevans@tradewindspower.com

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4040 Homes For Sale

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4060 Homes for Sale Avon Park

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4120 Villas & Condos For Sale

SEBRING 2/1 Villa, 3018 Spinks Rd. \$535/mo. \$600 Security. No Pets. Call 863-385-3101

4160 Commercial Prop. For Sale

SEBRING KENILWORTH BLVD. Zoned C-1. 3224 sq. ft. Building. Good parking. Asking \$95,500. By Appt. Only. email: OBFSBO@aol.com

4220 Lots for Sale

SEBRING ORANGE Blossom Estates Unit 10 PB6-PG51 Lot 11 Block 4. \$6500. obo. Estate Sale! Call 317-670-9228

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5000 Mobile Homes

5150 Mobile Homes For Rent

LAKE PLACID / Sebring DW Mobile Home 2BR/ 2BA, Central A/C/Heat. Screened porch, Carport. W/D hook up. Large lawn, quiet area. No pets. \$500/mo. + dep. 863-840-0494 or 863-465-1451

6000 Rentals

6050 Duplexes for Rent

LAKE PLACID - 2BR, 1BA, Screened Patio & 1 Car Garage. Over looking Beautiful Lake June. Newly painted. \$475/ mo. with Sec. Dep. \$500. 863-655-0595 or 863-414-2833

SEBRING 2/1 Newly remodeled, \$425/mo. + sec. dep. 1646 Penny Ave. Call for details. 863-381-0357 or 863-446-2838.

SEBRING * MOVE IN READY * 2BR, 2BA, Just Remodeled! Washer/Dryer hook up, CHA, No smoke/pets. Near Schools. Queen Palm Ave. \$500 per mo. + \$400 sec. Call 863-655-0982

6200 Unfurnished Apartments

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6250 Furnished Houses

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SEBRING LAKE JOSEPHINE 3/1, carport, work shop, CHA, washer/dryer. \$500/mo. Call 863-699-1567

6300 Unfurnished Houses

FALL MOVE-IN SPECIAL! \$100 Off 1st Month's Rent

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SPRING LAKE - 3BR, 2BA, 2CG, CHA, patio, ceramic tiled living, dining, kit., bath & halls, SS appliances, refrigerator w/ water on door, micro., W/D hook up. No pets or Smokers. 863-835-0061

7000 Merchandise

7310 Bargain Buys

COMPUTER DESK Wooden w/Hutch. \$25. Cash. 863-443-6470.

7310 Bargain Buys

DINING ROOM Table with 4 Chairs. \$35. 863-385-0000

INVERSION SYSTEM Table By Nordic Track - Heavy Duty - Large Base. \$100. 863-465-6749

LOVESEAT / BEIGE - Earth Tone Stripe, Upholstered with 2 Extra Pillows. \$70. Cash Only! 863-471-2502

MEN'S DEPENDS S/M & L/XL 8 packages. \$40. (will separate @ 50 cents ea. pkg.) 863-471-2021

VACUUM CLEANER Eureka Upright Bagless with Light. \$35. 863-385-0000

WHEELS 14" for Trailers 2 for \$75. obo 863-471-2021

WOODEN ROCKER Newly upholstered. \$65. Call 863-314-9781

7320 Garage & Yard Sales

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AVON PARK Moving Sale! Fri. - Sat. 8 - 1pm. Outdoors. 19 E. Kendall Blvd. off North Lake Ave. '93 Bass Tracker TX 17, lg. shop vac, table saw, tools, fishing equip & household goods.

7340 Wanted to Buy

WANTED PROGRAMMABLE RECLINER w/full body massage. Reasonable price please, limited budget. Call 863-465-7877 leave message.

7520 Pets & Supplies

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A stray afternoon thunderstorm	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	A t-storm around in the afternoon	Partly sunny, a t-storm in spots	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible
93° / 73°	92° / 75°	93° / 75°	92° / 75°	92° / 74°
Winds: W at 4-8 mph	Winds: SW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSE at 3-6 mph	Winds: SSE at 3-6 mph	Winds: NNE at 3-6 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	90°
Low Sunday	73°
High Monday	92°
Low Monday	69°
High Tuesday	88°
Low Tuesday	68°
High Wednesday	88°
Low Wednesday	68°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	46%
Expected air temperature	93°
Makes it feel like	100°

Barometer

Monday	29.95
Tuesday	29.96
Wednesday	29.94

Precipitation

Monday	0.39"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.77"
Month to date	7.22"
Year to date	51.86"

Tides
Readings at St. Petersburg

High	12:25 a.m.
Low	2:49 a.m.
High	9:32 a.m.
Low	5:42 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

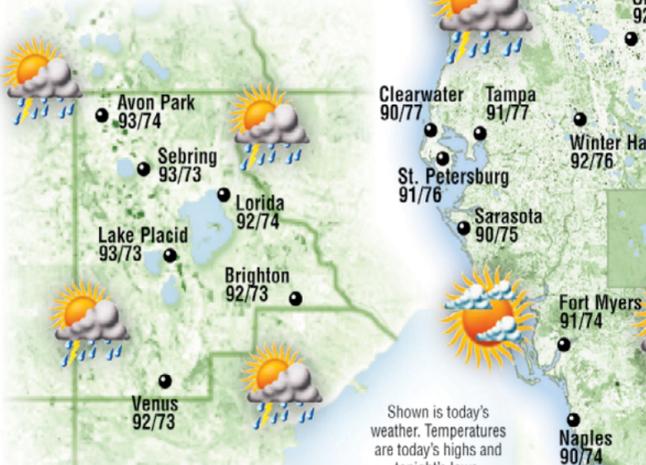
High	4:16 a.m.
Low	10:40 a.m.
High	5:07 p.m.
Low	11:11 p.m.

Lake Levels
Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	15.56'
Normal	14.51'

Regional Summary

A blend of sun and clouds today with a thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. A thunderstorm on the prowl in the evening; otherwise, partly cloudy tonight. A thunderstorm tomorrow.



Farm Report

A thunderstorm in spots this afternoon. Winds west 4-8 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 40% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 60%.

Weather History

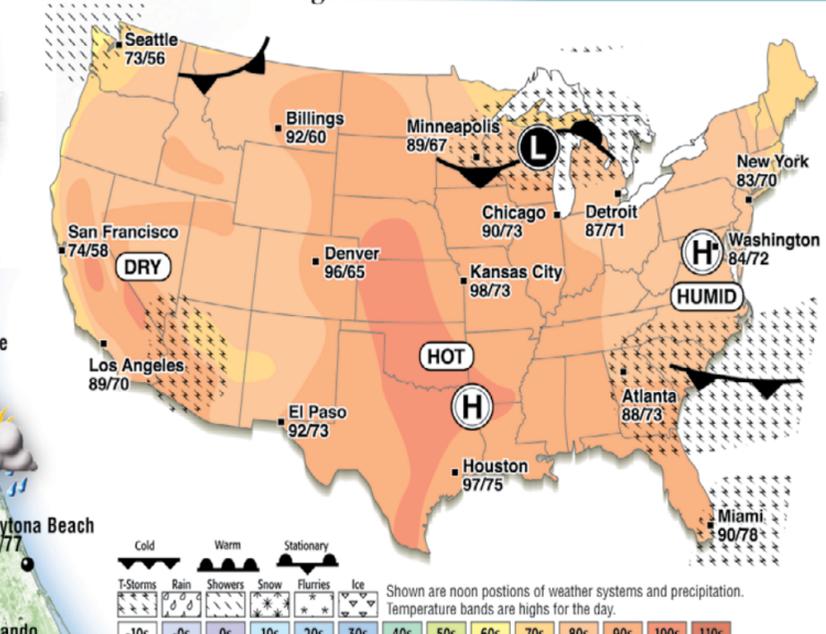
On Aug. 30, 1929, traveling at excessive speed through dense fog, the oil tanker S.C.T. Doss rammed the coastal steamer San Juan. All 70 crewmen perished off the California coast.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:05 a.m.	7:06 a.m.
Sunset	7:48 p.m.	7:46 p.m.
Moonrise	2:00 a.m.	2:49 a.m.
Moonset	3:45 p.m.	4:29 p.m.



National Forecast for August 30



The relentless heat will continue across the Plains states today with plenty of sunshine and temperatures topping 100 degrees from Nebraska down to Texas. Thunderstorms capable of producing damaging winds and hail will occur across southern Wisconsin, northern Illinois and Iowa during the afternoon. Spotty thunderstorms will develop across the Southeast and Appalachians, but much of the day will be dry. Moisture streaming up from the south will help fuel showers and thunderstorms across the Desert Southwest.

