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# Thunder rolls into Sebring Friday

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — Patrons and organizers are hoping the only thunder they hear this weekend will be coming from the 100-plus cars that will converge on the downtown Sebring circle for the fourth annual Sebring Thunder event.

Sebring Thunder brings classic and muscle cars to the Circle along with music and food for residents and visitors to enjoy.

## 100-plus cars expected for fourth annual event downtown

"We have 100 cars already registered," said event founder John Griffin. "We usually get a lot more cars registered the week of once people kind of get a feel of what the weather is going to be like, so I'm expecting more."

Registration for Sebring Thunder can be submitted through Saturday.

Registration forms can be filled out and returned at the Kenilworth Lodge located at the corner of Lakeview Drive and Kenilworth Drive. Registration will be held all day Friday at Kenilworth and be downloaded at <http://www.sebringcruise.com/>.

A full schedule of events and activities await classic

car lovers throughout the three day event. Beginning Friday, at 4 p.m., the Sebring Thunder car show welcomes guests and participants with a reception at the Kenilworth Lodge. Food vendors and beer tents will open up at 5 p.m. on the Circle Friday. The Shannon Reed Band will take the stage at 7 p.m. "Each year we start it off with the welcome party and the big burnout on North

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News Sun file photo

Classic cars the streets this weekend for the annual Sebring Thunder car show, which will kick off Friday at 4 p.m. Three full days of cars, music and food await patrons and participants.

# 1,000 days and counting

## Gas prices hit miserable milestone



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Americans have been paying more than \$3 per gallon for gas for more than 1,000 straight days as of Tuesday. For Floridians, that streak is one day longer, since the state average topped \$3 one day before the national average.

## Gas prices won't drop below \$3 anytime soon, AAA says

News-Sun staff

If it seems hard to remember the last time gas was under \$3 per gallon, there's a good reason. And don't expect those fond memories to become reality again any time soon.

The national average price of gasoline will surpass \$3 per gallon Tuesday for the 1,000th consecutive day for the first time on record, according to a report from AAA. The current streak began on Dec. 23, 2010, and AAA forecasts the national average will remain above \$3 per

gallon for at least another 1,000 days barring a major economic recession.

"Florida gas prices reached \$3 a gallon on December 22, 2010, just one day sooner than the national average," said Mark Jenkins, AAA spokesman, The Auto Club Group. "While Florida motorists may get lucky and occasionally pay less than \$3 per gallon in the future, \$2 gas prices are mostly a thing of the past."

Monday's national average was \$3.52 per gallon. Gas prices

on average have remained above \$3.50 per gallon for the majority of days during the current streak, and AAA projects the national average will remain higher than \$3.50 per gallon in the coming days. Since the current streak began, consumers will have paid a national average of:

- \$3.25 per gallon or higher for 913 total days
- \$3.50 per gallon or higher for 643 total days
- \$3.75 per gallon or higher

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"It's a hardship on everybody. When you've got to go (somewhere), you've got to go. You've got to keep moving."

Arnold Belcher  
Sebring resident

## EMS to continue inspections of private ambulances

County to start charging them for standby services, also

By BARRY FOSTER  
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — It appears Highlands County Emergency Medical Services will continue doing inspections of local ambulance providers and now will begin charging for standby services when they are called in to substitute for a private firm.

Those answers come from Highlands County officials in the wake of questions raised over the past several weeks during appearances before county commissioners by Highlands County Emergency Services

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## Two arrested for threats with gun

By PHIL ATTINGER  
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SEBRING — A driveway confrontation with loaded pistols ended in a standoff without shots fired.

Two men who allegedly started the conflict left without further incident, but they have been arrested and charged in the case.

Sebring police have filed charges on Edgar L. Myers Goldsmith, 23, of 313 Poinsettia St. in Lake Placid, and Bryan

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## Pole signs OK in downtown AP, for now

By PHIL ATTINGER  
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AVON PARK — Changes to the city sign ordinance will allow existing pole-mounted commercial signs in the historic areas of Main Street.

However, if the business owner sells or moves, then those old signs will have to comply with the code.

Any new signs downtown will have to be monument signs mounted close to the ground on a solid base or on posts

no more than 3 feet tall with an overall sign height of no more than 5 feet.

Changes to the ordinance will take effect Thursday.

City Manager Julian Deleon said the change came after business owners weighed in on proposed changes to the ordinance.

As a result, city staff asked Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, planning director with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, to expand the use of pole-

mounted signs along U.S. 27 and other high-traffic commercial areas.

Business owners told Deleon, Codo-Salisbury and city staff that motorists have trouble seeing monument signs at the highway's in-city speed limit of 45 mph, so a move to have monument signs there was abandoned.

Codo-Salisbury said she has amended the code to allow the total surface

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# SFSC upper level gallery showcases new artist

*Marshall's pencil drawings on display through Dec. 16*

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**AVON PARK** — Stunning and realistic pencil drawings describe the 12-piece collection of artwork by Beverly Marshall featured in the upper level gallery at the South Florida State College Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The "White and Black Expressions" exhibit is on display for the public now through Dec. 16. The upper level gallery is designated as a community artist gallery and showcases exceptional artists from the surrounding area.

Marshall is a self-taught artist who has been working with pencil and studying on her own for some time. She has been interested in art her entire life, but did not focus entirely on drawing until March 2012. She also paints and has recently begun to sculpt.

"The artwork that I have on exhibit here arose from a passion to draw," Marshall said. "I find that, as an artist, there is an internal drive, a passion to draw, a passion to create, and a passion to always try something new. I love old photos, local sites, people, and just about anything that I find something special in, something I can bring out in a drawing and show to a viewer to make them see what I see. A lot of things inspire me. I love to draw people, places, and things that I find beauty in. I like to capture a moment and put it on paper. That moment can be anything."

When asked what she liked to focus on during painting, Marshall replied, "I love sunsets and sunrises. Some of the most beautiful colors that nature can produce come from a setting sun. I like to paint these scenes with food coloring



'Chief Joseph' is one of the pencil drawings by Beverly Marshall on display in the upper level gallery at the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts.

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**Beverly Marshall**  
 featured artist

and wax. The food coloring comes out so vibrant, and I love the way it looks."

Marshall's artwork is also on display and can be purchased at the following galleries: Caladium Arts and

Crafts Coop in Lake Placid, The Galleria in Sebring, The Yellow House Gallery in Sebring, and Fantastic Finds Consignment and Art Gallery in Vero Beach. The SFSC Museum of

Florida Art and Culture (MOFAC) is open to the public, Wednesday through Friday, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., and by appointment for group tours. When the season begins in November, SFSC Artist Series patrons may visit the museum one hour prior to each performance. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Cathy Futral, art professor, at 863-784-7195 or email futralc@southflorida.edu.

## Community Briefs

### Lake Denton ramp to be closed for repairs

**AVON PARK** — Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department has announced that the Lake Denton boat ramp at 800 Lake Denton Road in Avon Park will be closed for repair and maintenance from Monday, Sept. 23 through Tuesday, Sept. 24. The ramp is scheduled to reopen Sept. 25.

For further information on boat ramp closings you may contact the Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department at (863) 402-6812.

### Tax Collector, TDC will have open house Oct. 9

**SEBRING** — The Office of Highlands County Tax Collector and Office of Tourist Development will be presenting an "Open House" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the auditorium lobby of the Bert J. Harris Agriculture Center in Sebring.

The open house will be an opportunity for those involved in the accommodations field (hotel/motel, campgrounds, vacation rentals and homes etc.) to obtain information about the local Tourist Development Tax (TDT)

collection. The open house will also include information about the opportunities through the county's tourism website and advertising grants through the Tourist Development Council.

Starting in January 2014, the Highlands County Tax Collector will begin collecting the 2 percent TDT locally for those who are subject to the tax.

Representatives from the Tax Collector's Office will be on hand to answer questions regarding the local collections of the TDT.

For more information, contact the Highlands County Visitor & Convention Bureau at 402-6909.

### RPAC meeting Thursday

**SEBRING** — There will be an RPAC (Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee) meeting Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Sports Complex, Concession Building at 216 Sheriff's Tower Road in Sebring. The public is invited to attend.

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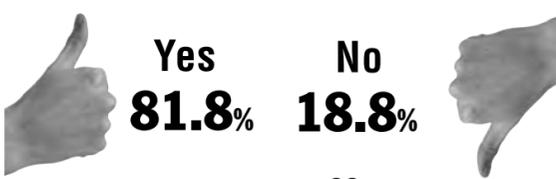
**SEBRING** — Hearing Impaired Persons will dis-

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**This week's question:** Should the Department of Juvenile Justice or G4S, which runs the Avon Park Youth Academy, have to pay for the cost of controlling the Aug. 17 riot?



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# Cox to talk to Voters' League on Thursday

By **BARRY FOSTER**  
*News-Sun correspondent*

**SEBRING** — Superintendent of Highlands County Schools Wally Cox will address the Highlands Voters' League Thursday evening. As part of his presentation, Cox will show a stop-action short film entitled "The Ever Increasing Burden on American Public Schools."

The program deals with the mandates being levied on local school systems by both federal and state governments.

Author Jamie Vollmer contends that since the onset of the 20th century, America's leaders have viewed public schools as the logical place to select and sort young people into two groups — thinkers and doers — according to the needs of the industrial age.

It was at this time the shift of non-academic duties to the schools began and the trend has accelerated ever since.

"We are delighted to have Mr. Cox with us to make this

presentation," said Nell Roberts of the Voters' League. "This, along with all the discussion we have heard about Common Core, make this a particularly important time for the superintendent to visit with us."

The Voters' League is one of the oldest groups of its kind in Highlands County.



Cox

Speakers generally start with a short presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session with the audience to allow for additional information and clarification of issues.

Vollmer has spent the last 25 years working with school districts, education associations, foundations and chambers of commerce across the nation to halt what he has termed "the erosion of public trust and build support for America's public schools."

Cox's Thursday appearance comes on the heels of a

Highlands Tea Party meeting where another educational issue, the Common Core curriculum will be discussed. Randy Osborne of the Florida Eagle Forum will be at that session to talk about the educational process that is being proposed for the entire state of Florida.

Critics have objected to the manner in which Common Core standards were created, adopted and funded. They further contend that the standards both are unconstitutional and illegal.

Moreover, they charge the standards themselves are complicated and some worry that Common Core may be inferior to some current state standards and are designed to indoctrinate rather than teach students.

Also at issue is the cost of implementing Common Core, which Osborne contends will strain states and communities.

That session will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Homer's Restaurant at the Sebring Square shopping complex.

## Lottery Center

<b>FLORIDA LOTTO</b>	Sept. 14	15 17 22 40 41 45 x:3	Next jackpot \$6 million
	Sept. 11	3 26 36 37 43 44 x:5	
	Sept. 7	7 16 31 38 39 42 x:2	
<b>FANTASY 5 with ezmatch</b>	Sept. 16	11 13 23 31 34	
	Sept. 15	1 13 14 16 30	
	Sept. 14	9 11 12 14 26	
	Sept. 13	1 17 21 28 30	
<b>MEGA MONEY</b>	Sept. 13	4 20 30 39 20	
	Sept. 10	12 14 27 40 19	
	Sept. 6	1 18 30 37 2	
	Sept. 3	2 11 20 42 22	
<b>FLORIDA POWERBALL</b>	Sept. 14	1 17 25 37 44 PB: 20	Next jackpot \$400 million
	Sept. 11	11 19 33 42 52 PB: 33	
	Sept. 7	2 19 22 26 45 PB: 24	
<b>MEGA MILLIONS</b>	Sept. 13	9 22 28 48 54 MB: 8 x4	Next jackpot \$130 million
	Sept. 10	2 12 18 54 56 MB: 1 x3	
	Sept. 6	2 16 17 22 41 MB: 31 x4	
<b>CASH 3</b>	Sept. 16 (n)	1 7 2	
	Sept. 16 (d)	5 6 7	
	Sept. 15 (n)	6 8 3	
	Sept. 15 (d)	4 9 4	



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## Editorial &amp; Opinion

## ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

# Parental involvement key in preventing drug tragedies

**L**SD, speed, angel dust, crack ... and now Molly. The names may change over time but the harm they do to young bodies and minds persists.

While the nation's political attention has been focused on legalizing marijuana for medicinal and recreational use, the dialogue has drifted from where it needs to be — focusing on the drugs that without doubt or debate kill the body and maim the mind...

It is the nature of youth to believe bad things only happen to others. That is until someone you know is affected. If you have to yet experience this point in life, ask a friend or a parent. That first death of a young friend, a classmate, or confidante can be like running into a brick wall face first.

Additionally, we, as a cul-

ture, are made immune to what should be the obvious horrors of hard drugs. As the Age of Aquarius, and with it the Woodstock Generation, reached a zenith we were being told by the likes of Timothy Leary that drugs were good ... mind expanding.

Today our youths are again wrongly being taught they are immune in other ways. Television and films have made death a daily part of our entertainment regimen. Gamers, testing the limits of Xbox or PlayStation, die and return to life moments later.

Such is not the case in the real world.

That being said, how do we get the message across to a new generation of youngsters who fear no death and falsely believe in their immortality?

Hopefully the deaths of close friends, classmates and those who we may have passed on campus but not known by name will make a dent.

But over time, we have found that much comes down to how parents, families and other support systems which should prepare our next generation of adults for the real and often cruel world.

Just as it has been proven time and time again that parental involvement improves a youngster's chance of benefiting from a good education, our life's experiences tell us the same often applies when it comes to preventing the misuse of drugs.

While there are no guarantees, keeping channels of communication open and looking for signs of distress are key to shepherding our children into adulthood...

As any parent will eventually attest, there is no fool-proof system that will ensure success. Increasing the odds may be the best we can do.

None of what we write here is to lay blame for failure or to rest child-rearing success on any one, lone set of shoulders. It is, however, a request — no, a plea — for parents, family and caregivers to take note of recent tragedies and to reconnect with those younger family members who will be tomorrow's adults so they stand a better chance of making the right choices.

*An editorial from the Foster's Daily Democrat of Dover, N.H.*

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## Health really is everything

His neck and underarms were swollen. His skin itched, particularly on his arms. Sleeping at night was impossible.

The symptoms started five years ago. He was 50 then. He'd been fit and healthy all his life. The diagnosis was not pleasant.

He had contracted chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), a cancer, says mayoclinic.com, of the blood and bone marrow — bone marrow being “the spongy tissue inside bones where blood cells are made.”

CLL affects a group of white blood cells called lymphocytes, which help the body fight infection. It produces abnormal, ineffective lymphocytes. The abnormal cells may eventually crowd out the healthy cells, killing the patient.

The silver lining: CLL typically progresses more slowly than other types of leukemia. Initially, doctors monitored the disease's progress. He would not receive his first chemotherapy treatment for six months.

The treatment eased his symptoms quickly. He was symptom-free for almost one year. But the abnormal cells continued to multiply. His second chemo treatment staved them off for five more months.

One challenge with chemo is that the body quickly becomes resistant to it. Doctors have to apply different chemo blends to overcome resistance. For the next few years, the different blends worked well.

Until November 2012. His leukemia transformed from a chronic disease to a more aggressive form, acute myelogenous leukemia (AML). AML multiples abnormal cells at an aggressive rate, posing a real concern for the patient.

But he still had plenty of hope.

All he needed was the right chemo treatment to beat back and stabilize the illness. Then he could receive a bone marrow transplant from a donor.

That procedure would “help re-establish healthy stem cells by replacing unhealthy bone marrow with leukemia-free stem cells that will regenerate healthy bone marrow,” says mayoclinic.com.

He had a donor lined up and took a heavy dosage of

chemo, but he did not stabilize. He lined up another donor and was almost ready for the transplant, but his body failed to stabilize again.

Now he is fighting for his life.

His doctors are pulling out all the stops, applying the most aggressive

blends of chemo they have. But the AML has resisted and gotten stronger. The doctors say there is only a 20-percent chance the new treatment will work.

What's worse is that chemo wreaks havoc on the body. Each aggressive treatment requires a lengthy hospital stay. That is where he is as you read this.

His name is Don Krieger, a friend of mine and my family's for more than 40 years. He's one of the funniest, most cheerful people you could ever meet. And all who know him marvel at the grace and humor with which he is fighting this disease.

I share his story for the simple reason that he, and so many like him, could use our prayers. Prayer works.

I write about him because we can all do something to help him. We can consider becoming bone marrow donors to help heal others like Don (go to marrow.org).

At the very least, we can donate blood on a regular basis. Patients like Don need whole blood almost daily.

But mainly I write about Don because he is an amazing father, husband, son, brother and friend. Those of us lucky to know him can't image a world without him in it.

Don knows better than most that too many of us take our blessings for granted. He knows that this old maxim is true: “If you have your health, you really do have everything.”

We pray that he beats the odds and makes it back to good health.

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**Guest Column**  
Tom Purcell



## Hi-tech harvesting may make immigration issue solve itself

**SALINAS, Calif.** — It's possible that the weapons of choice to combat illegal immigration will turn out to be drones and robots.

We're not talking about patrolling the borders with Mexico — although, in fact, drones are being tested there. The real breakthrough is in the fields, here in the Salinas Valley and elsewhere across the Salad Bowl of the West, where unmanned drones and robots are being deployed. The mission isn't to find undocumented farm workers; it's to replace them.

A decade from now the immigration problem that has proved so vexing for lawmakers and pundits will essentially solve itself through technology. Ironically, farmers and scientists aren't being inspired by political or social considerations; farming is changing out of necessity.

Currently there are as many as 2 million undocumented farmhands picking crops and planting fields in the U.S. But that's not enough to fill the need, and the pool of workers here illegally is plunging. According to a report by the Pew Hispanic Center, the number of people leaving Mexico to work in the U.S. has dropped by roughly 65 percent during the last decade.

Big agriculture has sought to counter this by lobbying in Washington for an easier path by which farm workers



**Candid Thoughts**  
Peter Funt

could gain citizenship. But they've also hedged the bet by investing in research that could turn the field jobs over to machines.

A firm in Mountain View, Calif., has developed a Lettuce Bot that thins plants in the field 20 to 40 times faster than a human can do it — and the unit works day and night. Its inventor told the San Francisco Chronicle that the robot can thin a 15-acre field, normally a day's work for 25 people, in less than two hours.

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are being tested in labs and fields across California, in anticipation of the 2015 deadline Congress has set for opening the skies to such vehicles for commercial use. But UAVs are already in wide use by farmers in Japan and Australia — for spraying as well as surveillance to determine the spread of weeds and specific needs for water.

