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## No decision on proposed art museum in Avon Park

*Council asks for more details, written lease*

By PHIL ATTINGER

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AVON PARK — City leaders aren't opposed to the idea of having a museum upstairs at the city's community center.

But they said Monday they want something in writing and a guaranteed rental payment before agreeing to any proposed project, especially since Fred Leavitt, president of the non-profit Heartland Cultural Alliance, is requesting almost \$35,000 in Community Redevelopment Agency funds to make it happen.

Leavitt has proposed setting up an art museum dedicated to the work of recently rediscovered artist Peter Powell Roberts, 89, on the second floor of the Avon Park Community Center at

Leavitt

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## Third Thursday



SFSC to host Wildlife Corridor exhibit Dec. 5

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## CRA says yes to grant for cemetery

By PHIL ATTINGER

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AVON PARK — Lakeside Historical Cemetery will get its new fence, included in up to \$10,000 worth of improvements, if needed.

The Avon Park Community Redevelopment Agency Board voted 3-0 Monday for the fence, based on a proposal submitted by Deputy Mayor Brenda Giles and Shirley Johnson.

Giles and Johnson are both officers with the Lakeside Historical Cemetery of Avon Park, an organization dedicated to keeping the cemetery maintained. Giles abstained from voting.

Councilman Terry Heston was not present for Monday's CRA meeting.

Maria Sutherland, administrative services director for Avon Park, said no one could meet or beat the estimate

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## A new tradition?

Quest for cash has retailers moving 'Black Friday' into Thanksgiving



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Lakeshore Mall shoppers make their way to and from stores Tuesday morning as the holiday sales swing into full gear. Some of the mall's stores will open at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving evening to accommodate those who wish to get in on the early Black Friday shopping this year.

## Some Lakeshore Mall stores to be open at 8 p.m. on Thursday

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — Thanksgiving has always brought family and friends together to a table full of food and memories.

But some people may be leaving the table early this year in a search for sales as the start of the Christmas shopping season creeps earlier each year.

Over the past several years the unofficial start to the holiday shopping season has grown into one of the most anticipated — or dreaded — days of the year for American consumers.

Dating back to the early 1960s, the day after

Thanksgiving — called Black Friday because it starts the holiday shopping rush, which most retailers rely on to put them "in the black" for the year — has evolved into an enormous money maker for department stores in America as moms, dads, aunts, cousins and friends rushing to the shelves of local department stores looking to score new merchandise at deeply discounted prices.

Over the past few years, major retailers, including Target and Toys R Us, slowly have pushed opening times into

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Conlin Lee, 18 months, is happy to be along for the ride as his grandmother Robin Lee of Lake Placid gets in some shopping recently at the Lakeshore Mall in Sebring.

## Cyber shopping tips

Special to the News-Sun

From all accounts, it appears that quite a large number of shoppers this holiday season will be using the internet to complete their gift purchases.

In hopes that you can enjoy a safe internet shopping experience, here are some tips from Chris Sheppard, Florida

Department of Law

Enforcement Information Security Manager:

### Secure your computer and mobile devices

Be sure your computer and mobile devices are current with all operating system and appli-

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## How to be a calculated shopper

Special to the News-Sun

With careful planning, consumers can make the most of their holidays without straining their budgets. Better Business Bureau and ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions are encouraging consumers to be "calculated gift givers" this holiday season. Here are five tips to help you be more calculated in your holiday planning:

### Become an expert on big ticket items

If you are considering a high-dollar purchase for a loved one, it's important to become an "expert" on the item. This will allow you to make the best decision regarding cost and quality of the product. Maybe one product is made with higher quality materials, or maybe it offers an extra warranty. Whatever the case, you can make the best decision by doing thorough research into the product and its different models.

It's also important to shop with businesses that embody integrity; check out bbb.org to find businesses you can trust.

### Give gifts that provide a return

A calculated gift giver understands that gifts should provide a return. In some cases, this return is just the enjoyment of the

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## Festival of Trees returns Dec. 8

*Fundraiser for Habitat set for Sun 'n Lake*

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — The holiday season is under way and once the turkey has cleared the table, the spirit of Christmas begins to take a hold for most people.

Holiday fanatics both young and old have another thing to add to their calendar of events this year — the Festival of Trees hosted by the Sun 'N Lake Improvement District and the Highlands County Habitat for Humanity organization.

Festival of Trees is a Christmas tree sale that raises funds to benefit Habitat by allowing businesses, churches, non-profits and individuals to showcase their artsy side by decorating trees in Christmas cheer.

The trees will then be displayed throughout the day on Dec. 8 before being judged and sold to the public. The festival, which returns after taking last year off, is being headed by Tenille Smith of SNL Improvement District.

"The major change this

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High 72  
Low 38

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### Closed for holiday

The News-Sun office will be closing at 3 p.m. on Wednesday and will be closed on Thursday for Thanksgiving. We will be open at 8 a.m. on Friday.



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# SFSC Community Education offers training in spring

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**AVON PARK** – South Florida State College's Community Education Department is offering a variety of classes for spring 2014.



In Pilates, learn to be more flexible and build strength, through a series of stretches, and moves that will leave you feeling relaxed. This class will be offered as a seven-week class from 12:05-1:05 p.m. starting Monday, Jan. 13 and running through Feb. 28. The cost is \$47, and the course number is (CRN) 21452.

In Ballroom Dance I, learn the basic steps of the Waltz, Cha-Cha, Foxtrot and Swing. This class is for beginners. Have fun and gain confidence on the dance floor while enjoying all the health benefits ballroom dancing offers. Couples and singles are welcome. No partner is required. This class will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Jan. 14 and ending March 4. The cost is \$50, and the course number is (CRN) 21003.

In Ballroom Dance II, this class will build on the foundation of Ballroom Dance I and introduce the popular rhythm style dances. Couples or singles are welcome. No partner is required. This class will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Jan. 14 and ending March 4. The cost is \$50, and the course number is (CRN) 21176.

In Creative Writing, Sunny Serafino, an award-winning creative writing

author, will teach the basics of writing in an easy relaxed atmosphere. Learn techniques for bringing words to life on paper. This class will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, starting Jan. 27 and ending March 3. The cost is \$44, and the course number is (CRN) 20528.

In Basic Home Computer I, learn to use the mouse, create email accounts, task bar and navigating the web. This class is for beginning computer students, and will be taught with Windows 7. The class will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, starting Jan. 13 and ending March 3. The cost is \$74, and the course number is (CRN) 20460, and includes course notes.

In American Sign Language III, learn the 10 Rules of the ASL language structure, proper communication skills with the signs you have learned. Further develop and enhance your skills by the use of NMN (non-manual signs). Students will also learn ASL sentence structure and its syntax. This class will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Jan. 14 and ending March 4. The cost is \$58, and the course number is (CRN)

21454. In Conversational Spanish, learn practical Spanish that you can apply to real-life situations. Spanish grammar and pronunciation skills are taught in a fun manner. This class will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 15 and ending March 6. The cost is \$58, and the course number is (CRN) 21453.

In Digital Photography I, learn how to set shutter speed and aperture openings, compose photographs, take pictures of people and events. An adjustable camera with the ability to, set shutter speed and lens opening is mandatory. This class will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 16 and ending Feb. 27. The cost is \$51, and the course number is (CRN) 21002.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For more information contact Community Education at 784-7388 or email CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu..

South Florida State College will be closed for winter break from Saturday, Dec. 21 through Wednesday, Jan. 1.

## Community Briefs

### Road to be closed for repairs

SEBRING — The Highlands County Road and Bridge Department will be closing Briaridge Circle for drainage repairs. Park access will be provided via Hillcrest Road.

The closing will begin Monday, Dec. 2 at 8 a.m. and the road will re-open Monday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m.

For further information, call 402-6529.

The Salvation Army serving Thanksgiving dinner  
 SEBRING – The Salvation Army will hold its annual Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at The Salvation Army Church, 120 N. Ridgewood Ave.

Bring your friends and family members and enjoy this traditional meal provided free of charge. Meals are also available to go.

If you, your friends or family members plan to attend, call 385-7548, ext. 100 and give a number of how many will be attending or how many to-go meals will be picked up.

### VFW 9853 hosts Thanksgiving dinner

AVON PARK – Veterans and all families of veterans are welcome to the Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 for its Thanksgiving dinner from 3-6 p.m. Thursday. Dinner includes turkey and all the trimmings for only \$5 per person. Call 452-9853.

### Military Sea Service Museum closed

SEBRING – The Military Sea Services Museum, 1402 Roseland Ave., will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving, and again Dec. 24-Jan. 1 for the Christmas holidays.

The museum will reopen on Jan. 2.

The museum is also looking for volunteers to help.



**This week's question:**  
 Was the County Commission wrong to stop holding night meetings monthly?



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One does not have to be a veteran to volunteer. The museum is thought to be the only museum in the country that preserves the history and traditions of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard under one roof.

The museum is open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Volunteers report to the museum by 11:50 a.m. to open the museum by noon.

The maximum amount of time a volunteer would be asked to work is one day a week (four hours). Depending on the number of volunteers, the time spent could be much less. Call Tony LaMorte at 382-2578, John Cecil at 385-2270 or Gene Kissner at 382-4047 for information.

### SFSC closed for Thanksgiving

AVON PARK – In observance of Thanksgiving, South Florida State College will be closed today through Nov. 30. The college will reopen Dec. .

During Thanksgiving break, current students may

register for spring and summer term classes through Panther Central, Registration Tools, on the SFSC website at www.southflorida.edu.

For more information, call 453-6661, 494-7500, 773-2252, or 465-5300.

### Moose Lodge hosting dinner-dance, toy drive

SEBRING – Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 is hosting a Holiday Dinner-Dance and Toy Drive with a special guest appearance by Erik Estrada, "Ponch" of "CHIPS" fame, from 5-9 p.m. Friday. Estrada will be giving a talk on Safe Surfin', educating the public about Internet crimes involving children.

Safe Surfin' works with the U.S. Department of Justice, school systems, public libraries that offer Internet access, law enforcement agencies, and corporate sponsors to further its mission.

The menu will be prime rib (prepared by John Benevides), baked potato, salad, roll and dessert. Music will be with Frank E from 6-9 p.m. Reservations are requested. The cost is \$12 and an unwrapped toy for each reservation. The toys will be distributed to needy Highlands County children.

Make reservations early. See Donna Tucker, Mary Ann Mangold or the bartenders for tickets and seating. Call 655-3920 for more information. Members and guests are welcome.

The lodge is a not-for-profit organization with all net profits going to Moose and local charities.

### Hammock's tram tours resume

SEBRING – Highlands Hammock State Park's ever popular park tram tours have resumed for the fall/winter season and are

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## California Toe Jam Band to rock Avon Park's Music on the Mall Saturday night



Courtesy photo

California Toe Jam will be featured on Music on the Mall, presented by Avon Park Breakfast Rotary and the Avon Park CRA on Nov. 30. California Toe Jam will be a the Band Stand on Main Street. Concert times are 5-8 p.m. The event will also have multiple food and drink booths. Remember to bring your own chair. Bill Jarrett Ford is the sponsor for this event.

## Senate Aging Committee launches new anti-fraud hotline

*Special to the News-Sun*  
 WASHINGTON, DC – If you or someone you know suspect you've been victim of a scam or fraud aimed at seniors, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging has set up a new toll-free hotline to help.

The hotline was unveiled Nov. 14 to make it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. It will be staffed by a team of committee investigators weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. The investigators, who have experience with investment scams, identity theft, bogus sweepstakes and lottery schemes, Medicare and Social Security fraud, and a variety of other senior exploitation issues, will directly examine complaints and, if appropriate, refer them to the proper authorities. Anyone with information about suspected fraud

can call the toll-free fraud hotline at 1-855-303-9470, or contact the committee through its website, located at http://www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline.

As chairman and ranking member of the committee, Sens. Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Susan Collins (R-ME) have made consumer protection and fraud prevention a primary focus of the committee's work. This year the panel has held hearings examining Jamaican lottery scams, tax-related identity theft, Social Security fraud and payday loans impact on seniors. "If you're contacted about an offer that sounds too good to be true, then it probably is," Nelson said. "This new hotline will give seniors a resource to turn to for assistance if they think they've been victimized or have questions about fraudulent activities."

"Ensuring that seniors are as equipped as possible to avoid becoming victims of fraud and other scams is among our committee's top priorities," said Collins. "This new hotline offered by the Senate Special Committee on Aging will help to identify and put a stop to the cruel scams that hurt seniors and their families."

The hotline's unveiling also coincides with the committee's launch of an enhanced senior-friendly website. The site's new features include large print, simple navigation and an uncluttered layout that enables seniors to find information more easily and conveniently. Online visitors can also increase text size, change colors or view a text-only version of the site.

To view the new website, visit www.aging.senate.gov.

## Lottery Center



Nov. 23	1	21	36	40	44	45	x:2
Next jackpot \$35 million							
Nov. 20	23	24	32	44	49	50	x:4
Nov. 19	8	19	22	29	32	38	x:4

Nov. 25	13	20	25	29	30
Nov. 24	4	8	10	16	29
Nov. 23	5	9	14	26	33
Nov. 22	3	5	22	24	33

Nov. 25 (n)	2	6	9	5
Nov. 25 (d)	7	4	0	4
Nov. 24 (n)	4	3	8	2
Nov. 24 (d)	1	6	6	1

Nov. 22	1	24	30	35	12
Nov. 19	11	32	33	38	4
Nov. 15	8	9	20	43	4
Nov. 13	3	12	19	27	5

Nov. 25 (n)	8	2	0
Nov. 25 (d)	3	7	4
Nov. 24 (n)	4	4	7
Nov. 24 (d)	9	1	2

Nov. 23	5	12	43	52	55	PB: 10
Next jackpot \$60 million						
Nov. 20	4	18	23	32	45	PB: 7
Nov. 16	10	29	37	44	59	PB: 10

Nov. 22	17	23	35	36	44	MB: 8	x3
Next jackpot \$205 million							
Nov. 19	14	15	29	49	63	MB: 2	x3
Nov. 15	25	44	49	54	63	MB: 8	x4



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'Shark River Slough' is just one of the Carlton Ward Jr. photos that will be featured in South Florida State College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture's Third Thursday program, The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition, starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5.

## Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition to be featured at MOFAC Dec. 5

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — South Florida State College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture (MOFAC) will hold its Third Thursday program, The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition, starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, at SFSC's Theatre for Performing Arts lobby and University Center Auditorium, Highlands Campus.

A reception will be held in the SFSC Theatre Lobby from 6-7:30 p.m. The evening will include a screening of the recently released documentary film, "The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition: Everglades to Okefenokee," by Elam Stoltzfus from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the SFSC University Center Auditorium. A panel discussion moderated by Florida Wildlife Corridor team member Joe Guthrie will be held from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

This exhibition, featuring the photography of Carlton Ward Jr., highlights the journey of four explorers who traveled 1,000 miles in 100 days, from the Everglades to Okefenokee Swamp in southern Georgia. Their goal is to raise awareness of the need to protect and restore connected landscapes throughout the Florida Peninsula and create a viable corridor from the Everglades to Georgia.

The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition Exhibition in SFSC MOFAC runs now through Jan. 4. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Funding for this program was provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Exhibit sponsors are Seacoast National Bank and Don and

Jean Appelquist.

Third Thursdays at MOFAC is a series that will enhance and inspire the public's perspective on Florida art and culture. Each program focuses on a different MOFAC exhibition. The program is held every third Thursday of the month, is open to the public, and is free.

The SFSC Museum of Florida Art and Culture (MOFAC) is open to the public, Wednesday through Friday from 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 request a museum tour, contact Mollie Doctrow, MOFAC curator, at 863-784-7240 or email doctrowm@southflorida.edu/.

## State GOP officials call on Radel to step down from House

Associated Press

TAMPA — A U.S. congressman from Florida who recently pleaded guilty to cocaine possession is focusing on rehab and will return to work, his aide said Tuesday, despite calls from the state's top Republican Party officials for him to step down.

On Monday, party chairman Lenny Curry suggested U.S. Rep. Trey Radel from Fort Meyers should resign after his recent conviction in Washington, D.C. The chairman joined a growing number of party leaders in Radel's own district and Florida's governor who are calling for his resignation.

In response, Radel's spokesman Dave Natonski wrote in an email to The Associated Press: "Congressman Radel's top priority right now is to complete his rehabilitation and then return to work as soon as possible."

Gov. Rick Scott, speaking at a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hertz car rental headquarters in Collier County on Tuesday, said he agreed with GOP leaders who have urged Radel to step down.

"Look, Trey is going through a tough time. My prayers and my wife's prayers are with his family. But we have to hold all of our elected officials to the highest standards," Scott said.