National Summary

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	89/66/pc	91/66/1	88/66/pc
Atlanta	88/73/t	88/74/t	86/72/t
Baltimore	87/67/pc	89/66/pc	87/70/pc
Birmingham	93/73/pc	93/73/t	93/73/t
Boston	79/67/pc	83/69/t	83/70/c
Charlotte	84/70/pc	85/70/t	89/69/pc
Cheyenne	90/60/pc	87/53/t	78/52/pc
Chicago	90/73/t	87/69/t	88/66/t
Cleveland	86/70/pc	86/70/t	85/69/t
Columbus	86/71/pc	88/72/t	90/71/t
Dallas	104/80/s	103/79/s	101/78/s
Denver	96/65/pc	93/59/t	85/59/s
Detroit	87/71/t	87/69/t	88/69/t
Harrisburg	84/67/pc	85/69/t	86/69/pc
Honolulu	89/73/s	88/75/pc	89/75/pc
Houston	97/75/s	97/75/s	97/75/s
Indianapolis	90/73/pc	90/72/t	90/70/pc
Jackson, MS	96/72/s	98/73/pc	95/72/pc
Kansas City	98/73/pc	98/74/s	92/66/pc
Lexington	90/71/s	91/71/t	92/72/pc
Little Rock	98/75/s	100/75/s	97/73/s
Los Angeles	89/70/pc	87/66/s	83/65/pc
Louisville	94/75/s	93/75/t	94/76/pc
Memphis	98/77/s	98/78/t	96/76/s
Milwaukee	86/69/t	81/67/pc	86/64/t
Minneapolis	89/67/t	88/69/pc	79/58/pc
Nashville	94/74/s	92/73/t	91/73/pc
New Orleans	92/75/s	92/75/pc	90/75/pc
New York City	83/70/pc	86/72/pc	85/71/pc
Norfolk	81/70/pc	85/72/pc	88/74/pc
Oklahoma City	100/75/s	102/75/s	99/71/s
Philadelphia	86/70/pc	88/72/pc	86/72/pc
Phoenix	94/85/t	101/85/t	102/82/pc
Pittsburgh	87/68/pc	86/69/t	86/69/t
Portland, ME	76/61/pc	78/64/t	78/66/c
Portland, OR	79/58/c	86/61/pc	84/60/pc
Raleigh	88/67/pc	91/70/pc	91/71/pc
Rochester	86/67/pc	86/69/t	85/69/t
St. Louis	96/77/s	96/76/s	94/70/s
San Francisco	74/58/c	70/57/pc	70/59/pc
Seattle	73/56/c	80/57/pc	81/58/pc
Wash., DC	84/72/pc	88/73/pc	88/74/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	91/76/t	91/78/t	88/77/t
Athens	91/72/s	87/72/s	86/70/s
Beirut	89/76/s	88/74/s	88/72/s
Berlin	73/58/c	73/53/c	66/52/pc
Bermuda	82/75/r	84/77/t	86/76/s
Calgary	73/45/pc	70/45/s	78/49/s
Dublin	66/44/pc	60/46/pc	64/52/s
Edmonton	67/48/t	70/48/s	78/48/s
Freeport	87/80/t	87/80/t	88/81/pc
Geneva	74/51/pc	76/51/s	74/50/pc
Havana	87/71/pc	90/73/pc	93/73/t
Hong Kong	91/81/t	87/82/t	88/79/r
Jerusalem	87/66/s	86/66/s	86/65/s
Johannesburg	73/35/s	53/34/s	57/38/s
Kiev	73/53/c	69/53/c	73/55/pc
London	73/54/pc	69/49/pc	70/53/s
Montreal	82/68/t	81/68/t	81/68/t
Moscow	70/53/sh	62/53/c	67/52/r
Nice	80/68/t	80/69/s	80/69/s
Ottawa	84/62/t	77/61/t	79/63/t
Quebec	75/59/t	75/63/t	70/63/c
Rio de Janeiro	78/65/s	81/67/pc	84/70/pc
Seoul	82/68/sh	81/68/pc	81/64/pc
Singapore	90/77/t	90/77/t	90/77/t
Sydney	81/55/s	73/54/pc	75/55/s
Toronto	84/69/t	82/65/t	82/66/t
Vancouver	68/55/c	73/54/pc	76/59/pc
Vienna	74/58/s	76/60/pc	72/57/pc
Warsaw	73/56/c	71/56/c	70/49/sh
Winnipeg	86/64/t	80/54/sh	67/45/s

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Bass fishing guides

Not been catching many fish lately?

Tired of beating the water and wondering where all the fish have gone?

You might want to consider hiring a bass fishing guide.

Too expensive you say?

Maybe, but consider this: most of the local bass fishing guides have boats worth \$25,000 to \$60,000, rods and reels worth another \$5,000 and hundreds of dollars worth of fishing tackle and equipment, readily available.

But even more importantly, they have the experience and knowledge of the many lakes they guide on that the average fisherman lacks.

Many are excellent instructors and teachers, providing tips and techniques that have been successful during their fishing careers.

And most have an incredible amount of patience – an important part of being a successful guide.

Guide trips can vary from four hours to an all-day trip, and many of the local guides will fish on the lake of your choice, although Lake Istokpoga, Lake June, Walk-in-Water and Lake Okeechobee tend to be the most popular bodies of water, offering the greatest opportunities to catch a real lunger.

Some guides will only fish artificial baits, while others typically only provide guide trips using live wild shiners.

Most will offer both.

One word of caution regarding live bait – it is usually an additional charge – shiners can range in price from \$10 a dozen to \$24 – and 4 to 5 dozen are needed on most trips.

What can you expect from your guide?

That depends on your level of competency.

If you need assistance casting your bait out, rigging your bait, baiting your hook, or netting and removing the hook from a bass's jaws, your guide will provide that assistance.

Many live bait guides will anchor the boat and cast out 3-5 baits and wait for the action that they know will come soon.

When it does, they'll instruct their guest on how to take in any slack line, lower the rod tip and set the hook.

Artificial bass guides will often instruct their guests on which lures to use, how to use them properly and where to cast them.



Fishin' Around...

Don Norton

The cost of a trip will run \$200 to \$400 for a day of fishing, depending on the guide.

Some offer 4-hour trips, 6-hour trips and 8-hour trips.

Most try to schedule trips in advance, particularly in season, and some require a deposit to hold the date.

Re-scheduled trips happen occasionally due to poor weather conditions and some guides even guarantee you'll catch fish or your money is refunded.

All in all, if you don't have a boat or if you do, but you're not catching fish like you'd like, or you're looking to catch that trophy bass, you might want to consider hiring a guide.

There's no shortage of bass fishing guides in the area.

A couple of the better known guides are Remo Beaver and Don Hatcher.

I've been out with Remo a couple of times and he's got an incredible sixth sense in finding quality fish.

He and Don have been guides in this area a long time.

I know most of the guides in this area, many of which I've fished with or against in local bass tournaments.

They are all top-notch fishermen and although I don't claim to have a complete list, most can be contacted through the different marine dealers, fishing camps and bait and tackle shops.

Guides like Corbin Dyer and his sons, JR and James; John Woods, owner of the Lorida General Store; Norman Lee at Lake Placid Marine and Ken Karrol and Geoff Balog in Lake Placid are some of the better known guides south of here.

In Sebring and Avon Park, Paul Tardiff, Nick DeSanta, Steve Dubois and Dave Douglass are all successful bass fishing guides.

And of course, myself.

I started guiding on Lake Okeechobee and the Stick Marsh (Farm 13) back in

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Highlands Eagles wrestle with the Gators

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization (HYFC) hosted their season opener on Saturday, Aug. 24, at Joe Franza Stadium in Avon Park to take on the Lake Wales Gators.

It was the first official game of the season, the Eagles coaches and players were anxious to get on the field knowing that from this point on, every game counts and each win is one step closer to a divisional playoff game.

The Lady Eagle cheerleaders started off the day getting the players pumped up for the game and boosting the team spirit in the stands with the spectators.

The first team to take the field was the Flag team, ages 5- and 6-years old and coached by Steve Remes.

The Eagles offense was lead by Marcus Gomez, Josh Hernandez, Leon Harris and Damari Cohen.

The Gators took an early 6-0 lead but the Eagles responded quickly with Harris scoring the first touchdown of the day with the extra point scored by Cohen taking the lead at 7-6.

The defense made their presence known and stood strong with key plays by Max Gagnon, Keldrice Legree, Clayton Hooks and Harris.