A manned spraying craft drops its chemicals from 10 or 15 feet above the ground, while a drone does the same work just inches away from the plants. Drones are also being tested for herding cattle and other livestock.

A San Diego research firm has invented a robot that prunes grapes. It also has a bot with eight arms and a built-in camera system that sweeps through groves picking oranges.

Modern Farmer magazine looked at all this and came up with the headline, “Drone, drone on the range.”

It's all very exciting and may have the unintended consequence of moderating, if not eliminating, the nation's sharp divide over handling undocumented immigrants. In truth, farmers here as well as in Arizona and Florida have known for decades that undocumented workers are essential to their business, as well as to our food supply. For the most part, American citizens do not want the jobs.

Until now, there was no way around it. Farmhands arrived from south of the border, ag bosses winked, and Americans dined on fruits and vegetables at reasonable prices.

Technology is going to change that. Politicians may not deserve it, but robots and drones are going to allow them to solve the farming problem without getting their hands dirty.

*Peter Funt's new book, "Cautiously Optimistic," is available at Amazon.com and CandidCamera.com/. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.*

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Bisbie (laying down), also called Bizzie, is 6 and mom to Soxie (center) and Tucson, 3.

## Dogs hoping to find new homes

News-Sun staff

SEBRING – They were planning a future together and within a very short time that happiness was replaced by grief – time filled being caretaker to a purebred Malinois (Belgian shepherd) and four Malinois-mix dogs that are like family.

Verna Flexon's fiance unexpectedly passed away late last month from an abdominal aneurysm followed by heart failure, and since then she has been trying desperately to find a home or homes for his dogs.

Phoenix is 11 and the purebred of the bunch. His

pup, Bisbie, or Bizzie, is 6 and she is mom to Tucson, Soxie and Scooter, all 3. They are used to being together and have always lived on a 50-acre ranch. Flexon does not believe they will not do well in a suburban environment.

Phoenix holds a special place in Flexon's heart. She was there and helped deliver him.

Flexon and her fiance split some time after Phoenix was born and reunited last year. While she loves the dogs as though they were all her own, her home is in a residential neighborhood in

Sebring. Although Cookie, her dog, would be OK with it, she feels it would be unfair to her fiance's dogs to relocate from 50 acres to a small yard.

The dogs, she describes, are super sweet, really good watch dogs, but not cat friendly. They have all been spayed/neutered and are current on their shots.

"I may not have been able to find a doctor who would see him (her fiance), but I will find a home for these dogs," she said.

If interested, call Flexon at 835-1034.

# County's Legislative Delegation meets Oct. 30

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Senator Denise Grimsley announces that the Highlands County Legislative Delegation will be meeting from 2-4 p.m. or upon completion of the agenda on Wednesday, Oct. 30 in the commission chambers at the Highlands County Government Center, 600 S. Commerce Ave.

To be placed on the agenda, contact Grimsley's staff at 386-6016 no later than noon Tuesday, Oct. 15. Plan to provide the office with eight copies of a completed participation request form and eight copies of material, all of which need to be three-hole punched.

The material will be placed into a three-ring binder therefore no folders, notebooks, etc. are necessary. All handouts and other information must be delivered to 205 S. Commerce Ave., Suite A, Sebring, Florida 33870 by noon Tuesday, Oct. 15. Material may be hand delivered.

Discussion of issues regarding local legislation for the 2014 Legislative Session will be held at this time. All proposals for local bills are expected to be presented at the hearing and must be drafted in bill form, and accompanied by a resolution from the local government supporting the

proposed legislation. This information must be received at Grimsley's office by the same deadline.

Individuals wanting to address the Delegation on local bills being considered should plan to attend the public hearing at the Highlands County Government Center.

Following the consideration of local bills, the public will be invited to address the Delegation on state issues that are of concern.

To be placed on the agenda for the hearing, email Larry Ford at ford.larry@flsenate.gov or call at 386-6016.

## Vendor spaces, prize money available at festival

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – A few artist vendor spaces are still available for the 47th Annual Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, which will be held in Downtown Sebring from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 and is organized by the Highlands Art League (HAL). The deadline for artists to apply and secure space and be eligible for more than \$3,000 in prize money is 5 p.m. Oct. 1. The vendor application fee is \$75 plus a \$15 juried fee.

"Held on the charming Circle Park Drive and the spoke streets in Historic Downtown Sebring, this juried show attracts artists and crafters from throughout the state and beyond," HAL manager Susan James said. "With beautiful weather and timed just right for

Oct. 1 is deadline for vendors for 47th Fine Arts & Crafts Festival in Sebring

the kickoff of holiday shopping, this is the show to consider for Central Florida."

An Artist's Reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 in Circle Park. Artists are welcome to set up on Friday night; overnight security is provided. Set up can also be done by 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

Artists can register for

the show by completing the downloadable application found at www.HighlandsArtLeague.org (all applicants must submit 3 pictures representing the work they will display and one photo of their booth set-up). For more information, call 385-5312.

This annual event is a highly-anticipated opportunity for residents and visitors of the South Central Florida region to start holiday shopping with some of the best fine artists and crafters in the nation. Each year, approximately 15,000 people attend the one-day show that features artists from around the United States displaying their art in several mediums including painting, photography, wood working, jewelry, ceramics pottery, fabric, metal and garden art.

## Pair jailed for assault after armed standoff in Sebring

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Wayne Hanna, 24, of 1335 Glenwood Ave. in Sebring, of assault with intent to commit a felony.

Goldsmith was out on \$50,000 bond by Friday, but as of Tuesday, Hanna was still in Highlands County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

According to Sebring police arrest reports, Goldsmith and Hanna drove into the driveway of acquaintance Shaanan Simon Spiegel, 24, just before 7 p.m. Thursday at 1881 Lakeview Drive in Sebring.

Spiegel was standing in the driveway along with Jacquill Terrell Williams, 24, of Lake Placid, reports said.

Reports also said Goldsmith's black Chevrolet TrailBlazer pulled up even with Shaanan on the driver's side and both Goldsmith and Hanna, his passenger, threatened to kill him.

Both Spiegel and Williams reported seeing a black Glock handgun — possibly .40 or .45-caliber — on Goldsmith's lap and told police Goldsmith started to reach for it. Williams recalled seeing the gun partially covered by a maroon rag and told police Goldsmith was already holding the gun. He told police both Goldsmith and Hanna threatened to kill them both.

Williams also reported

Goldsmith said, "I'll kill everyone in the house," according to reports.

That was when Spiegel reached for his .380-caliber pistol, which he had in his pocket. He cocked it back so a round could fall out and show the gun was loaded, Spiegel told police.

Spiegel told officers that he told Goldsmith to take his hands away from his gun and leave his driveway, which Goldsmith did.

Although Williams and Spiegel both asked them to leave, Williams said Goldsmith and Hanna didn't leave until Spiegel pulled out his gun.

According to arrest reports, Spiegel and Williams both told police they believed they were in danger and would have been shot if Spiegel hadn't defended himself.

Highlands County Sheriff's deputies found Goldsmith's car at 4021 Leaf Road, based on information from Spiegel.

Goldsmith told police he had pulled into the driveway to talk with Williams, his cousin, reports said.

Both he and Hanna told police Williams was the only one there, reports said.

Neither could answer why Spiegel would say he was there and that they threatened him with a gun.

Goldsmith also told police

that Williams was "playing around" with a .38-caliber handgun and started to point it towards him and his passenger, at which time he left, reports said. Officers then arrested Goldsmith and Hanna. Their arraignments are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Oct. 21.

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## Scott worried about privacy in health coverage sign-ups

*Associated Press*  
BOYNTON BEACH — Florida Gov. Rick Scott wrote to top congressional leaders Monday expressing concern about the security of people's personal information as they sign up for health coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

In the letter to House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, he also urged Congress to use whatever means necessary to ensure the proper safeguards are in place.

"Floridians should not have to exchange their privacy for insurance," Scott said in the letter. He called Florida "ground zero" for the Obama administration's efforts to enroll people in the new health care exchanges, a key component of the law. Scott's concerns focus on the "navigators" — counselors trained to walk people through the intricacies of the new law and sort through various insurance plans.

He mentioned a Minnesota navigator who mistakenly received Social Security numbers for 2,400 people from a state exchange employee.

Navigators are getting caught in the political crosshairs of the Affordable Care Act as the Oct. 1 launch date for the online state exchanges draws closer. One company recently announced it was returning its navigator grant, saying the increasing state and federal regulatory scrutiny had become too much.

Scott's letter comes after Democrats lambasted the Republican governor after state health officials ordered county health departments across Florida to ban navigators from conducting outreach on their property.

"It seems that Gov. Scott and his staff spend their days conjuring up new ways to keep Floridians in the dark about health care choices coming Oct. 1," Rep. Ted Deutch said at a meeting with a handful of navigators Monday.

John Foley, an attorney with Legal Aid Society, recently completed the 20-hour navigator training. He said the training should help allay fears because it covers privacy issues extensively.

"It makes it clear that a navigator, under any circumstances, should not retain any information ever," said Foley, who is testifying before the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce this week. He said even scanned information will be deleted after it's sent.

Republicans on the committee have called on some of the grant recipients to answer lengthy questions about their budgets, training and supervision. The Republicans' letter set a deadline last Friday for dozens of groups to produce documents.

Federal health officials have repeatedly said applicant information is not stored in a database.

## Sebring Thunder expected to draw 100-plus cars to downtown

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Ridgewood and Mango, it usually lasts about an hour," Griffin said.

The fun starts early Saturday with on-site registration downtown from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. Opening ceremonies will commence at 9 a.m. followed by a few words from Mayor George Hensley.

The activities continue until the evening with the car show and judging beginning at 11 a.m. and music provided by the California Toe Jam Band performing until 4:30 p.m. The awards ceremony, more music and barbecue will take place at Kenilworth Lodge beginning at 5 p.m.

Sunday, all of the classic cars will line up and ride out

to the Sebring International Raceway. The drive the track will take place from noon until 1 p.m.

Raffles for Sebring Race Week tickets will be held along with other tickets, drawings and giveaways.

"There's so many car shows that take place in the area now. It's hard to stand out sometimes, but ours is unique. We have live bands and we have ours on the Circle in Downtown," Griffin said.

Griffin revealed that Sebring Thunder will feature classic cars as well as the newer model cars that have become popular the past few years including Mustangs, Camaros and the ever-classic Corvette.

"We're going to have Elton John's Rolls-Royce out

there. It's neat, it's all painted and souped up," said Griffin. "We're hoping for better weather. It's been a wet summer and we got pretty rained out last year, but we hope the weather clears up for the weekend."

Admission is free to the public.

Road closures in downtown include State Road 17 (North Ridgewood Drive), where a detour will be implemented on Friday at 5 p.m. Northbound traffic will detour onto South Franklin Street and follow detour signs. Southbound traffic may enter the detour by turning right onto North Pine Street.

North Mango Street will be closed from State Road 17 at 3 p.m. on Friday.

## Community Briefs

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tribute free amplified telephones to Florida residents who have a hearing or speech loss. The distribution will take place in the conference room at Nu-Hope Elder Care Services, 6414 U.S. 27 South in Sebring, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 and Sept. 20.

By appointment only. Call (941) 743-8347.

### APHS Class of '68 plans reunion

AVON PARK — The Avon Park High School Class of 1968 is planning its 45th class reunion for Oct. 18-19. All Avon Park High School classes are invited to attend.

Friday, Oct. 18 will be an informal gathering at the home of Marcia Ward. Saturday, Oct. 19 will be a morning golf outing followed by the evening reunion banquet at the Jacaranda Hotel.

Reservations are required for all events.

For information, contact Pam Maness Pickard at pampickard7@gmail.com or Dean Lemler at (260) 273-2135 or deanlemle@gmail.com.

### Fish fry and karaoke on Thursday

SEBRING — The Moose Riders at Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 are holding their bi-weekly fish fry on Thursday. Fish baskets will be served from 5-7 p.m. by JT and his crew; karaoke by Jewells will begin at 6 p.m. and a 50/50 will be drawn.

All Moose members and their guests are welcome.

### Audubon kicks off new season

LAKE PLACID — Highlands Audubon will kick off the 2013-2014 season on Thursday at the Lake Placid Masonic Lodge. Regular meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month. The covered dish dinner is at 6:30 p.m., although some may want to come later, about 7:15 p.m.

At the September meeting the club will see a video on the Everglades Headwaters project, which is of local interest. Another video is on saving pelicans after the Gulf oil spill. Everyone interested in appreciating and protecting nature is invited.

The next field trip will be to the Fisheating Creek Campground. It will be on Oct. 22 and will leave from the Lake Placid Tower at 8 a.m.

Petitions for the Florida Water and Land Legacy

Amendment will be available at the September meeting. Call Dale Gillis at 382-4830 for more information.

### Children's car seat class offered

SEBRING — The Florida Department of Health in Highlands County is offering car seats and instruction on how to properly install them in your vehicle from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states that 75 percent of children are riding in car safety seats that aren't properly installed or don't fit correctly. Receive the proper car seat and instruction for \$20. Participants will be asked to watch a 20-minute video and then certified car seat technicians will show how to properly install the car seat in a vehicle.

This is an important safety event. Plan to be in class about two hours. Bring your child and vehicle, have cash or check. Reservations are required and can easily be made by calling 382-7233.

The department is at 7205 S. George Blvd., behind the Sheriff's Office building at the Liberty Star Plaza.

### Kid's World hosts Back to School Bash

FROSTPROOF — The Family Life Church's Kid's World (children's department) will host a Back to School Bash from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 for Kindergarten through fifth

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## Obituaries

### REBECCA MARCHANT

Rebecca (Becky) Ann (Ewell) Marchant of Arcadia, Fla., went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013, with her loving daughter, Angel by her hospital bedside in Port Charlotte, Fla. Becky was born on December 20, 1953, in Washington, D.C., to Thomas and Ruth (Connie) Ewell of Avon Park, Fla. Becky had a long and successful career for more than 35 years. Her last employment was with Chastain Skillman Architectural Firm of Sebring, as a civil draftsman for 29 years. She lived in Sebring for many years. She attended elementary, middle and high schools in Avon Park, Fla., graduating high school in 1972. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Avon Park during her younger years.

She is survived by her daughter, Angelique Dawn Marchant; her grandson, Michael Vincent Flowers

Jr.; her sister, Barbara Carol Autry; her mother, Ruth C. (Connie) Ewell; her aunts, Naomi L. Sherd, Edna Whorton, and Myra Wingate; her uncle Jimmy (Margarete) Connaster; plus many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Thomas W. Ewell, and her sister, Janet Marie Jones.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held at a later date at First Baptist Church of Avon Park, Fla. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to your favorite charity. Cremation arrangements were handled by Kay Ponder and Uselton Funeral Home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

### Death notice

Betty Josephine (Knotts) Shuck, 90, of Hanover, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013. Woodlawn-Vail Funeral Chapel in Madison, Ind., has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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# Gas prices likely to stay above \$3 for long time

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An informal survey of gasoline customers in Sebring shows drivers don't like gas prices, but are learning to live with them.

Arnold Belcher, 75, of Sebring said he wasn't surprised at all to hear prices had stayed high.

"It's a hardship on everybody," Belcher said. "When you've got to go (somewhere), you've got to go. You have to keep moving."

T.J. Morrow, 60, of Sebring said she feels "pre-programmed" to see anything below \$3.50 per gallon as a bargain.

"But I don't actually feel like it," Morrow said.

A bank officer who usually commutes less than 10 miles per day, Morrow said she thinks twice about making certain trips, runs as many errands as possible on each trip and has watched her speed.

She also said she used to drive sports cars for her daily transportation: Camaros and Corvettes. Now she drives a 2004 Ford Taurus.

John Robinson, 54, of Sebring said when the cost gets to high to drive his Chevy Silverado pickup — at 13 miles per gallon — he rides his Harley-Davidson RoadKing, which gets 35-38 mpg.

Other than that, Robinson said he "hadn't really noticed" prices had stayed high.

"When it jumps up 13 cents and then drops down, I don't get (that)," Robinson said.

He was filling up his Silverado Tuesday, with a trailer holding a riding mower in tow. He said the gasoline-powered mower helps him cut his 1 1/2-acre property.

Ruth Short, a home health nurse from Sebring, said many of her senior patients



Metro According to AAA, the days when motorists could expect to see gas prices flirting with the \$3 mark are gone for the foreseeable future.

haven't been able to drive to get groceries because they can't afford it.

She said she's on the road five days per week, but also gets mileage reimbursement as part of her job.

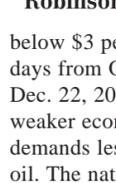
Gas prices first surged above \$3 per gallon for

eight days immediately following Hurricane Katrina from Sept. 3-10, 2005. The longest previous streak above \$3 per gallon was for 244 days from Feb. 17-Oct. 17, 2008. The national average fell

**Morrow**



**Robinson**



below \$3 per gallon for 796 days from Oct. 18, 2008-Dec. 22, 2010 due to a weaker economy, which demands less gasoline and oil. The national average tomorrow will have remained above \$3.25 per gallon for 265 consecutive days.

The national average price of gas so far this year is \$3.57 per gallon. In Florida, it is \$3.55, but this average should drop through December as demand

declines during cooler months. Last year was the most expensive year on record with an annual average of \$3.60 per gallon (\$3.57 in Florida), followed by an annual average of \$3.51 per gallon in 2011 (\$3.50 in Florida). The average U.S. household in 2012 spent \$2,912 on gasoline, or just under four percent of income before taxes, according to the Energy Information Administration.

The most expensive daily national average during the current streak was \$3.98 per gallon on May 5, 2011. In Florida the most expensive was \$3.97 on April 7, 2012. The lowest daily national average was \$3.01 per gallon on December 23, 2010. In Florida, it was \$3.01 on December 22, 2010.

Forty-six percent of adults believe gas is too high when it reaches \$3 per gallon, according to a consumer index developed by AAA. Sixty-two percent believe gas is too high when it reaches \$3.50 per gallon and 90 percent believe gas is too high when it reaches \$4 per gallon.

Sixty-two percent of Americans reported offsetting high gas prices by changing their driving habits or lifestyle.

# Pole signs OK for downtown AP businesses that have them already

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area of signs for a single business to be up to 200 square feet, except for shopping centers.

The code also allows more than one sign for any business that has 250 feet or more of frontage along a single roadway.