Adding to the calls for resignation: Republican State Sen. Jack Latvala addressed the issue on his Twitter account Tuesday. "Support 100% RPOF

@lennycurry call for @treyradel to do the right thing and resign."

Radel, if he refuses to resign, could only be expelled from the House if two-thirds of the members agree. Outside of the Civil War, only two House members have been expelled, both for bribery.

Meanwhile, the Naples Daily News reported that it spoke to Radel on Tuesday morning at his downtown Naples rehabilitation facility. The paper took photos of Radel wearing a T-shirt and jeans, smoking and talking with another man while seated at a picnic table.

"I'm here talking to my buddy," he told the paper. "I feel great. I am here focused on my family and my health."

"It really is upsetting," he continued, "As I sit here and work on focusing on my family and health with people coming and harassing me."

When pressed for details, Radel wouldn't elaborate.

"I'll just leave it at that," he said.

The heads of the Republican Party in Lee and Collier counties also have called on Radel to resign and said they would not support him if he decides to seek another term.

"These actions have violated the trust of those whom he was elected to represent and fall short of the standards for an elected official; especially a member of the United States Congress," wrote Michael D. Lyster, chairman of the Collier County Republicans.

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## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# We are our own best blessing

Yes, the world is in turmoil and the elected officials in Washington D.C. disappoint us all, but there is much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day. Especially for those of us who live in Highlands County.

For example, this hurricane season passed without incident. We received much needed rain and lake levels rose.

Our most important blessing, however, is the people who live here.

The fact that the News-Sun has had no difficulty in finding an Unsung Hero every month is proof positive of that.

From helping neighbors in trouble, to raising tens of thousands of dollars for college scholarships, to businesses providing volunteers for the United Way's Day of Caring, the people of Highlands County rise to the occasion time after time.

Be grateful for Boy Scout Troop 846, for example, which recently held a water drive to help the storm-tossed people of the Philippines.

Be grateful for all the people who take part in the American Cancer Society's Relays for Life, raising money for patient support and scientific research.

Be grateful for the many ministries reaching out to the weary and needy, the teachers who work late, the doctors who donate time to Samaritan's Touch.

Be grateful for the people who find the time to mentor struggling students, or volunteer at the Humane Society, or the public library, or the hospitals.

Be grateful for the extension office's master gardener program and the master gardeners who volunteer at community and school gardens.

Be grateful for the Highlands County Art League, the Highlands Little Theatre and the Heartland Pops concert band, all of them volunteer organizations bringing culture to our rural area.

Be grateful for all the volunteers who make our youth athletics programs as wonderful as they are — from those who man the concession stands to those who mow the infield and chalk the lines on the football fields.

Be grateful for the people who barbecue chicken, flip pancakes, bake cookies and wash cars to raise money for good causes — and the people who go out of their way to buy the meals and clean their vehicles.

In short, be grateful we live in a community where people count for something, and we reach out to one another making good things happen.

In a world filled with turmoil, and elected officials who put their own needs above those of the people, Highlands County is a welcome relief. We may struggle as individuals in this upside down age, but as a community we work together, bringing out the best, inspiring hope, setting an example.

This Thanksgiving take a calming breath. We are indeed blessed.



## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Road work is a mess of patches

Editor:

I am surely hoping the highway from County Line Road to Avon Park is finished, however it looks like a sloppy patchwork quilt. I have heard [the company] (and the name is a joke) are going out of business, and that is surely understandable. They were so slow, disorganized, and nine people standing watching while maybe two were doing something.

When spring was upon us it would surely go much faster, with less traffic, we thought. Not on our lives.

Look in Polk County and you will see a beautiful road, and I'll bet it will outlast the patched up mess in Highlands.

Thank you, I've been wanting to send this message for a long time.

Bonnie Daniel  
Avon Park

### Skip the turkey

Editor:

President Obama will get a break from "Obamacare" when he pardons the traditional Thanksgiving turkey. Each of us can also set aside our cares by pardoning a turkey and choosing a nonviolent Thanksgiving observance, one that gives thanks for our good fortune, health, and happiness with a life-affirming, cruelty-free feast of vegetables, fruits, and grains. And here are more terrific reasons:

You will stay alert through the entire football game. You are what you eat. Who wants to be a "butterball?" Your vegetarian kid won't have to boycott the family dinner. You won't



have to call the Poultry Hotline to keep your family alive. Fruits and vegetables don't have to carry government warning labels. You won't sweat the environment and food resources devastation guilt trip. You won't spend a sleepless night wondering how the turkey lived and died. Your body will welcome a holiday from saturated fat, cholesterol and hormones.

Our own dinner this Thanksgiving will feature a "Tofurky," lentil roast, mashed potatoes, corn stuffing, stuffed squash, candied yams, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. An internet search on "vegetarian Thanksgiving" got us more recipes and other useful information than we could possibly use.

Stewart Gilpin  
Sebring

### Don't judge church by play

Editor:

The award-winning Broadway religious satire

and musical comedy titled "The Book of Mormon" is now on stage in Tampa. It is about two young male missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Though it might be funny and entertaining, most members of the church feel it completely misses the true spirit of the missionary program.

These young men and women forfeit 18 months to two years of their young lives, at their own expense, and travel to many parts of the world where they learn their language, and use their time doing humanitarian work and teaching the world about Jesus Christ. Whenever they enter a home, they bring to that home a humble spirit that is felt in their countenance unlike anything the play presents.

Recently, some significant changes have been made pertaining to the missionary program.

Heretofore, male missionaries had to be at least 19 years old and women 21

before entering the mission field. However, males can now apply directly after high school. The requirements are that they must be 18 years old and have completed high school or the equivalent. Women can now apply at age 19, having completed high school.

These changes have resulted in thousands of recent high school graduates applying, greatly increasing the number of missionaries now in the field. Serving a mission is encouraged, but certainly not mandatory. No longer do missionaries go from house to house knocking on doors, but depend on members' referrals and concentrate on doing humanitarian service where needed in the community. Senior members are also encouraged to serve missions.

At present, there are eight missionaries serving in this area. Six are English-speaking missions and two are Spanish-speaking missions. Sisters Westberg and Beck are English speaking and serve in Avon Park; Elder Black and Elder Walker are English speaking serving in Lake Placid; Sisters Stinson and Yoshihana are English speaking serving in the Sebring area; and Sisters Losada and Brough are Spanish speaking and serve in all three areas. If you have or have not seen the musical satire, we ask that you please not form your opinions of the church based on a musical comedy. If you have questions about the beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, please do not hesitate to call these typical dedicated missionaries at 214-5605.

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# Wish I could help, but I don't work here

The same thing happens every week.

I don't know if its a common problem for members of Generation X, so I'm eager for some feedback.

I spent college years and my 20s working catering and food service. Many of my friends worked retail. Since turning 30, however, I've been wearing a tie (not as much lately) and working at a computer as a professional journalist.

But something happens to me in big box stores, especially since I moved to Florida. Customers 30-40 years older than me ask if I can direct them to the towels or the eggs.

It happens most often when I wear my "Publix Green" or "WalMart Blue"

button-down shirts.

My editor says it's my own fault: Walk into a store in creased trousers, a pressed shirt and a badge — of course people think I work there.

Well, yeah. I work. Just not there.

Sometimes they check first. When I show them my press badge, they understand. We both laugh and move on.

Sometimes they ask for directions anyway. I guess a reporter should know where all things are.

Well, I should. I shop there enough.

I tried something different last time. A lady asked about slipcovers, and I didn't know. I later asked a store associate, and then looked



### Real Life

Phil Attinger

for the shopper to tell her where they were. I used to do that more often when I worked in customer service. Most of these folks are my parents' age. Customer service was a natural part of their supermarket/hardware/department store experience. Clerks would take them to items and even get stuff off the shelves for them.

This new thing of ordering online and having groceries

delivered isn't new. They did that over the telephone in the 1950s.

That is, I'm told they did. That disappeared by the 1980s. We had to get our own groceries/hardware/clothing off the shelves and lug it all the way up to the checkout!

Through 40 feet of snow! Uphill! Both ways! And we were thankful to do it!

Seriously, we just didn't expect full service so we learned to decipher and navigate store layouts ourselves.

Many things were do-it-yourself automation by that time: Automated teller machines, self-serve, pay-at-the-pump gas, buffet lines, salad bars, answering

machines, voice-mail, and automated phone greetings: Push 1 for sales and 2 for service....

The Internet for us is mostly self-serve shopping, banking, bill paying, mapping and post office (see email and Facebook).

With this taking business away from face-to-face commerce, I'm sure it's putting a strain on the workforce in retail and hospitality to make sure the store makes a sale by engaging and directing customers.

I could help. I know where the slipcovers are.

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## Cemetery grant approved by CRA

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given by Brooker Fence Company to put a new iron-rail fence around Lakeside Historical Cemetery.

No one really tried. Giles said she tried to get estimates from several other fencing companies, but got no returned calls.

Councilman Parke Sutherland noted for the records that the city has required two bids in the past and has been strict about it. However, he moved to approve the grant.

Since it's a 50/50 grant, the cemetery board would have to come up with half of the proposed funds.

Maria Sutherland, his wife, also confirmed with

the CRA Board members that any change orders would need to return to them for approval.

The request was for up to \$5,000 for the fencing. The original Brooker Fence estimate was for \$9,835, but Johnson said company owner Denise Brooker got her vendors to cut costs and she added in-kind donations to get the price down to \$4,917.50.

The project would include a 5-foot-high, three-rail iron fence to replace existing chain-link fencing at the 6.59-acre cemetery that had traditionally been used by African-Americans and other city residents who had died

unexpectedly or without other funeral arrangements, Maria Sutherland said.

Johnson hopes to see work begin on Dec. 11 and be done Dec. 12.

After that, the cemetery board would like to have a cleanup day on Dec. 16.

Johnson said the cemetery, with graves dating back into the 1800s, has become a place to throw garbage — mostly beer bottles.

"It's not a dump area for your trash. That's the final resting place of your loved ones," Johnson said prior to Monday's meeting.

"As many people as care (about) people, they need to be there," she said.

## Festival of Trees returns Dec. 8

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year is that we won't be having any vendors. We want it to be a more community type of event. We're really trying to get the focus on Habitat and raising funds for the organization," Smith said.

Although the festival may be lacking on vendors, it most definitely will not be lacking on activities for all those in search of Christmas festivities.

Prior to the tree sale, a Christmas-themed breakfast will take place at the Sun 'N Lake Community Center (3500 Edgewater Drive). The event will be known as Teddy Bear Breakfast with Santa.

"The kids will be able to have breakfast amongst the (Christmas) trees with Santa that morning. We encourage the kids to come dressed in their PJs and to bring their favorite Teddy bear along with them. They'll get the first look at the trees and they'll just enjoy the holiday spirit," Smith said.

The pancake breakfast will include all of children's favorite toppings such as chocolate chips, whipped cream, candies and more.

Cost for the Teddy Bear Breakfast with Santa is \$6 for children and \$10 for adults. The breakfast will take place before the tree sale Sunday, Dec. 8 from 8:30-10 a.m.

"The seating will be very limited. We're hoping that the room will be filled with trees so there won't be a lot of space available at the breakfast," Smith said.

Advance tickets are available for purchase by calling Sun 'N Lake events office at 382-2196.

Trees will light up for those looking to take in the

glow of Christmas from noon until 6 p.m. Throughout the day the trees will remain on display for attendees. Other holiday items such as wreaths, centerpieces and quilts will also be at the festival and will also be judged by a selected panel.

Contest categories include Best Small Tree, Best Medium Tree, Best Large Tree, Best Centerpiece, Best Garland, Best Wreath, Best Quilt, and Best in Show. Judging will take place at 11:30 a.m. Items purchased may be taken home following the festival.

For the kids, Santa's Workshop will be taking place throughout the day with cookie decorating, arts and crafts, games and more. Entry into Santa's Workshop is \$1 per child.

Live entertainment featuring some of area entertainers will rock the house from noon until 5 p.m. The entertainment lineup includes

Kaeli Spurlock, Cammie Lester, Nala Price, Dance Unlimited and APHS chorus.

"This event is unique as it provides an opportunity for those who need a decorated Christmas tree for their home or office to purchase one already decorated. All sales benefit Highlands County Habitat for Humanity," Smith said. "It's just a feel-good Christmas spirit event. Anyone can stop in and view the trees. We encourage you to purchase either way, but anyone can come and partake in the event."

Sponsors are still being sought for decorated trees. Anyone can decorate and enter a tree into the festival. The deadline for tree commitment is Monday, Dec. 2, to assure space is available.

Call Sarah Pallone of Habitat for Humanity at 386-7156, or Sun 'N Lake events office at 382-2196, e-mail to events@snldistrict.org or visit www.sunlake.com/.

## Warrant: Zimmerman had 100-plus rounds of ammo, 5 guns when arrested

**SANFORD (AP) —**

George Zimmerman had five guns and more than 100 rounds of ammunition with him when deputies arrested him earlier this month on domestic violence charges, according to court documents released Tuesday.

A search warrant made public by the Seminole County court clerk shows that Zimmerman had a 12-gauge shotgun, an AR-15 assault rifle and three handguns when he was arrested Nov. 18 at his girlfriend's house. The girlfriend, Samantha Scheibe, told deputies that Zimmerman pointed a shotgun at her during an argument and also used it to smash her coffee table.

Zimmerman is free on \$9,000 bail on charges of aggravated assault, battery and criminal mischief. He has entered a written plea of not guilty.

Zimmerman, 30, was acquitted of murder in July in the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin during a confrontation in the community where Zimmerman was a neighborhood watch volunteer. The shooting sparked accusations that Zimmerman had racially profiled Martin, who was black and unarmed, and led to nationwide debates over self-defense laws.

Scheibe told deputies she asked Zimmerman to leave the house they were sharing during an argument. Scheibe said in an arrest report that he began packing his belongings, including some of the weapons, but became upset and took the shotgun out of the case.

According to the search warrant, Scheibe said she was going to call police. That's when Zimmerman pointed the shotgun at her and asked if "she really wanted to do that," the warrant says. Scheibe said Zimmerman pushed her out of the house while she was dialing 911 and locked the door, barricading it with furniture and other items.

The search warrant says Zimmerman told deputies a different version of events. He said that Scheibe and he had agreed to separate and that he was planning to move to Texas. But as he gathered his belongings, Zimmerman said Scheibe became upset and threw a handgun and the shotgun on the floor.

The weapons were locked in a soft-sided case with a combination lock when deputies arrived, according to the warrant. In addition to the shotgun and AR-15 rifle, the warrant says Zimmerman had three handguns: a Glock 19, a Taurus 9mm and an Interarms .380-caliber. Deputies also collected two cellphones, a pocket knife and a flash-



George Zimmerman answers questions from a Seminole circuit judge in Sanford Nov. 19 during a first-appearance hearing on charges including aggravated assault stemming from a fight with his girlfriend. Looking on at left, is his defense counsel Daniel Megaro and Jeff Dowdy.

light, among other items.

The arrest in the domestic violence case was just the latest brush with the law for Zimmerman.

Zimmerman was pulled

over three times for traffic stops since his acquittal. He was ticketed for doing 60 mph in a 45 mph zone in Lake Mary in September and was given a warning.

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# Black Friday not just on Friday anymore

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Thanksgiving night to one-up each other and compete for holiday dollars. Some initially resisted, saying that they wanted their employees to be able to spend time with their families.

This year, more than a dozen major retailers are opening on Thanksgiving, including a handful like Macy's, J.C. Penney and Staples that are doing it for the first time. The Gap, which operates its Old Navy, Gap and Banana Republic, is opening half of its stores on Thanksgiving morning.

It's unclear whether opening on Thanksgiving boosts retailers' top line or simply pushes forward sales from Friday. Last year, it was the latter: Sales on Thanksgiving were \$810 million, an increase of 55 percent from the previous year as more stores opened on the holiday, according to Chicago research firm ShopperTrak. But business dropped 1.8 percent to \$11.2 billion on Black Friday, though it still was the biggest shopping day last year. That day accounted for about 4.3 percent of holiday sales last year.

Sebring's Lakeshore Mall has jumped on board. Kmart will open at 6 a.m. Thanksgiving Day and Belk, JCPenney and Sears will be open at 8 p.m. on Thursday. The rest of the mall will be open at 6 a.m. Friday.

Some shoppers are already gearing up for the rat race in the coming days by checking out coupons and sales ads throughout this week to know exactly what items to target during the holiday sales.

Sharika and Mark Ferguson are Sebring residents who look forward to Black Friday to snag items at their lowest prices of the year.

"I usually start looking around before Black Friday versus waiting until I get there and not knowing what



Katara Simmons/News-Sun  
**Pat and Jerry Long said they prefer to shop when the stores are slow rather than fight the crowds during Black Friday sales.**

I'm there for. I do a lot of footwork. We always have a game plan," Sharika said recently.