The offensive drives continued throughout with Harris scoring again



Courtesy photo

Gio Gonzalez scores a touchdown in style against Lake Wales.

to wrap up the day with a final score of 13-6.

It was a very exciting game with the Eagles starting the season in the win column.

Next to take the field was the Mighty Might team, ages 7, 8 and 9 and coached by Bronson Smith.

The offense struggled early in the

game, but on a two-play run, Isiah Pete ran 52 yards for a touchdown.

The Gators quickly responded with a couple of scores of their own to take the lead 13-6.

On defense, Solan Huter caused and recovered a fumble and made several

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Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files

Joanna Sanchez was certainly excited with the Lady Dragons win at Okeechobee Tuesday night.

Lady Dragons overcome Okeechobee

By DAN HOEHNE

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Talk about some early season adversity.

Lake Placid's Lady Dragons had started out their volleyball season well enough with a win over district and county rival Avon Park in the opener of the Sebring Preseason Classic last week, and had gotten off to a huge lead in the finale against the host Blue Streaks.

But since then, they had lost five straight sets – the final three to Sebring and the first two Tuesday night on the road at Okeechobee.

But Lake Placid soon gave an indication that this season will be marked by their perseverance as they turned it around on the Lady Brahms to take a 3-2 win.

"The stats don't show how much heart we have," first year head coach Charlotte Bauder said. "We came back

the whole match and fought hard for the win. It was an awesome win for us."

Awesome and relatively unexpected as the Class 6A Brahms, a perennial volleyball power, cruised to a 25-16 win to start the match, and held the Dragons off for a 25-22 win to take a 2-0 lead and stand on the verge of a match victory.

"It was tough," Bauder said. "We had four players sick and I'm not one to use this as an excuse, but the officiating in this game was not very good."

But the battle back soon began as the front line began connecting and the back-line defense stiffened.

Lake Placid turned the tables to a 25-22 win in the third set and gained some momentum to take a match-evening 25-17 win in the fourth.

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Lady Panthers edged by Warner

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – It was as exciting and encouraging as a three-set sweep could be.

A three-setter that South Florida's Lady Panthers lost, mind you, to Warner University Tuesday night.

And yet the main reaction from head coach Kim Crawford tell more of what took place.

"We saw great things," she said. "The coaching staff was very pleased with everyone's effort on the court."

And there was very good reason to be pleased as this team with all but two freshmen has been working together for still less than a month, and in those three setbacks against the Royals, who have a pair each of sophomores, juniors and seniors, great signs of things to

come were seen.

The opening set saw a nip-and-tuck affair that saw Warner never able to extend the lead to more than two points until a late run pushed it to a 25-20 win.

And yet Jasmine Kelly and Breighly Bolton emerged as powerful weapons, with each recording multiple kills to keep the Panthers in range.

Both South Florida's inexperience and Warner's experience seemed to kick in at that start of the second set, with the Royals breaking out to an 8-2 lead.

A block and kill from Madison Bitton, however, helped the Panthers claw their way back to within 9-8.

Again Warner pushed ahead, going on a 7-1 run to make it 16-9, but South Florida kept up the fight.

Evin Foster smashed home a score and Kelly followed with back-to-back scores on a kill and block to close the gap.

Two more Kelly kills drew the Panthers to within 24-22 before a key Royal score clinched the win.

And of all the sets, the third one started out seeming like the least competitive of the night.

South Florida was off and inconsistent in allowing Warner to push out to leads of 8-2, 19-11 and 22-13.

But where in past seasons this might have had the makings of a lopsided loss, this group showed its mettle.

Two kills from Bitton sandwiched a Foster finish to narrow the lead to 23-17.

Warner scored next to put itself at game point, but the Panthers scored the next

seven in a row, including a kill from Allison Taylor, to miraculously knot it at 24-24.

They evened it again at 25-all, but the Royals would score the next two to put it away.

Even so, the mood of Crawford was echoed by her players.

"I'm excited for this season," freshman and Okeechobee grad Darby Jones said. "We have a lot of potential."

Two tough matches against four-year programs that put this young squads' feet to the fire right out of the gate.

South Florida next tests its talents against schools more its own size as they travel to Ft. Pierce today to face Lake Sumter and Indian River in a tri-match.



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Jasmine Kelly throws one down Tuesday night, one of many kills she would have, in the Panthers exciting match against Warner.

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	79	55	.590	—
Tampa Bay	75	56	.573	2.5
Baltimore	70	61	.534	7.5
New York	70	63	.526	8.5
Toronto	60	74	.448	19
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	77	56	.579	—
Cleveland	71	61	.538	5.5
Kansas City	68	64	.515	8.5
Minnesota	57	74	.435	19
Chicago	56	76	.424	20.5
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	78	55	.586	—
Oakland	75	57	.568	2.5
Los Angeles	59	72	.450	18
Seattle	59	73	.447	18.5
Houston	44	88	.333	33.5

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 1
 Oakland 6, Detroit 3, 6 innings
 Boston 13, Baltimore 2
 Atlanta 2, Cleveland 0
 L.A. Angels 6, Tampa Bay 5
 Chicago White Sox 4, Houston 3
 Kansas City 6, Minnesota 1
 Texas 4, Seattle 3, 10 innings

Wednesday's Games

Texas 12, Seattle 4
 Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 2
 Oakland 14, Detroit 4
 Boston 4, Baltimore 3
 Atlanta 3, Cleveland 2
 Tampa Bay 4, L.A. Angels 1
 Chicago White Sox 6, Houston 1
 Kansas City 8, Minnesota 1

Thursday's Games

Oakland at Detroit, late
 Kansas City at Minnesota, late
 L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, late
 Baltimore at Boston, late
 Cleveland at Atlanta, late
 Seattle at Houston, late

Friday's Games

Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 11-11), 7:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (E.Santana 8-7) at Toronto (Buehrle 10-7), 7:07 p.m.
 Cleveland (McAllister 7-7) at Detroit (Porcello 10-7), 7:08 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 4-7) at Boston (Dempster 6-9), 7:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Hendriks 0-2) at Texas (Darvish 12-5), 8:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Weaver 8-7) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 8-13), 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Walker 0-0) at Houston (Peacock 3-4), 8:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Price 8-5) at Oakland (J.Parker 10-6), 10:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING				
	AB	R	H	BA
Cabrera, DET	479	95	171	.357
Trout, LAA	491	91	163	.332
A. Beltre, TEX	517	79	170	.329

HOME RUNS

Davis, BAL	47
Cabrera, DET	43
Encarnacion, TOR	34

RUNS BATTED IN

Cabrera, DET	130
Davis, BAL	120
Encarnacion, TOR	99

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Cabrera, DET	.448
Trout, LAA	.427
Mauer, MIN	.404

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Cabrera, DET	.683
Davis, BAL	.682
Trout, LAA	.574

WON-LOST

Scherzer, DET	19-1
Moore, TB	14-3
Tillman, BAL	14-4

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Sanchez, DET	2.61
Darvish, TEX	2.68
Scherzer, DET	2.73

STRIKEOUTS

Darvish, TEX	225
Scherzer, DET	196
Hernandez, SEA	194

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	80	52	.606	—
Washington	67	65	.508	13
Philadelphia	61	72	.459	19.5
New York	59	72	.450	20.5
Miami	49	82	.374	30.5
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	78	55	.586	—
Pittsburgh	77	55	.583	.5
Cincinnati	75	59	.560	3.5
Milwaukee	58	74	.439	19.5
Chicago	56	77	.421	22
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	78	55	.586	—
Arizona	68	64	.515	9.5
Colorado	63	72	.467	16
San Diego	60	73	.451	18
San Francisco	59	74	.444	19

Tuesday's Games

Washington 2, Miami 1
 Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 6
 Atlanta 2, Cleveland 0
 N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 0
 St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 1
 San Francisco 5, Colorado 3
 Arizona 10, San Diego 9, 10 innings
 Chicago Cubs 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

Wednesday's Games

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

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, late
 Miami at Washington, late
 Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, late
 Cleveland at Atlanta, late

Friday's Games

Philadelphia (Halladay 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 8-11), 2:20 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Gee 9-9) at Washington (Zimmermann 15-7), 7:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (S.Miller 12-8) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 14-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Miami (Fernandez 10-5) at Atlanta (Teheran 10-7), 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Weaver 8-7) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 8-13), 8:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Arroyo 13-9) at Colorado (Manship 0-4), 8:40 p.m.
 San Francisco (Lincecum 7-13) at Arizona (Delgado 4-4), 9:40 p.m.
 San Diego (Stults 8-11) at L.A. Dodgers