She also said businesses on corner lots would be allowed to have a sign on each street, one per 250 feet of frontage.

Any business with less than 75 feet of frontage, however, would only be allowed a sign mounted on the building, Codo-Salisbury said.

Pole signs, where they are allowed, would need to be set 10 feet back from the road, set between 10-15 feet up and have no more than 64 square feet of display space, she said.

If there are disputes about the city decisions on a sign design, an applicant can appeal to the Board of Adjustment, Codo-Salisbury said.

The Avon Park City Council approved of the changes unanimously on Sept. 9. Despite there being a public hearing on the matter, there was no public comment.

The only question came



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Existing pole-mounted signs in Avon Park's historic downtown will be allowed to stay, under changes to the city's sign ordinance, as long as the current owners stay in that building. Once the business is sold or moves, the building's sign will have to conform to the code.

from Administrative Services Director Maria Sutherland, who asked if the changes would affect minimum maintenance standards, especially

in the Southside area of the city. Codo-Salisbury said those standards were not affected by the change.

# Mom charged with killing kids asks for death

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A mother charged with killing her two children has asked a California judge for the death penalty.

Forty-two-year-old Marilyn Edge appeared by video Tuesday in Orange County Superior Court to be arraigned on two counts of murder following her arrest over the weekend.

Judge Craig Robison asked Edge if she

wanted her arraignment postponed to Oct. 25, and she twice said she would agree to that if the judge promised her the death penalty. The judge postponed the arraignment. Edge was involved in a custody dispute and had been ordered to return her son and daughter to their father in Georgia.

They were found dead in a Santa Ana hotel room on Saturday.

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# County EMS plans to continue inspections of private ambulances

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Director Harvey Craven. The issue of inspections came up during an application by Positive Medical Transport for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Although the private service is subject to a semi-annual inspection by state officials, under county ordinance, EMS officials also inspect the firm's vehicles. Both inspections use the same criteria. "What we do is take the state inspection form, go out there and make sure they have the state equipment on the ambulance - that's basically it," Craven said.

The EMS director said that while the state comes out and does a random inspection of some vehicles, the county is more frequent and thorough. "What occurs is, that when the state comes out, if say you have eight ambulances they may inspect two - or if you had 30 ambulances they could inspect four or five. They don't inspect every ambulance," he said.

However, under county ordinance, EMS officials are charged with inspecting every ambulance that has been authorized by a COPCN. Those certificates are issued every two years. Craven said either he or one of his supervisors does the actual inspection.

Craven told commissioners that although the county submits to the state inspection, they do not have a similar inspection of their own units. "We have not added any ambulances to the fleet, so we have not had to have inspection of any new units," he said.

And, under ordinance, if the county purchases a new ambulance to replace an aging unit the new vehicle does not require an inspection.

"When you add an ambulance to your fleet, which means you are making your service larger, the ordinance says that would require an inspection," he said.

Moreover, unlike private firms, the county's COPCN does not come up for renewal every two years. In fact, said Craven, it is never due up for renewal.

"We're a division of county government," he said. "If

we had a certificate, it would be like the county giving themselves permission to go into business."

However, the county actually does have a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. That was approved in 1996 but contains no renewal procedure.

The issue of standing by during non-elective heart procedures also came to light during a discussion for a COPCN. This time it was for the Tampa-based American Medical Response, which also runs units in Highlands County.

"They have the contract to standby at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center," Craven said.

In the past, Highlands

County's EMS units would standby at no charge if an AMR unit could not be at the scene. However, county commissioners have asked that practice be changed. They now will be billed at a price of \$100 per hour for as many hours as the county's units are tied up.

"We will charge them a minimum of \$200, with a \$100 per hour fee after that," he said.

Positive Medical Transport has an agreement with Highlands Regional Medical Center to stand by at no additional charge as part of their financial agreement.

"We have told them we will have to charge if we are called to HRMC," Craven said.

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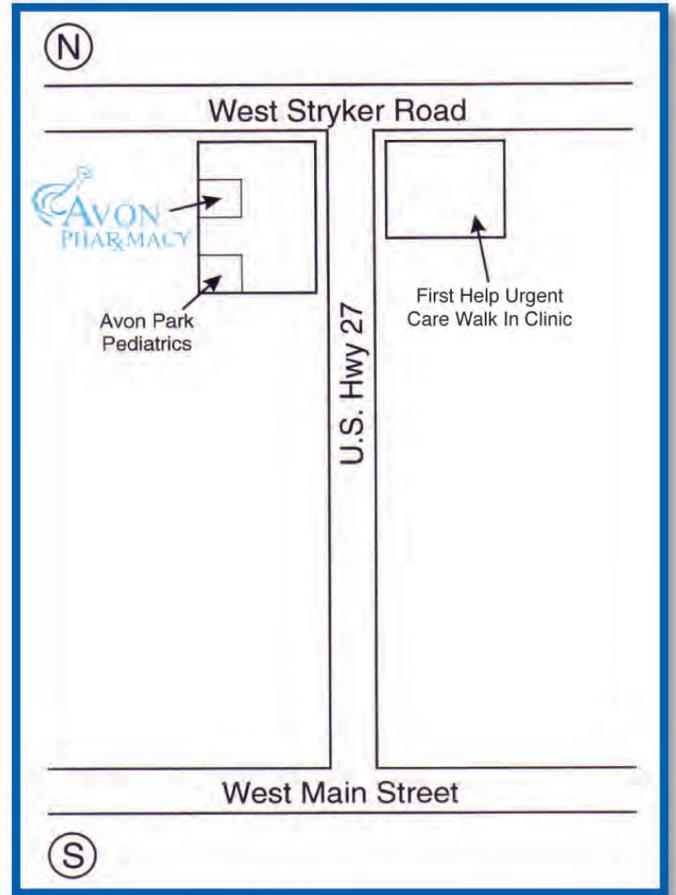
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# 'Hiccup Girl' on trial for murder

By TAMARA LUSH

Associated Press

CLEARWATER — A Florida woman who appeared on several national television programs as a teen because of her uncontrollable hiccupping went on trial on a murder charge on Tuesday.

Prosecutors and attorneys for Jennifer Mee began selecting a jury in a Pinellas County courtroom.

Judge Nancy Moate Ley told potential jurors that the trial would probably wrap up by the end of the week.

Mee, who is 22, suffered from prolonged hiccups of up to 50 a minute in 2007.

She tried home remedies and consulted medical specialists, a hypnotist and an acupuncturist, until the hiccups finally stopped on their own.

The 22-year-old Mee is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Shannon Griffin. Prosecutors say Mee lured Griffin to a St. Petersburg home under the pretense of buying marijuana — but instead two of Mee's friends robbed and killed him.





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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 08-1407-GCS  
 J. LOIS WILSON f/k/a/ J. LOIS NAVIK Plaintiff, vs. MELVIN RADTKE, NANCY RADTKE, JOHN S. HAILE and WAUCHULA STATE BANK Defendants.

Exhibit "A" AND  
 Together with all personal property located upon said real property, including all equipment, accounts, name, receivables, park models, and mobile homes located upon the subject property as identified by VIN Numbers below:  
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 September 11, 18, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL DIVISION  
 Case No. 12-1026-GCS  
 HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. VICTORIA L. SPARKS, individually, CHERYL F. SPARKS, individually, and GOLF HAMMOCK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, Defendants.

**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL ACTION  
 CASE NO.: 2010CA000991A  
 DIVISION:  
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. RICHARD D. LEE, et al, Defendant(s).

**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 13000474CA  
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DONALD J. SMITH, DECEASED, et al. Defendants.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. GC13-287 SECTION NO.  
 MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION F/K/A MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. ROBERT L. TANKERSLEY; LINDA TANKERSLEY; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC.; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of that certain Final Judgment made and entered in the Circuit Court of Highlands County Florida in the above entitled cause on August 19, 2013, Case No. 08-1407-GCS wherein J. LOIS WILSON F/K/A/ J. LOIS NAVIK, is Plaintiff and MELVIN RADTKE, NANCY RADTKE, JOHN S. HAILE and WAUCHULA STATE BANK is Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL DIVISION  
 Case No. 11-896-GCS  
 HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH E. CALHOUN, JR., CHRISTINE R. CALHOUN, BILLY JOE CALHOUN, and MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Second Amended Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on September 3, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on October 9, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.:  
**EXHIBIT "A"**  
 The North 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, less 25 feet off the North side for Road right-of-way and less 25 feet off the East side for Road right-of-way, in Section 24, Township 35 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida. Address: 135 Ranchero Drive, Sebring, Florida 33876  
 Real Property Tax ID Number: C-24-35-29-A00-003H-0000 -and- Lot 17, GOLF HAMMOCK, UNIT 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 30, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Address: 4210 Bogey Blvd, Sebring, Florida 33872  
 Real Property Tax ID Number: C-34-34-28-010-0000-0170

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated September 13, 2013 and entered in Case No. 2010CA000991A of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and RICHARD D. LEE; PAMELA A. LEE; HIGHLAND COUNTY, FLORIDA; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 16th day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
 LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 427, SEBRING SUMMIT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 62, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 A/K/A 1728 ROBERTA AVE., SEBRING, FL 33870

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE  
 TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DONALD J. SMITH, DECEASED, et al. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment entered on September 10, 2013 in this case in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the real property described as:  
 LEGAL: LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK M, OF SPRING LAKE - VILLAGE VI, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 21, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 ADDRESS: 2816 Duane Palmer Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870  
 will be sold at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, on 16th day of October, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jury Assembly Room of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870.

The property involved is that certain lot, parcel or piece of land, situate, lying and being in Polk County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:  
 See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein.  
 PARCEL ID# C-07-34-29-040-0030-0000  
 Said property will be sold to satisfy the Final Judgment above referred to and all sums mentioned therein.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Amended Final Judgment (the "Amended Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on September 3, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on October 9, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.:  
**EXHIBIT "A"**  
 A portion of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 35 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida and being also a Portion of Government Lot 9, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the NW Corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17; thence North 89 degrees 19'19" East along the North Line of the NE 1/4 of said Section 17 a distance of 220.95 feet. Thence South 0 degrees 27'14" East a distance of 678.04 feet to a point on the South Line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17, thence North 89 degrees 14'32" West along the South Line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17 a distance of 221.10 feet to the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17, thence North 0 degrees 26'29" West along the West line of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17 a distance of 678.35' to the Point of Beginning.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 BOB GERMAINE  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Highlands County, Florida  
 /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk  
 September 11, 18, 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 sixty (60) days after the sale  
 WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on September 13, 2013.  
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on TRIPP SCOTT, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 110 S.E. 6th Street, 15th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, on or before October 15, 2013, (no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action) and file this 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 or petition filed herein.  
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Highlands County, Florida, this 4th day of September, 2013.  
 BOB GERMAINE  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 BY: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 Deputy Clerk

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION NO LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING AND WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.  
 DATED this 27th day of August, 2013.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 FILE NO.: PC 13-369  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF EVELYN M. ABER, Deceased.  
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE  
 The administration of the estate of EVELYN M. ABER, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:  
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court. WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
 The date of the first publication of this notice is September 11, 2013.  
 Personal Representative: /s/ Gail Gonzalez  
 /s/ Michael M. Disler  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 MICHAEL M. DISLER, Esquire  
 mikedisler@yahoo.com  
 329 South Commerce Avenue  
 Sebring, Florida 33870  
 Florida Bar No. 606782  
 Tel: (863) 385-5139  
 September 11, 18, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000426  
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2007-CH4, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-CH4, Plaintiff, vs. RUBEN A. BOUZA, et al., Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 TO: ALEXIA ACOSTA-BOUZA  
 Last Known Address: 3015 JAPONICA AVENUE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852  
 Also Attempted At: 215 TO LO CHEE DRIVE, HIALEAH, FL 330105237  
 HIALEAH, FL 33010  
 Also Attempted At: 872 SE 9TH CT, HIALEAH, FL 33010  
 Current Residence Unknown  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:  
 LOT 18, IN BLOCK 65, OF LEISURE LAKES, SECTION TWELVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Choice Legal Group, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33309 on or before October 22, 2013, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
 If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service) as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.  
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 12th day of September, 2013.  
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 File 11-16260  
 September 18, 25, 2013

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.  
 P.O. Box 25018  
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
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 \*See Americans with Disabilities Act  
 In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (M) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.  
 September 18, 25, 2013

TRIPP SCOTT, P.A.  
 ATTN: FORECLOSURE DEPARTMENT  
 110 S.E. 6TH STREET 15TH FLOOR  
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301  
 foreclosures@trippscott.com  
 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.  
 File #: 11-009981  
 September 11, 18, 2013

DATE: September 10, 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 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
 IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT 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."  
 September 18, 25, 2013

PARCEL I:  
 A portion of the South 290 feet, as measured at right angles, of the North 570 feet, as measured at right angles, of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, lying between the East right of way line of Highway No. 17 and Lake Bonnet, more particularly described as follows:  
 Commence at the intersection of the North line of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, and the East right of way line of Highway No. 17; thence run South along the East right of way line of Highway No. 17, 570.07 feet to a point; thence run East parallel to the North line of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, 417 feet to a point of beginning; thence run North parallel to the East right of way line of Highway No. 17, 160 feet to a point; thence run East parallel to the North line of said Section 7, 506.15 feet to a point; thence continue East on the same course 103 feet, more or less, to Lake Bonnet, thence along the shore line of Lake Bonnet 160 feet, more or less, to a point that is 570 feet as measured at right angles, south of the North line of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, thence West, parallel to the North line of said Section 7, 116 feet, more or less, to a point; thence continue West along the same course 506.15 feet to the point of beginning.  
 Also including an easement of 15 feet from the South survey line beginning at a point of the East side of State Highway 17 and being 570 feet South of the North line of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, and parallel thereto and continuing 417 feet to a point and being on the North side of said survey line.  
 AND  
 PARCEL II:  
 That part of the fractional NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, more specifically described as follows:  
 The East 187.00 feet of the West 417.00 feet of the South 175.00 feet of the South 290.00 feet of the North 570.00 feet of the fractional NE 1/4 of said Section 7, lying East of State Road 17 right of way, in Highlands County, Florida, further described as Lots "J" and "K" of Kinyon's unrecorded subdivision, less: Easement for road along South 15 feet thereof, and easement of use of existing canal along north edge in favor of owners of land bordering on said canal, all also known as Camp-N-Comfort located between Sebring and Avon Park, Florida, on Highway No. 17, together with all improvements thereon.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL DIVISION  
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 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 12th day of September, 2013.  
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 As Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO.: 282013CA276  
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. LONNIE THOMPSON A/K/A LONNIE R. THOMPSON AKA LONNIE RICHARD THOMPSON A/K/A DIANE L. THOMPSON; EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 10th day of September, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282013CA276, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and LONNIE THOMPSON A/K/A LONNIE R. THOMPSON AKA LONNIE RICHARD THOMPSON, DIANCE THOMPSON A/K/A DIANE L. THOMPSON, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA and UNKNOWN TENANT NKA MIKE LEE IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 10th day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 380, WEST SEBRING ESTATES, SECTION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
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 CIVIL DIVISION  
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(800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

11-08505  
September 18, 25, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION

Case No. 09-001073-GCS  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST  
COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR  
THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE  
HOLDERS FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE  
SECURITIES TRUST 2006-M3, ASSET-BACKED  
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,  
SERIES ARSI 2006-M3,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
IVETT BELLO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
IVETT BELLO; UNKNOWN TENANT #1;  
UNKNOWN TENANT #2,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Uniform  
Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure entered  
by the Court on the 1st day of June, 2012 in that  
certain cause pending in the Circuit Court of the  
Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands  
County, Florida wherein Deutsche Bank National  
Trust Company, as Trustee in Trust for the Benefit  
of the Certificate Holders for Ameriquest Mortgage  
Securities Trust 2006-M3, Asset-Backed  
Pass-Through Certificates, Series ARSI 2006-M3,  
is Plaintiff, and Ivett Bello is the Defendant, in  
Civil Action Case No.: 09-001073-GCS, I Bob  
Germaine, Clerk of the aforesaid Court, will on the  
15th day of October, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern  
Standard Time, offer for sale and sell to the high-  
est and best bidder for cash at a foreclosure sale  
conducted at the Highlands County Courthouse,  
430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL  
33870-3867, in the Jury Assembly Room located  
in the basement level of the Courthouse, the fol-  
lowing described property as set forth in the Uni-  
form Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure,  
situated and being in Highlands County, Florida, to  
wit:

Lot 18, Block N, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE II, ac-  
cording to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book  
9, Page 54, Public Records of Highlands County,  
Florida.

Property Address: 312 Blazing Star Road, Se-  
bring, Florida 33876.

Said sale will be made pursuant to and in or-  
der to satisfy the terms of the Uniform Final Judg-  
ment of Mortgage Foreclosure.

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

Witness my hand and the seal of the Court this  
5th day of September, 2013.