The Fergusons are no stranger to the Black Friday shopping and have participated for the past six or seven years. The couple primarily shop for household items and gifts for their two children, ages nine and 16.

Husband Mark has no problem getting in the mix while he and his wife shop.

"I go ahead and go to Walmart beforehand. It's good to do that because they have certain things on sale during different times; like last year they had two sale times. This year, I heard they're going to three different sales and you need tickets to get certain things during those sales. That way you know what you need to get and you can be in and out," Mark said. "When I'm done I usually sit down and just watch people argue and look for fights. It can get crazy."

Sharika has admitted to "throwing an elbow" at another customer during a rush for linen and towels in the past.

"Well I only did it because she did it first," Sharika said with a laugh. "I really enjoy the thrill of it all. I look forward to it every year."

The Fergusons usually begin hitting the stores around 2 a.m. on Black Friday.

Robin Lee of Lake Placid also finds the shopper's holiday thrilling and necessary.

"Oh yeah, I definitely go out (on Black Friday). I look forward to this all year," Lee said.

Lee shops with her daughters and son-in-law on the day and is excited that the

traditional Friday sales will spill over into Thanksgiving day this year.

"We'll be out Thursday evening and Friday in the craziness," Lee said.

While some couples enjoy the Black Friday thrill, others find it less than appealing and stay away from the Black Friday madness if possible.

Snowbirds George and Alice Welker said that shopping for big items isn't something that is really necessary for them anymore.

"We don't go out on Black Friday at all," George said.

Alice explained that their grandkids, who are teenagers, prefer cash and gift cards for the holidays so they can purchase their own items.

"They appreciate it more that way; they can get what they want. We're not out shopping more than one day," George said.

Lorida part-time residents Jerry and Pat Long don't believe in the Black Friday hoopla either. The couple said that the shopping holiday just isn't for them.

"It's not worth it to me to go out and fight the crowds and save a little bit of money," Jerry said.

Wife Pat never considers the money a real issue but rather feels sympathetic to the retailers working on the holiday.

"I think people need a few days a year where they can be with their family. It's not fair. There's things in life much better than a dollar," Pat said.

*Information from the Associated Press was used in this report.*

# Online shopping safety tips

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cation software updates. Anti-virus and anti-spyware software should be installed, running, and receiving automatic updates. Ensure you use a strong and unique password, which is not used for any other accounts. Use the automatic timeout feature that locks your device after a period of inactivity.

## Use mobile apps with caution

As devices such as smartphones and tablets continue to gain popularity for online shopping, so too will the volume of attacks against them. Malware could be downloaded onto the device from seemingly legitimate shopping apps that can steal credit card and other sensitive informa-

tion for transmission to cyber criminals. Update all apps when notified and disable Bluetooth and Near Field Communications (e.g., Android Beam or S-Beam) when not in use to reduce the risk of your data — such as credit card numbers — being intercepted by a nearby device.

## Know your online merchants

Limit online shopping to merchants you know and trust. Only go to sites by directly typing the URL in the address bar.

## Look for 'https'

Before you submit your online transaction, make sure that the webpage address begins with "https." The "s" stands for secure, and indicates that commu-

nication with the webpage is encrypted. A padlock or key icon in the browser's status bar is another indicator. Also, make sure your browser is current and up-to-date.

## Do not use public computers or public wireless access

Public computers and Wi-Fi hotspots are potentially insecure. Criminals may be intercepting traffic on public wireless networks to steal credit card numbers and other sensitive information.

Additional information about online shopping can be found at the Internet Crime Complaint Center, www.ic3.gov, OnGuard Online, www.onguardonline.gov and the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, www.privacyrights.org.

# Plan your shopping to help save time, money

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recipient, but it could be a financial return. Perhaps you can give gifts that help friends and family make money through a side job or hobby. Examples include tools and equipment along with guides, books and other resources.

You could also provide younger family members with financial gifts, such as a contribution to a college fund.

## Use reward points and online shopping

Look for unique opportunities to save on items. This means regularly checking online for sales and deals and making the most of any rewards points you have accrued.

Reward points, in particular, are a great way to fund gifts, as they aren't really "costing" you. Read the fine print and make sure such gifts are transferable and, if needed, returnable.

## Start early

The earlier you start your holiday planning, the better. When consumers are short on time, they have less flexibility and can't shop around as much. Look for deals early in the year, and don't be afraid to buy gifts far in advance and store them somewhere at home until the holiday season approaches. Just be sure to ask if gifts purchased ahead can be returned if they don't work for the

recipient.

## Create a holiday budget

You don't want to let your holiday spending get away from you, so it's important to develop a plan and a firm budget.

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# Judge orders release of Sandy Hook 911 calls

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. — A Connecticut judge has ordered the release of the 911 recordings from the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, but the tapes will not be immediately unsealed.

The state's Freedom of Information Commission ruled in September that the recordings should be provided to The Associated Press, but State's Attorney Stephen Sedensky III asked for a stay while he appeals that order.

New Britain Superior Court Judge Eliot Prescott denied his request Tuesday, but the

tapes remain sealed until Dec. 4 to give the prosecutor a chance to appeal.

The AP has sought the recordings in part to examine the police response to the massacre, which left 20 first-graders and six educators dead.

Sedensky urged the judge to consider the anguish releasing the tapes could cause victims' families.

If the recordings are released, the AP would review the content and determine what, if any, of it would meet its standards for publication.

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# Council wants more info on museum

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The advantages could be increased tourism to the city's downtown area and a catalyst for making the community center into an arts education venue, Leavitt said.

"(It) will be a center for cultural events — art, music, and literature contests. We believe this will be a source of community pride," Leavitt said.

However, he said the community center would need \$34,800 in repairs and remodeling first (based on an estimate by KC Contracting Corp.) to fix the roof, upgrade flooring and electricity, repaint, build a stage, install exhibit lighting, put ultraviolet-blocking film on windows and provide a separate ground-floor vestibule so the museum may remain open while other events take place downstairs.

Leavitt has offered to give the city a sales percentage from the museum store in return, but the CRA Board, comprised of Avon Park City Council members, told him that's not good enough. They want him to return to next month's CRA board meeting with a proposed partnership or lease contract.

"If we repaired the upstairs (for this use), I'd feel more comfortable with a lease agreement," Mayor Sharon Schuler said.

Deputy Mayor Brenda Giles said it wasn't enough for the city to do work on the building or approve the museum based on a sales percentage.

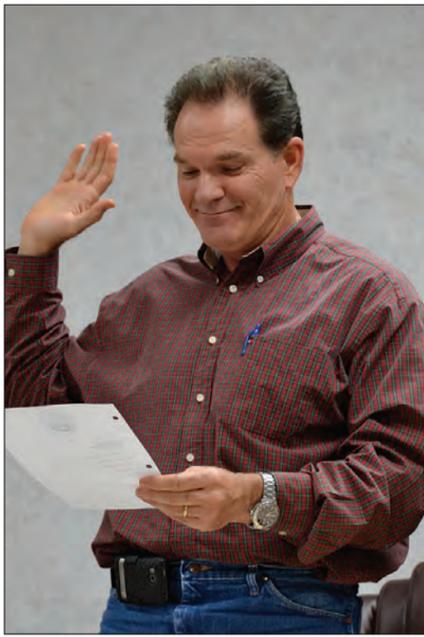
"I can't see paying CRA funds with a promise," Giles said.

Leavitt said the museum would bring in tourists, but the HCA doesn't have money to pay up front, espe-

## Schuler, Sutherland sworn in



Phil Attinger/News-Sun  
Mayor Sharon Schuler takes her oath of office Monday, marking seven years as Avon Park mayor and 18 years on the Avon Park City Council. She and Councilman Parke Sutherland were both re-elected to their offices on Nov. 5.



Phil Attinger/News-Sun  
Councilman Parke Sutherland smiles as he attempts to read his oath of office Monday rather than repeat after Avon Park City Clerk Cheryl Tietjen. He eventually decided to forego reading it and simply repeated it. Sutherland and Mayor Sharon Schuler were both re-elected to their offices on Nov. 5.

cially with the building needing refurbishments. The non-profit has sold some of Roberts' works — which he willed to the organization — to have money to look for a museum site.

"We're banking on it. We're putting our eggs in the basket in Avon Park," Leavitt said.

The city made \$800 last year from renting out the upstairs room of the Community Center, said Administrative Services Director Maria Sutherland.

"We probably pay more in electrical bills," she said.

Councilman Parke Sutherland, her husband and a member of the Avon Park Historical Society, was interested in bringing tourism downtown, but also said if

the building needs repairs, the museum would be a good reason to do them.

"If we need maintenance and improvement in the community center, we could look at this," he said.

Councilman Garrett Anderson asked if it wasn't the city's responsibility to repair the building, not the CRA's.

That could be done, Maria Sutherland said, but if the city or CRA spends money to repair any part of the building, then CRA funds can't be used for that same purpose at that location for three years. Right now, the building only has a basic maintenance plan, she said, not a master improvement plan.

Gaylin Thomas, a member

of the Main Street CRA District Advisory Board that supported Leavitt's proposal, said having a museum with no admission charge would be no different than what the city has now.

"If we shut the door on it, we'll miss out," Thomas said. "Peter Powell Roberts will have a cult following and someone else will benefit from it."

Leavitt cautioned against delay, since the Highlands County Tourist Development Council is working on a marketing campaign, including videos and brochures about local attractions.

"It would be a shame to have this go through and not be recognized in this campaign," Leavitt said.

## Obituaries

### OLIVER FARDIG

Jan. 5, 1918—Nov. 21, 2013

Oliver B. Fardig, age 95, died on Nov. 21, 2013 in Sebring, Fla. Formerly of New York and Wisconsin, he was born in Chicago to Andrew Gustavson Fardig and Esther (Anderson) Fardig. Both parents had emigrated alone from Sweden as young adults. Oliver was one of seven children, and he and his identical twin, Sheldon P., both graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., in 1940. He earned his doctorate in biochemistry from Penn State University, where he met fellow chemist Helen Archer. The couple married in 1943, and Helen Fardig died in Door County, Wis., in 1998. Dr. Fardig was a research biochemist at Bristol Laboratories in Syracuse, N.Y., until his retirement in 1987.

During those years, he and Helen raised five children, taking them camping in the Adirondacks and throughout the West, to East Coast historical sites and, later, skiing in Canada. He did the finish work and stonework on the family home, where he also gardened and made backyard ice rinks. He enjoyed canoeing, swimming, tobogganing, and attending opera at the Metropolitan. He and Helen were active members of the Manlius Baptist Church, where he sang in choirs, the Syracuse Camera Club, and a square dance group. In addition, Oliver was a member and then president of the local school board.

After retirement, the Fardigs moved to Sister Bay, Wis., familiar territory since his family had planted the first cherry orchard in

nearby Ephraim. As youngsters, he and Sheldon had planted thousands of cherry trees during their summer vacations. Oliver was busy with photography, Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church activities, hosting family reunions, visiting Hopi and Navajo youth they sponsored, rafting the Grand Canyon, and learning to play golf and fly a plane.

In 2001 Oliver married Mary Torrison Smith, who summers in Ellison Bay, Wis. They divided their time between Door County and her winter home in Sebring, from which they explored Florida, took part in book clubs, and attended concerts. Throughout their years together he continued to find pleasure in reading, reciting poetry, the outdoors, and being visited by family. He enjoyed singing with Mary's stepson, Jeff Smith, and the weekly sing-alongs at his assisted living facility.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Sebring; four daughters, Marsha Stelzer of Wisconsin, Leslie Hayes of Colorado, and Elaine Fardig and Alison Urquidi, both of New Jersey; a son, David of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren, Tess Stelzer Wolfe, Carlin Stelzer, and Chloe (Stelzer) Nepew, Chuck Hayes, and Stefan and Sebastian Urquidi; and a great-grandchild, Emma Nepew.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at Shepherd of the Bay in July 2014. Memorials may be made to Highlands Hammock State Park, his favorite Florida destination.

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## Community Briefs

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now being offered regularly. The tram tour is a guided, narrated tour of the park providing interpretation of nature and history. Visitors have a unique opportunity to view birds, alligators, and other wildlife, relatively close up in areas of the park that are restricted to public access.

The tram departs from the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, runs along the Loop Road under a densely shaded canopy of hydric hammock, passes through cypress swamp, and continues through pine flatwoods. For the grand finale, the tram travels slowly down South Canal where alligators, turtles, water birds such as herons, ibis and egrets, and an occasional otter or water moccasin may be observed.

The tram is scheduled to run at 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. A 2:30 p.m. tram will be offered immediately following the 1 p.m. tour on these days, if required to meet visitor demand. During the busy winter season, a third tram may be offered at 11 a.m. Weekend trams will be offered at 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The tram does not run on Mondays.

Tickets for the tram tour may be purchased at the Ranger Station and are sold only on the day of the tour. Tickets are \$5 per adult and

\$3 for children between the ages of 6-12 years old. Children aged 5 and younger are free.

Park entry fees of \$6 per vehicle (up to eight people), \$4 for one adult or an adult with children under 6 years, and \$2 for visitors on bicycles or foot remain in effect.

During the extremely busy snowbird season from January through the end of March, visitors are advised to purchase tickets early in the morning to ensure seats, as trams tend to sell out quickly. The Ranger Station opens for business at 8 a.m. Special trams may also be booked in advance for larger groups or organizations at a cost of \$74.90 tax included. Reservations and payment are made through the Ranger Station.

### Depot Museum a drop off point for toys

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This is a project of the Avon Park Fire Department with assistance and distribution by the Avon Park High School and Middle Schools Future Farmer's of America.

Bring your donations to the museum during regular hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday. Donations will be taken until Dec. 18. The Avon Park Depot Museum is at 3 N. Museum Ave. The phone number is 453-3525.

### Holiday garbage collection schedule

AVON PARK — The city of Avon Park will not pick up garbage on Thursday. Thursday's garbage pick up will move to Friday, and Friday's garbage pick up will move to Saturday.

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Secondary E-Mail: johnmc@mllaw.net

Person Giving Notice:  
Katherine Wiseman, Petitioner  
1109 Peace Pipe Pl., Unit 102  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

November 20, 27, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2012-CA-000295

MIDFIRST BANK  
Plaintiff,  
v.

KENT W. BOGGS; TAMMY BREWER;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY BREWER;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KENT W. BOGGS;  
UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT  
2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING  
BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE  
ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO  
(IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR  
ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES  
CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES,  
ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUS-  
TEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS;  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to  
the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure  
entered on November 06, 2013, in this  
cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands  
County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the prop-  
erty situated in Highlands County, Florida,  
described as:

A PORTION OF VACATED OHIO STREET  
OF FAIRMOUNT MOBILE ESTATES, AS PER  
PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE  
12, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PAR-  
TICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER  
OF LOT 45 OF SAID FAIRMOUNT MOBILE  
ESTATES; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES  
49'54" EAST A DISTANCE 15.00 FEET FOR  
THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH  
1 DEGREE 19'40" WEST A DISTANCE OF  
120.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY  
LINE OF DELAWARE AVENUE; THENCE  
NORTH 87 DEGREES 49'54" EAST A DIS-  
TANCE OF 10.00 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE  
OF SAID OHIO STREET; THENCE SOUTH 1  
DEGREE 19'40" EAST ALONG THE CENTER-  
LINE OF OHIO STREET, A DISTANCE OF  
120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES  
49'54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET  
TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND  
BEGIN AT THE SW CORNER OF LOT 45, GO  
EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT  
AND ITS STRAIGHT EXTENSION A DISTANCE  
OF 65 FEET; THENCE NORTH AND PARAL-  
LEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 120  
FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WEST ALONG  
NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT AND ITS  
STRAIGHT EXTENSION A DISTANCE OF 65  
FEET TO THE NW CORNER OF SAID LOT,  
THENCE SOUTH ALONG WEST LINE OF SAID  
LOT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN  
FAIRMOUNT MOBILE ESTATES, ACCORDING  
TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT  
BOOK 9, PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RE-  
CORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1985  
DUTCHMEN DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME  
WITH VIN #D25219521A, TITLE #42509930  
AND VIN #D25219521B, TITLE #42497097;  
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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder,  
for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the  
basement of the Highlands County Court-  
house, located at 430 South Commerce Ave-  
nue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands  
County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on  
January 13, 2014.

If you are a person claiming a right to  
funds remaining after the sale, you must file  
a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days  
after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you  
will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dates this 6th day of November, 2013.

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

If you are a person with a disability who  
needs any accommodation in order to partici-  
pate in this proceeding, you are entitled,  
at no cost to you, to the provision of certain  
assistance. Within two (2) working days of  
your receipt of this notice, please contact the  
Court Administration Office at (863)  
534-4690. If you are hearing or voice im-  
paired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or  
1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Ser-  
vice.