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

7:30 p.m. NASCAR – Great Clips-Grit Chips 300 . ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 p.m. Texas Tech at SMU ESPN
FRIDAY
 8 p.m. Texas Tech at SMU ESPN
SATURDAY
Noon Toledo at Florida 38
Noon Buffalo at Ohio State ESPN2
12:30 p.m. Louisiana Tech at North Carolina State . . . 44
1 p.m. Rice at Texas A&M ESPN
3:30 p.m. Temple at Notre Dame NBC
3:30 p.m. Syracuse vs. Penn State ESPN2
3:30 p.m. Mississippi State vs. Oklahoma State ABC
4 p.m. Louisiana-Lafayette at Arkansas SUN
5:30 p.m. Alabama vs. Virginia Tech ESPN
7:30 p.m. Wofford at Baylor SUN
8 p.m. Georgia at Clemson ABC
9 p.m. LSU vs. Texas Christian ESPN
10:30 p.m. Northwestern at California ESPN2

GOLF

9:30 a.m. EuroPGA – ISPS Handa Wales Open . . . GOLF
 12:30 p.m. PGA – Hotel Fitness Championship GOLF
 3 p.m. PGA – Deutsch Bank Championship GOLF
 6:30 p.m. LPGA – Safeway Classic GOLF
 8:30 p.m. PGA – Shaw Charity Classic GOLF

FRIDAY

1 p.m. PGA – Hotel Fitness Championship GOLF
 3 p.m. PGA – Deutsch Bank Championship GOLF
 6:30 p.m. LPGA – Safeway Classic GOLF
 8:30 p.m. PGA – Shaw Charity Classic GOLF

MLB

2 p.m. Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs WGN
 10 p.m. Tampa Bay at Oakland SUN
SATURDAY
 7 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Boston WGN

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

12:30 p.m. Crystal Palace vs. Sunderland NBC

TENNIS

1 p.m. U.S. Open, Men's 2nd, Women's 3rd . . ESPN2
 7 p.m. U.S. Open, Men's 2nd, Women's 3rd . . ESPN2
SATURDAY
 11 a.m. U.S. Open, Third Round CBS
Times, games, channels all subject to change

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING				
	AB	R	H	BA
Molina, STL	408	55	136	.333
C. Johnson, ATL	413	45	136	.329
McCutchen, PIT	486	81	157	.323

HOME RUNS

Alvarez, PIT	32
Goldschmidt, ARI	31
Brown, PHL	27

RUNS BATTED IN

Goldschmidt, ARI	104
Craig, STL	96
Phillips, CIN	95

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Votto, CIN	.435
Choo, CIN	.412
Goldschmidt, ARI	.401
McCutchen, PIT	.400

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Gonzalez, COL	.591
Goldschmidt, ARI	.551
Beltran, STL	.526
Cuddyer, COL	.526

WON-LOST

Zimmermann, WAS	15-7
Wainwright, STL	15-8
De La Rosa, COL	14-6
Liriano, PIT	14-6

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Kershaw, LAD	1.72
Harvey, NYM	2.27
Fernandez, MIA	2.30

STRIKEOUTS

Kershaw, LAD	197
Harvey, NYM	191
Wainwright, STL	184

NFL Preseason

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	71 66
New England	2	1	0	.667	65 83
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	78 60
Miami	1	3	0	.250	80 68
South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	74 61
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	67 62
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	67 65
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	40 95
North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	98 73
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	79 53
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	57 52
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	46 68
West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Denver	2	1	0	.667	47 72
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	52 52
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	65 79
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	62 71

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Washington	3	0	0	1.000	76 41
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	67 64

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
New Orleans	3	0	1.000	76 56
Carolina	2	1	0.667	67 58
Tampa Bay	1	2	0.333	54 85
Atlanta	0	3	0.000	49 88

HOME RUNS

Chicago	2	1	0.667	84 78
Detroit	2	1	0.667	72 50
Green Bay	1	2	0.333	29 41
Minnesota	0	3	0.000	43 81

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Seattle	3	0	1.000	88 30
Arizona	2	1	0.667	36 31
San Francisco	2	1	0.667	55 37
St. Louis	0	3	0.000	52 73

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Indianapolis at Cincinnati, late
 Detroit at Buffalo, late
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, late
 New Orleans at Miami, late
 Washington at Tampa Bay, late
 Jacksonville at Atlanta, late
 N.Y. Giants at New England, late
 Pittsburgh at Carolina, late
 Tennessee at Minnesota, late
 Cleveland at Chicago, late
 Green Bay at Kansas City, late
 Houston at Dallas, late
 Baltimore at St. Louis, late
 Arizona at Denver, late
 Oakland at Seattle, late
 San Francisco at San Diego, late

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	20	8	.714	—
Atlanta	14	12	.538	5
Washington	14	15	.483	6.5
Indiana	12	15	.444	7.5
New York	11	17	.393	9
Connecticut	7	20	.259	12.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	20	7	.741	—
x-Los Angeles	19	8	.704	1
Phoenix	14	13	.519	6
Seattle	13	14	.481	7
San Antonio	10	17	.370	10
Tulsa	9	19	.321	11.5

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota 73, New York 47
 Seattle 72, San Antonio 71
 Los Angeles 91, Connecticut 78

Wednesday's Game

Washington 85, Atlanta 80, OT

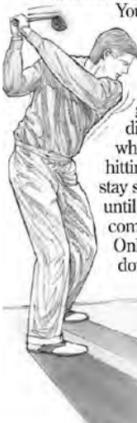
Thursday



Today's Tip
MASTER STROKES
BY PHIL FRANK WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

Wait A Second

We recently talked about "ready golf" to help speed up play. Some golfers have a tendency to take off down the fairway after they have teed off, before the rest of the foursome have all hit. It's not good etiquette.



You can't start walking off because you're done. This is more of a problem with the last player to hit - everyone wants to get going. The movement is disconcerting to a player who is in the process of hitting. Have the courtesy to stay still (and out of sight) until all players have completed their swings. Only then should you start down the fairway.

By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing,"

illustrated by Phil Franke

Huggett to 29-feet from No. 4.

Placid Lakes

A Hole in One was recorded for Sue Mackey on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Mackey used a 7-iron on the 87-yard second hole and saw it find the bottom of the cup for the momentous feat.

Karen Wallin and Rose Hunter witnessed Mackey's ace.

An Individual Points tournament was played on Wednesday, Aug. 21, with Bob McMillian taking top honors with a total of 53.

Next up, Bob Sheets and Wayne Wood each came in with 46 points, Ed Bartusch 44 and Jack Hoerner 41.

A Best Net Nine Hole was played on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Karen Wallin came in first with a net total of 23, with Gail Ladig in second with a 26.

Joan Sniffen finished third with 27 and Sue Mackey fourth with 31.

Mackey also had closest to the pin, getting to a scant 2-

feet, 6-inches from No. 11.

SpringLake

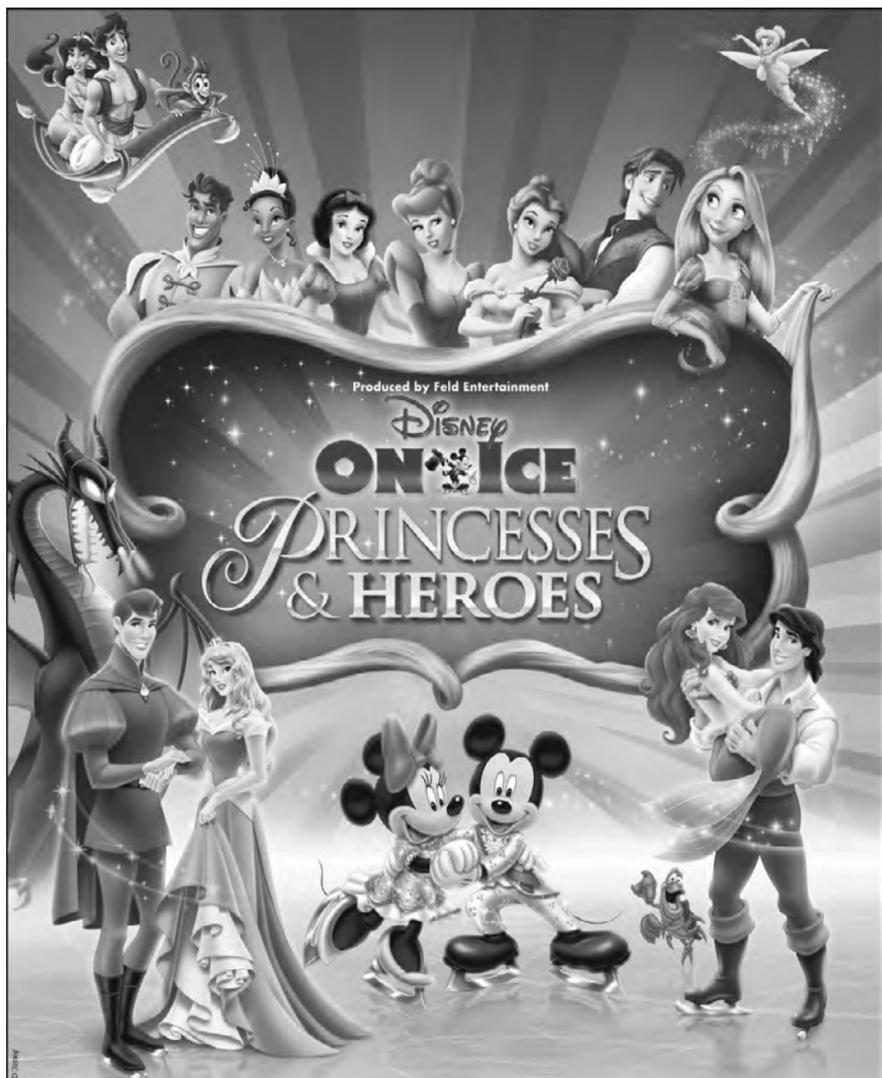
On Tuesday, Aug. 27, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association sponsored a Four Man Team competition in which the best two balls on the Front Nine and best three balls on the Back Nine counted toward the team score, on the Panther Creek course.