BOB GERMAINE  
Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk (Seal)

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September 18, 25, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 13-374  
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
ROGER L. SMITH  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of ROGER L.  
SMITH, deceased, whose date of death was July  
16, 2013, and whose Social Security Number is  
xxx-xx-0837, is pending in the Circuit Court for  
HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the  
address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Se-  
bring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the  
personal representative and the personal repre-  
sentative's attorney are set forth below.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is  
September 18, 2013.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Ruth E. Smith  
119 Washington Blvd.  
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael A. Rider  
MICHAEL A. RIDER  
Florida Bar Number: 175661  
13 N Oak Avenue  
Lake Placid, FL 33852  
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September 18, 25, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 13-374  
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
ARTHUR THEGET  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of ARTHUR  
THEGET, deceased, whose date of death was  
May 11, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for  
Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the  
address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave-  
nue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and ad-  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 13-378

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
ARTHUR THEGET  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of ARTHUR  
THEGET, deceased, whose date of death was  
May 11, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for  
Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the  
address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave-  
nue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and ad-  
resses of the personal representative and the  
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The date of first publication of this Notice is  
September 11, 2013.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Kristi L. Schmidt  
13317 Ablion Circle  
Thornton, Colorado 80241

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ W. Roy Wilkes  
Florida Bar Number: 0608475  
202 Dal Hall Boulevard  
Lake Placid, Florida 33852  
Telephone: (863)699-2222  
Fax: (863)465-1857  
E-Mail: wvw@wilkeslawfirm.com

September 11, 18, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 13-379  
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
JULIAN A. SAPP  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of JULIAN A.  
SAPP, deceased, whose date of death was July  
16, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for  
HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the  
address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Se-  
bring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the  
personal representative and the personal repre-  
sentative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other per-  
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The date of first publication of this Notice is  
September 11, 2013.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Julia Ann McClelland

Attorney for Personal Representatives:  
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September 11, 18, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 13-392  
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
GEORGE L. ARMAS  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of GEORGE L.  
ARMAS, deceased, whose date of death was  
June 25, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for  
HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the  
address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Se-  
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The date of first publication of this Notice is  
September 18, 2013.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Edward Armas  
3545 Breakneck Road  
Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Pamela T. Karlson  
Florida Bar Number: 0017957  
301 Dal Hall Boulevard  
Lake Placid, FL 33852  
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September 18, 25, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 10-000743 GCS  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY  
PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT  
INSURANCE COMPANY AS RECEIVER OF  
WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A  
WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MARK R. DURHAM, et al  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Sum-  
mary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated Sep-  
tember 10, 2013, and entered in Case No.  
10-000743 GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH  
Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS COUNTY,  
Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA-  
TIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST  
BY PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT IN-  
SURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASH-  
INGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHING-  
TON MUTUAL BANK, FA, is Plaintiff, and MARK R.  
DURHAM, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell  
to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning  
at 11:00 a.m., in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM,  
BASEMENT, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring,  
FL 33870, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida  
Statutes, on the 10th day of October, 2013, the  
following described property as set forth in said  
Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

UNIT D, BUILDING 3, COUNTY CLUB DOWNS,  
AS PER THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND  
RESTRICTIONS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1838,  
PAGE 136, AS AMENDED PUBLIC RECORDS OF  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE  
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ON EXHIBIT "A"  
ATTACHED HERETO.

BUILDING 3, UNIT D:  
A PORTION OF PARCEL E AS DESCRIBED AND  
RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1795,  
PAGE 266, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGH-  
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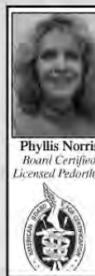
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A t-storm early in the afternoon	A t-storm in spots in the afternoon	An afternoon thunderstorm	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Mostly cloudy, t-storms possible
90° / 73°	90° / 73°	90° / 71°	90° / 75°	88° / 76°
Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 6-12 mph	Winds: ENE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSW at 6-12 mph



Almanac

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

High Friday	92°
Low Friday	68°
High Saturday	94°
Low Saturday	70°
High Sunday	90°
Low Sunday	70°
High Monday	87°
Low Monday	70°

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

Relative humidity	56%
Expected air temperature	90°
Makes it feel like	98°

**Barometer**

Saturday	29.90
Sunday	29.95
Monday	29.92

**Precipitation**

Saturday	0.02"
Sunday	1.48"
Monday	0.68"
Month to date	5.45"
Year to date	57.37"

Regional Summary

Clouds and sunshine today with a shower or thunderstorm early in the afternoon. Patchy clouds tonight. Partial sunshine tomorrow and Friday with a shower or thunderstorm around in the afternoon.



Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds east 7-14 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 75%.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

On Sept. 18, 1984, the temperature soared past 100 degrees in Sacramento, Calif., for the 38th time that summer. One year later, Blythe had a midday temperature in the 60s.

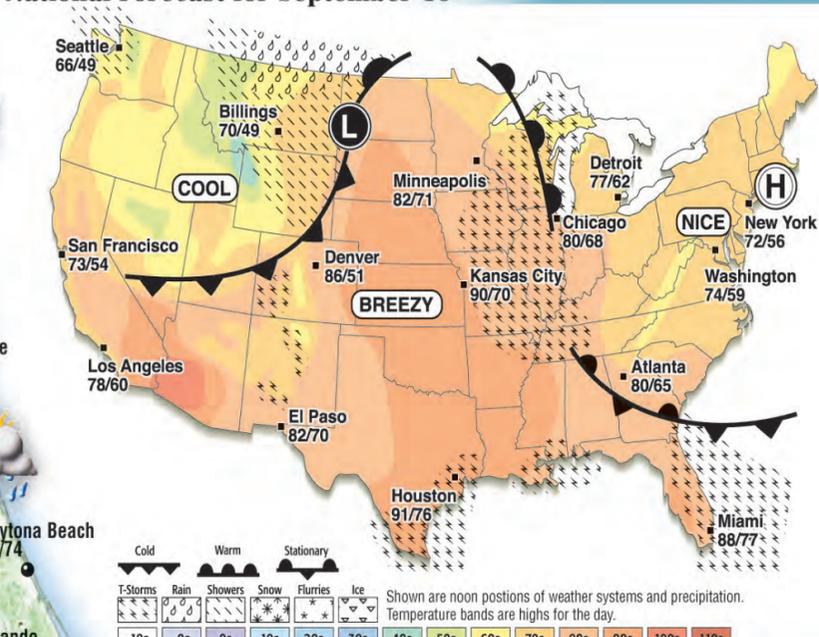
Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	7:13 a.m.	7:13 a.m.
Sunset	7:27 p.m.	7:26 p.m.
Moonrise	6:50 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Moonset	6:15 a.m.	7:16 a.m.

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National Forecast for September 18



National Summary

Dry weather across much of the East as high pressure will influence the weather today. Daytime heating will help afternoon thunderstorms to blossom over parts of Florida and along the Gulf Coast. As warm and humid air advances on the Midwest, showers and thunderstorms will move across the region and into the western Great Lakes. Brisk south-southwest winds will bring much warmer air into the Plains. High temperatures will be in the low to middle 90s in many locations across middle America.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	82/62/s	82/59/pc	78/59/s
Atlanta	80/65/pc	82/65/pc	84/65/s
Baltimore	74/56/s	77/59/pc	81/63/pc
Birmingham	84/68/pc	86/67/pc	86/67/pc
Boston	71/55/s	75/60/s	75/60/s
Charlotte	76/56/pc	81/57/pc	84/62/s
Cheyenne	82/46/t	67/42/s	71/46/s
Chicago	80/68/pc	87/70/t	77/56/t
Cleveland	76/61/s	81/66/pc	82/64/t
Columbus	78/64/pc	82/66/pc	84/65/t
Dallas	94/76/pc	92/74/pc	85/71/t
Denver	86/51/pc	70/48/s	76/52/s
Detroit	77/62/pc	82/67/pc	80/60/t
Harrisburg	72/51/s	75/58/pc	82/60/pc
Honolulu	89/73/pc	89/74/s	89/73/s
Houston	91/76/c	91/76/t	91/76/t
Indianapolis	82/66/pc	85/68/t	83/61/t
Jackson, MS	92/66/pc	91/70/s	91/70/t
Kansas City	90/70/pc	88/64/t	78/54/t
Lexington	77/62/pc	83/64/pc	86/63/t
Little Rock	92/71/t	91/72/pc	85/67/t

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	89/78/t	88/78/t	89/78/t
Athens	83/68/s	85/67/s	86/68/s
Beirut	83/75/sh	83/75/pc	84/71/t
Berlin	55/45/sh	63/47/pc	59/52/sh
Bermuda	82/73/s	82/73/pc	82/73/pc
Calgary	56/37/sh	62/33/pc	70/44/s
Dublin	57/45/pc	64/46/sh	59/45/s
Edmonton	58/33/pc	65/39/pc	71/42/s
Freeport	85/79/t	86/79/pc	85/77/t
Geneva	63/54/r	65/42/c	68/49/pc
Havana	89/73/t	85/73/pc	88/72/t
Hong Kong	86/78/s	88/79/pc	90/82/pc
Jerusalem	82/63/pc	83/65/pc	85/63/s
Johannesburg	82/58/s	83/58/s	82/42/s
Kiev	64/53/r	65/50/r	56/48/sh

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	2:01 a.m.
Low	7:41 a.m.
High	2:06 p.m.
Low	8:25 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	8:19 a.m.
Low	1:45 a.m.
High	8:42 p.m.
Low	2:11 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	15.48'
Normal	14.51'

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## Lady Dragons staying busy



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The Lady Dragons have been keeping themselves busy, playing seven matches between Thursday and Monday.

By DAN HOEHNE

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The schedule has been full these last few days for the Lady Dragons with seemingly little time away from the volleyball court.

After Thursday's three-set sweep of Frostproof, Lake Placid headed north to the Orlando Volleyball Academy showcase over the weekend.

While there, the ladies

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Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Hannah Tucker goes up for a kill during Sebring's win over visiting Lemon Bay Monday night.

## Corbin Hoffner's stellar summer

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING - It was a transformative summer for Corbin Hoffner in many ways, and may well have opened the door toward many more.

The 2011 Sebring graduate, after a year of college baseball at St. Pete, was drafted by the Chicago Cubs and went through their instructional league and Arizona Fall League last year.

This year, the right-handed hurler was sent to play for the Boise Hawks, the Cubs Class A Short-Season Northwest League franchise and joined the rest of the young hopefuls.

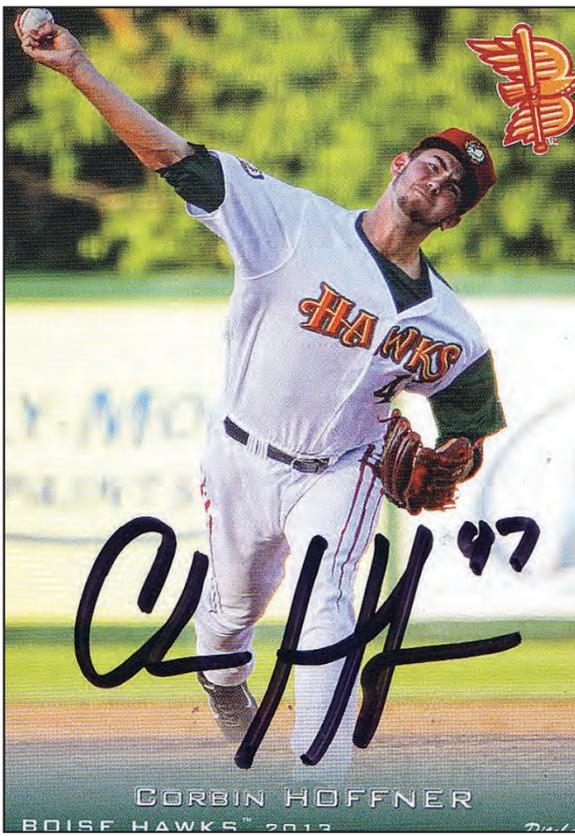
After the more hands on, intense setting of his initial season, Hoffner soon realized a different sort of coaching.

"It's a lot more relaxed," he said. "At this point, this is your job and it's up to you to get your work in and be ready to go."

"If there is an issue with your mechanics or something like that, they'll work with you. But other than that, it's on you to do what you need to do."

Which Hoffner apparently did very well.

At a towering 6'5", he ended the fall league weighing 250 pounds, but through



Courtesy photo

Corbin Hoffner's first baseball card and, given the season he had this year, likely the first of many.

his offseason workouts, shaped himself to a more toned 232 by spring training in Arizona.

And the progress continued on the field as Hoffner put up stellar numbers throughout the summer.

Coming out of the bullpen

as, technically, a middle reliever, he was averaging three innings per outing and his numbers soon began adding up.

He wound up the season with the third most innings of any pitcher on the staff, 10 more innings than any

other Hawk reliever.

In his 46.2 innings, he surrendered just 29 hits, nine earned runs, 13 walks and struck out 42.

His ERA was a miniscule 1.74, batting average against just .180 and his WHIP (walks and hits per inning pitched) was less than one at .90.

He picked up two wins, no losses, one save and had four holds.

There was one bad outing, which Hoffner knew would come at some point, but it wasn't even as bad as the numbers made it look.

"I came in and got the final out of one inning, then the next inning they had a runner on with two outs," he said. "Then the ump called me for a balk, I walked a batter and then a chopper bounced off first base for a hit and the next guy got a broken bat base hit."

"The next inning I gave up a home run, the only one all season," he continued. "My coach said I needed to get that pitch more in on him, and I told him I did, but he just hit a good pitch. After watching the tape, he said I was right and bought me dinner."

And while he enjoyed a great first, full season, there were rough aspects, such as the travel for lower level

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## Streaks put away Lemon Bay

By BRITTANY WHITTINGTON

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING - The Manta Rays found themselves in dangerous waters Monday night when they traveled into Sebring for their first matchup against the Blue Streaks in 10 years.

Not knowing what to expect from their long-distant but new district foes, the Streaks were surely ready for anything and came away with a four-set win over Lemon Bay.

Sebring started the match off right with an extreme lead over the Manta Rays at 8-2.

A roll shot by Hannah Tucker boosted the lead 12-3 with Lindsey Whittington following

with a tip to add another point to the board.

Lemon Bay made a steady run, creeping up until two Hannah Gotch kills ended the run and made the score 17-12.

Caylin Webb contributed with a kill putting the lead up by five making it 19-14.

A timeout was called by the Lemon Bay head coach, but not before a Whittington kill made it 21-14.

Sebring allowed four unanswered points soon after, causing their head coach, Venessa Sinness, to call a timeout.

The Streaks scored first after this halt in the action with a Cadie O'Hern kill.

Jordan Hinkle added

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## WEDNESDAY WARM-UP

### A midweek report on high school football

#### FLORIDA PREP STATE POLLS

Class 8A		Class 3A	
1. Manatee (17)	3-0 179 1	1. Trinity Christ-Jax (16)	2-0 179 1
2. Apopka (1)	3-1 144 2	2. Ocala Trinity Cath (1)	3-0 163 2
3. Plant	2-0-1 132 3	3. Clearwater Cent Cath	2-1 122 3
4. Miramar	3-0 120 5	4. Delray Amer Heri	2-1 99 4
(tie) Oviedo	3-0 120 4	5. Tampa Catholic	2-1 90 5
6. Dr. Phillips	3-0 95 6	<b>Others receiving votes:</b> Fort Meade 21, Melbourne Central Catholic 15, Cardinal Mooney 13, Frostproof 12, First Academy-Orlando 6.	
7. Fort Pierce Central	2-0 74 8	Class 4A	
8. South Dade	3-0 58 10	1. Miami Washington (18)	3-0 180 1
9. Vero Beach	3-0 28 NR	2. Ft Lauderdale Univ	3-0 161 2
10. Lake Mary	2-0 21 NR	3. Bolles School	3-0 145 3
<b>Others receiving votes:</b> West Orange 9, Deerfield Beach 4, Cypress Bay 3, Park Vista Community 2, Christopher Columbus Catholic 1.		4. Gulliver Prep	3-0 98 NR
Class 7A		5. Cocoa	1-1 91 NR
1. St. Thomas Aquinas (18)	2-0 180 1	<b>Others receiving votes:</b> Madison County 32, Raines 7, East Gadsden 6.	
2. Dwyer	3-0 161 2	Class 5A	
3. East Lake	3-0 143 3	1. University Christ (15)	2-1 173 1
4. Sickles	3-0 116 4	2. North Florida Christ (3)	2-0 157 3
5. Lakeland	3-0 108 5	3. Champagnat Cath	3-0 144 3
6. Lincoln	3-1 92 7	4. Warner Christian	2-1 129 4
7. Royal Palm Beach	2-0 51 9	5. Glades Day	3-0 68 NR
8. Fleming Island	3-0 31 NR	<b>Others receiving votes:</b> First Baptist 36, Victory Christian 6.	
9. Fletcher	2-1 30 10	Class 1A	
10. Kissimmee Osceola	1-2 29 6	1. Union County (16)	3-0 178 1
<b>Others receiving votes:</b> Plantation 24, Niceville 13, Port Charlotte 7, Viera 4, Charlotte 1.		2. Blountstown	3-0 157 3
Class 6A		3. Lafayette	2-0 127 5
1. Miami Central (13)	2-1 175 2	4. Dixie County (2)	3-0 114 NR
2. Armwood (5)	2-0 154 1	5. Liberty County	3-0 52 NR
3. Columbia	3-0 151 3	<b>Others receiving votes:</b> Trenton 31, Chipley 28, Chiefland 19, Northview 8, Williston 6.	
4. Jefferson	3-0 127 4	<b>Class 2A</b>	
5. Mainland	3-0 109 5	1. University Christ (15)	2-1 173 1
6. Miami Northwestern	1-1 73 7	2. North Florida Christ (3)	2-0 157 3
7. Heritage	3-0 49 9	3. Champagnat Cath	3-0 144 3
8. Largo	2-1 38 8	4. Warner Christian	2-1 129 4
9. Lake Gibson	1-1 29 6	5. Glades Day	3-0 68 NR
10. Venice	2-1 28 9	<b>Others receiving votes:</b> First Baptist 36, Victory Christian 6.	
<b>Others receiving votes:</b> Hallandale 22, Naples 13, Homestead 6, Gainesville 5, Seabreeze 5, Citrus 4, Ocala Vanguard 2.			

#### DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT (through Preseason)

DISTRICT 11-6A			
Dist.	Overall	PF	PA
Sebring	0-0	2-1	44 28
Lake Region	0-0	2-1	59 83
Winter Haven	0-0	2-1	88 91
Lake Gibson	0-0	1-1	80 45
Last Week's Scores			
Hardee 21, Sebring 0			
Kathleen 45, Lake Gibson 44, 50T Bartow 44, Lake Region 14			
Winter Haven 50, George Jenkins 35			
This Week's Games			
Sebring at LaBelle, 7 p.m.			
Winter Haven vs. Evans, 7 p.m.			
Lake Region vs. South Lake, 7 p.m.			
Idle: Lake Gibson			
DISTRICT 6-4A			
Dist.	Overall	PF	PA
Clewiston	0-0	2-0	76 24
Lake Placid	0-0	1-1	35 58
LaBelle	0-0	1-2	76 138
Avon Park	0-0	0-3	19 106
Last Week's Scores			
Fort Meade 48, Avon Park 0			
Cardinal Mooney 44, Lake Placid 7			
Lemon Bay 56, LaBelle 21			
This Week's Games			
Avon Park at Cardinal Mooney, 7 p.m.			
Lake Placid at Golden Gate, 7 p.m.			
LaBelle vs. Sebring, 7 p.m.			
Clewiston vs. King's Academy, 7 p.m.			



## Ed goes cross county for cross country



Courtesy photo

From left, Lake Placid Cross Country runners Nicole Moore and Maria Gonzalez, along with Lady Dragon head coach Sean Dolan, were featured guests on Ed Lynch's "Sports Talk" show on Saturday, Sept. 14. The show airs each Saturday immediately following the Noon News on WWTK 730-AM. Scheduled guests for the Sept. 21 broadcast are Avon Park Cross Country coach Pakita Felix and Red Devil Boys Golf coach Jason Beatty.