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November 20, 27, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000274

SPRINGLEAF HOME EQUITY, INC. F/K/A  
AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC.  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
LAUREN MATHEWS A/K/A LAUREN REDICK  
SADOWSKI A/K/A LAUREN S. REDICK  
A/K/A LAUREN REDICK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE  
OF LAUREN MATHEWS A/K/A LAUREN  
REDICK SADOWSKI A/K/A LAUREN S.  
REDICK A/K/A LAUREN REDICK; UNKNOWN  
TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL  
UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY,  
THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE  
NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT  
KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER  
SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS,  
DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIEN-  
ORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR  
OTHER CLAIMANTS; AMERIQUEST  
MORTGAGE COMPANY;  
KELLY B. HARDWICK, III  
Defendants.

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the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure  
entered on November 06, 2013, in this  
cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands  
County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the prop-  
erty situated in Highlands County, Florida,  
described as:  
LOTS 2117 AND 2118, AVON PARK  
LAKES, UNIT 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT  
THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4,  
PAGE 98, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
a/k/a 2073 W. FALCON RD, AVON PARK, FL  
33825-8442  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder,  
for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the  
basement of the Highlands County Court-  
house, located at 430 South Commerce Ave-  
nue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands

County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on  
January 13, 2014.  
If you are a person claiming a right to  
funds remaining after the sale, you must file  
a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days  
after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you  
will not be entitled to any remaining funds.  
Dates this 6th day of November, 2013.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk

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County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on  
January 13, 2014.

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Dates this 6th day of November, 2013.

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November 20, 27, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000623

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY  
AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE RALI 2006-QS3  
Plaintiff,  
v.

CAMILO A. GUZMAN; UFRANCINDA C.  
GUZMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAMILO  
A. GUZMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
UFRANCINDA C. GUZMAN; UNKNOWN  
TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL  
UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY,  
THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE  
NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT  
KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER  
SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS,  
DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES,  
LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES,  
SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; SPRING  
LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

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the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure  
entered on November 06, 2013, in this  
cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands  
County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the prop-  
erty situated in Highlands County, Florida,  
described as:

LOT 13, IN BLOCK C, OF SPRING LAKE  
SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT  
THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9,  
PAGE 23, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
a/k/a 5905 THUNDER RD, SPRING LAKE, FL  
33870

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder,  
for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the  
basement of the Highlands County Court-  
house, located at 430 South Commerce Ave-  
nue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands  
County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on  
January 13, 2014.

If you are a person claiming a right to  
funds remaining after the sale, you must file  
a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days  
after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you  
will not be entitled to any remaining funds.  
Dates this 6th day of November, 2013.

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

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November 20, 27, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000198

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
v.

EDNA M. HOSBACH A/K/A EDNA HOSBACH,  
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE  
HOSBACH FAMILY TRUST, DATED APRIL 23,  
1994; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDNA M.  
HOSBACH A/K/A EDNA HOSBACH; UN-  
KNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2;  
AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY,  
THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE  
NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT  
KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER  
SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS,  
DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIEN-  
ORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR  
OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
Defendants.

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the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure  
entered on November 06, 2013, in this  
cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands  
County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the prop-  
erty situated in Highlands County, Florida,  
described as:

LOT 39, BLOCK 119, LEISURE LAKES,  
SECTION ELEVEN, ACCORDING TO THE  
PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT  
BOOK 7, AT PAGE 25 OF THE PUBLIC RE-  
CORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
a/k/a 1105 GREENFIELD ST, LAKE PLACID,  
FL 33852-9153

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder,  
for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the  
basement of the Highlands County Court-  
house, located at 430 South Commerce Ave-  
nue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands  
County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on  
January 13, 2014.

If you are a person claiming a right to  
funds remaining after the sale, you must file  
a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days  
after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you  
will not be entitled to any remaining funds.  
Dates this 6th day of November, 2013.

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

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November 20, 27, 2013

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 13-451

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
NEILE L. CARPER  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(Summary Administration)  
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR  
DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of  
Summary Administration has been entered in  
the estate of NEILE L. CARPER, deceased,  
File Number PC13-451, by the Circuit Court  
for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Divi-  
sion, the address of which is Clerk of the  
Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430  
South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida  
33870; that the decedent's date of death  
was December 26, 2012; that the total  
value of the estate is \$15,000.00 and that  
the names and addresses of those to whom  
it has been assigned by such order are:  
Joan Berglund, 301 E. Walnut St., Avon  
Park, FL 33825; Joseph Carper, 65 Spring-  
creek Rd., Hill 'N' Date Farm, Barrington, IL  
60010; Jennie Carper Finik, 1006 Oak  
Grove Ct, Valparaiso, IN 46383.  
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED  
THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent  
and persons having claims or demands  
against the estate of the decedent other than  
those for whom provision for full payment  
was made in the Order of Summary Admin-  
istration must file their claims with this court  
WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN  
SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PRO-  
BATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS  
NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICA-  
BLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO  
(2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECE-  
DENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice  
is November 27, 2013.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
John K. McClure  
Attorney for Joan Berglund  
Florida Bar No. 286958  
MCCLURE & LOBOZZO  
211 South Ridgewood Drive  
Sebring, Florida 33870  
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Person Giving Notice:

Joan Berglund  
301 E. Walnut St.  
Avon Park, Florida 33825  
November 27; December 4, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO: 12-1128-CA

U.S. BANK, N.A. as trustee on behalf of  
MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT  
SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH  
CERTIFICATE TRUST 1996-8, acting by  
and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,  
as Servicing Agent  
7360 S. Kyrene Road  
Tempe, AZ 85283,  
Plaintiff,  
v.

JOSEPH W. WEEKS, IF LIVING, BUT IF  
DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES,  
CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF  
JOSEPH W. WEEKS, DECEASED, et al.,  
Defendants.

CORRECTED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursu-  
ant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment of  
Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned  
action, I will sell the property situated in  
Highlands County, Florida, described as fol-  
lows, to wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK 137, THE MAP OF  
NORTHSIDE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO  
THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT  
BOOK 3, PAGE 32, HIGHLANDS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH 1/2  
OF A VACATED STREET LYING NORTH OF  
AND ADJACENT TO LOT 12; TOGETHER  
WITH CERTAIN 1995 STONECREEK MOBILE  
HOME, SERIAL NUMBER  
FLFLR70AB22973SK21

Commonly known as: 6501 OLD OAK  
AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder,  
for cash, at the Highlands County Court-  
house, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring,  
Florida 33870, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the  
10th day of January, 2014.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claim-  
ing a right to funds remaining after the sale,  
you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court  
no later than 60 days after the sale. If you  
fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to  
any remaining funds.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. 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 Ad-  
ministrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bar-  
tow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at  
least 7 days before your scheduled court ap-  
pearance, 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.

Dated on this 13th day of November,  
2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
November 27; December 4, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2009 CA 314 GCS

FCDB GMPL 2008-1 TRUST  
PLAINTIFF,  
v  
JOHN SAMPLES, et al  
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a  
Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Novem-  
ber 6, 2013 and entered in Case No. 2009  
CA 314 GCS in the 10th Judicial Circuit  
Court of Highlands County, Florida. Plaintiff  
is Foreclosed Assets Sales and Transfer Part-  
nership, and the Defendants are JOHN SAM-  
PLES, et al and any and all parties claiming  
by, through, under and against the herein in-  
dividual defendants who are not known to be  
dead or alive, whether said unknown parties  
may claim an interest as spouse, heirs, devi-  
sees, grantees or other claimants. I will sell  
to the highest and best bidder for cash auc-  
tion held at the Highlands County Court-  
house, Jury Assembly Room, 430 South  
Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, at

## 1050 Legals

11:00 a.m. after having first given notice as  
required by Section 45.031, Florida Statutes  
on the 16th day of January, 2014.  
The property located in HIGHLANDS County,  
Florida described as:

LOT 6, BLOCK 109 SUN 'N LAKES ES-  
TATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 8, ACCORDING TO  
THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT  
BOOK 9, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RE-  
CORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
AKA 5100 SAN JUAN AVENUE, SEBRING, FL  
33870

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

Dated this 7th day of November, 2013.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
DEPUTY CLERK  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
November 27; December 4, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 13-438

Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
RICHARD D. KOHLER  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Rich-  
ard D. Kohler, deceased, whose date of  
death was July 29, 2013, is pending in the  
Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida,  
Probate Division, the address of which is  
590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida  
33870. The names and addresses of the  
personal representative and the personal  
representative's attorney are set forth be-  
low.

All creditors of the decedent and other  
persons having claims or demands against  
decedent's estate on whom a copy of this  
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their claims with this court WITHIN THE  
LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF  
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TION OF THIS NOTICE.

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DENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice  
is November 27, 2013.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Susan Lowrance  
1803 Evergreen St.  
Sebring, Florida 33870

/s/ Sherrie Lee Banasik  
4813 Second Street  
Sebring, Florida 33870

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael M. Disler  
MICHAEL M. DISLER  
Attorney for Co-Personal  
Representatives  
Florida Bar No. 606782  
Email: mikedisler@yahoo.com  
329 South Commerce Avenue  
Sebring, FL 33870  
Phone: 863 385-5139  
Fax: 863 385-2566

November 27; December 4, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 13-456

Division: COWDEN

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
HILDA SUE KEMP,  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of HILDA  
SUE KEMP, deceased, whose date of death  
was October 10, 2013, and whose social se-  
curity number is XXX-XX-55XX, is pending in  
the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Flori-  
da, Probate Division, the address of which  
is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring,  
FL 33870. The names and addresses of the  
personal representative and the personal  
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Personal Representative:  
/s/ William Michael Shaw  
2725 Cove Point Road  
Lusby, MD 20657

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

November 20, 27, 2013

NOTICE OF POLICY ADOPTION

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following policy will be considered for  
adoption at the regular Board meeting to be  
held Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at  
6:00 p.m. at the Highlands Campus at 6

1050

Legals

a white female child  
born January 4, 2000  
mother - Kelly Meredith

and you are hereby commanded to personally appear before the Honorable Sheryl D. Snodgrass, a Magistrate/hearing officer in the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, State of Florida, on the 18th day of December, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, Courtroom 1A.

YOU MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SPECIFIED OR YOU WILL LOSE ALL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION. YOUR FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR WILL BE DEEMED TO BE YOUR CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, YOU MUST BE PRESENT AND REQUEST THAT THE COURT APPOINT AN ATTORNEY FOR YOU IF YOU WANT ONE. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at 1968 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone (863)402-7722, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding, if hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK  
DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.  
By: /s/ Anita E. Reiley  
Deputy Clerk

(Clerk's Seal)  
November 13, 20, 27; December 4, 2013

NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicle will be sold at public sale or auction to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.78(2) of the Florida Statutes at 10:00 a.m. on AT 1118 WEIGLE AVE., Sebring, Florida 33870.

SALE DATE 12/18/13  
2001 CHEVY 1G1ND52J716195356  
1999 DODGE 1B4GP44G5XB603501  
SALE DATE 12/30/13  
2001 FORD 1FAFP34P21W110244  
November 27, 2013

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE/DISPOSAL

ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE ACT, THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT FIRST SECURITY SELF STORAGE, 1866 S. WILBURN DRIVE, AVON PARK, FL 33825, WILL BE DISPOSED/SOLD ON DECEMBER 2, 2013 AT 10:00 AM. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS - UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED: UNIT NUMBERS AND NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

B050 Patricia Williams  
B083 Sharon Medlock  
C060 Michael Russell  
D044 Melissa McClellan  
D119 Robert Davidge  
E045 Joseph Naja  
F030 Kenneth Cook  
DISPOSITION BEING MADE TO SATISFY LANDLORD'S LIEN. MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS UNDER FLORIDA LAW. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH.  
November 20, 27, 2013

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION

ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE ACT THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT THE STORAGE PLACE OF AVON PARK, 395 CR 17A WEST, AVON PARK, FL 33825 WILL BE DISPOSED OF TO AN AUCTIONEER ON DECEMBER 20, 2013 AT 10:00 AM. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Names and unit numbers are as follows:  
NAME UNIT NUMBER  
Calvin Crowell II 339  
DISPOSITION BEING MADE TO SATISFY LANDLORD'S LIEN. MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS, UNDER FLORIDA LAW. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH.  
November 27; December 4, 2013

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit In and for POLK County, Florida, on the 11th day of October, 2013, in the cause wherein MADAI DHANRAJ, as Administrator of the Estate of Nararish D. Dhanraj, deceased, is Plaintiff, and ELDORADO HOMES, INC., is Defendant, being Case No. 2009-CA-008817 in the said Court, I, Susan Benton, Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon all of the Defendant, ELDORADO HOMES, INC., right, title and interest in and to the following described REAL property in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:  
LOT 10, BLOCK 749, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 15 R1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4605 NADENA DRIVE.

and on the 11th day of December, 2013, at the steps of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Ave., in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all of the said defendant, ELDORADO HOMES, INC., right, title and interest in the aforesaid REAL property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Dated this, October 31, 2013  
SUSAN BENTON, SHERIFF OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: /s/ Lt. Kenny Johnson #2081

Lt. Kenny Johnson,  
Judicial Process Unit  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the agency sending this notice at 434 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, Telephone 863/402-7228 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding, if hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.  
Prepared by Lt. Kenny Johnson  
Highlands County Sheriff's Office  
434 Fernleaf Ave.  
Sebring, FL 33870  
November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013  
Spring Lake Improvement District  
Holiday Gathering

The Spring Lake Improvement District Board of Supervisors, Staff, Advisors and spouses will be attending a Holiday Gathering on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Gathering will take place at the Unity Life Enrichment Center located at 10417 South Orange Blossom Blvd. No District business will be conducted or discussed at the event, and no decisions made.

Joe DeCervo  
District Manager  
Wednesday, November 27, 2013

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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-476

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY ELLA MIDDLETON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Summary Administration has been filed in the estate of MARY ELLA MIDDLETON, deceased, in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was August 20, 2012; that the total value of the estate is approximately \$16,500.00 and the names and addresses of those to whom it shall be assigned by such order is: Karin Pickard, 6557 Ontario Center Rd., Ontario, NY 14519, Kris Middleton, 13032 S. Butler Rd., South Butler, NY 13154 and Randy Middleton, 10823 Lummsville Rd., Wolcott, NY 14590.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: John K. McClure Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB Attorney for Karin Pickard Florida Bar No. 286958 MCCLOURE & LOBOZZO 211 South Ridgewood Drive Sebring, Florida 33870 Telephone: (863) 402-1888 Fax: (863) 402-2436 E-Mail: jkmpleadings@mllaw.net Secondary E-Mail: johnmcc@mllaw.net

Person Giving Notice: Karin Pickard 6557 Ontario Center Road Ontario, New York 14519 November 20, 27, 2013

## 1055 Highlands County Legals

HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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

The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency will receive sealed bids for:

ITB #14-014: REPLACE BRICK PAVERS ON DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS

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

Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 2:00 PM, Thursday, December 19, 2013, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of any other type of delivery service. There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference held on at 10AM, December 10, 2013 located at Sebring City Hall, 368 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870.

The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity laws issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. &sect;287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. &sect;287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.

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Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB Purchasing Agent Sebring, Florida November 20, 27, 2013

## 1100 Announcements

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## 1055 Highlands County Legals

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Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB Purchasing Agent Sebring, Florida November 27, December 4, 2013

## 2000 Employment

## 2100 Help Wanted

K & M Blueberry Farm and Nursery-4 Temporary workers needed in Waynesboro, MS from approximately Dec 15, 2013 - Oct 15, 2014. There will be a 1 week training period and 2 week probation period for the worker to meet the production standards listed in the application. Manual plant, cultivate, harvest field crops. Use hand tools, shovels, trowels, hoes, tampers, pruning hooks, shears, and knives. Inspect field irrigation systems, dig up and replace damaged pipes, valves, water jets, sprinklers, etc. using shovels, wrenches, etc. May construct trellises, repair farm fences and farm buildings by mending or replacing, replacing damaged posts by removing, digging a hole and putting in a new post using hammers, wire stretchers, paint, brushes, etc. Prune blueberry bushes by hand using pruning shears and loppers. Remove debris from fields using hoes, shovels, baskets, etc. Load mulch on trailer and move to fields, unload and spread mulch around plants as needed. Inspect the field to maintain a 3 to 5 foot weed free strip between rows by removing weeds, grass, etc., using a hoe or pulling by hand. Duties may include tilling soil, applying fertilizers and applying pesticides, clean pack, load harvested products, post harvest clean-up & other related activities. Each worker may be given a picking card which he will keep throughout the workday. Workers may receive a hooked belt and carry 2 - 1 gallon picking buckets as they move down assigned rows picking all ripe berries, placing them in the bucket. Each worker must pick the plants clean of all ripe fruit. When buckets are filled the worker will take to the Supervisor who then punches their picking card. Harvest by use of mechanical equipment, load and transport blueberries to processing shed. Inspect bushes for damage, disease or insect infestation and remove or replace as directed. Clean, adjust and repair machinery and implements. Workers must be able to stand, sit, squat, kneel, crouch, bend (from waist), push, pull, reach, lift and carry items from 5 to 30 pounds, withstand exposure to sun, wind, rain, soil, mud, dust, heat, cold and natural elements. Work may vary due to weather conditions: blueberries must be picked and packed within a limited time of harvest. Workers must wear appropriate clothing and footwear for working conditions described. Expect occasional periods of little/no work because of weather/crop/other conditions. will be paid the highest of \$9.50 per hr or applicable piece rates depending on crop activity, \_ guarantee, 35 hrs per week, housing, equipment and transportation provided at no cost to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each work day, must be 18 years or older. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the worksite will be reimbursed upon completion of 50% of the work contract or earlier if appropriate. We participate in the E-Verify program and workers must have valid identification for I-9 preparation when they report to begin work. Apply for this job at the State Workforce/Job Center office in your area, please call for the nearest office in your area MS 601-584-1202, AL 256-259-1835, LA 318-676-7705, using job order # MS84631.