First place went to Joe Austin, Bob Hinde, Larry Miesner and Ray McKenzie with a net score of 318 strokes.

Second place went to Bob Rogers, Richie Eastep, Jay Payne and a Blind with a score of 334.

Third place was won by Jan Hard, Charlie Keniston, Dave Docherty and a Blind with a score of 347, which narrowly beat out the fourth place team of Rick Nelson, Vern Hoffman, Ed Clay and Jim Foote, who scored 348.

Fifth place went to Gary Behrendt, Leon Van, John Schroeder and a Blind with 356.



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Eagles get three wins

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key tackles with teammates Kaleb Rojas, Landon Young and Fred Hankerson.

In the second half, the offense struggled to gain momentum and the defense couldn't contain the Gators to bring the first loss of the day with a final score of 31-6.

Next up was the Pee Wee team ages 10 and 11, coached by Tim Hooks.

They started the day meeting a strong defensive stance from the Gators after an early score.

The Eagles offense rallied behind quarterback Graisin Wheelock, along with offensive lineman O'Brien Yarde and Christopher Cardoso plowing the way to allow fullback Austin Smith to drive down the field for a first-quarter touchdown.

The Gators quickly responded with a score of their own.

The defense came out in the second half with key tackles by Jacob Bennett, Colton Topper, Steven Douthit and Wheelock but the Gators strong offensive drives lead to a 31-6 loss.

Following the Pee Wee game, the Junior Varsity team ages 12 and 13, coached by Cliff Howell took the field with the Gators.

The game got off to a great start with offense driving down the field led by quarterback Norris "Fish" Taylor, Jr. and Geo Gonzalez scoring a 15-yard touchdown for the first score of the day to take an early lead of 6-0.

The strong JV defense took the field alert and ready with key tackles made by Kyle Rodriguez, Kasey Hawthorne, Jordan Rose, Kevin Webb, Gonzalez and Taylor.

The Gators quickly responded with a score of

their own on a breakaway run to take the lead 7-6.

The Eagles offense exploded as they took control with Taylor scoring and extra point by Marquis Hawthorne.

The defense quickly thwarted the Gators advances and capitalized on the next drive as Kasey Hawthorne intercepted the ball and ran 75 yards to score.

Kasey would go on to score again on a 20-yard pass from Taylor, and Taylor would score on a fumbled snap scoring a 55-yard touchdown, for a 32-7 lead.

On the last play of the game the defense had the Gators deep in their own territory when Colton Williams rushed in to sack the quarterback causing a fumble in the end zone.

It was recovered by Williams to score the final touchdown of the day, giving the JV team the 38-7 win.

The Varsity Eagles team, ages 13, 14 and 15 and coached by Nick Bailey did not have a game due to the Gators not having a Varsity team and earned their first victory by forfeit.

All in all, it was a great day of football for the Eagles, taking three out of five games and off to a great start.

The HYF Board of Directors want to express their appreciation to the parents, players, cheerleaders and coaches for your participation and contributions made to make this day of football a success.

The Highlands Eagles will be playing in their next game on this Saturday, Aug. 31, on the road to face the Lakeland Hurricanes at Lake Gibson High School.

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



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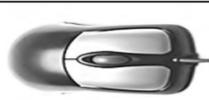
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LP makes stunning comeback

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That momentum carried over as the Dragons took a 7-0 lead in the 15-point tie-breaker, though things got a bit dicey.

"Things got a little crazy and we were up two at match point," Bauder said. "But a couple of calls went against us and it was tied 14-14. Neither team had any time outs left, so it was up to the girls."

And the girls took care of it, scoring three of the next four points to eke out the clinching, 17-15 win.

Lake Placid's offense was lead by Bella Carabello's 13 kills, with Jacalyn Baldwin adding 11 and Breauna Corley six.

The offense was set up by setter Andrea Barajas' 23 assists while the defense was anchored by Mary Grace Bates' whopping 32 digs, with Dani Daigel and

Carabello each reaching double figures as well with 13 and 10, respectively.

Fresh off this remarkable comeback, the Dragons looked to keep it going when they returned to Sebring to face the Streaks Thursday night before getting into district play next Thursday at McKeel.

See Sunday's News-Sun for a recap of the Dragon, Blue Streak battle.

Guides a good investment

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1992 when I lived in Jupiter, and expanded my range in 1996 when I moved to Avon Park.

I'll pretty much go anywhere a client is interested in fishing.

Some of the guides will travel to Toho and Kissimmee and even the Stick Marsh but it's always best to have a clear understanding of where you want to fish and if there is any additional charge for lakes outside of the immediate area.

I'm sure there are many others that I don't know, but hiring a bass fishing guide could be one of the best investments you'll ever make.

I took a guy out last year who had just moved to Sebring and he was a very knowledgeable fisherman who was simply interested in finding a few good spots to fish.

Like he said, he could probably find the spots on his own, but hiring a local guide saved him time and money.

So if you're tired of getting skunked, or catching small fish when everyone else is bragging about the "haws" they caught on their last trip, or you're just looking for a memorable trip with your buddy, your spouse or your son or daughter, consider hiring a guide.

You'll be glad you did.

Friday Bass Tournament Nick DeSanta and his partner Roy Clark have been on a roll winning again at



Courtesy photo Nick DeSanta was at it again, winning the Friday Bass Tournament with a haul that included a whopping, 7 1/2 pounder.

our first Lake Glenada morning tournament last Friday.

Their 3-fish limit weighed in at 10.72 pounds with one fish that weighed just short of 7 1/2 pounds.

Second place went to Rudy Williams and Butch with three fish weighing 8.56, and third place was Steve Dubois and Dan Stewart with 7.70 pounds.

Everybody caught their limit of three fish and we all had a good time.

If you're interested in fishing with us Fridays on Lake Glenada, the tournament is held every Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. till Noon, at \$20 per boat, one or two anglers, artificial baits only with a 3-fish limit

per boat.

Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass fishing guide, and custom rod builder. He lives in the Golf Hammock area of Sebring with his wife Lexie, and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The American Fisherman". He is also the owner of REDS II, a full-service fishing tackle store located at 3603 Sebring Parkway, in Sebring, FL. You can reach him at 863-273-4998 or by email at donorton13@gmail.com. Visit his American Fisherman Facebook page or his website at theamericanfisherman.com. or stop by the store to see him in person.

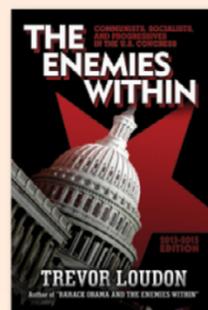


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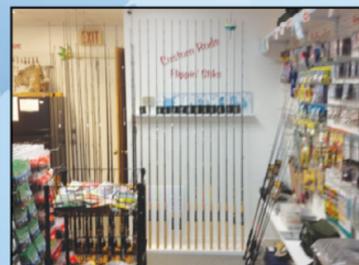


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Healthy Living

New Stroke Recovery group forming

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Are you affected from the effects of stroke? A new Stroke Recovery group is forming and will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday. This is a new self-help group for people in the community who have had a stroke and are living with the effects. The purpose of the group is to provide an informal, confidential space to share experiences, support and information.