## Seminoles' RBs take pressure off young QB

By KAREEM COPELAND

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE —

Florida State demonstrated it has a lot more offense than just freshman quarterback Jameis Winston.

The Seminoles have an impressive running game featuring a trio of backs:

Devonta Freeman, James Wilder, Jr. and Karlos Williams.

Eighth-ranked Florida State racked up 377 rushing yards in a 62-7 victory against Nevada on Saturday.

The Seminoles (2-0) surpassed the 300-yard mark on the ground just

once in 2012 with 385 against Wake Forest on Sept. 15.

Seminoles safety Tyler Hunter said Monday that the backs just wore down Nevada.

"First it was Wilder and Devonta," Hunter said.

"Wilder would just wear

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# THE SCOREBOARD

## Major League Baseball

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	92	59	.609	—
Tampa Bay	82	67	.550	9
Baltimore	79	70	.530	12
New York	79	71	.527	12.5
Toronto	68	81	.456	23

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	87	63	.580	—
Cleveland	81	69	.540	6
Kansas City	79	71	.527	8
Minnesota	64	85	.430	22.5
Chicago	59	91	.393	28

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	88	62	.587	—
Texas	81	68	.544	6.5
Los Angeles	73	77	.487	15
Seattle	66	84	.440	22
Houston	51	99	.340	37

### Sunday's Games

Baltimore 3, Toronto 1  
 Detroit 3, Kansas City 2  
 Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 1  
 L.A. Angels 2, Houston 1  
 Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 4  
 St. Louis 12, Seattle 2  
 Oakland 5, Texas 1  
 Boston 9, N.Y. Yankees 2

### Monday's Games

Detroit 4, Seattle 2  
 Tampa Bay 6, Texas 2  
 Cincinnati 6, Houston 1  
 Kansas City 7, Cleveland 1  
 Chicago White Sox 12, Minnesota 1  
 L.A. Angels 12, Oakland 1

### Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, late  
 Seattle at Detroit, late  
 Baltimore at Boston, late  
 Texas at Tampa Bay, late  
 Cincinnati at Houston, late  
 Cleveland at Kansas City, late  
 Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, late  
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, late

### Wednesday's Games

Minnesota (Diamond 5-11) at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 4-13), 2:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels (Vargas 8-7) at Oakland (Griffin 14-9), 3:35 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 4-13) at Toronto (Happ 4-6), 7:07 p.m.  
 Seattle (Iwakuma 12-6) at Detroit (Verlander 13-11), 7:08 p.m.  
 Baltimore (W.Chen 7-7) at Boston (Peavy 11-5), 7:10 p.m.  
 Texas (D.Holland 9-9) at Tampa Bay (Archer 9-7), 7:10 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (G.Reynolds 1-2) at Houston (Peacock 5-5), 8:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Salazar 1-2) at Kansas City (B.Chen 7-3), 8:10 p.m.

### LEAGUE LEADERS

#### BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
Cabrera, DET	518	99	181	.349
Trout, LAA	553	106	183	.331
Mauer, MIN	445	62	144	.324
A. Beltre, TEX	578	81	184	.318
Ortiz, BOS	479	76	149	.311

#### HOME RUNS

Davis, BAL	50
Cabrera, DET	43
Encarnacion, TOR	36
Trumbo, LAA	34
Dunn, CHW	32

#### RUNS BATTED IN

Cabrera, DET	133
Davis, BAL	131
Encarnacion, TOR	104
Cano, NYY	103
Fielder, DET	102
Jones, BAL	102

#### WON-LOST

Scherzer, DET	19-3
Wilson, LAA	17-6
Colon, OAK	16-6
Tillman, BAL	16-6
Moore, TB	15-3

#### EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Sanchez, DET	2.50
Colon, OAK	2.73
Darvish, TEX	2.79
Iwakuma, SEA	2.87
Scherzer, DET	2.95

#### SAVES

J. Johnson, BAL	45
Rivera, NYY	43
Holland, KC	43
Nathan, TEX	39
Balfour, OAK	38

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	89	60	.597	—
Washington	79	70	.530	10
Philadelphia	70	80	.467	19.5
New York	67	82	.450	22
Miami	55	95	.367	34.5

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	87	63	.580	—
St. Louis	87	63	.580	—
Cincinnati	85	66	.563	2.5
Milwaukee	66	83	.443	20.5
Chicago	63	87	.420	24

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	86	64	.573	—
Arizona	76	73	.510	9.5
San Diego	69	80	.463	16.5
San Francisco	69	81	.460	17
Colorado	69	82	.457	17.5

### Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets 1, Miami 0, 12 innings  
 Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 2  
 Washington 11, Philadelphia 2  
 San Diego 4, Atlanta 0  
 Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 5  
 St. Louis 12, Seattle 2  
 Arizona 8, Colorado 2  
 San Francisco 4, L.A. Dodgers 3

### Monday's Games

Philadelphia 12, Miami 2  
 San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 0  
 Atlanta at Washington, ppd., local shooting tragedy  
 Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 1  
 Cincinnati 6, Houston 1  
 Colorado 6, St. Louis 2  
 Arizona 2, L.A. Dodgers 1

### Tuesday's Games

Atlanta at Washington, 1st game, late  
 Atlanta at Washington, 2nd game, late  
 Miami at Philadelphia, late  
 San Diego at Pittsburgh, late  
 San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, late  
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, late  
 Cincinnati at Houston, late  
 St. Louis at Colorado, late  
 L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late

### Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (A.Wood 3-3) at Washington (Undecided), 7:05 p.m.  
 Miami (B.Hand 0-1) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 10-13), 7:05 p.m.  
 San Diego (T.Ross 3-8) at Pittsburgh (Morton 7-4), 7:05 p.m.



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

#### THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Clemson at North Carolina State. . . . . ESPN

### GOLF

#### SUNDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – BMW Italian Open . . . . . GOLF  
 1 p.m. PGA – The Tour Championship . . . . . GOLF

### MLB

#### WEDNESDAY

2 p.m. Minnesota at Chicago White Sox . . . . . WGN  
 7 p.m. Texas at Tampa Bay. . . . . ESPN/SUN  
 10 p.m. L.A. Dodgers at Arizona . . . . . ESPN

#### THURSDAY

2 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee . . . . . WGN  
 7 p.m. Texas at Tampa Bay. . . . . SUN

### WNBA PLAYOFFS

#### THURSDAY

8 p.m. Washington at Atlanta . . . . . ESPN2  
 10 p.m. Phoenix at Los Angeles . . . . . ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

San Francisco (M.Cain 8-9) at N.Y. Mets (Harang 0-1), 7:10 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs (Rusin 2-4) at Milwaukee (Thornburg 2-1), 8:10 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (G.Reynolds 1-2) at Houston (Peacock 5-5), 8:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Wainwright 16-9) at Colorado (Chatwood 7-4), 8:40 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 14-9) at Arizona (McCarthy 4-9), 10:10 p.m.

### LEAGUE LEADERS

#### BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
C. Johnson, ATL	473	49	156	.330
Cuddyer, COL	462	72	152	.329
McCutchen, PIT	546	91	177	.324
Werth, WAS	422	77	136	.322
Carpenter, STL	577	116	185	.321

#### HOME RUNS

Alvarez, PIT	33
Goldschmidt, ARI	33
Bruce, CIN	29
Brown, PHL	27
Gonzalez, COL	26

#### RUNS BATTED IN

Goldschmidt, ARI	116
Phillips, CIN	101
Freeman, ATL	99
Craig, STL	97
Gonzalez, LAD	95
Bruce, CIN	95

#### WON-LOST

Zimmermann, WAS	18-8
De La Rosa, COL	16-6
Liriano, PIT	16-7
Wainwright, STL	16-9
Greinke, LAD	14-3

#### EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Kershaw, LAD	1.94
Fernandez, MIA	2.19
Harvey, NYM	2.27
Greinke, LAD	2.74
Bumgarner, SF	2.83

#### SAVES

Kimbrel, ATL	47
Soriano, WAS	41
Mujica, STL	36
Chapman, CIN	36
Romo, SF	35

### National Football League

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

#### East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	36	31
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	47	30
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	45	46
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	28	30

#### South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	61	52
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	41	41
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	40	39
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	11	47

#### North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	41	54
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	41	35
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	19	36
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	16	37

#### West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	45	18
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	50	50
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	36	30
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	61	61

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	52	48
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	63	60
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	54	77
Washington	0	2	0	.000	47	71

#### South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	39	31
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	48	47
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	30	36
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	31	34

#### North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	55	51
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	55	49
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	66	54
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	54	65

#### West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	41	10
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	51	55
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	37	57
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	49	48

### Thursday's Game

New England 13, N.Y. Jets 10

### Sunday's Games

Kansas City 17, Dallas 16  
 Houston 30, Tennessee 24, OT  
 Green Bay 38, Washington 20  
 Chicago 31, Minnesota 30  
 Atlanta 31, St. Louis 24  
 San Diego 33, Philadelphia 30  
 Miami 24, Indianapolis 20  
 Baltimore 14, Cleveland 6  
 Buffalo 24, Carolina 23

Arizona 25, Detroit 21  
 New Orleans 16, Tampa Bay 14  
 Oakland 19, Jacksonville 9  
 Denver 41, N.Y. Giants 23  
 Seattle 29, San Francisco 3  
**Monday's Game**  
 Cincinnati 20, Pittsburgh 10  
**Thursday, Sep. 19**  
 Kansas City at Philadelphia, 8:25 p.m.

### WNBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Chicago	24	10	.706	—
x-Atlanta	17	17	.500	7
x-Washington	17	17	.500	7
x-Indiana	16	18	.471	8
New York	11	23	.324	13
Connecticut	10	24	.294	14

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

# NASCAR THIS WEEK

## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



AP/NAM Y. HUH

Such outpourings of emotion aren't an everyday occurrence for Matt.

### Any chance of calm this week?

NASCAR is due for several days of no-hum heading into New Hampshire, and the stars just may be aligned. Last week was one of the worst in the past decade for NASCAR, which found itself dealing with credibility issues stemming from the previous week at Richmond. But if the sight of Matt Kenseth — the walking, talking definition of calm — hoisting the trophy at Chicagoland didn't signal a return to peace and quiet, there may be no hope.

### Final thoughts on NASCAR's damage control?

The Boys in Competition should've seen the potential for shenanigans long before they happened at Richmond. But they either dropped the ball or put too much faith in the teams — um, let's go with "dropped the ball." But after the fact, NASCAR couldn't win. In the end, however, they probably made the best of a bad situation.

### Will it happen again?

Human nature never fails to overcome our better intentions and stated values. So yes, it'll happen again, but it will be better hidden. Much better hidden.

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## FEUD OF THE WEEK



KYLE BUSCH

KEVIN HARVICK

**Kyle Busch vs. Kevin Harvick:** Harvick gave Matt Kenseth a race-winning push past Busch on the final restart, prompting Busch to say "I just hate it." **Godwin Kelly gives his take:** "Busch has never won a Chase race, and the frustration is growing. Kenseth is Busch's teammate, so this is a shoulder-shrug situation."

## WHAT'S ON TAP?

**SPRINT CUP:** Sylvania 300  
**SITE:** Loudon, N.H.  
**SCHEDULE:** Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, noon), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 3:30 p.m.), Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 2, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.), Sunday, race (ESPN, coverage begins at 1 p.m.; green flag at 2:16 p.m.)  
**TRACK:** New Hampshire Motor Speedway (1.058-mile oval)  
**RACE DISTANCE:** 300 laps, 317.4 miles  
**NATIONWIDE:** Kentucky 300  
**SITE:** Sparta, Ken.  
**SCHEDULE:** Saturday, race (ESPNEWS, 7:30 p.m.)  
**TRACK:** Kentucky Motor Speedway (1.5-mile oval)  
**RACE DISTANCE:** 200 laps, 300 miles

## HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

# Joey Stumbles

Joey Logano, driver of the No. 22 Penske Racing Ford, is the only Chase rookie in this season's expanded field of contenders.

As (bad) luck would have it, he was the first driver fighting for the 2013 title to exit the race at Chicagoland. Reason out: blown engine.

"We got to keep our heads up and keep the momentum that we have and not let this take us down," he said. "With only 10 races, you really can't have these issues, but we are strong enough to come back from it."

In the past five years, only Jimmie Johnson has roared back from such a horrible Chase start to win the title (2010).

### MUM'S THE WORD

Michael Waltrip Racing was fined heavily for team shenanigans at Richmond. All three of its drivers lost 50 championship points, and that points loss pulled Martin Truex from the Chase playoffs.

But as NASCAR cleaned up its Richmond mess, Clint Bowyer refused to admit he spun his No. 15 Waltrip Racing Toyota with seven laps to go in order to assist Truex in claiming a Chase berth.

Bowyer apologized to Ryan Newman, who was directly affected by the spin, and said he was sorry for what happened, but apparently decided to take the Fifth on his complicity in the scheme to assist his teammate.

Not only is there strong video and audio evidence, but eyewitness Dale Earnhardt Jr. stepped forward to say that Bowyer was purposely slowing in order to make the damning spin harmless to his racing machine.

"You asked about a line being crossed and obviously MWR stepped over that line," Bowyer said. "We got penalized and then — like I said, I've given this interview on national television."

Bowyer visited ESPN's SportsCenter studio three days after the Richmond race and looked extremely uncomfortable, like he was sitting in a briar patch, during a tough line of questioning from former driver Ricky Craven. They had a back-and-forth moment.

Back at Chicagoland Speedway, Bowyer played dodgeball with the media as his team prepared for the Chase.

"We've had a great season, and as far as that's concerned (Richmond), we know re-

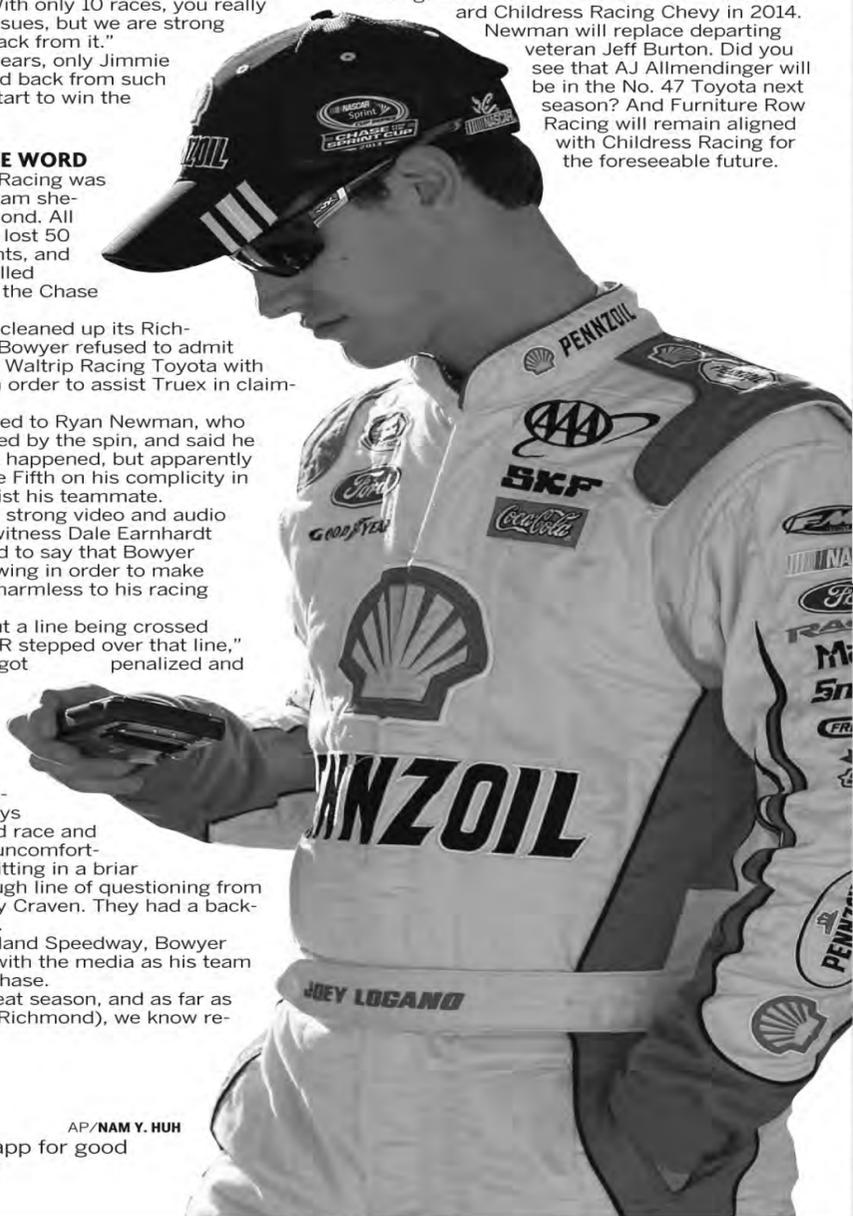
ally — we know where the line is," he said.

And no, that "line" of which Bowyer speaks doesn't involve an admission of guilt.

### LOST IN THE SAUCE

With the Richmond hullabaloo, some major racing news was trampled, such as Ryan Newman being named as the driver of the No. 31 Richard Childress Racing Chevy in 2014.

Newman will replace departing veteran Jeff Burton. Did you see that AJ Allmendinger will be in the No. 47 Toyota next season? And Furniture Row Racing will remain aligned with Childress Racing for the foreseeable future.



AP/NAM Y. HUH

Is there an app for good racing luck?

## GODWIN'S NEW HAMPSHIRE PICKS



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**Winner:** Ryan Newman  
**Rest of the top five:** Jimmie Johnson, Kyle Busch, Brad Keselowski, Clint Bowyer  
**Dark horse:** Dale Earnhardt Jr.

**Disappointment:** Joey Logano  
**First one out:** Denny Hamlin  
**Don't be surprised if:** Several Chase drivers continue struggling at this track.

## SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves



Daytona Beach News-Journal/JIM TILLER

Shouldn't this scene be part of the Chase for the Championship?

**What change would you make to the Chase schedule?**

**GODSPEAK:** The Chase should have every type of track, so move the Watkins Glen or Sonoma date into the playoffs.

**KEN'S CALL:** Daytona has the season's first race. Move its July race to September and give Daytona the first Chase race, too.