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## 2100 Help Wanted

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GENERAL MAINTENANCE (F/T) Application deadline: 12/3/13. Please visit <http://sfsc.interviewexchange.com> for detailed position posting. 863-784-7132. EA/EO/VETERAN'S PREF.



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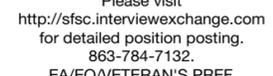
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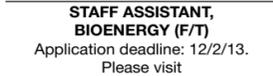
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny, windy and not as warm	Mostly sunny and breezy	Partly sunny, breezy and pleasant	Partly sunny	Periods of sun with a quick shower
72° / 38°	65° / 52°	77° / 58°	79° / 60°	79° / 61°
Winds: WNW at 10-20 mph	Winds: NNE at 10-20 mph	Winds: NE at 10-20 mph	Winds: NE at 8-16 mph	Winds: E at 7-14 mph

**Almanac**

**Temperature**  
 Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid  
 High Friday ..... 84°  
 Low Friday ..... 62°  
 High Saturday ..... 85°  
 Low Saturday ..... 58°  
 High Sunday ..... 76°  
 Low Sunday ..... 61°  
 High Monday ..... 77°  
 Low Monday ..... 62°

**Heat Index**  
 For 3 p.m. today  
 Relative humidity ..... 52%  
 Expected air temperature ..... 69°  
 Makes it feel like ..... 67°

**Barometer**  
 Saturday ..... 30.04  
 Sunday ..... 30.13  
 Monday ..... 29.95

**Precipitation**  
 Saturday ..... 0.00"  
 Sunday ..... 0.00"  
 Monday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.38"  
 Year to date ..... 62.85"

**Tides**  
 Readings at St. Petersburg  
 High ..... 9:18 a.m.  
 Low ..... 3:33 a.m.  
 High ..... 9:29 p.m.  
 Low ..... 3:02 p.m.

**Lake Levels**  
 Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday  
 Lake Jackson ..... 78.36'  
 Lake Okeechobee ..... 14.75'  
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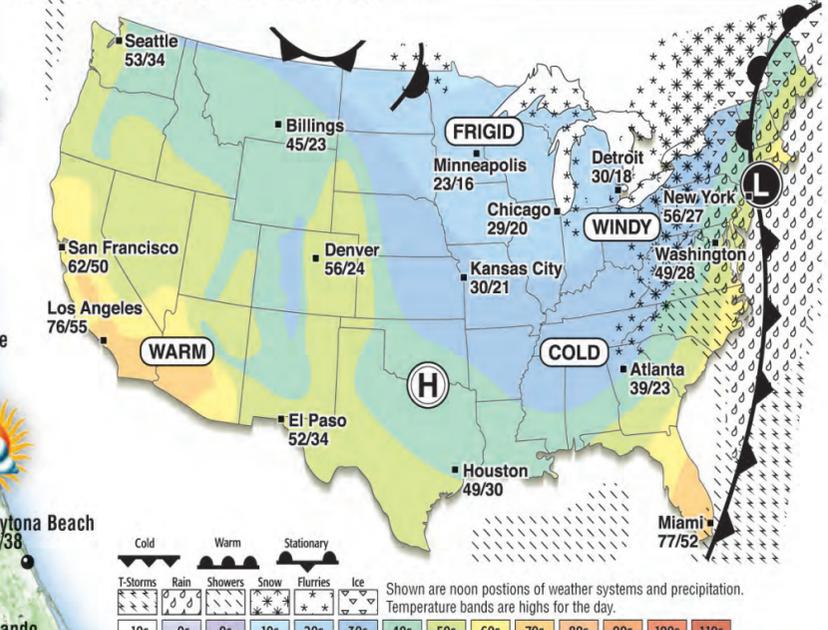
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National Forecast for November 27



**National Summary**  
 The worst of a major storm will shift to the Northeast today, bringing the risk of delays for the biggest travel day of the year. With cold air east of the Appalachians, snow will stretch from southern Quebec and northern New York through the mountains in North Carolina. Just to the east of the mountains, rain and snow will mix, changing over to some snow by the afternoon. However, the I-95 corridor and eastward from eastern Maine and Boston through Washington, D.C. will be rain, with a few rumbles of thunder possible.

**U.S. Cities**

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	47/28/pc	49/31/s	53/31/pc	Los Angeles	76/55/pc	68/56/r	68/54/sh
Atlanta	39/23/pc	45/29/s	53/33/s	Louisville	33/22/c	38/25/s	46/28/s
Baltimore	48/27/r	37/22/s	38/25/s	Memphis	35/21/pc	44/25/s	51/29/s
Birmingham	38/21/pc	46/27/s	55/31/s	Milwaukee	28/20/sf	31/21/pc	32/23/pc
Boston	65/31/r	36/23/pc	35/24/s	Minneapolis	23/16/pc	28/14/pc	28/21/s
Charlotte	45/21/sh	43/24/s	48/27/s	Nashville	33/18/pc	40/23/s	50/26/s
Cheyenne	50/24/s	42/27/pc	50/30/pc	New Orleans	46/32/s	52/38/s	58/42/pc
Chicago	29/20/sf	33/18/pc	35/23/pc	New York City	56/27/r	34/24/s	35/29/s
Cleveland	34/19/sn	31/20/pc	32/19/pc	Norfolk	65/34/r	41/30/s	45/34/s
Columbus	32/17/c	32/18/s	34/22/s	Oklahoma City	42/27/s	52/29/s	53/37/s
Dallas	46/29/s	54/32/s	58/41/s	Philadelphia	53/28/r	36/27/s	38/26/s
Denver	56/24/pc	47/26/pc	55/31/pc	Phoenix	70/52/pc	72/51/s	73/51/pc
Detroit	30/18/sf	29/20/pc	32/21/pc	Pittsburgh	34/19/sn	26/16/pc	30/19/pc
Harrisburg	42/25/r	35/20/pc	34/22/s	Portland, ME	54/31/r	34/17/pc	30/17/s
Honolulu	83/68/s	83/67/pc	82/72/sh	Portland, OR	52/33/c	51/34/pc	53/41/pc
Houston	49/30/s	55/32/s	61/41/pc	Raleigh	57/25/sh	40/24/s	48/28/s
Indianapolis	30/17/c	34/19/s	40/25/s	Rochester	38/19/sn	27/17/sn	28/11/sf
Jackson, MS	39/20/pc	48/24/s	55/28/s	St. Louis	30/20/s	42/25/s	45/30/s
Kansas City	30/21/s	41/20/s	43/26/s	San Francisco	62/50/c	63/49/r	64/44/pc
Lexington	30/16/c	33/22/s	41/26/s	Seattle	53/34/c	52/38/pc	53/46/c
Little Rock	39/24/s	47/25/s	51/28/s	Wash., DC	49/28/r	39/25/s	40/29/s

**World Cities**

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	91/74/pc	90/71/pc	92/71/pc	London	46/41/c	46/43/c	46/37/r
Athens	60/44/pc	57/42/sh	57/47/s	Montreal	34/19/sn	23/7/sn	18/1/pc
Beirut	82/64/c	73/60/pc	67/56/c	Moscow	29/26/pc	33/30/c	34/25/c
Berlin	41/37/sh	48/39/c	46/37/c	Nice	49/38/c	45/41/s	58/40/s
Bermuda	75/70/pc	76/67/r	70/62/c	Ottawa	34/17/sn	23/2/pc	17/6/pc
Calgary	36/15/c	30/18/pc	38/24/pc	Quebec	36/17/sn	19/3/sn	17/2/pc
Dublin	50/40/pc	50/41/pc	45/35/sh	Rio de Janeiro	84/72/pc	87/74/s	82/70/pc
Edmonton	25/0/pc	24/14/c	32/19/c	Seoul	34/21/sn	32/23/pc	41/25/s
Freeport	78/63/t	72/64/pc	76/68/c	Singapore	90/75/t	88/75/t	88/75/t
Geneva	36/23/s	40/27/pc	42/30/pc	Sydney	80/57/s	93/65/pc	77/57/r
Havana	78/63/t	73/61/s	78/70/pc	Toronto	34/19/sn	29/18/pc	31/15/c
Hong Kong	74/58/pc	65/55/r	66/57/s	Vancouver	49/40/pc	48/40/r	48/42/c
Jerusalem	75/60/pc	69/54/s	63/49/pc	Vienna	35/28/pc	39/33/c	40/33/pc
Johannesburg	79/57/s	69/54/t	73/57/r	Warsaw	35/33/c	43/34/sf	41/35/pc
Kiev	31/27/s	36/31/sf	35/29/c	Winnipeg	18/9/sf	19/1/pc	19/12/c

Regional Summary

Windy and not as warm today with sunshine. Clear and much colder tonight. Mostly sunny and breezy tomorrow. Friday: breezy and pleasant with clouds and sun. Saturday: partly sunny. Sunday: a shower.



Farm Report

Partly sunny, windy and not as warm today. Winds northwest 12-25 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 65% and fair drying conditions.

Weather History

On Nov. 27, 1898, the famous "Portland" storm formed off Cape Cod, causing the loss of 200 lives. Many others were lost to the raging sea in 50 small vessels.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	6:53 a.m.	6:54 a.m.
Sunset	5:34 p.m.	5:34 p.m.
Moonrise	1:25 a.m.	2:19 a.m.
Moonset	1:41 p.m.	2:19 p.m.



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.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	74/42/pc	66/53/s	77/59/pc
Clearwater	68/43/pc	61/54/s	75/62/pc
Coral Springs	77/49/t	71/66/pc	78/70/c
Daytona Beach	68/38/pc	61/54/pc	72/62/c
Ft. Laud. Bch	78/52/t	71/67/pc	77/72/c
Fort Myers	74/44/pc	66/54/s	77/60/pc
Gainesville	61/28/pc	58/36/pc	68/49/pc
Hollywood	78/52/t	71/66/pc	79/71/c
Homestead AFB	79/50/t	71/63/pc	78/69/pc
Jacksonville	61/26/pc	53/37/pc	63/49/c
Key West	79/62/t	70/65/pc	78/72/pc

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

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Wednesday, November 27, 2013

## Muschamp believes woeful Gators not 'that far off'

By MARK LONG  
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Despite the worst loss in school history and the first losing season in more than three decades, Florida coach Will Muschamp doesn't feel like he has a rebuilding project on his hands.

Muschamp, who will return in 2014, said winning

the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division and getting to Atlanta is "absolutely" possible next season.

It sounded a little ambitious for a team that has dropped six consecutive games — the program's longest losing streak since 1979 — and lost 26-20 to lower-division Georgia

Southern on Saturday.

But Muschamp insisted the Gators (4-7), who finish the season Saturday against No. 2 Florida State (11-0), can rebound quickly.

"I don't believe we're that far off," he said Monday. "Regardless of the results Saturday afternoon, which is all disappointing for every-

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MCT photo

Gators coach Will Muschamp believes injuries are main culprit of lost season.

## Lindsey Whittington savors FACA experience

By DAN HOEHNE

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It was a combination of surprise and pride that came over Lindsey Whittington when she received the news that she had been selected to be a part of the FACA Volleyball All-Star showcase.

This was, after all, a prestigious achievement to be recognized enough by area coaches to be nominated, and then chosen by the Florida Athletic Coaches Association as one of the top senior players in the state.

Not to mention, the Sebring setter was the first Blue Streak volleyball player ever to receive the invitation.

"It was a great feeling to know that I was named," Whittington said. "To know I was the first Sebring player to be a part of it, well, I was pretty happy about that."

But the elation soon gave way to a bit of trepidation, which only magnified upon arrival at the St. Leo University campus.

Busy with her Winter Haven-based club team, and with the physical toll the game has taken on her over the years, Whittington had thoughts of not playing.

And when she realized the level of the company she was to be a part of, a fear factor started to creep into her mindset.

"It seemed like all the



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Lindsey Whittington sports some memorabilia from the FACA All-Star game last weekend, as the first Blue Streak volleyball player to be selected.

other girls were from teams that had gone pretty far in the state playoffs, and they were all so tall, I felt like I should be the Libero,"

Whittington said. "I thought that I would be horrible in comparison. But I knew of a lot of them from club, and once we

started playing, I realized that I was on their level and the excitement of play-

See FACA, B4

## Heat top Suns

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

MIAMI — LeBron James was even more efficient than usual, which says plenty.

Dwayne Wade attacked early, distributed late and capped his night with a pair of cartwheels.

Yep, it's going pretty good for the Miami Heat these days.

James scored 35 points on only 14 shots, Wade added 21 points and 12 assists and the Heat won their seventh straight game, beating the Phoenix Suns 107-92 on Monday night.

"The 12 assists was all my teammates, catching the ball, finishing," Wade said after his highest assist total since March 22, 2010. "And the cartwheels were all me."

The cartwheels — a nod to Wade's youngest son Zion, who does his gymnast act all over the family's home these days — were pre-planned, the latest "video bomb" where the Heat find a way to disrupt someone's postgame on-court interview.

It's about the only way James can be thrown off at this point.

He made 11 of 14 shots from the field, shot 11 for 11 from the foul line for the second time in a week — after doing that or better only four times in his first 10 NBA seasons — and capped his night with a trio of fadeaway jumpers that left him wondering why the Suns weren't double-teaming

him.

"I'm in a very, very comfortable position right now with my game," said James, who's shooting 61 percent this season and became the first player this season to score more than 30 points while taking less than 15 shots.

Ray Allen scored 17 points and Chris Andersen added an 11-point, seven-rebound night for the Heat, who have won 10 of 11 since their 1-2 start.

Channing Frye led a balanced attack with 16 points for the Suns, who have dropped five of their last seven.

Goran Dragic scored 14, Marcus Morris had 13, Markieff Morris and Gerald Green each added 12 and PJ Tucker finished with 10 for Phoenix.

"We were playing pretty decently for a while," Suns coach Jeff Hornacek said. "We just couldn't make any shots. The third game of a fourth night might have started to get us. We were open and we couldn't make them. ... To beat this team — they're a great team — you have to make those shots."

Coming into Monday, they and the Suns were the only NBA teams who hadn't been handed a double-digit loss.

Phoenix can't say that any longer, after falling to the Heat for a seventh straight time.

Phoenix's six losses

See HEAT, B4



MCT photo

Miami Heat's LeBron James makes a shot against the Phoenix Suns at the AmericanAirlines Arena in Miami on Monday.

## Bulls star Derrick Rose out for season

ANDREW SELIGMAN

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose's comeback turned out to be a cameo, and the Chicago Bulls' worst nightmare became a reality again.

The Bulls' hopes about contending for a championship this season took a serious hit.

Their long-term plans appear to be up in the air, too.

The team said Rose will miss the remainder of the season after having surgery Monday morning in Chicago to repair a torn medial meniscus in his right knee.

For the Bulls and their point guard, it's an all-too-familiar spot.

"I felt for him. He is a great person, first and foremost," coach Tom Thibodeau said before Chicago played at Utah.

Rose was injured Friday night at Portland, a huge setback for him and the

organization.

The 2011 NBA MVP missed all of last season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in Chicago's 2012 playoff opener against Philadelphia.

He has played in just 50 NBA games — 49 in the regular season and that lone playoff game — since the Bulls' run to the Eastern Conference finals during his MVP season.

The latest injury occurred in the third quarter against the Trail Blazers.

He lost his footing while trying to change direction to get back on defense when Nicolas Batum stole a pass from Joakim Noah and started the other way.

Rose limped across the court and couldn't put any weight on his knee.