Meetings will feature speakers, occasional outings and exercise. The group will meet at Sebring Christian Church on Hammock Road; the meeting will conclude at 2:30 p.m. The first meeting is to review the agenda for those who would be coming to the group. Plans now call for the group to meet twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

The first Tuesday will be dedicated to a guest speaker who will facilitate the meeting. Printed information from the National Stroke Association will be distributed. Physicians, therapists and others will be invited to lecture throughout the season.

The third Tuesdays will be reserved for “movement therapy”. Therapists adapted to working with people affected from stroke will take the group through different techniques of exercises depending on their ability to participate. Also on the third Tuesdays, students from Azure College will be taking blood pressure readings and pulse rates for those interested.

Organizers would like to establish the needs of those who are affected from the result of stroke/s. The group welcomes anyone who has had a stroke, as well as the caregiver, family and friends of those living with the effects of stroke, to participate.

Examples of topics that will be covered:

- The difference in warning signs of stroke vs. heart attack

- Cholesterol and Stroke
- Guide to Choosing Stroke Rehabilitation Services

- Recovery After Stroke: Ability to Go Places

- Be Smoke Free: Facts about Smoking and Stroke Risk

- Recovery After Stroke: Thinking and Cognition

- Healthy Eating
- Coping with Emotions
- Managing Fatigue
- Managing Life at Home, etc.

The first meeting will feature guest speaker Dr. Rey Pineda, whose topic will be “What is Stroke” and “Recognizing the Difference in Warning Signs of Stroke vs. Heart Attack”. At 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17 will be the therapy session with “Music in Motion”, presented by ACE Homecare. “Music in Motion” will be demonstrated by Belinda Wright, Sunshine ambassador CNA/HHA with Ace Homecare, Avon Park. Joining Wright will be Carol Kelly, MSEd., RN and Rebecca Moore, Sunshine ambassador CNA/HHA, both also from ACE Homecare.

Music therapy

Music influences human behavior by affecting the brain and subsequently other bodily structures in ways that are observable, identifiable, measurable and predictable, thereby providing the necessary foundation for its use in treatment procedures. Recent studies have examined the effect of music therapy on stroke patients, when combined with traditional therapy. One study found the incorporation of music with therapeutic upper extremity exercises gave patients more positive emotional effects than exercise alone.

Current research shows that when music therapy is used in conjunction with traditional therapy, it improves rates of recovery and emotional and social deficits resulting from stroke. Other studies reveal that participants gained not only more flexibility and wider range of motion, but an increased frequency and quality of social interactions and positive mood.

It is not necessary to have music ability to benefit from music therapy. The act of expressing one’s self through music is a form of communication for clients who are non-verbal or for those who have difficulty expressing themselves verbally. Processing music uses a different part of the brain than language, often allowing clients with brain injuries to sing words with less difficulty than speaking.

A few typical target areas in music therapy include gross/fine motor coordination and control, socialization and communication, emotional expression and creativity, self-esteem and self-awareness, sensory integration, relaxation and stress management, etc.

The new Stroke Recovery Group is brought to you through H.A.L.L.O. (Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization). To be on the mailing list for notification of the meetings and guest speakers, call HALLO at 385-1196, email halloinc@embarqmail.com or write H.A.L.L.O., P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872.

Protect eyesight with these supplements

Dear Pharmacist: I need more options to protect my vision. I take prescription eye drops, but I’m steadily declining.

– R.J., Decatur, Ill.

Answer: I’m sorry to hear that. I’m always researching ways to protect eyesight because it is so precious, and often taken for granted. Even if you use prescription drops like Timolol, Xalatan, Restasis, Zaditor, Travatan, Acular, or the ‘eye lash growing’ Latisse, supplements are usually OK.

Numerous multi-tasking formulas are sold at pharmacies, and they contain all the key eye-nourishing ingredients like minerals, omega 3 fatty acids and B vitamins.

These lay a good foundation, but may not be enough. So even if you take Ocuvite or I-caps for example, it’s probably alright to take one of the nutrients I list below, or both for that matter. Since we are dealing with your eyes, get your ophthalmologist’s blessings for any new supplements, even if they are sold without prescription.

Astaxanthin

Sold nationwide, it gets my stamp of approval for macular degeneration and glaucoma based upon my research. This is a soft-gel, it is not an eye drop. Astaxanthin can be thought of as a cousin of beta carotene. Because it can reduce Asthenopia or “eye fatigue” by 54 percent, and I work on a computer, I take this.

Astaxanthin is a protective antioxidant; it never goes pro-oxidant like other nutrients.

Forget your eyes, studies prove it helps joint pain, supports healthy cholesterol levels, eases fine lines and improves endurance.

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Dear Pharmacist

Suzy Cohen

day myself, I can vouch for these benefits from my own personal experience. Being both lipophilic and hydrophilic, it slides easily into every single cell, your brain too.

Do the studies prove it? Yes. Astaxanthin is helpful for diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, eye strain and seeing things in fine detail.

A new study, published in Molecular Vision, July 25, 2013, found that the natural astaxanthin reduced “oxidative stress on retinal pigment epithelial cells,” which just so happen to play a crucial role in the development and progression of age-related macular degeneration.

That study concurs with dozens of others. Astaxanthin supplements are sold at health food stores nationwide.

Hyaluronic acid

I think this supplement is perfect for dry eye. It’s naturally found in your vitreous humor, which is the gel-like liquid in your eye. It may help floaters, glaucoma, a detached retina or diabetic retinopathy. Doctors sometimes suggest taking hyaluronic acid supplements to improve recovery and minimize scarring after cataract surgery.

It is fabulous for bones (think osteoporosis) and skin. Hyaluronic acid is the star ingredient in skin fillers like Restylane and Juvederm. Supplements are touted to restore hair color (not sure about that one!) and disorders that damage the vocal cords.

Since my focus is on eyes, I’ll tell you that hyaluronic acid can be taken as an oral supplement, and it’s sold at health food stores. I haven’t tried any brands myself. I found eye drops with it. One is “AMO Blink Contacts Lubricating Drops” and the other is Oxyal.

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

Mental well-being of children needs discussion

Mental health is important to overall health. Mental disorders are chronic health conditions that can continue through life. Without early diagnosis and treatment, children with mental disorders can have problems at home, in school and in forming friendships. This can also interfere with their healthy development, and these problems can continue into adulthood.

During your child’s physical exam, discuss any concerns that you have over your child’s emotional or psychological development with your pediatrician.

Children’s mental health continues to be a top priority for AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics).

Studies have shown that 20 percent of children have significant mental health problems, but only 20 percent of these youngsters receive services from mental health professionals.

Unfortunately, a large number of youth go untreated. In my last Mini Fellowship at Mayo Clinic, “Regarding the Safe and Effective use of Psychiatric Medication in Children and Adolescents,” we discussed the importance to educate, encourage and exchange in order to achieve a mental well-being in our children.

The child’s basis needs is to feel loved (not just “be”

Guest Column

Dr. Raisa D. Camilo

loved), to be important to someone, to be good at something, to belong to a group of others. But it takes a parent, a community, diagnosis and treatment to accomplish all the above. Also, we need to exchange information with our children. For example: What do you think? What will work for you? How might we do this? What makes sense? What doesn’t?

What you can do

Parents: You know your child best. Talk to your child’s health care professional if you have concerns about the way your child behaves at home, in school or with friends.

Youth: It is just as important to take care of your mental health as it is your physical health. If you are angry, worried or sad, don’t be afraid to talk about your feelings and reach out to a trusted friend or adult.

Teachers and school administrators: Early identification is important so that children can get the help they need. Work with families and health care professionals if you have concerns about the mental health of a

child in your school.

Finally, a good prescription for a healthy living is: Eat at least five fruits and vegetables every day, get at least one hour of physical activity every day, cut sugar-sweetened drinks and drink

water and low-fat milk.

Dr. Raisa D. Camilo, M.D., FAAP, FAAC is with the Sun ‘N Lake Medical Group. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent your condition.

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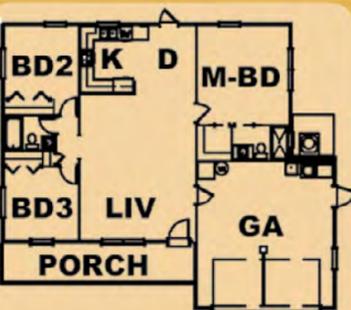
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Religion

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

SEBRING – Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled “What Sacrifice Looks Like.”