**Odds that NASCAR would listen to any of your advice?**

**GODSPEAK:** I would probably have more luck in the lottery. Have I ever won the lottery? No, but I get a quick-pick ticket every stinking week.

**KEN'S CALL:** We'll have Middle East peace before Brian France takes my advice.

## ONLINE EXTRAS

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

## SPRINT CUP POINTS STANDINGS

- Matt Kenseth 2063
- Kyle Busch -8
- Jimmie Johnson -11
- Kevin Harvick -15
- Carl Edwards -23
- Kurt Busch -23
- Jeff Gordon -24
- Ryan Newman -28
- Clint Bowyer -28
- Kasey Kahne -31
- Greg Biffle -31
- Joey Logano -52
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. -53
- Brad Keselowski -1305
- Jamie McMurray -1316
- Paul Menard -1343
- Martin Truex Jr. -1346
- Aric Almirola -1367
- Ricky Stenhouse Jr. -1383
- Juan Pablo Montoya -1395
- Marcos Ambrose -1396
- Jeff Burton -1405
- Tony Stewart -1469
- Casey Mears -1505
- David Ragan -1555
- Danica Patrick -1566
- Denny Hamlin -1567
- Mark Martin -1579
- David Gilliland -1585
- Dave Blaney -1646
- Travis Kvapil -1691
- David Stremme -1701
- David Reutimann -1702
- AJ Allmendinger -1703
- JJ Yeley -1703



## WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

<b>MATT KENSETH</b> Restores calm and order to top spot	<b>KYLE BUSCH</b> Shocker: Had no role in recent furor	<b>KURT BUSCH</b> See Kyle	<b>JIMMIE JOHNSON</b> Stopped the bleeding at Chicagoland	<b>RYAN NEWMAN</b> Middle name is Joseph	<b>KEVIN HARVICK</b> Will finish third at New Hampshire	<b>JEFF GORDON</b> No worse than seventh in past 4 weeks	<b>CARL EDWARDS</b> Needs to find Ford's missing gear	<b>JOEY LOGANO</b> Momentum now officially gone	<b>CLINT BOWYER</b> Has quit YMCA's spin class
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## CHICAGO REWIND

# Brian France tackles questions about integrity, credibility

NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France was peppered with questions all weekend about the sport's credibility, integrity and character. Here is some of the give-and-take from Chicagoland Speedway.

**Where do you think NASCAR is in terms of maybe credibility and character, and what steps do you have to take to restore that?**

"Well, it's like anything else, circum-

stances happen that are unhelpful in the credibility category, there's no doubt about that. And you go back to what you're about, and what we're about is the best racing in the world with the best drivers giving 100 percent of their ability, and to the extent that we get off of that for any reason, then it's our job to have the rules of the road and the rules of the race such that it achieves that every day.

And if it's not this, it might be something else. You deal with it. We have dealt with it as best that we can, and we

move on."

**You mentioned that this was unhelpful in the credibility category. Was it most hurt because of the 15 (Clint Bowyer) spin Saturday that caused "NBC Nightly News" to do a segment last night and refer to that race as being rigged because of it?**

"I think it's the totality of all the different things that went on, either that were

inconclusive or suspicious or whatever it might be. It was unhelpful, and my hope is that we'll have greater clarity, and we'll have that line as bright as possible because we're about delivering for our fans what they expect, and that's the best racing. We'll get through this. This is a highly competitive moment on Saturday night to try to get in the Chase. We obviously don't agree with it, but we obviously understand why people are going to take chances to do things that they shouldn't do."



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# LP to have played nine matches in week

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played five matches and went 3-2 to take second in the Silver bracket and sixth overall among the 16 competing teams.

A 2-1 win over Titusville got their weekend started, highlighted by 10 kills from Bella Caraballo and 19 digs from Mary Grace Bates.

Next up was a tough loss to a strong Father Lopez team, by a total of six points, 26-24 and 25-21.

"They took first in our pool," head coach Charlotte Bauder said. "And we actually should have beaten

them."

In their next match, the Dragons dropped the opening set 25-16 to the St. Edwards School, but bounced back with a 25-21 win and took the tie-breaker by a 15-13 score.

Andrea Barajas came up big with 10 digs and 20 assists, while Breanna Corley added 10 kills and Bates had 13 digs.

Then, behind 10 kills from Caraballo and 20 more Barajas assists, Lake Placid downed Deltona in dominant fashion, 25-12 and 25-13.

But things ended on a more dour note with a three-set loss to Fernandina Beach.

After taking the opening set 25-19, the Dragons dropped the next one 25-21 and couldn't quite get over the hump in the 15-12 tie-breaker loss.

But on the whole, it was a worthwhile trip according to Bauder.

"It was a great experience and the girls played fantastic," she said. "We were able to see a lot of teams that we could very well face in the playoffs."

After returning from Orlando, the team was back on the road Monday with a trip to Clewiston, where they were on top of their game.

They swept the Lady Tigers 25-15, 25-20 and 25-18 behind 13 Corley kills, 27 Barajas assists and four service aces from Bates.

And the schedule wasn't about to ease up as it was back to district play Tuesday with a big home match against Avon Park before a non-district Thursday visit from DeSoto.

# Sebring does away with Manta Rays

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yet another kill to the books making the score 23-19 before the set ended with a tricky tip by Whittington making the final 25-19.

The Manta Rays started out with the lead in the second set, jumping out 10-2 over the Lady Streaks and forcing Sinness to call a timeout to settle her troops.

The break seemed to be extremely effective as over the next few minutes it was all Sebring.

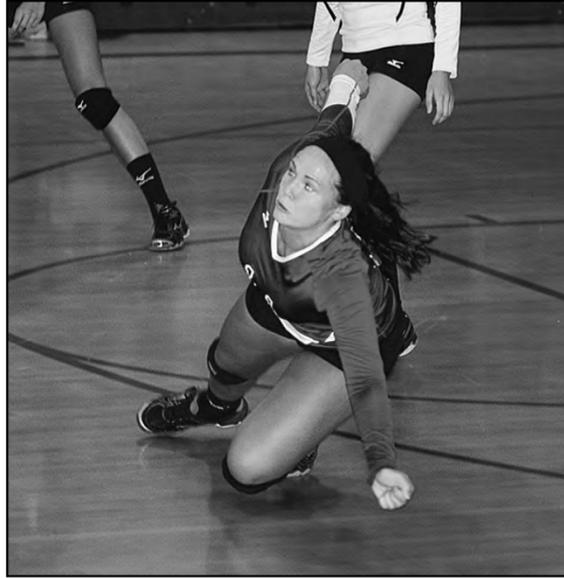
To start it off, Hinkle had a kill, making the score 10-4.

Whittington had three consecutive service aces that brought the Streaks closer at 11-8.

Another Hinkle kill put the Blue Streaks closer only down by one 13-12.

Lemon Bay was able to score two points in an attempt to inch away, but were quickly stopped by both Webb and Hinkle who tied the score at 15.

A Tucker kill kept the Streaks from going down by too much and kept the score at a one point difference of 17-16.



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Jordan Hinkle hits the deck to get a dig in Monday's win over visiting Lemon Bay.

Sinness called a timeout when Lemon Bay scored three unanswered points, but a Gotch kill tied the score up at 20 and that was when Sebring took over the set.

A Hinkle aced closed the set 25-22 and put the Streaks up 2-0.

The third set was a mix of inconsistency with the

Streaks.

Lemon Bay took control of the set, trying to keep their hopes alive of making it to a fifth set tie breaker.

The home team was unable to get a mesh going and trailed throughout the entire set using both timeouts in an attempt to get the crucial momentum shift needed to take control.

They were able to get as close as a two-point difference, but were unable to catch the Manta Rays and went down in the set 25-20.

With motivation from their play in the third set, the Blue Streaks fired off a 7-3 lead and did not look back.

An O'Hern kill kept Sebring's lead alive 13-10.

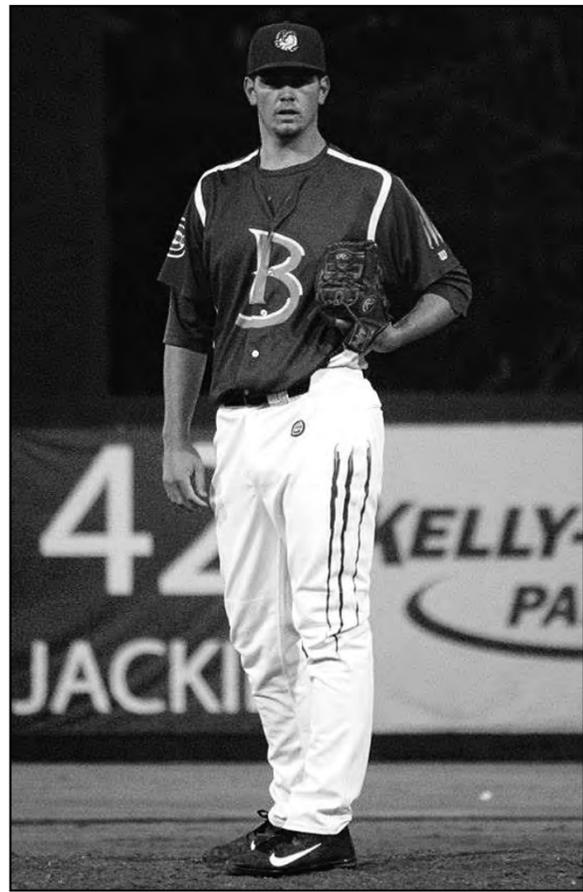
A Gotch kill extended the lead by four to 16-12.

The Lady Streaks were able to maintain a comfortable lead throughout the rest of the fourth set and finished the match 25-18.

"I am very impressed with how the girls didn't quit," said Sinness. "It didn't matter what the scoreboard read, we played hard for every point."

"Our serve receive had some holes, and they had some runs on us," she continued. "But even after those runs it's like they didn't even exist because we kept playing hard which was great to see."

Now 2-1 in District 11-5A play, Sebring goes out of district Thursday with a visit from Okeechobee.



Courtesy photo

Corbin Hoffner made the most of his first minor league regular season, which likely will have him donning a new uniform next season.

# Hoffner 'sleeper of the farm system'

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minor leaguers.

"There were no travel days," Hoffner said. "We played 76 games in 79 days and we'd go from one series to the next. Play the last game of one series, take the bus for 6 or 7 hours, up to 12 to 13 hours for the trips to Canada, get in at 7 a.m., sleep until 1 and go to the park."

But even that was an aspect that he took for what it was, a great experience.

"I'm playing baseball and even during those long trips, I'm spending it with a great bunch of guys that are in this with me."

Some of those guys are notable considering their bloodlines, such as teammates from the summer before, Trevor Gretzky, son of hockey legend Wayne, and Shawon Dunston Jr., whose father played 18 seasons in the Major Leagues, 12 with the Cubs.

"I never met Showan's dad, he's coaching with the Giants," Hoffner said. "But Wayne Gretzky came to a couple games in Canada, and it was a big deal when he showed up. Also, it was cool that our hitting coach is Bill Buckner, who's a really great guy and a lot of fun."

The names were another aspect of the experience, as were the locations.

"Growing up in Florida, I never would have thought I'd see places like this," he said. "Now I'm traveling to these parts of the Northwest, into Canada, it's really pretty cool to see these different areas."

But of course, amid these

extra benefits and experiences, he will likely be moving on from many of his teammates and away to different locales as his baseball career progresses.

On various Cubs organization blogs Hoffner was mentioned as the "sleeper of the farm system," and named co-short season pitcher of the year.

And though he hasn't been told anything yet, one blog suggested he could be headed to the higher A level Kane County Cougars in the Chicago suburb of Geneva, IL.

"I don't know yet, but I guess there's an organization meeting in Orlando this winter where they'll be discussing that stuff," Hoffner said. "I'm happy with the season I had, and have confidence in my ability. My career right now is playing baseball and I will continue working to keep it going. I'm happy to go wherever they send me."

Fresh off the intense season, Hoffner is resting for a bit, but will resume his workout program in the coming weeks, with the benefit of his own father being on hand.

"It is a nice thing that he was a pitcher in the minors," he said of his father Bob's time in the Minnesota Twins organization. "It's cool that we can talk about it, comparing stories of our experiences and him helping me out."

Then it will be back to the Cubs spring training camp in Arizona where Hoffner will find out the next step of his journey.

# FSU finding balance between pass, run

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them down and you'd put Freeman in and he'd just break a big one. Now you have two big backs and you've still got Freeman. Karlos may be faster than all of them. ... It's really a big up.

"I know it has to stress the defense. Then they can play-action and we've still got great receivers. So we can go deep anytime just off the play-action."

If the trio can continue to be that productive, the will make life easier for Winston.

The quarterback has quickly become the focal point of opponents after completing 40 of 45 passes for 570 yards with six touchdowns and one interception.

He has more touchdowns than incomplete passes through eight quarters.

The 6-foot-1, 223-pound Williams was the unexpected treat last weekend.

The one-time safety moved to running back for the first time during his collegiate career after the season-opening win against Pittsburgh.

The junior previously resisted coach Jimbo Fisher's suggestion to move to the offensive side of the ball.

Wilder and Freeman were both preseason Doak Walker Award candidates.

Their abilities were well-known.

No one predicted Williams would take a toss sweep in the third quarter and sprint around the right end for a 65-yard touchdown on his first career carry.

"I believe it causes a lot of issues" for a defense, Williams said. "Even Ryan Green is a very shifty guy. ... We call ourselves the four-headed monster. There's a lot of talent in that backfield."

"Our quarterbacks are young, so we really do have to take care of them. We have to make sure we're making the right calls and running the right lanes and making sure we're taking care of the football."

Freeman finished with 109 rushing yards and a touchdown.

Williams added 110 yards and one score.

Wilder had 45 yards and

a touchdown.

Fisher joked about his fortune-telling prowess after the game and expounded on Williams during his press conference Monday.

"I've wanted to do it for a long time," Fisher said about the position switch. "I think it's his most natural position. It wasn't motivation. I just think it's his best position, always have. I just think he's more natural at that position than at any other thing."

"He's very dynamic with the ball in his hands. This has nothing to do with: We need a running back. I think he was doing well on defense. I just think it's the most natural position for him. I really do. I've always thought that."

The offense gives defenses another look when the 6-2, 229-pound Wilder and Freeman, 5-9, 203 pounds, share the backfield.

Wilder has nicknamed the formation "Wild & Free" when he and Freeman line up behind Winston.

Wilder threw the key block during Freeman's 60-yard run on the first snap of the second half.

The duo is on the verge

of becoming FSU's first pair of career 1000-yard rushers on the same roster since 2005.

"You can do a lot of things. Run it both ways, they can catch it. Lot of experience. Lot of size," Fisher said.

Wilder said the goal is for every back to average 6.5 yards per carry, which was easily accomplished after the trio broke off runs of 60 yards, 65 yards and 24 yards in Florida State's first five offensive snaps of the second half.

The Seminoles are 18th in the nation among in the nation among FBS schools, averaging 266.5 yards rushing per game.

That is likely to rise against FCS program Bethune-Cookman (3-0) this weekend.

"We don't have certain backs for certain plays. We can do everything," Wilder said. "That makes it harder for defenses. ... We have an open playbook for every situation. It keeps us with fresh legs. Around the third quarter, the defense is tired and sluggish."

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# Don't suffer from shopping cart envy: be a smart shopper

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Then, there are the shoppers who spend a great deal of time in the freezer section, focusing on convenience and price over nutrition. Those carts are full of packaged foods, "fat-free" this and "sugar-free" that ... foods full of GMOs and empty calories. There might be some apples, carrots or potatoes, but above that, these carts are generally sparse of produce.

When convenience shoppers

find themselves behind healthy shoppers at the check out, they may have shopping cart envy. They might wish they knew what half of those healthy items are and what they would do with them if they had the courage to buy them.

They may also be aware that their own cart is being quietly judged by the healthy shopper in line behind them.

Yes, there are generally two types of shoppers, though they may be at various extremes of this convenience vs. healthy spectrum. If you find yourself suffering from cart envy and are trying to get yourself closer to being that healthy shopper, first of all, hats off to you. You should be proud of yourself for wanting to buy healthier foods for you and your family because you recognize that the convenience foods are not

contributing to your well being.

If you want to be the one making other shoppers envious of your cart, just go ahead and make the decision to cut out the packages.

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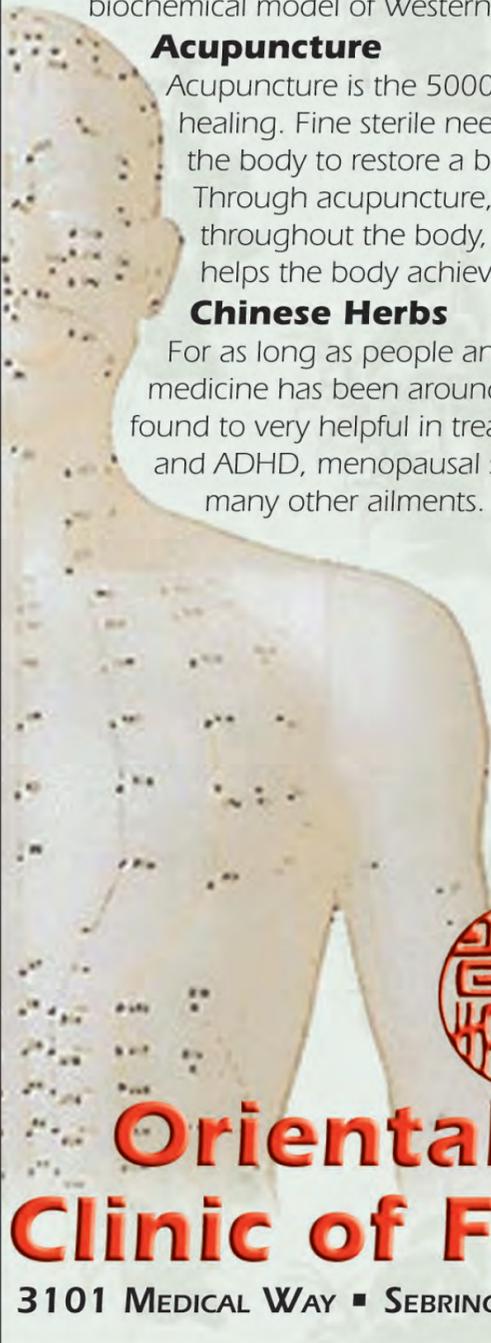
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# Celebrations

## Brouillard-Cochran

Erin Rose Cochran and Jared Heath Brouillard were united in marriage during a ceremony at 6 p.m. on Feb. 1, 2013 at the terrace at Orlando Science Center. The ceremony was officiated by Kent King.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Donna Cochran of Sebring. The groom is the son of Andre Brouillard of Tampa and Janet Wheatley of Orlando.