After the Blazers scored, he came out of the game during a timeout.

It didn't appear there was any contact on the play.

Rose was unable to return

and was on crutches afterward.

With Rose back, the Bulls were expected to challenge LeBron James and the Miami Heat for supremacy in the Eastern Conference and contend for their first championship since the Michael Jordan-Scottie Pippen era.

Instead, they're in a familiar spot — trying to get by without their cornerstone player.

Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said in a statement he was "heartbroken" when he heard about Rose's injury.

"Everyone at the Bulls knows firsthand how extremely hard Derrick worked to return to the court this year, and I have no doubt he will do the same with regards to his recovery from this injury," Reinsdorf added. "Despite Derrick's absence, this is still a good team. I know from last year, this team and coaching staff will continue to make our fans proud."

But the latest injury raises big questions about whether they should continue to build around him as their cornerstone player and how this will impact the rest of the roster.

"It's obviously too soon to go down that road," general manager Gar Forman told the team's website. "Derrick had surgery this morning. Look, we are always evaluating our team, just like everyone else does."

"We felt good about this season, but we were hardly perfect. So we always are looking to get better.

Everything we do is geared toward winning a championship and we will continue to evaluate any moves that will help us in attaining that goal."

Rose had insisted he could regain the form that made him the league's youngest MVP, that he was coming back as good as ever, but he was off to a

See ROSE, B4

# THE SCOREBOARD



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL WEDNESDAY

5 p.m.	Maui Invitational – Fifth-Place . . . . .	ESPN2
7:30 p.m.	Maui Invitational – Third-Place . . . . .	ESPN2
9:30 p.m.	NIT Tip-Off – Semifinal . . . . .	ESPN2
10 p.m.	Maui Invitational – Final . . . . .	ESPN

### THURSDAY

Noon	Oklahoma State vs. Purdue . . . . .	ESPN2
2 p.m.	Butler vs. Washington State . . . . .	ESPN2
4:30 p.m.	Cal State Fullerton vs. Marquette . . . . .	ESPN2
6:30 p.m.	Memphis vs. Siena . . . . .	ESPN2
8:30 p.m.	LSU vs. St. Joseph's . . . . .	ESPN2
11 p.m.	Arizona State vs. Creighton . . . . .	ESPN2

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL THURSDAY

7:30 p.m.	Mississippi at Mississippi State . . . . .	ESPN
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### GOLF THURSDAY

2 p.m.	EuroPGA – Dunhill Championship . . . . .	GOLF
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### NBA WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m.	Miami at Cleveland . . . . .	ESPN
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### NFL THURSDAY

12:30 p.m.	Green Bay at Detroit . . . . .	FOX
4:30 p.m.	Oakland at Dallas . . . . .	CBS
8:30 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Baltimore . . . . .	NBC

### NHL WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m.	Philadelphia at Tampa Bay . . . . .	SUN
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### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SOCCER WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m.	AFC Ajax vs. FC Barcelona . . . . .	SUN
9:30 a.m.	Juventus FC vs. FC Copenhagen . . . . .	SUN

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

### Tuesday's Games

Anaheim at Dallas, late
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
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Brooklyn at Toronto, late
Orlando at Atlanta, late
Golden State at New Orleans, late
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New York at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

### MLS Playoffs

### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP Eastern Conference

Leg 1 — Saturday, Nov 9: Sporting KC 0, Houston 0
Leg 2 — Saturday, Nov. 23: Sporting KC 2, Houston 1. Sporting KC advanced on 2-1 aggregate

### Western Conference

Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 10: Real Salt Lake 4, Portland 2
Leg 2 — Sunday, Nov. 24: Real Salt Lake 1, Portland 0. Real Salt Lake advanced on 5-2 aggregate

### MLS CUP

Saturday, Dec. 7: Real Salt Lake at Sporting KC, 4 p.m.
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### Transactions

### BASEBALL American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Claimed INF Cord Phelps off waivers from Cleveland. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with OF David Murphy on a two-year contract. DETROIT TIGERS—Named Darnell Coles assistant hitting coach. LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Named Nick Francona coordinator of major league player information and Jeremy Zoll coordinator of advance scouting. OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Acquired LHP Fernando Abad from Washington for OF John Wooten. SEATTLE MARINERS—Announced the retirement of Chuck Armstrong, president and chief operating officer, effective Jan. 31, 2014. Named Howard Johnson hitting coach, Mike Rojas bullpen coach, John Stearns third base coach, Andy Van Slyke first base coach, Rick Waits pitching coach and Chris Woodward infield coach. **National League** LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Signed RHP Dan Haren to a one-year contract. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with SS Jhonny Peralta on a four-year contract. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Acquired RHP Devin Jones from Baltimore for RHP Brad Brach. Acquired 1B-OF Alex Dickerson from Pittsburgh for RHP Miles Mikolas and OF Jaff Decker. WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Assigned LHP Tyler Robertson outright to Syracuse (IL).

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



**MONDAY, Dec. 2:** Boys Basketball vs. Ridge, 6/7:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, Dec. 3:** Boys Basketball at Kathleen, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer at Frostproof, 6 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, Dec. 5:** Boys Basketball at McKeel, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. McKeel, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at McKeel, 8 p.m.; Girls Soccer at McKeel, 6 p.m.



**MONDAY, Dec. 2:** Boys Basketball vs. Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, Dec. 3:** Boys Basketball vs. Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.



**MONDAY, Dec. 2:** Boys Basketball at Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, Dec. 3:** Boys Basketball vs. DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at Lake Wales, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Lake Wales, 6/7:30 p.m.

# SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

## Lunch for Coz's Youth Bowlers

LAKE PLACID – Hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and sausage sandwiches will be featured at a food sale Saturday, Nov. 30, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in front of Lake Placid "Do It Best" Quality Hardware in the Winn Dixie Plaza, Lake Placid. All of the proceeds benefit the youth bowler's scholarship program in which over 25 youth bowlers are currently involved. So bring your family and friends and come buy lunch from the youth bowlers of Coz's in Lake Placid.

## Jingle Bell run

AVON PARK – The 2nd Annual Jingle Bell Fun 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run will take place Friday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. at the Union Church, 106 Butler Ave., Avon Park. Adult entry fee, by Nov. 30 it's \$20 and up to Dec. 12, \$25. There will be no race day registrations. Child's entry fee for the 5K is \$10, for the 1-Mile Fun Run, \$5. All proceeds will benefit the five Avon Park area schools as they partner together to develop leadership skills in the children of our community. Email questions to Karin Doty at [doty@highlands.k12.fl.us](mailto:doty@highlands.k12.fl.us). Checks should be made payable to Jingle Bell Run, Attn: Lisa Jarrett and sent to 1305 US North 27, Avon Park, FL, 33825.

## Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament

SEBRING – The 14th Annual Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament will be teeing off on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8:30 a.m. at the host Sun 'N Lakes Golf Course. The tournament will be a four-person scramble format and will include a \$20,000 putting contest, Hole-in-One on all holes with a car sponsored by Alan Jay Automotive. The entry fee of \$75 per player, \$300 per team, includes golf, continental breakfast, lunch and awards. Proceeds from the event go to benefit Sebring's Meals on Wheels. For more information, call 202-6094.

## Doty Memorial Golf Tourney

SEBRING – The Annual Brad and Aaron Doty Memorial Children's Christmas Golf Classic sponsored by All About Lawns will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at Sun 'N Lakes Golf and Country Club. The event will be a four-person scramble format, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$65, which includes greens fee and cart, lunch, beverages on and off the course, raffle and door prizes, range balls and lots of fun. The Cohan Radio Group will provide

Hole-in-One prizes. Sponsorships are available, starting at just \$100. Two Tampa Bay Buccaneer cheerleaders will also be on hand for autographs and pictures. The tournament benefits the Champions for Children foundation, helping less fortunate, local children during the Christmas season and throughout the year. For additional information, contact Kip Doty at 446-4008.

## LP Elks Hoop Shoot

LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 announces their annual local Hoop Shoot on Saturday, Dec. 14, where Lake Placid youth ages 8-13 can show their free-throw talents. The competition is free. A copy of the child's birth certificate will be required at registration. Registration forms can be obtained in advance at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge by calling 465-2661. Registration will also be held at 8 a.m., prior the contest at the Lake Placid High School. Boys and girls participate in separate contest/divisions and three age categories per division: ages 8-9; 10-11, and 12-13. Contestants must be 8-years old and no more than 13-years old as of April 1, 2013, to participate. For state contests and beyond, the Elks National Foundation covers all program costs, including participant transportation, food and housing expenses. Lake Placid local winners of each division and age category advance through to the Florida District, State, Regional and National competitions. Names of the national winners will be inscribed on the Elks National Hoop Shoot plaque, on permanent display in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the contest begins at 9 a.m. Any questions, contact John Holbrook at 465-5941.

## Senior 70s Softball

SEBRING – The Highlands County Senior 70s plus league will start Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Highlands Sports Complex. Sign up on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. For more information call John Kloet at 414-4245 or Bill Todd at 385-5632.

## Sebring Elks Golf Tourney

SEBRING – The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, Dec. 2, beginning at 8 a.m. Cost is \$32 which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund. To sign up contact Jack McLaughlin at [jacknjudy33872@gmail.com](mailto:jacknjudy33872@gmail.com) or leave a message on (863) 471-3295. Check in not later than 7:40 a.m. by the Pro Shop.

## NFL

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	8	3	0	.727	288	230
N.Y. Jets	5	6	0	.455	186	287
Miami	5	6	0	.455	229	245
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	236	273

South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	263	260
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	250	245
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	142	324
Houston	2	9	0	.182	199	289

North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636	275	206
Pittsburgh	5	6	0	.455	243	256
Baltimore	5	6	0	.455	227	215
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	203	265

West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	9	2	0	.818	429	289
Kansas City	9	2	0	.818	270	179
San Diego	5	6	0	.455	269	260
Oakland	4	7	0	.364	213	269

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	298	279
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545	276	260
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	.364	213	280
Washington	3	8	0	.273	252	338

South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	9	2	0	.818	305	196
Carolina	8	3	0	.727	258	151
Tampa Bay	3	8	0	.273	211	258
Atlanta	2	9	0	.182	227	309

North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Detroit	6	5	0	.545	286	277
Chicago	6	5	0	.545	303	309
Green Bay	5	5	1	.500	284	265
Minnesota	2	8	1	.227	266	346

West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Seattle	10	1	0	.909	306	179
San Francisco	7	4	0	.636	274	184
Arizona	7	4	0	.636	254	223
St. Louis	5	6	0	.455	266	255

### Sunday's Games

Minnesota 26, Green Bay 26, OT  
 Jacksonville 13, Houston 6  
 San Diego 41, Kansas City 38  
 St. Louis 42, Chicago 21  
 Pittsburgh 27, Cleveland 11  
 Tampa Bay 24, Detroit 21  
 Baltimore 19, N.Y. Jets 3  
 Carolina 20, Miami 16  
 Tennessee 23, Oakland 19  
 Arizona 40, Indianapolis 11  
 Dallas 24, N.Y. Giants 21  
 New England 34, Denver 31, OT

### Monday's Game

San Francisco 27, Washington 26

### Thursday, Nov. 28

Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.  
 Oakland at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Dec. 1

Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
 New England at Houston, 1 p.m.  
 Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
 Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
 Arizona at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
 St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.  
 Denver at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.  
 N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

### Monday, Dec. 2

New Orleans at Seattle, 8:40 p.m.

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	16	6	2	34	68
Tampa Bay	15	8	1	31	72
Toronto	14	9	1	29	66
Detroit	11	7	7	29	63
Montreal	13	9	2	28	64
Ottawa	9	11	4	22	68
Florida	7	13	5	19	56
Buffalo	5	19	1	11	44

### Metropolitan Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	15	9	1	31	72
Washington	12	10	2	26	72
N.Y. Rangers	12	10	0	24	48
New Jersey	9	10	5	23	50
Carolina	9	10	5	23	49
Philadelphia	10	11	2	22	50
Columbus	9	12	3	21	62
N.Y. Islanders	8	13	3	19	68

### WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	17	4	4	38	92
St. Louis	17	3	3	37	82
Colorado	17	5	0	34	69
Minnesota	15	6	4	34	64
Nashville	12	10	2	26	56
Winnipeg	11	11	4	26	69
Dallas	11	9	2	24	61

### Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	17	6	3	37	80
San Jose	15	3	5	35	79
Los Angeles	16	6	3	35	67
Phoenix	14	6	4	32	80
Vancouver	12	9	5	29	67
Calgary	8	11	4	20	64
Edmonton	7	16	2	16	85

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

### Saturday's Games

Minnesota 3, Winnipeg 2, SO  
 Toronto 2, Washington 1, SO  
 Boston 3, Carolina 2, OT  
 Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 2  
 Ottawa 4, Detroit 2  
 Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Islanders 2  
 N.Y. Rangers 2, Nashville 0  
 Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2  
 St. Louis 6, Dallas 1  
 Chicago 2, Vancouver 1  
 Colorado 1, Los Angeles 0, OT  
 San Jose 2, New Jersey 1

### Sunday's Games

Detroit 3, Buffalo 1  
 Carolina 4, Ottawa 1

### Monday's Games

Boston 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT  
 Columbus 6, Toronto 0  
 Winnipeg 3, New Jersey 1  
 Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Rangers 0  
 Florida 3, Philadelphia 1  
 St. Louis 3, Minnesota 0  
 Nashville 4, Phoenix 2  
 Chicago 5, Edmonton 1  
 Los Angeles 3, Vancouver 2, OT

### Tuesday's Games

Anaheim at Dallas, late
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
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Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn

# NASCAR THIS WEEK

## FINAL POINTS

## CUP REWIND: TOP 5 RACES OF 2013

# DAVID (RAGAN) SLAYS 'DEGA



Getty Images/JONATHAN FERREY  
Austin Dillon put a Nationwide trophy in his saddlebag.

- Sprint Cup**
1. Jimmie Johnson, 2,419.
  2. Matt Kenseth, 2,400.
  3. Kevin Harvick, 2,385.
  4. Kyle Busch, 2,364.
  5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,363.
  6. Jeff Gordon, 2,337.
  7. Clint Bowyer, 2,336.
  8. Joey Logano, 2,323.
  9. Greg Biffle, 2,321.
  10. Kurt Busch, 2,309.
  11. Ryan Newman, 2,286.
  12. Kasey Kahne, 2,283.
  13. Carl Edwards, 2,282.
  14. Brad Keselowski, 1,041.
  15. Jamie McMurray, 1,007.
  16. Martin Truex Jr., 998.
  17. Paul Menard, 949.
  18. Aric Almirola, 913.
  19. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 909.
  20. Jeff Burton, 906.

- Nationwide**
1. Austin Dillon, 1,180.
  2. Sam Hornish Jr., 1,177.
  3. Regan Smith, 1,108.
  4. Elliott Sadler, 1,090.
  5. Justin Allgaier, 1,090.
  6. Trevor Bayne, 1,086.
  7. Brian Scott, 1,053.
  8. Kyle Larson, 995.
  9. Parker Kligerman, 993.
  10. Brian Vickers, 970.
  11. Alex Bowman, 884.
  12. Nelson Piquet Jr., 861.
  13. Mike Bliss, 814.
  14. Travis Pastrana, 751.
  15. Michael Annett, 696.
  16. Jeremy Clements, 638.
  17. Mike Wallace, 609.
  18. Reed Sorenson, 524.
  19. Joe Nemechek, 513.
  20. Eric McClure, 482.

- Camping World Trucks**
1. Matt Crafton, 804.
  2. Ty Dillon, 764.
  3. James Buescher, 761.
  4. Johnny Sauter, 732.
  5. Jeb Burton, 731.
  6. Ryan Blaney, 726.
  7. Brendan Gaughan, 717.
  8. Darrell Wallace Jr., 704.
  9. Miguel Paludo, 697.
  10. Timothy Peters, 683.
  11. John Wes Townley, 641.
  12. Dakoda Armstrong, 628.
  13. German Quiroga, 625.
  14. Ron Hornaday Jr., 612.
  15. Joey Coulter, 605.
  16. Max Gresham, 579.
  17. Ryan Sieg, 500.
  18. Ross Chastain, 484.
  19. Brennan Newberry, 452.
  20. Norm Benning, 370.

## KEY DATES

- Dec. 6:** NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Awards, Las Vegas  
**Jan. 9-10:** Daytona Preseason Thunder testing (Sprint Cup)  
**Jan. 11-12:** Daytona Preseason Thunder testing (Nationwide)  
**Jan. 13-14:** Daytona Preseason Thunder testing (truck series)  
**Jan. 29:** NASCAR Hall of Fame, 2014 induction, Charlotte, N.C.  
**Feb. 15:** The Sprint Unlimited  
**Feb. 16:** Daytona 500 qualifying  
**Feb. 18:** UNOH Battle At The Beach (K&N Pro East, Whelen Modifieds)  
**Feb. 20:** Budweiser Duel  
**Feb. 21:** NextEra Energy Resources 250  
**Feb. 22:** DRIVE4COPD 300  
**Feb. 23:** Daytona 500

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



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## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



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We might be more impressed by Kyle Busch's season, but Jimmie is happy with how it turned out.