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For more information, call 471-2663 or search online at christ-lutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING – The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled “Christ Jesus”. The key note is from I John 14:6 I am, “. . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

The church is at 154 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING – Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled “Binding Satan: Part 3” at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the book of John.

Church of the Brethren

SEBRING – On Sunday, Pastor Dave Smalley will preach from Matthew 28:16-20 and the title of his sermon will be “It Started with Jesus.”

Sunday school will be taught by Wendell Bohrer with the help of Louise Bohrer. The theme for Sunday is “From the Dust of the Ground”, looking at scripture of Genesis 2.

For information, call 385-1597.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING – Pastor Cecil Hess will preach Sunday on a Labor Day theme, “The People Had a Mind to Work.”

The church meets in the community center, on U.S. 27 four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Call 382-1737 for information.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING – Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, “Pleasing to God,” with scripture from

Hebrews 13:1-16.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit sebringemmanuelucc.com.

Faith Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID — The message by Pastor Bill Cole on Sunday will be “Faith is the Victory” from Romans 4 and the evening message will be “Um, Um, Good!” from the Book of John.

Wednesdays evenings are a time of prayer and Bible study.

Faith Baptist Sunday morning sermons are now on the website..... so if you are not able to attend, please visit www.faithbaptistchurchLP.com.

For further information about activities of the Faith Baptist, please call the church office at 465-0060 or check out the website. The church is at 660 Holmes Ave.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING – This Sunday, the church celebrates the 15th Sunday after Pentecost. Guest Pastor Tony Douches will deliver his sermon at Faith Lutheran titled “Eating

Humble Pie.” Holy Communion will be served.

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University will be held starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24. This is a nine-week class. For more information, check online.

First Baptist Church Avon Park

AVON PARK – Rev. Jon Beck will speak from Acts 22 on Sunday morning. Communion will be served.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information, call 453-6681 or email info@fbcap.net.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING – The pastor’s sermon for Sunday is titled “Jesus, Man of Joy!” from Proverbs 17:11 and John 15:11. Assisting during the Communion service will be Elders Sharron and Dick Campbell. Deacons for the day will be Linda Ellis and Roger Sands. Deacons serving will be Franny Goff and Sandra Laufer.

The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

First Prebyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK – On Sunday, the Rev. Ed Fleagle will be the guest speaker. Special music of a piano/organ duet will be provided by Mary Ann Fleagle and Cheryl Sanders playing “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”

On Monday, the church office will be closed.

On Wednesday, Bible study will resume. The Rev. Bob Johnson will begin a study on the topic “What is Discipleship?”

On Saturday, Sept. 7 the Women’s Ministries will have their quarterly luncheon at noon in the fellowship hall. The theme is Ice Cream Cones and “God’s Scoops of Blessings.” Sarah Circle are hosts. Remember to bring the filled mission cans.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrand Street). For questions, call 453-3242 or check the website at avonparkchurch.com, or at www.avonparkchamber.com. Click on the “Chamber for Good” logo or

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ANGLICAN

♦ **New Life Anglican Fellowship**, 10 N. Main Ave. (Woman’s Club), Lake Placid, FL 33852. Rev. Susan Rhodes, Deacon in Charge, (863) 243-3191; srhodes1020@yahoo.com. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Teaching, Holy Communion, Music, Fellowship, Healing Prayer. “Pastoral and Spiritual”.

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

♦ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday – Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children’s Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday – Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children’s Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer

Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Morning and evening services available at www.fbcap.net. Select Media, select Sermon Library, select Date. Call 453-6681 for details. “In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park.”

♦ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children’s Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

♦ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God’s Heart and Sharing God’s Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbcpl.com. Email: information@fbcpl.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbcpl.com.

♦ **First Baptist Church of Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the “Place to discover God’s love.” For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

♦ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Rev. Matthew D. Crawford, senior pastor; Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults; and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother’s Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website www.fbsebring.com

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

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

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

♦ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

♦ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 E. Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes (September to May) are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 5th. Grades 6th through Youth Bible Study are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 9th and up, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

♦ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/ mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcath.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., fjose@stcath.com or 385-0049; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m.

(Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

♦ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; Josh Knabel (812-618-7118), Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men’s grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

♦ **Christian Science Church**, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesdays. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, ‘Science and Health with Key to the

Scriptures’ by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

♦ **Church on the Ridge**, Church of God, Anderson, Ind.; 1130 State Road 17 North, Sebring, FL 33870. Worship Service Sunday, 10 a.m.; Bible Study and Prayer, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Pastor Dr. Collet Varner, (863) 382-0773.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

♦ **Lake Placid Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid**, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Adult Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday evening: All church meal, 6 p.m.; Christian Life Study, 6:45 p.m. Winter Life groups pending. Call 446-1339. Pastor Tim Taylor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

Religion

Read the Bible for wisdom from the Book of Wisdom

Powerful/valuable things come in small packages. Is this ever true in the inspired word of God, the Bible. "Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion" (Romans 12:16, emphasis added). This same mindset is declared in the writings of the Holy Spirit through the prophet Jeremiah, "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23).

Not only does inspiration share this wisdom with us in word but also in deed, i.e. examples. Nadab and Abihu valued their opinion over the clear instructions of Jehovah (Exodus 30:9) and "offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them" (Leviticus 10:1). Judgment was melted out to them in a way we may not fully

understand even as perhaps their father Aaron. Moses conveyed to Aaron the word of the Lord, "By those who come near to Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified" (Leviticus 10:3). Jesus reflected on "human wisdom" and worship in Matthew 15:9, "And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

The "wisdom" of the elders of Israel is evidenced by their statement to Samuel, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations" (1 Samuel 8:5). After the Lord assured Samuel "they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them". He then warned them of the behavior of the kings. "Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, 'No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be

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like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles'" (1 Samuel 8:19,20). "So the Lord said to Samuel, 'Heed their voice, and make them a king'" (verse 22). The remainder of the Old Testament history is tragic proof of the above warning...do not be wise in your own opinion.

Naaman thought he had it all figured out. "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.'" (2 Kings 5:11). His opinion, preconceived ideas cost him dearly. When Elisha sent a message, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to

you, and you shall be clean," he turned and went away in a rage ... still with his leprosy. After he realized you don't have it your way with the Great I AM, he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Jeroboam's "wisdom" is stated in 1 Kings 12:26,27, "And Jeroboam said in his heart, 'Now the kingdom may return to the house of David. If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.'" So what did his "wisdom" advise him to do? He set up golden calves at Bethel and Dan and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O

Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt" (verses 28,29). Jehovah's displeasure was immediately shown toward Jeroboam's wisdom as well as centuries of bad fruit in Israel's history.

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures may have hope" (Romans 15:4). Those things written above will serve us well if we give heed. This bit of Divine wisdom is still relative today, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts'" (Isaiah 55:8,9).

To be continued...

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

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

♦ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church**, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Summer Sunday schedule, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., June 2-Sept. 1, 10 a.m. Bible study, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Thursday. St. Francis Thrift Shop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. (863) 840-3715.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

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

GRACE BRETHERN

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

INDEPENDENT

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

♦ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring, David Thoresen will be the Spiritual Leader every Sunday for the next two months. Jim Helwig, organist. Worship service with the Holy Eucharist is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Birthday Sunday is the first Sunday of each month after the service. Council meeting is on the first Tuesday of each month. WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of the month with a light lunch. Labyrinth Prayer Garden is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When in need of prayers or to talk to God, come to the Garden. Come and

grow with us; we would love to meet you and your family. Don't worry about how you look. Jesus went to the temple in a robe and sandals. Quilting classes every Monday at 6 p.m. Looking for quilters or people willing to learn. Call 840-3303.

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

♦ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Dr, Sebring Church phone: 385-7848 Faith Child Development Center: 385-3232. Summer Sunday Worship Service: 10 a.m. Communion served 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday. Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:00 a.m. Worship Svc. Broadcast at 10 a.m. on WITS 1340AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies, Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

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

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

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

♦ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m.

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

♦ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday

morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

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

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

♦ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Dustin Woods, lead pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

♦ **Faith Center West Ministry**, "Restoring Lives, Families & Communities." In the Banyan Plaza at 2349 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. Pastors Leroy and JoAnn Taylor the public to worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. for Praise & Worship and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Bible study and prayer. Children classes are available for all services. Ministries for youth, men and women are held throughout the month. Please attend these Spirit-filled services. "Moving Forward in Unity". Church office, 385-1800 or 655-2748.

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

♦ **New Beginnings Church of Sebring**, worshipping at The Morris Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Pastor Gary Kindle. Bible study every Sunday, 9 a.m. Blended Church Service, 10:15 a.m. Phone (863) 835-2405. newbeginningschurchofsebring.com Begin your week with us.

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

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

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

nary.