Maids of Honor were Sara Haywood, Megan Holec, Sarah Futado, Olivia DeArment, and

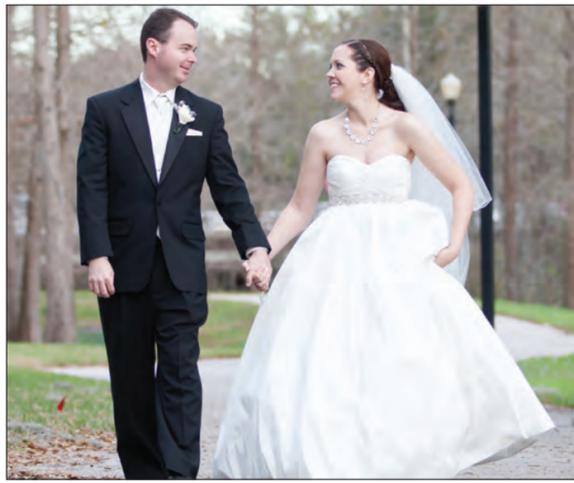
## Wedding

Christine Malgoza. The Flower Girls were Faye and Adeline Dettore.

Best Men were John Wood, Eddie Nieves, Kevin Cochran, Rafi Fine, and Benny Fine. The Ring Bearer was Zachary Merwin.

Ushers were Martin, Erik and Christopher Brouillard. The reception was held in the Dino Digs Room at the Orlando Science Center.

Following a wedding trip to Disneyland California, the couple have made their home in Davenport.



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## Births

### Alondra Arceo

Juan and Sylvia Arceo of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Alondra Eileen, at 7:53 a.m. on Sept. 12, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Alondra weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Rosa Garcia. Paternal grandparents are Juan Arceo and Lucia Arceo.

### Christopher Keen

Darrell Antron Hines Sr. and Deborah Nicole Keen of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Christopher Noel Keen, at 2:48 a.m. on Sept. 12, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Christopher weighed 8 pounds and 7.6 ounces at birth.

### Hayden Prescott

Robert and Trina Prescott announce the birth of a daughter, Hayden Cooper, on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013 at Florida Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Charlie and Judy Cooper of Sebring. Paternal grandparents are Cindy Hayden and Randy Prescott of Sebring.

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'Dalton Gang' members who volunteered to help with the Sausage Festival included (from left) Russ Reith, Dave Allen, Susie Lee, Larry Lee, Sandy Allen, Nancy Reith, Donna Wasson, Joanne Croniser, Joyce Briski, Dave and Olive Jackson, Rusty Eurich. Bonnie Bailey is not photographed. The gang is also known as Placid Lakes Social Circle. The festival was well attended at Town Hall on Sept. 15.

## Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID – The Garden Club will be starting Oct. 7 in the Town Hall at 10 a.m. Effie Voltz will be managing the group and the first meeting will be to make plans, find individual interests, and recruit new members. One of her projects will be for the members to start two or three plants, and donate them to the PLHOA for their February rummage sale. The club will have a "garden center" table at the sale. The club will be year-round; call 465-4888 for more information. You may remember Effie and her gang planting caladiums in July at the Town Hall, and look at them now!

And speaking of the rummage sale, if you're doing your fall clean-up and want to get rid of stuff, either drop it off at the Town Hall or call Bonnie, 465-4888, and she will make arrangements to pick up.

We're having a real ole' fashioned pot-luck dinner on Oct. 6 from 4-6 p.m. This will be very "Mayberry-RFD", good food, good neighbors and just plain nice. Doreen will be playing her keyboard, with nostalgic tunes from the good ole days. Doesn't cost a thing, except to bring a dish to share and if you've been to our dinners before, you know there's going to be an array of good "vittles". We'll supply the drinks – water, soda or iced tea – while it lasts. If you have an instrument and want to accompany Doreen, bring it along; let's see what kind of noise this gang can come up with.

The Dalton Gang meets Oct. 1 at Beef O'Brady's,

5:30 p.m. This time, the sign-up sheets will be there for the Christmas Light Cruise and November's "Goin' To The Dogs". Some of the lines have been "temporarily out of order"; we hope for a fast repair job. Our "camera crew" and "limo service" should be back in service soon.

Don't miss the "Double-Trouble, Terrible Two's" second anniversary dance at the Elks on Sept. 21 with Buddy Canova in the music department.

## Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID – Pancakes, flat cakes, round cakes, hot cakes, or griddle cakes are made by men in the park on the first Saturday of each month. Seventy-five were fed on Sept. 7. This breakfast is always enjoyed by everyone.

Monday morning coffee was set up and hosted by Marysue and Derek Willeke. They served fancy doughnuts in honor of Marysue's birthday. Peggy Sue Teague was the emcee. After Peggy Sue read the names for the birthdays of the week, Marilyn Cromer played the piano and we sang Happy Birthday to Marysue Willeke and John Reece. Then Peggy Sue read the names of the couples having anniversaries and we sang to Bob and Jean Noyes and Harvey and Verna Stutzman. It was Bob and Jean Noyes' 63rd anniversary.

Carol Noel read the convalescence report: Emily Snider and Norm Hebel are recovering from procedures. We were sorry to hear that Luann Steffen's brother, Donald, passed away and

Kendall Kilbride's sister, Mary Louise, also passed away. Let's offer these people our condolences.

It's so good to see couples coming back after having a good vacation. This week it was Robert and Jean Noyes, John and Carolyn Reece, and Jim and Rose Witten. I like to ask for a report as to what they did while they were gone and this I received from Joe and Joan Shannon: They visited the International Wolf Center in Ely, Minn., on a bus trip from the University of Minnesota in Duluth. Four wolves were interacting with two workers from the center. It was fun to watch. They are fed twice a week with mostly road kill that is kept in a freezer. That is how often they usually eat in the wild.

The center is about 100 miles from Duluth so it made a tiring but very educational and interesting day. It still wasn't as tiring as half a day with our 2-year-old grandson, Isaac. Of my, to have that much energy! Thank for Joan for the report.

Tuesday morning's coffee for the ladies was made by Marilyn Cromer. She also led the meeting. We discussed the activities coming up this month and the activities of the months to come. We also discussed the busy use of the library. Carol Noel, our Sunshine Person, told us that Jacqueline Keen is having surgery and that Myrna Kniseley and Millie Verbarg also need our prayers.

Do you need brushing up on your painting skills, water color or acrylic? Give Judy Muise a call at 260-0069 as she holds classes at her home on Thursday from 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.



Courtesy photo

Scott Vite and Joe Briski were the grill masters for the second annual Sausage Festival at Placid Lakes last weekend. The event was well attended.

The Sunday matinee free movie at 3 p.m. on Sept. 29 will be "Blazing Saddles." It was directed by Mel Brooks and was released in 1974. It is a satirical western comedy film.

This movie was chosen by

Clare Bloch. The Nu-Hope Ladies treat with cake and coffee before the movie. We always appreciate any donations give to Nu Hope Senior Care in our area.

The Monthly Noon Carry-in took place on Sept. 10.

Lynne McCarrick was the emcee and led the pledge to the U.S. flag. Duane Dean said grace. It was a nice congenial luncheon gathering.

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## Wal-Mart lets kids pick 'hot toys' for holidays

NEW YORK (AP) — Lots of retailers come out with "hot toy" lists every holiday season, but this year Wal-Mart decided to try something different: let kids rate their favorite toys.

In a first, about 1,000 boys and girls aged 18 months to 10 years spent time over a three-day weekend in August in Dallas playing with 50-plus toys and choosing their favorites. The result is a top 20 list of kid-approved toys that includes a new robotic pet Furby, a hugging Elmo and a Barbie dream house.

Retailers place their bets early on which toys will be hits and then spend heavily to market them to spur sales during the holiday season. It's a crucial time because holiday sales can make up to 40 percent of a retailers' annual revenue.

During spring planning for the holidays, one toy buyer came up with the idea to let kids be part of the process, said Scott McCall, senior vice president of toys and seasonal at Walmart U.S. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is the world's largest retailer and

the biggest seller of toys.

Making the list? Lots of new takes on classic toys, McCall said, like a new robotic pet Furby and a new Barbie Dreamhouse playset. TV show-related toys were also popular, including a Sofia the First talking doll, and a Doc McStuffins Get Better Check Up Center, both in Dallas playing with 50-plus toys and choosing their favorites. The result is a top 20 list of kid-approved toys that includes a new robotic pet Furby, a hugging Elmo and a Barbie dream house.

Cuddly interactive toys are

also on the list, including an Elmo doll based on the Sesame Street character that gives hugs and FurReal Friends Cuddles My Giggly Monkey, a monkey that coos and cuddles.

With Christmas still months away, it is too soon to tell which toys will actually become the must-have toys of the season. But Wal-Mart plans to promote the top 20 toys with shelf space proclaiming the toys "Chosen by Kids" and with prominent positions on its website.

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## Clubs & Organizations

# VFW Ladies Auxiliary collects items for troops

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING – The Sebring Ladies Auxiliary VFW has started collecting items for the Troops Christmas boxes.

Local business Everglades Seasoning, which has been a dynamic force in troop contributions since the war began, has donated thousands of their fabulous products to enhance the military food, which the troops truly appreciate.

Everglades Seasoning was created by Bill Gerstman, a mess sergeant during World War II who must have pleased a lot of troops with his unique blends of spices.

Gerstman, from LaBelle, started his business in 1976 selling it in paper bags.

The company has grown to be an all-time favorite with many products to make foods delicious and it is a Sebring hometown business.



Courtesy photo  
Kelli Bronson, marketing director for Everglades, and LAVFW Americanism chairman Darlene Watkin (right) get packets ready for the troops.

# Lake Placid noon Rotary donates \$1,000 to Heartland Library Cooperative

*Special to the News-Sun*

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to the Heartland Library Cooperative on Sept. 12 at their regularly scheduled luncheon. Proceeds were raised from the World Famous Wild Game dinner that will be held this year on Dec. 7. If you would like more information or to purchase tickets for the Wild Game Dinner, call 633-8982.

Librarian Maria Chenique spoke to the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club about the Heartland Library Cooperative. Cooperation among libraries offers access to the online library catalog and circulation sys-

tem, which makes sharing materials between the libraries easier. The Heartland Library Cooperative represents the united resource sharing power of seven library systems of Highlands, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, and Okeechobee counties. They maintain a homepage on the Internet; the address is www.myhlc.org.

Do you like free? Of course, who doesn't. The library offers a free library card to any resident of Highlands, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, or Okeechobee counties. The card may be used in any or all of the libraries in the Heartland Library Cooperative. Public meeting rooms are available

in the libraries and may be used by small non-profit groups. The library offers access to a wide variety of children and adult books.

They also have e-books to download to a tablet for free. Wi-Fi is free at all libraries.

The Lake Placid library is open from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, except for the first Friday of each month. Then it opens at 10 a.m. Call 699-3705.

The library also offers more than 500 online non-credit Continuing Education Courses for free at its website through the Universal Class.



Courtesy photo  
Merry Cresswell (left), volunteer at the Lake Placid Library and board member of the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club, and Rotary member and Librarian Maria Chenique accept a check from David Smith, chairman for Lake Placid Noon Rotary Wild Game Dinner event.

## Controversial JFK book to be reissued in October

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the most controversial books about John F. Kennedy, William Manchester's "The Death of a President," is being reissued as an e-book and paperback.

Little, Brown and Company announced

Monday that "Death of a President" will be available Oct. 8. It's currently out of print.

Manchester's book had been authorized by the Kennedy family soon after JFK's murder but was delayed after Jacqueline Kennedy threatened legal

action to stop publication. She objected to plans to serialize the book and reportedly was concerned about passages that criticized then-President Lyndon Johnson, who had a tense relationship with the Kennedys.

Some material was removed.

## Sanpshots

### Elks Lodge 1529

SEBRING – Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 celebrated Sept. 11 at its Wacky Wednesday supper and dance. The tables were decorated with flags and a poster displayed the flag history.

Those present formed a circle singing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" with musician Frank E.

### TOPS Club 632

LAKE PLACID – This TOPS Club meets at the Lake Placid Women's Club every Monday. Weigh in is from 3-3:45 p.m., and the meeting begins at 4 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by leader Judy O'Boyle, with 22 members present. Patty Hynes led members in singing the TOPS song for the week.

The program was presented by Laverda Alvis. The program centered on the benefits of coconut oil. Members learned it has been used throughout the world for centuries for many things. It is used to beautify the skin, but also as a medicine by many cultures. It was a very interesting and informative program.

A new name was pulled for the travel gift. If Patty Hynes loses for four weeks in a row, she receives the gift.

Karen Goodwin called the roll with 22 members present. After a two-week hiatus the weight loss was disappointing, but everyone vowed to do better next week. The best loser of the week was Leila McGovern.

The monthly report was

## New Rotary member



Courtesy photo

John Ruggiero (center) is the newest member of the Rotary Club of Lake Placid. For 15 years, Ruggiero has owned and operated the business, Computing Made Easy, at 3 N. Magnolia Ave. in Lake Placid. Computing Make Easy offers local sales, service, repairs and computer classes. Ruggiero is also an active council member of the Tourist Development Council, president of the Highlands County Lakes Associations, a Lakewatch volunteer and a member of the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce. When asked why Rotary, John stated that he truly enjoys the friendship shared in Rotary and he hopes to make a difference by participating in the many activities Rotary supports. He can be reached at johnr@computingmadeeasy.net, call 465-7855 or visit www.computingmadeeasy.net. With Ruggiero is club president Hugh 'Skip' Dent and new member sponsor and treasurer Debra Worley.

also given and it was very positive. The best loser of the month was Bernice Lambert, who received a prize and a round of applause. Those members who lost weight four weeks in a row were Mary Anderson, Bernice Lambert and Judy O'Boyle. Those in the club who lost two or more pounds were Mary Anderson, Phyllis Hieronymous, Patty Hynes, Bernice Lambert, Fay Nutt and Jean Ottoway.

Yes/yesses for the coming

week are coconut oil and peaches, and the no/no is candy.

June Elam gave details of the newest weight loss contest, the "Alphabet Contest", and divided members into four teams. The contest will run for 10 weeks and as more members return, they will be added to a team also. Next week members are all to bring in a small item that begins with "a" and the member of that team who loses the most weight will take home all the "a"rticles.

## 1st Friday's first winner



Courtesy photo

Caladium Arts & Crafts members Eleanor Moore and Janet Robinson present Rod Lewis with the gift filled basket of gifts from all five Tour Lake Placid organizations. Lewis was one of many who participated in the drawing where visitors had to "Tour Lake Placid" to have their entry filled out at each location during the inaugural 1st Friday on Sept. 6. Plan now for the next event on Oct. 4.

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## Clubs & Organizations



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**Aktion Club of Highlands County brings home eight awards from the Florida District Aktion Club Convention in Haines City on Sept. 7. Members holding awards are (front row, from left) Gerald Bass with the honorable mention Club of the Year Award; and Sara Canali with her first place Poster Contest Award; (back row, from left) Katie Gibson with her first place Speech Contest Award; Elizabeth Jordon and Angie Luft with their first place Scrapbook Award; Ralph Meyers with his second place Speech Contest Award; Bill Sobczak with his first place Club Member of the Year Award; Eva Monk with the club's second place Single Service Project Award; and Sandra Harper with her second place Poster Contest Award.**

# Aktion Club wins eight state awards

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**HAINES CITY** – The Aktion Club of Highlands County returned from the Florida District Aktion Club Convention over the weekend with eight awards.

The local club traveled Sept. 7 with 30 members attending the 12th annual convention at the Florida FFA Leadership Training Center in Haines City. The club also helped with the convention by organizing some of the entertainment at the event, which included Bob Weed, of Sebring, as the disc jockey for the dance, a video presentation of the past year's accomplishments in Florida and a scavenger hunt. There were more than 230 people in attendance at the convention, which included members of Aktion Clubs, Kiwanis, Key Clubs and Circle K International Clubs.

"This was the first year for the Aktion Clubs to host their own convention away from the Kiwanis and it was a huge success. It more than doubled in size and the event was geared just for the Aktion Club members," said Cindy Marshall, Aktion Club of Highlands County advisor. "I am very proud of our club and the awards that they won. Although the awards are nice, it is so much more rewarding to see how our club members enjoy giving back to their community. They work so hard

throughout the year to help others. This convention was their time to celebrate their accomplishments."

The scrapbook – designed by club members Katie Gibson, Elizabeth Jordon, Angie Luft and Kerrie Baker – received a first place trophy. The scrapbook will now be submitted to the Kiwanis International competition.

Also heading to the international competition will be Katie Gibson's speech contest entry that she did on her involvement with the club's Christmas project to adopt 36 children around the holiday. Gibson, who lives in Avon Park, won first place in Florida. Ralph Meyers, president of the Aktion Club of Highlands County and a Sebring resident, won second place in the state competition.

Sara Canali's poster entry will also be heading to the international contest. Canali, a Sebring resident, designed an entry based on the theme "Making A Difference In Her Community." She won first place in Florida. Sandra Harper, of Avon Park, won a second place trophy in the poster contest.

Bill Sobczak, of Sebring, won the Donna Batelann Memorial Aktion Club Member of the Year Award. His nomination was based on his work during the Christmas holiday where he refurbished bicycles to help local needy children who

wanted a bike. He also used his own personal money to purchase toys, clothes and food to help local families around Christmas.

The club won a second place trophy for its Single Service Project. Last year, the club organized a training for people with disabilities to learn how to vote, a Political Rally and a Supervised Voting Day for people with disabilities.

The club also received an honorable mention plaque for the Jake Swartout Club of the Year Award.

Marshall, along with other Aktion Club advisors, took a pie in the face to help raise money for the Eliminate Project. This Kiwanis International and UNICEF project raises money to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. Club members Shawn Squires and Bill Sobczak paid \$31 to pie Marshall and enjoyed the opportunity to squish it in her face. The local club will be working this year to raise more money for this project and to help local babies.

Aktion Club is a civic group that consists of people with disabilities. It is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sebring. The Aktion Club of Highlands County meets every third Thursday of the month. For details, call 452-1295, ext. 124.