### Where do you rank the 2013 season among Jimmie Johnson's championship years?

Frankly, as a total season, from head to toe, it wasn't as impressive as his 2004 season, when he won eight races, had 20 top-5s and finished second in points. Of his championship campaigns, it'll take something special to top Jimmie's 2007 season, when he collected 10 race trophies to go along with his season-ending Cup championship hardware. All in all, though, it was an undeniably great season — darn near enough to get my "Driver of the Year" vote.

### Huh?

You heard me: Darn near. While NASCAR and other sanctioning bodies pass out season-ending hardware in each of their series, many publications like to honor their overall "Driver of the Year," and though it's uncommon to vote against the champion in North America's biggest series, I'm leaning toward Kyle Busch.

### Care to make your campaign pitch?

When in doubt, flood 'em with numbers. Like these: Kyle had four wins and finished fourth in the Cup Series, which isn't bad, of course. Now consider his complete dominance in the Nationwide Series, where he had 12 wins in 26 starts and led 42 percent of the laps he completed. Even Bear Bryant didn't dominate Saturdays in that fashion. Let's not forget his five wins in 11 Truck Series starts. That's 21 wins, in case you lost count.

### Why punish Jimmie Johnson for only running Cup?

Think of it as rewarding Kyle, not punishing Jimmie. Sure, Jimmie could expand his trophy case by running on Fridays and Saturdays, but he prefers to spend his free time in the motorcoach. With an extra kid now in tow, that may change.



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## SPEED FREAKS

Questions we just had to ask — ourselves

### Who's your biggest over-achiever of the 2013 season?

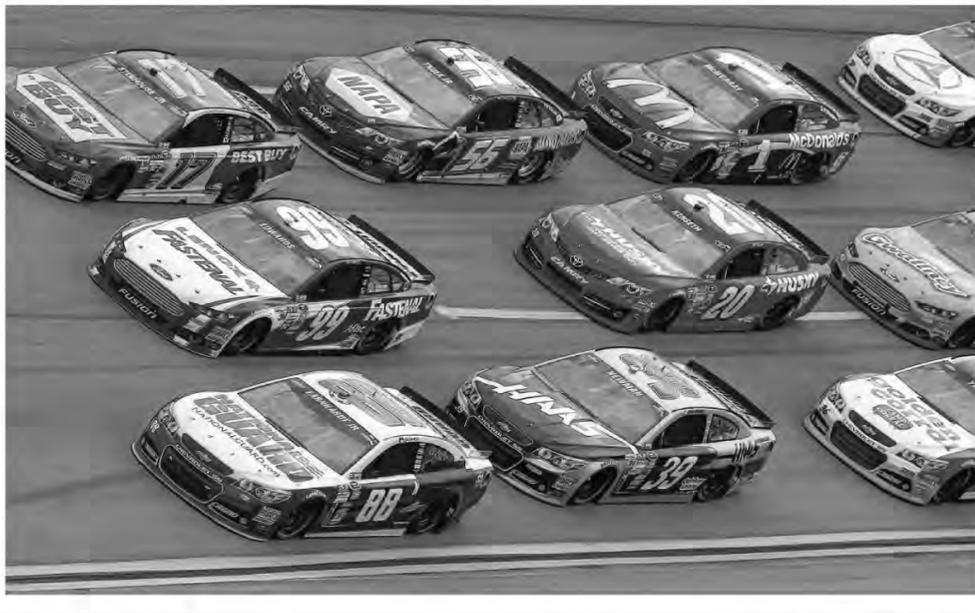
**GODSPEAK:** Give me Joey Logano for scoring a win and making the Chase in his first year at Penske Racing.  
**KEN'S CALL:** I'm going with Ricky Stenhouse, for obvious reasons.

### Who's your biggest under-achiever of the 2013 season?

**GODSPEAK:** Juan Pablo Montoya was such a bust he was shown the door. Under-achieved then under the bus.  
**KEN'S CALL:** Burton, Montoya, Keselowski ... all deserving. But given the hype, gotta say Danica.

### What's the biggest question you want answered before the 2014 season?

**GODSPEAK:** Is Richard Childress going to roll that No. 3 car out of the garage?  
**KEN'S CALL:** Will Tony Stewart be ready to roll when Speedweeks arrives?



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Yep, this was the "before" picture at Talladega. Later, the "Big One" cleared a path for David Ragan's unlikely victory — it's No. 5 on our list of best 2013 races.

**Editor's note:** In the coming weeks, we will count down our top five races of the 2013 NASCAR Sprint Cup season. Today is No. 5, the May 5 Aaron's 499 at Talladega Superspeedway.

**T**alladega Superspeedway lived up to the pre-race hype as the track that produces some of the craziest finishes in NASCAR each season.

Matt Kenseth, making only his 10th start for Joe Gibbs Racing, looked like he had the field covered, leading 142 of the 192 laps over the high-banked, 2.66-mile tri-oval. But as Talladega has proven time and again, the best car doesn't always win and unpredictable finishes are the standard. Kenseth finished eighth.

The "Big One" happened on Lap 183 and took out a dozen cars, including big-name drivers such as Jeff Gordon, Clint Bowyer, Ryan Newman and Jamie McMurray — McMurray, by the way, would come back and win Talladega's fall race.

The race was getting super competitive as the checkered flag neared. There were eight lead changes over the last 26 laps. The late multi-car crash

scrambled the field for a two-lap shootout, which produced an unexpected champion — David Ragan — who got the winning push from Front Row Motorsports teammate David Gilliland. Ragan gave car owner Bob Jenkins his first Cup Series triumph.

"This is a true David vs. Goliath moment here," Ragan said in Victory Lane. "We love this place. Front Row Motorsports puts a little



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Sometimes, winners are downright giddy. Other times, they look a bit surprised by it all. It looked like a combination of the two for David Ragan after Front Row Motorsports' 1-2 finish.

emphasis on coming to Daytona and Talladega. "The draft is a big equalizer and anything can happen. We made the right pit calls all day. Our pit crew was flawless and we were just in the right place at the right time."

Carl Edwards, who lost the lead to Ragan on the last lap, finished third, followed by Michael Waltrip and eventual Cup champ Jimmie Johnson.

## 2013 SPRINT CUP RESULTS

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|-----------------|--|----------------|---|
| <b>Feb. 16</b>  | The Sprint Unlimited, Daytona (Kevin Harvick)      | <b>May 18</b>  | Sprint Showdown, Charlotte (Jamie McMurray)         |
| <b>Feb. 21</b>  | Budweiser Duel 1, Daytona (Kevin Harvick)          | <b>May 18</b>  | All-Star Race, Charlotte (Jimmie Johnson)           |
| <b>Feb. 21</b>  | Budweiser Duel 2, Daytona (Kyle Busch)             | <b>May 26</b>  | Coca-Cola 600, Charlotte (Kevin Harvick)            |
| <b>Feb. 24</b>  | Daytona 500, Daytona (Jimmie Johnson)              | <b>June 2</b>  | Dover 400, Dover (Tony Stewart)                     |
| <b>March 3</b>  | Subway Fresh Fit 500, Phoenix (Carl Edwards)       | <b>June 9</b>  | Pocono 400, Pocono (Jimmie Johnson)                 |
| <b>March 10</b> | Kobalt Tools 400, Las Vegas (Matt Kenseth)         | <b>June 16</b> | Quicken Loans 400, Michigan (Greg Biffle)           |
| <b>March 17</b> | Food City 500, Bristol (Kasey Kahne)               | <b>June 23</b> | Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma (Martin Truex Jr.)     |
| <b>March 24</b> | Auto Club 400, Fontana (Kyle Busch)                | <b>June 30</b> | Quaker State 400, Kentucky (Matt Kenseth)           |
| <b>April 7</b>  | STP Gas Booster 500, Martinsville (Jimmie Johnson) | <b>July 6</b>  | Coke Zero 400, Daytona (Jimmie Johnson)             |
| <b>April 13</b> | NRA 500, Texas (Kyle Busch)                        | <b>July 14</b> | Camping World RV Sales 301, Loudon (Brian Vickers)  |
| <b>April 21</b> | STP 400, Kansas City (Matt Kenseth)                | <b>July 28</b> | Your Hero's Name Here 400, Indy (Ryan Newman)       |
| <b>April 27</b> | Toyota Owners 400, Richmond (Kevin Harvick)        | <b>Aug. 4</b>  | GoBowling.com 400, Pocono (Kasey Kahne)             |
| <b>May 5</b>    | Aaron's 499, Talladega (David Ragan)               | <b>Aug. 11</b> | Cheez-It 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen (Kyle Busch) |
| <b>May 11</b>   | Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington (Matt Kenseth) | <b>Aug. 18</b> | Pure Michigan 400, Michigan (Joey Logano)           |

## 2013 BY THE NUMBERS

<b>5</b> Runner-up finishes this year by Junior Earnhardt	<b>10,306</b> Laps completed by Jimmie Johnson this year	<b>12</b> Lead-lap finishes by Danica Patrick this year	<b>55</b> Junior's current winless streak (last win: June 17, 2012 at Michigan)	<b>1,985</b> Laps led by Jimmie Johnson (19 percent of the laps he completed)	<b>5</b> Laps led by Danica Patrick (all at the Daytona 500)
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| <b>Feb. 15</b>  | Sprint Unlimited, Daytona      | FOX Sports 1 | <b>May 17</b>  | All-Star Race, Charlotte        | FOX Sports 1 |
| <b>Feb. 16</b>  | Daytona 500 qualifying         | FOX          | <b>May 25</b>  | Charlotte Motor Speedway        | FOX          |
| <b>Feb. 20</b>  | Duels, Daytona                 | FOX Sports 1 | <b>June 1</b>  | Dover International Speedway    | FOX          |
| <b>Feb. 23</b>  | Daytona 500                    | FOX          | <b>June 8</b>  | Pocono Raceway                  | TNT          |
| <b>March 2</b>  | Phoenix International Raceway  | FOX          | <b>June 15</b> | Michigan International Speedway | TNT          |
| <b>March 9</b>  | Las Vegas Motor Speedway       | FOX          | <b>June 22</b> | Sonoma Raceway                  | TNT          |
| <b>March 16</b> | Bristol Motor Speedway         | FOX          | <b>June 28</b> | Kentucky Speedway               | TNT          |
| <b>March 23</b> | Auto Club Speedway             | FOX          | <b>July 5</b>  | Daytona International Speedway  | TNT          |
| <b>March 30</b> | Martinsville Speedway          | FOX          | <b>July 13</b> | New Hampshire Motor Speedway    | TNT          |
| <b>April 6</b>  | Texas Motor Speedway           | FOX          | <b>July 27</b> | Indianapolis Motor Speedway     | ESPN         |
| <b>April 12</b> | Darlington Raceway             | FOX          | <b>Aug. 3</b>  | Pocono Raceway                  | ESPN         |
| <b>April 26</b> | Richmond International Raceway | FOX          | <b>Aug. 10</b> | Watkins Glen International      | ESPN         |
| <b>May 4</b>    | Talladega Superspeedway        | FOX          | <b>Aug. 17</b> | Michigan International Speedway | ESPN         |
| <b>May 10</b>   | Kansas Speedway                | FOX          |                |                                 |              |

## 2014 SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|------|
| <b>Aug. 23</b>  | Bristol Motor Speedway         | ABC  |
| <b>Aug. 31</b>  | Atlanta Motor Speedway         | ESPN |
| <b>Sept. 6</b>  | Richmond International Raceway | ABC  |
| <b>Sept. 14</b> | Chicago Speedway               | ESPN |
| <b>Sept. 21</b> | New Hampshire Motor Speedway   | ESPN |
| <b>Sept. 28</b> | Dover International Speedway   | ESPN |
| <b>Oct. 5</b>   | Kansas Speedway                | ESPN |
| <b>Oct. 11</b>  | Charlotte Motor Speedway       | ABC  |
| <b>Oct. 19</b>  | Talladega Superspeedway        | ESPN |
| <b>Oct. 26</b>  | Martinsville Speedway          | ESPN |
| <b>Nov. 2</b>   | Texas Motor Speedway           | ESPN |
| <b>Nov. 9</b>   | Phoenix International Raceway  | ESPN |
| <b>Nov. 16</b>  | Homestead-Miami Speedway       | ESPN |



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Above: While setting was her main duty, Lindsey Whittington also helped out defensively, totaling 102 digs on the season. Below: She was also a scoring threat at the net, accounting for 68 kills.

## FACA highlights senior season

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ing came back.” The statistics from the season bear out the fact that she belonged, with 438 assists on the year as she directed the Sebring offense. But setting was just one of the things Whittington brought to the table as she also showed her versatility as a weapon at the net with 68 kills, and defensively with 102 digs.

The players gathered at St. Leo on Saturday, Nov. 23, where a two-hour practice was held and the coaches made their assessments before dividing the players between two teams.

Whittington was selected by Jensen Beach head coach Mike Sawtelle, who led his Lady Falcons to the Class 6A runner-up in the state tournament this past season.

“We met as a team and discussed rotations and then had a scrimmage Saturday night,” Whittington said. “It felt like being on a college team, we communicated so well. Everyone knew what they were supposed to do, and it all just blended so well, it felt like I’d been playing on this team for a while.”

The teams then played for real Sunday morning and Whittington expected it to go the way it usually does in such a contest, between top-tier, evenly-balanced players – taking the best of five match to the limit.

But for one of the few times in the FACA annals, it didn’t, as Whittington’s team won in four sets.

“We won the first two and had a 23-22 lead in the third set,” she said. “Most years it goes five sets and we almost had a sweep. They got the



next three points to force a fourth set, but we won that 25-18.

“It was just a great experience, to play in the FACA, to be on the winning team and to break the five-set curse, it was a really good feeling.”

With the memory still fresh in mind, Whittington now heads back to her club season and the rest of her senior year, with a clear focus on what lies ahead.

“I’ve been talking with a few schools about playing in college but nothing has been settled,” she said. “If I had the chance to play at a four-

year school, that would be great. But realistically, if I can, I’ll play at a two-year school, then transfer to Florida, be done with it and focus on school.

“I love to play and I know when the time comes that I’ll miss it big time,” she continued. “But it has to be over sometime.”

But no matter when it ends, Lindsey Whittington will have a trove of great memories to look back upon, with this past weekend as a FACA All-Star, the icing on the cake.

## Heat scorch Suns with brief run

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before Monday were by a total of 27 points, and this one was close until the early portion of the fourth quarter when Miami found a way to pull away — while James was getting another extended fourth-quarter rest, something Miami’s had the luxury of doing often in recent games.

A 22-second flurry was all it really took.

Allen made a 3-pointer off an assist from Wade, Roger Mason Jr. stole the ball from Phoenix’s Archie Goodwin, and Wade set Allen up for another 3 with 9:56 left.

“That’s the beauty of our team,” Wade said.

With that, the lead was 87-73, the outcome pretty much decided.

A trio of fadeaway jumpers by James late in the game — the first two swishing, the third one rattling off the rim a bit before falling — helped keep the Suns at bay.

Both teams were without their starting point guards.

Mario Chalmers (strained hip flexor) was held out by Miami, and Eric Bledsoe (sore left shin) missed his fifth straight game for the Suns.

There was minimal separation between the teams in the opening 24 minutes, with a 3-pointer by James with 0.6 seconds left before the break serving as the difference as Miami took a 50-47 lead into halftime.

Miami’s lead was only 73-71 with 2:35 left in the third quarter when Marcus Morris took a pass from Markieff Morris and made a 3-pointer.

For whatever reason, that’s when the Heat found

their best groove.

James scored the first four points of what became a quick 8-0 run for the Heat, giving Miami an 81-71 lead.

And that little burst was enough; the Suns weren’t within eight points the rest

work. And they have a couple of closers there at the end.”

NOTES: Andy Garcia, Macklemore and Flo Rida were in attendance. ... Hornacek and Heat broadcaster John Crotty were teammates in Utah, chatting a bit before the game. ... Wade, handicapping which Heat player will eat the most food at the Thanksgiving dinner the team will share at James’ home outside of Cleveland on Thursday: “Greg Oden.” Wade said Joel Anthony used to be the front-runner in that department. ... Suns G Dionte Christmas once had a 29-point game on the Heat home court — for Temple, in the 2009 NCAA tournament, his last college game; the Owls held James Harden to nine that day but lost to Arizona State.

That’s the beauty of our team.

Dwyane Wade  
Heat guard

of the way.