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

♦ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Pointsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@strato.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

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UNITED METHODIST

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

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♦ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church**, 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

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Religion

Does someone need to throw a brick at you?

Josh was a young, successful executive traveling down a neighborhood street in Chicago. He was going a bit too fast in his brand new black, 12-cylinder, Jaguar sports car. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, a brick sailed out and ... WHUMP! It smashed into the new Jag's shiny, black, side door.



**Kevin's
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Kevin Patterson

SCREECH! Josh slammed on the brakes, jumped out of the car, and grabbed the nearby kid who had obviously thrown the brick. He shouted at the kid, "Why did you do that? What were you thinking? That's my new car! That brick is gonna cost you a lot of money."

"Please, Mister, please ... I'm sorry! I didn't know what else to do!" pleaded the youngster. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop!" Tears were dripping down the boy's chin as he pointed across the street. "It's my brother, Mister," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair,

and I can't lift him up." Sobbing, the boy asked the young executive, "Would you help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt, and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, Josh tried desperately to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. Straining, he lifted the boy's brother back into the wheelchair and took out his handkerchief and wiped his scrapes and cuts. He then watched the thankful younger brother push him down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long walk back to the brand new black, 12-cylinder

Jaguar with the big dent in its side, but Josh had a lot on his mind.

Josh never did fix the door of his car. Rather, he kept the dent to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at him to get his attention.

The next time one of life's bricks hits you, do not complain about it. Rather, try to figure out why you were the one to get hit. It may be simply an opportunity to do good. Remember what Paul wrote in Romans 8:28: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

Kevin's Komments is written by Kevin Patterson and presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ assembling at 3800 Sebring Parkway. On the Internet visit at www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com/. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

Some churches cut ties with Boy Scouts over gay policy

Associated Press

GASTONIA, N.C. (AP) — A Gastonia church is among a handful who say they're not renewing their charters with the Boy Scouts of America after the organization announced this year that it would no longer deny membership to openly gay boys.

The Gaston Gazette reports First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Gastonia announced last week it would not renew its longtime charter. Senior Pastor Matt Kuiken emailed a statement to The Gazette saying the decision was made "with deep sadness."

The statement is also included in the church's September newsletter, which has been posted on its website.

"While we welcome all in the name of Christ to worship and enjoy the ministries of First ARP Church, and while Troop #4 of the BSA has been a wonderful part of our history and ministry, and a great blessing to all who have participated in its activities, this change in policy by the BSA has compelled us to take action," the statement read.

In May, the Boy Scouts of America's National Council voted to ease a long-standing ban and allow openly gay boys to be accepted as Scouts.

Piedmont Council CEO Connie Bowes, who oversees Boy Scout troops in 11 counties, including Gaston and Cleveland, said two churches in Cleveland County said this month they are severing ties with the organization.

Bowes declined to name the churches.

"We respect their decision. We're a volunteer group and it's their choice," he said. "I think the best thing we can do is thank them for their years of service. I don't want to single them out when they do so many other things for the community."

Ben Privett, district commissioner for the Boy Scout's Battleground District in Cleveland County, said one Boy Scout troop and a Cub Scout pack in Boiling Springs have turned in their charters and will no longer have troops. Another unit in Kings

Mountain is considering turning in its charter but is waiting on a response from the church sponsor, he said.

"I've had at least three more to say they are waiting until Jan. 1 to see if any changes will be made," he said. "I've had several adult folks to pull out because of the decision."

Christ United Methodist Church in Gastonia is one of the many standing firm. Nora Jerzak, a retired Methodist pastor who now serves as the church's administrative assistant, said even if some individual parishioners might have a problem with the Boy Scouts' new policy, the church as a whole will continue to lend its support and host a troop.

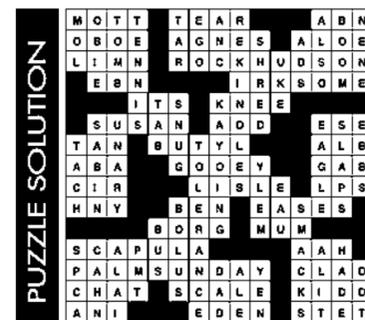
The handful of churches refusing to renew their charters with the Boy Scouts represents less than 2 percent of the almost 400 churches and other organizations still actively involved in the Piedmont Council, Bowes said.

Church offers drive-through prayer

DALTON, Ga. (AP) — A church in northwest Georgia has started offering Sunday prayer services for worshippers on the go.

Members of the Cedar Valley Cathedral of Praise on Cleveland Highway in Dalton have been hosting a weekly drive-thru prayer mission Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Anne Keith told the Dalton Daily Citizen she's been visiting the drive-thru Sunday service for more than a month now, and it's become something she looks forward to every week.

"I start on Wednesday thinking, 'It's three more days,' then 'two more days,'" Keith said. She added that she finds the service uplifting.



Religion Snapshots

Sparta Road Baptist plans fall study classes

SEBRING — Sparta Road Baptist Church announces its fall Bible study classes.

The upcoming series, The Word from Eternity, is taken from John's Gospel, John 1:1-36 and begins Sept. 1. The Sept. 1 study is titled "God Revealed". The Sept. 8 study is titled "Jesus Identified"; Sept. 15 is "Authority Acknowledged"; and the Sept. 22 study is "Salvation Offered".

The church is at 4400 Sparta Road.

Bible study classes are available for all age groups. The classes are held each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. (be a little early and enjoy coffee and donuts). Classes last one hour.

If you enjoy serious Bible study combined with exciting, dynamic preaching and great hymns of faith, make plans to join these studies. Sparta Road Baptist Church is a participating Southern Baptist Church serving this community for more than 20 years.

For transportation or more details, call 382-0869 or 273-2491.

Church sponsors evening at museum

SEBRING — The Alliance Church of Sebring will sponsor a fun evening at the Children's Museum of the Highlands from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.

Families that would like to visit the museum will have their admission covered by the church that evening.

Steve Hagen, pastor of Alliance Church, said, "Our church is delighted to be able to offer this to the families in our community. We hope that they will take this opportunity to come, play, and enjoy their evening at the Children's Museum."

For more information, contact Pastor Hagen at 382-1343 or the Children's Museum at 385-5437.

Study of Revelations to be held Wednesday

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum from The Church of the Way will conduct a Bible study on the Book of Revelation beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Homer's Buffet. It will continue at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays until completed.

All are invited to attend. Buxbaum will also present the monthly Monday night prophesy at Homer's at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9.

He takes the current events happening around the world, especially the mid-east, and relates them to biblical prophesy.

Church News

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First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — Rev. Cecil Hess will be the guest speaker on Sunday morning. His sermon title is "Help Wanted: Builders."

The church office will be closed Monday. Youth groups meet in the fellowship hall on Tuesday for devotions, crafts, sport activities and the dinner. Transportation is available from Sebring and Hill-Gustate middle schools and Sebring High School.

The church is at 319 Poinsettia Ave. Call 385-0107.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message "The Will of the Lord Be Done" with scripture reading Acts 21:1-14. Communion will be served.

United Methodist Women will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday for a salad lunch. Major Bruce and Vickie Stefanik will be the guest speaker. Bring clothes donations for The Salvation Army.

Fine Food and Fellowship Dinner will be held Sept. 8 following the church services.

Call 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St.

Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING — Tuesday 7:00 PM Home Bible Study. The series, Messiah: Shadow To Image, continues at Tuesday home Bible study. "Then I said, 'Here I am, I have come ... it is written about me in the scroll.'" (Hebrews 10:7). For information and direction, call 658-2534.

Sunday morning sermon series is "What Comes After the Anointing? Another Fire". Every anointed person will be tested. Can you name one person in the Word that was anointed but was not tested by fire? So if you are anointed you will be tested. Prepare yourself for your fire.

The church is at 200 Lark

Ave. at the Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon Sunday will be "That Which is the Greater Covenant" with scripture from Hebrews 8:6-13.

The service will include Allen Warchak singing.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Senior Pastor Tim Haas will preach on the subject "God Labor".

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. Phone 465-2422 for information.

New Beginnings Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, Pastor Gary Kindle's sermon is titled "Humility", based on Luke 14:1-14.

The church's present location is The Morris Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave. For more information, call 835-2405.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "God Created All", is taken from Psalm 104 (KJV). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message.

The church is at 3413 Sebring Parkway. Call 382-3552 for information.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Sunday's sermon is "Labor for God".

The church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro's message will be "The Unchanging Jesus." Biblical reference is from Hebrews 13:1-8.

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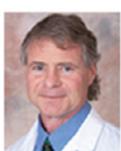
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