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## 'Story of Jesus' founder appointed to board

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**GREENVILLE, N.C.** – The Institute of Outdoor Drama has appointed Mike Graham, of Wauchula, as a new member of the administrative board. He, along with the other members of the board, will be tasked with advising the director on achieving the goals of the Institute, as well as meeting periodically to discuss important happenings in the Institute.

Graham is highly qualified and brings extensive experience to the board. His term will run until July 2014.

Graham is producer/director of Power & Light Productions, which produces two shows, "The Story of Jesus" and "The Story of Noah" in Wauchula. "The Story of Jesus" premiered in 1990 and has grown in popularity and production values since its early beginnings.

In addition to his producing/directing duties, Graham

has also portrayed Jesus for the last 23 years as well as writing the scripts for both productions.

Joining Graham as new appointees to the board are Marina Hunley-Graham and Jackie Mills.

Hunley-Graham is the current artistic director of "Unto These Hills" in Cherokee, N.C. Born in West Virginia, Hunley-Graham graduated from Marshall University, beginning her career as an actor. Before accepting her position at "Unto These Hills", she spent 16 years as the artistic director of Theatre West Virginia. In addition, she has founded three acting schools and has served the theatres in multiple facets, from directing to acting.

Mills, born in San Antonio, has worked in outdoor drama for decades, and received numerous accolades for her work. Her famous outdoor drama, "Salado Legends", has

been performed for 20 years in Salado, Texas, and was inducted into the Library of Congress in 2000. A committed community leader, she has served on several boards, and "Salado Legends" has offered more than \$100,000 in scholarship money for students in the show. Last year, she was honored with the Mark R. Sumner Award, given out annually to people who have made a tremendous impact on outdoor drama.

The Institute of Outdoor Drama was founded in 1963 and is at East Carolina University in the College of Fine Arts and Communication. Since its inception, the Institute's scope has grown to include a wide variety of theatrical organizations around the world including Shakespeare festivals, historical dramas, religious dramas, renaissance festivals, dramatic and musical theatre.

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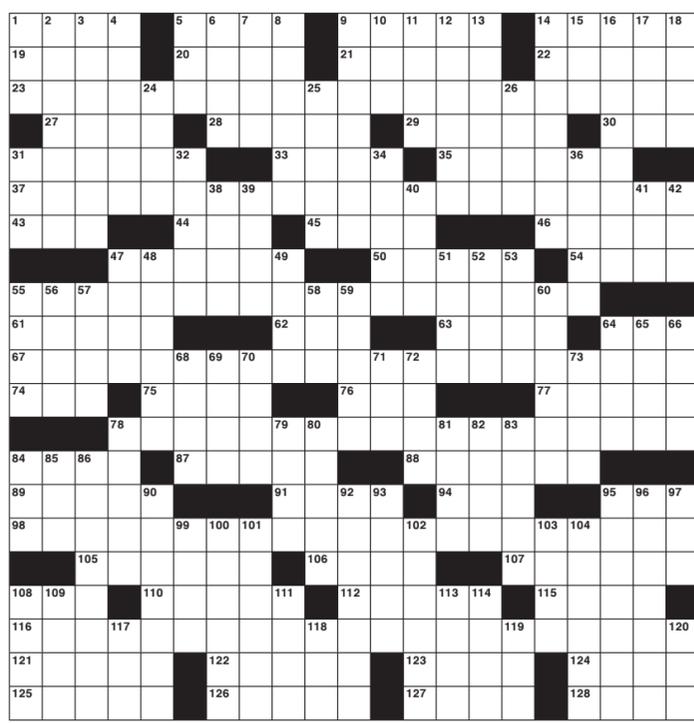
# Diversions/Puzzles

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 14 Antiqued photograph color  
 19 "Idomeneo" heroine  
 20 River into which the Great Miami flows  
 21 Japanese copier company  
 22 Some title holders  
 23 Search for a cradle-robbing woman in New York City?  
 27 Candy bar featured in a "Seinfeld" episode  
 28 Bittern's habitat  
 29 Country composed of 200+ islands  
 30 Start of many Brazilian place names  
 31 Salts  
 33 "\_\_\_ any wonder?"  
 35 Sticky handle?  
 37 High-handed ambassador stationed off the Italian coast?  
 43 Cast  
 44 TV show broadcast from Times Square, for short  
 45 French/Belgian river  
 46 Turbaned type  
 47 Musician with the gold-selling album "Sugar Lips"  
 50 Billet-doux recipient  
 54 Four-time Best New Age Album Grammy winner  
 55 Peace treaty between a predator and its prey?  
 61 Frequently faked luxury brand  
 62 Palindromic constellation  
 63 Relation?  
 64 Contents of some six-packs  
 67 Tom Brady, in the 2002 Super Bowl?  
 74 More, in Madrid  
 75 \_\_\_ cube (popular 1960s puzzle)  
 76 \_\_\_ Canals  
 77 Charred  
 78 Musical piece for a "Star Wars" battle scene?

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 87 As a result  
 88 Mistakes made by some bad drivers  
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 91 \_\_\_-Honey  
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 95 Smuggler-chasing org.  
 98 Advocate for pro-am tournaments?  
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 115 Turning point  
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 124 Super Soaker brand  
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 126 Himalayans of legend  
 127 Prefix with god  
 128 Home of Wind Cave Natl. Park

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 9 1969 Peter O'Toole title role  
 10 Union letters  
 11 Small 58-Down size  
 12 Ready for a frat party, say  
 13 "Would you like me to?"  
 14 "The Dark Knight" and "The Bourne Supremacy," e.g.  
 15 Mer contents  
 16 Newspaper worker  
 17 "Casablanca" heroine  
 18 Concerning



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 25 Time piece  
 26 X Games fixture  
 31 Acad., e.g.  
 32 Brief remark upon retiring  
 34 Milk-Bone, e.g.  
 36 Stroked, in a way  
 38 Arabic for "commander"  
 39 \_\_\_ avis  
 40 "\_\_\_ la Douce"  
 41 Singer Winehouse  
 42 Actress Carrere  
 47 Lenovo competitor  
 48 Having the fewest rules  
 49 It'll grab you by the seat of your pants  
 51 Twice tetra-  
 52 Berkeley campus, for short  
 53 Sushi bar offering  
 55 Lip  
 56 Actress Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"  
 57 Nonkosher lunch orders, for short  
 58 See 11-Down  
 59 Playground retort  
 60 Shoe brand named after an animal  
 64 Taj Mahal city  
 65 Inclination  
 66 Mex. miss  
 68 \_\_\_ Bear  
 69 Hungarian man's name that's an anagram of 38-Down  
 70 "Nuts!"  
 71 Speak pigeon?  
 72 Short trips  
 73 Ones with good habits?  
 78 Seductive singer  
 79 Frozen dessert brand owned by Mrs. Fields  
 80 Rule  
 81 Book of Judges judge  
 82 Bring down the house?  
 83 Disdainful response  
 84 "Mad Men" channel  
 85 Neighbor of Vt.  
 86 Dumped (on)  
 90 Very blue  
 92 Accessories for hoopers  
 93 Ancient Mexican  
 95 Like role models  
 96 Small mosaic tile  
 97 Small \_\_\_  
 99 Pussy \_\_\_ (Russian girl group)  
 100 Opposite of brilliance  
 101 Job security, for some  
 102 Split  
 103 Carrier to Ben Gurion  
 104 Onetime White House family  
 108 Some concert gear  
 109 Diva \_\_\_ Te Kanawa  
 111 H.R.'s, e.g.  
 113 Withered  
 114 Checkup, e.g.  
 117 Shampoo, maybe  
 118 Ascap rival  
 119 Inflation indicator: Abbr.  
 120 D.C.'s \_\_\_ Stadium

# Girl can conquer shyness by reaching out to others

**Dear Abby:** I'm a 14-year-old girl who just started high school. I started to notice boys when I was in middle school, and I'd like to start dating soon.



The problem is I've never had a close friend who was a boy, and the idea isn't natural to me. How can I ask a boy out if I don't even grasp the concept of being friends with one? I'm frustrated over this, especially because I really like one particular guy.

The only advice I have been given is, "Get over your fear and just talk to him." This isn't very helpful to me. I want to know how to get over my fear. Abby, your thoughts would be appreciated.

— *Can't Find the Nerve in Ohio*

**Dear Can't Find the Nerve:** I'll gladly share some thoughts. The first is I hope you realize how many girls and guys your age feel exactly the same way you do. Social skills don't come naturally to everyone — but they can be learned. And like any learned skill, they take practice. The surest cure for shyness — which is the "fear" you are experiencing — is to forget about yourself and concentrate on the other person. Smile and introduce yourself if the guy doesn't know you. If you share a class with him or know an activity he's involved in, ask a question about it. He's not good at sports? Not musical? Ask him about a class assignment. You don't have to be brilliant or witty. Try leading off with a friendly remark or a compliment. ("Nice shirt, cellphone," etc.) I know very few people who don't appreciate a compliment. Overcoming shyness

takes practice, so don't go after the boy you "really like" at first. Make a point of smiling and saying hello to everyone. It's friendly, it's welcoming.

Keep in mind that the majority of people have the same insecurities you do. Many of them will respond positively because they appreciate being noticed. That's how you make friends of both genders. I have a booklet that offers even more suggestions. The title is "How to Be Popular," and it contains hints for polishing social skills for people of all ages. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Remember, you don't have to be the prettiest or smartest girl in school. But you can be one of the nicest.

Show an interest in others. Be honest but always tactful. Cultivate your own interests so you will have something to talk about with others. If there are clubs at your school, join the ones that interest you. It's another way of making friends of both sexes.

Most young people go out in groups these days. So, if you and some friends plan to do something (and after you have been friendly and let the young man you like notice you), smile and ask if he'd like to come along. If he's shy, it's a way of making him feel less self-conscious, too.

Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Writing to manufacturers a good way to get coupons

Did you know that you can get high value coupons direct from the manufacturer? E-mailing a company with a compliment or complaint is a great resource and another step in saving money for your family. Have you ever written, e-mailed or phoned a company to complain about their product? If it was an error on their part you will most likely get coupons to replace the product.

Ninety percent of the time when you contact the company with a praise you will also receive coupons in the mail.

Every week on [www.DivineSavings.com](http://www.DivineSavings.com) we have a Mail Call section that lists many companies and the contact information. With just a few minutes a week you can contact the company and before you know it (in a few weeks) coupons and samples start showing up in your mail box. Instead of bills and junk mail, you will get what I call happy mail.

What do I say to the company when I contact them?

Be truthful and honest when contacting a company about their product. On the [www.DivineSavings.com](http://www.DivineSavings.com) Mail Call page you will find a sample letter that will help guide you on what to say/write. Honesty is always the best policy and you can add your own comments and pazzaz to it.

Not too long ago I wrote to a company about how much my son loved their product. After using a different brand than my usual, he let me know in multi-



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ple ways that he really didn't care for it. In my 16-year-olds view that was important to him. I explained to the company what he had said and the company sent us free coupons for their product. I was very impressed. The coupons arrived within the week and we tried another variety of that brand that my son did like. There have been other times where I have taken a picture of the item that I was unhappy with, emailed the company and they replaced the product with the full purchase price.

This is a sample of how to begin your email/letter. I do not ask for coupons in the message, simply compliment and/or make a suggestion. "I love your Country Crock butter. I recently purchased a store brand instead and it was then that I realized just how much my family loves your butter." Etc..

How long does it take to contact the companies?

It really only takes 10 minutes a week to write five companies a week. Companies enjoy the feedback, even a complaint as well as praise. By writing a short paragraph or two about the product or service it can help the company improve on the product.

I keep a notepad in my kitchen to write down the name of the products and info that we like or dislike and when time permitted I send a short email. Almost 100 percent of all companies have a contact tab on their website where you can e-mail your concern or praise.

Will I be spammed with junk mail? I do not feel comfortable giving out my email address.

I do urge you to get a free email address with a company like Gmail or Hotmail so that your personal email doesn't fill up with offers etc. The tradeoff is worth it.

Check out [www.DivineSavings.com](http://www.DivineSavings.com) for more information and a national list of company contact information. Feel free to email me with your questions, tips and savvy saving stories.

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# Rocker accused of hiring hitman to kill his wife ordered to stand trial

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**SAN DIEGO** — A San Diego judge has ordered the frontman of the Grammy-winning band As I Lay Dying to stand trial on charges he tried to hire someone to kill his estranged wife.

Judge Robert Kearney handed down his decision Monday in the case against Timothy Lambesis after several hours of testimony by witnesses for the prosecution, including an undercover officer who posed as a hitman.

Lambesis will be arraigned on the charges

Oct. 22, when the date for his trial will be set.

Undercover officer Howard Bradley testified that Lambesis met him believing he was a hitman and told him he wanted his wife, Meggan Lambesis, dead.

Bradley says Lambesis gave him his wife's name,

photo and address, along with \$1,000 cash.

Lambesis has pleaded not guilty to solicitation for murder.

Prosecutors say the singer was on tour in August when he emailed his wife telling her he didn't love her and wanted to end the relationship.

# Emmys to honor Gandolfini, Monteith, three others

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The Emmy Awards will feature five special memorial tributes, including one to "Glee" star Cory Monteith. Monteith died in July at age 31. He will be remembered by the show's Jane Lynch. In addition, Edie Falco will honor

James Gandolfini, her co-star on "The Sopranos."

Other tributes during the Sunday event will see Rob Reiner honoring Jean Stapleton; Robin Williams remembering Jonathan Winters; and Michael J. Fox honoring Gary David Goldberg.

# SUDOKU

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**Fun By The Numbers**

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

Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

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

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7	4	7	1	3	8	2	1	8	5
5	3	9	6	8	1	6	8	5	3
3	5	8	7	7	7	8	2	1	4
5	3	9	1	4	2	1	4	2	2
4	5	7	1	3	2	1	3	2	1
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
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ANSWER:

# What's Cooking

## Cool Cooking with Red Hot Tomatoes

FAMILY FEATURES

**K**etchup may be the first thing you think of when tomatoes are mentioned. But tomatoes are also the main ingredients in many other delicious meals.

"Tomatoes are incredibly versatile, buy them when in season for the best taste and texture," said Chef Justin Timineri, executive chef and culinary ambassador, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "When in season, tomatoes are always on the top of my shopping list."

Find more "Cool Cooking with Red Hot Tomatoes" recipes at <http://bit.ly/fltomatoes>.



Chef Justin Timineri

### Tomato Cornbread

Servings: 6 to 10

- 1 box cornbread mix
- 1 Florida onion, diced small
- Olive oil
- Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

- 1 cup Jack cheese, grated
- 2 large Florida tomatoes, chopped

Follow directions on cornbread box to mix batter. Preheat oven as listed on cornbread box instructions.

Preheat a large cast iron skillet over medium heat. Add diced onion and drizzle of olive oil to cast iron skillet. Season onion with salt and pepper to taste, and cook onion until tender.

Fold half of cheese into cornbread batter. Pour cornbread batter into pan with onions. Add remaining cheese to top of cornbread mixture. Add diced tomatoes to top of cornbread mixture. Bake as directed on box. Remove from oven when golden brown and cooked throughout. Let cool slightly and serve warm.

**Kids Can:** Pour cornbread batter into pan with adult supervision.

**Grown Up Alert:** Have an adult help with oven.

### Tomatoes on Toast

Servings: 2

- 2 Florida tomatoes
- 4 slices whole-wheat bread
- 2 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise
- Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese

Remove the core from tomatoes and cut into thin slices. Toast bread slices and assemble open-faced sandwiches by placing 1/2 tablespoon of mayonnaise on each slice of bread. Place tomato slices on top. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with Parmesan cheese.

**Kids Can:** Help place tomatoes on toast and garnish with Parmesan cheese.

### Pita Perfect

Servings: 2

- 1 whole-wheat pita pocket
- 2 teaspoons light mayonnaise
- 1/2 Florida tomato, sliced
- 1/2 Florida avocado, sliced
- 2 leaves Florida lettuce
- 4 pieces low-sodium bacon, cooked

Slice pita pocket in half and spread with 1 teaspoon of mayonnaise on the inside of each half. Stuff each pita half with 2 slices tomato, 2 slices avocado, 1 lettuce leaf and 2 slices of bacon.

**Kids Can:** Help stuff the ingredients into pita pockets.

**Grown Up Alert:** Adults may need to help slice tomatoes and avocados.

### Tomato Basil Soup

Servings: 4 to 6

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons garlic, chopped fine
- 5 large fresh Florida tomatoes, chopped
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped (save 4 to 6 for garnish)
- 3 cups low sodium vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
- Sour cream for garnish, if desired

Preheat a medium-sized stock pot over medium heat. Add olive oil to preheated pot. Carefully, add onion and garlic. Cook onions and garlic until almost translucent. Add tomatoes, sugar, tomato paste, fresh basil and vegetable stock. Simmer ingredients for at least 20 minutes. Puree soup in blender or with an emersion blender. Be very careful when pureeing hot ingredients. Add cream to soup, and stir to combine. Season soup with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with crusty bread. Garnish with basil leaves and sour cream.

**Kids Can:** Help add the ingredients to the pot with adult supervision.

### Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce

Servings: 8

- 1 large fresh Florida tomato, crushed
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil leaves, chopped (save 4 to 6 for garnish)
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1 pound spaghetti
- 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese

In a large saucepan, combine crushed tomato, tomato sauce, minced garlic, parsley, salt, basil and pepper. Cover. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, with cover, for 30 to 45 minutes.

As end of simmering time nears, cook spaghetti in large pot of boiling salted water until al dente.

Cover spaghetti with marinara sauce. Garnish with basil leaves and Parmesan cheese. Serve warm.

**Kids Can:** Garnish meal.

### Health Benefits — Did You Know?

Florida tomatoes are a good source of lycopene (helps prevent skin damage from UV rays), vitamin C (needed for growth and repair of body tissues) and vitamin A (helps vision and bone growth).

**Did You Know?** Botanically, the tomato is a fruit. However, they are legally considered a vegetable after a ruling in the U.S. Supreme Court.

**How to Buy** The best test for a great tomato is aroma. Smell the stem end for a strong sweet-acidic fragrance. Choose tomatoes that are plump, shiny and give slight pressure when applied.

**How to Store** Tomatoes should be stored at a cool room temperature, out of their packaging and never in the refrigerator. Storing tomatoes in the refrigerator diminishes their flavor.