“We fought,” Frye said. “They’re a veteran team — they’ve been playing together for three, four years now, some of them longer than that. They know where they’re supposed to be. They know what plays

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## Rose, Bulls suffer setback

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shaky start.

Rose was averaging 15.9 points and was shooting just over 35 percent, although he looked a little better in his final two games with 19 points in a loss at Denver and 20 against Portland.

The Bulls were built to win this season with Rose.

He’s their lone superstar, the only player who can consistently create his own shot, and it’s hard to envision them hanging with the Heat or Indiana without him.

“You feel for him,” the Pacers’ Paul George said. “No matter what our rivalry is or the dislike in teams in being in the same division, you never want to see guys go down. Especially a season-ending injury.”

Rose’s injury could send ripples through the roster.

Luol Deng has an expiring contract. Do the Bulls try to trade him with the idea that the championship window for this team is shut or risk letting him leave at the end of

the season without getting anything in return?

Then, there’s Carlos Boozer.

A candidate to be amnestied, the Bulls might try to trade him.

For now, he’s their No. 1 scoring option.

Last season, while Rose’s recovery became a running soap opera, the Bulls clawed their way to 45 wins and the second round of the playoffs even though players kept

going down because they were hurt or sick.

“It’s tough for everybody,” Dunleavy said. “I certainly feel for (Rose). Ironically, one of the reasons I came here is because of the way this team performed under adversity. Now, here we are again in the same boat.”

AP freelancer Matthew Coles in Salt Lake City contributed to this report.

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# Gators season marred by injuries

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one, starting with me, I just don't feel like we're that far off."

When asked about his job security, Muschamp said he "absolutely" will be around next season.

Athletic director Jeremy Foley made that clear two weeks ago, saying he was "a thousand percent convinced that Will Muschamp is the guy to lead this football program."

School President Bernie Machen echoed those sentiments.

Many outsiders hoped that would change following Saturday's loss to Georgia Southern — a middle-of-the-

pack program from the Football Championship Subdivision — but the Gators are moving forward with Muschamp.

"There's some obvious reasons why we are where we are," Muschamp said. "We're a team that won 11 games last year, and I don't think that happened by accident. We have a really good football staff. We have some good players on our football team. We're going to have a good football team moving forward."

Muschamp likely will make staff changes, though.

Offensive coordinator Brent Pease and offensive line coach Tim Davis are probably gone.

The Gators rank 111th in total offense and have been downright woeful on the line.

"There's no changes that have been made at this time," Muschamp said. "I'm not ready to make any statement on that at this point. We're still playing out the season, and those guys are going to coach their butts off. I'll make that decision when I think it's right."

Injuries have been a con-

tributing factor for Florida's struggles.

Quarterback Jeff Driskel, running back Matt Jones, defensive tackle Dominique Easley and right tackle Chaz Green are among the 10 players sidelined with season-ending injuries.

Several others have missed significant time.

Backup quarterback Tyler Murphy (shoulder) is unlikely to play against FSU.

So are left tackle D.J.

Humphries (knee) and linebackers Mike Taylor (knee) and Alex Anzalone (shoulder).

But many wonder how Florida — even with backups — can have the worst offense in the SEC and lose to Vanderbilt by 17 points and to Georgia Southern.

"I don't know why that's happened to us," receiver Solomon Patton said.

Added safety Jaylen Watkins: "We just have to focus on Florida and try to get back to where we used to be."

Muschamp is 22-15 in Gainesville, including 13-11 in conference play.

And Florida's three SEC wins this season came

against Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas — teams that are breaking in new coaches and have a combined 1-21 record in league play.

But Muschamp believes his team is close to competing for a title.

"I think there's some key components for our football team that aren't playing for us right now," he said. "And we're very thin in some areas. It is what it is. I'm not making excuses. That's just the facts, and it's real."

"I think we've got a good staff and I think that we've got a really good football team ... heading into spring. And I'm excited about that."

We're going to have a good football team moving forward.

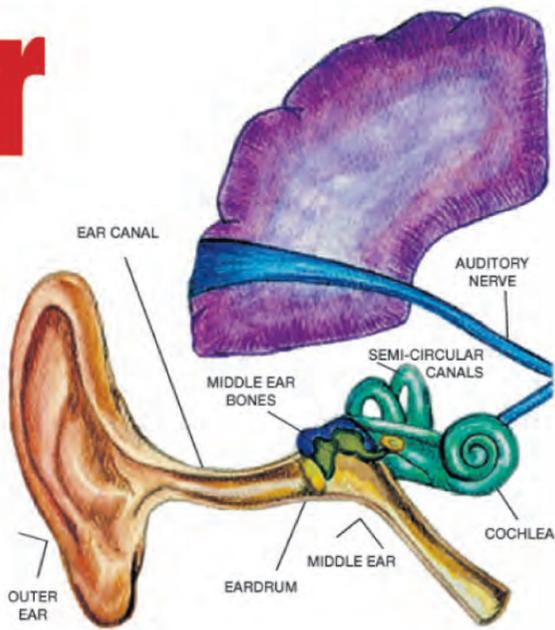
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# Clubs & Organizations

## Becker wins Best of Show for Sebring Woman's Club

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING — On Nov. 10 at Lakeview Clubhouse, the members of GFWC The Woman's Club of Sebring displayed their arts and craft items that were made during 2013.

The entries were then judged by Judith Hinkle from the Caladium Co-op of Lake Placid.

Numerous arts and craft category items lined the tables and each provider told how and what the item was made of and if it was an original idea.

Blue ribbons were given for first place, and Barbara Becker won the coveted "Best of Show" award for her lighted glass Christmas block.

The following women won blue ribbons for their entries: Nancy Rockhill, jewelry; Nancy Rockhill, painting; Pat Prag, paper crafts; Barbara Becker, machine embroidery; Toni



Courtesy photo  
Barbara Becker wins 'Best of Show' at The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring's Arts and Craft Show.

Goff, doll clothes; Barbara Becker, decorated ornaments; and Barbara Becker, open category/items that do not fit in any other category.

The winners are now eligible to enter their arts and

craft items in the District 9 meeting at the Lakeland competition on Feb. 22.

Eventual winners from the District 9 meeting may elect to compete at the state level in Orlando on April 12.

## Artists and crafters wanted at Caladium Cooperative for 1st Friday, Tour Lake Placid

*Special to the News-Sun*  
LAKE PLACID — The Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative is offering artisan and crafter spaces inside its classroom for the next 1st Friday, Tour Lake Placid event on Dec. 6.

This is a perfect opportunity to sell your art and craft items for the holiday season or become members of the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative.

The Co-op is also offering wall space for photographers, painters, mixed media artists or others. This is limited spacing, so please contact Judy Nicewicz at 863-273-1339 or 386-0123 or the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative for an application.

December's 1st Friday, Tour Lake Placid will be from 4-8 p.m. Visit the Co-op and enter a drawing for their gift basket when you tour the five non-profit groups: Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative, Lake Placid Art League, Mural Society, Toby Clown School and Museum and the Historical Train Depot Museum. There will be maps and entry forms at each location.

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# Celebrations



## Births

### Ava Smith

Ashley Smith of Sebring announces the birth of a daughter, Ava Kay, at 7:35 p.m. on Nov. 21, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Ava weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Neal and Ramona Smith.

### Quinn Sparks

Brannon and Gail Sparks of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Quinn Dempsey, at 2:22 p.m. on Nov. 24, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Quinn weighed 9 pounds and was 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Greg and Jane Martin. Paternal grandmother is Carol Sparks.

### Jerry Vickers

Jerry Lee and Amanda Lee Vickers of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Jerry Edward, at 8:31 a.m. on Nov. 14, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Jerry Edward weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Raymond and Tamra Tewksbury. Paternal grandparents are Juanita Vickers and Flora Morris.

### Chloe Witherspoon

Timothy Lee Witherspoon and Jennifer Renee Adkins of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Chloe Star-Lynn, at 2:42 p.m. on Nov. 21, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

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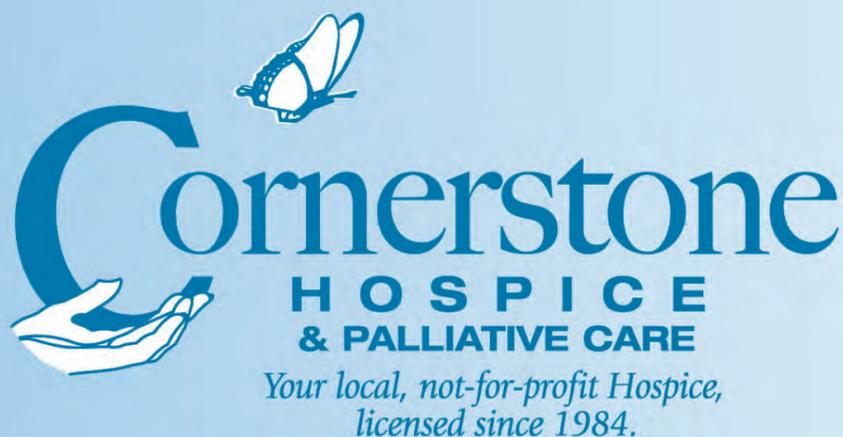


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## Celebrations

# Lake Placid's Abela named Wendy's Heisman winner

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LAKE PLACID – Royce Montgomery Abela was selected as Lake Placid High School's 2013 Wendy's High School Heisman male winner.

To be eligible and selected for this prestigious 2013 Wendy's High School Heisman Program, a student must be a senior during the 2013/2014 academic years and graduating with the class of 2014. The senior must have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of a B (3.0) or better, participate in an eligible school-sponsored sport, be a leader in school and in the community, and serve as a role model for underclassman.

Royce is an honor student who is on the LPHS tennis team, is involved with many of the school's clubs and has held an array of officer positions, to include the presidency in Interact Club and the Vice Presidency in Future Business Leaders of America. In addition, he was selected and has served as the LPHS Dragon Bank president for the past two years. He was on the high school's honor roll since ninth grade, and has also received many honors and awards throughout his school years to include: VFW Patriot's Pen, State of Florida first place winner, Central Florida Area Health Education Center Scholarship camp winner, selected as LPHS HOBY Ambassador recipient, and Mercy College's United Nation's New York Program winner.

Outside of school, Royce has volunteered community service hours to include: tutoring at Str8Up Christian Youth Organization, team captain at Relay for Life,



Abela

Salvation Army Christmas bell ringing, and has participated, during the last four years, in all of the Morning Rotary's fair and food tents. Further since ninth grade, Royce has also faithfully volunteered at Manna Ministries Food Pantry, a non-profit Christian organization, in Lake Placid. Lastly, he is the current district deputy and vice president for the Lake Placid Order of DeMolay Leadership Youth Organization, sponsored by the LP Masonic Lodge, and will be the organization's incoming 2014 president.

To date, Royce has volunteered in excess of 1,500 hours for the betterment of his school and community.

## Clubs & Organizations

### LP Elks collect for families



Courtesy photo

'Twas the day before Thanksgiving the Lake Placid Elks Lodge reached out and put smiles on the faces of families in the area by delivering food, toilet paper, soaps and grocery certificates. Lake Placid Elks Lodge sponsor families are from the prior year and are still here, but as some families move on the lodge is able to help more families in need. There are so many to thank for the help from members of the lodge, Lake Country Elementary School and St. de Paul referrals, says Evelyn Cresse, chairlady of the Ladies of the Elks. 'This is a time of the year when everyone needs to stop and reflect and realize just a small monetary donation or tube of toothpaste makes all the difference in helping.'

### American Legion Post 69 recognizes Avon Park High School Boys State students



Courtesy photo

American Legion Post 69 recognizes the Avon Park Boys State representatives Walter Zackary Farr and Joshua Ryan Gaidos and the Girls State Representatives Maria Tataris and Roxanne Guerndt. These young people went to Tallahassee to learn how government runs. Each of the students held a government office for one week. They each received a shirt from Post 69 with their names, showing what year they represented American Legion Post 69 in Tallahassee. Pictured are Farr (from left), Gaidos, Commander Jerry Telling, Auxiliary President Judy Chrysanthis, Tataris and Guerndt.

## Military News

### Strickland



Courtesy photo  
**Airman Grant Cody Strickland graduated from basic training on Nov. 15 from Lackland Air Force Base. He is a member of Flight 673 322, and is the son of Donnie and Kim Strickland.**

**CELEBRATIONS NEWS:** The News-Sun publishes announcements about births, engagements, weddings and anniversaries on Wednesdays. Anniversaries are accepted starting at the 50th and then in five-year increments. Photos are accepted and are returned when accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Forms are available at the News-Sun. The submission deadline is noon Friday.

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### Figur

Air Force Airman Joshua L. Figur graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Figur earned distinction as an honor graduate.



**Air Force Airman Joshua L. Figur**

He is the son of Lori and Joshua Figur of Sebring.

The airman is a 2012 graduate of Sebring High School.

### Beaty

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Alexander K. Beaty graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Beaty is the son of Teresa Kelly of Avon Park and brother of Catie Adams



**Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Alexander K. Beaty**

of Raleigh, N.C.

He is a 2011 graduate of Pineforest High School, Fayetteville, N.C.

## Snapshots

### Garden Club of Sebring

SEBRING — The Garden Club of Sebring met Nov. 18 downtown at the Jack Stroup Civic Center. Twenty-six members and two guests were in attendance. The program was presented by Linda Haney, first vice-president.

Everyone participated in a workshop on floral arrangement titled "Harvest Time and Thanksgiving". The room was adorned with fall colors of the many arrangements that were made. Lunch consisted of baked potatoes with all the fixings and salads. It was fun for all involved.

The holiday luncheon will be Dec. 2 at the Island

View Restaurant at Sun 'N Lakes at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$15.

The Sebring High School Show Choir will entertain members and guests with holiday songs.

A birthday celebration will also be presented to one of the members who will turn 100 on Dec. 3 with a special cake.

### TOPS 632

LAKE PLACID – TOPS FL 632 meets every Monday afternoon at the Woman's Clubhouse in Lake Placid. Weigh in is between 3 and 3:45 p.m., and the meeting starts at 4 p.m.

Leader Judy O'Boyle takes a few minutes before

the meeting to give "pep talks." These have resulted in, for the last two weeks, a total weight loss of 55.25 pounds and a 39-pound loss.

Karen Goodwin took roll call for a net loss. O'Boyle was the best loser. Honored were Joan Dunn for her 10 years of obtaining KOPS status, and Linda Haidle for her being a KOPS for three years.

Elaine Orr gave the program on "Wheat Belly". By eliminating wheat from your diet, you can help a lot of common complaints such as fatigue, diabetes, arthritis, and it helps maintain your ideal weight.

Six guests visited during the Open House.

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## Friends & Neighbors

### Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID – The Placid Lakes Social Circle will have its Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Placid Lakes Country Club Restaurant starting at 4 p.m. This will be a combination meeting and party that will include final preparation for the Dec. 9 Christmas Light Cruise with itineraries and ID pins. Also, a last minute discussion will be held on the Jan. 20 Dog Track Day trip to Sarasota. There are some seats still available for the Dog Track trip; call Joyce at 699-6331. The Christmas party will include a gift exchange under \$10; girls, bring a "Her" gift, and boys, a "His". Barbara High will be in charge of the exchange.

We are collecting canned goods for the Manna Ministries food shelves and you may leave your donation with Bonnie at the Town Hall. Bonnie is also collecting PJ's, gentle reminder. You can't believe how important this can be to a child at Christmastime when they receive new PJ's to get ready for Santa.

We have quite a few unsung heroes on the Litter Patrol in Placid Lakes who pick up litter when they take their walk. Of course, it is impossible to control the whole area, but every "litter" bit helps. And speaking of litter, we will be having our first-of-the-season pick-up on Dec. 7 starting at 8 a.m. at the Town Hall. You can pick up your gloves, bags and traffic vests and sign in with Bonnie. Golf carts are welcome; they make great haulers.

Get those decorations going. We'll be anxious to get your calls about who's got the pretty ones. Call the office at 465-4888 and tell Bonnie the location. The Dalton Gang will be going out on Dec. 14 to look them over. The PLHOA will be giving the winning entry their prize at the Dec. 16 Christmas party and meeting at the Placid Lakes Country Club.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

### Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID – The Red Hat purple dressed women of the park met at McLane's Garden Cafe on Nov. 14 for lunch. We ordered off of their menu and then our pretty dressed Queen Mum, Peggy Sue Teague, held the meeting. She told us what activities would be available to use each month and asked for discussion and opinions. Our Christmas party will be at Red Lobster.

Harbor Lits Book Group had its first meeting on Nov. 14 at the home of Paula Bannister. Just about everyone had read the book, "Defending Jacob" by William Landay, which made for a good discussion. For next month's discussion we will be reading "Whistling Past the Grave Yard," by Susan Crandall and "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom.

A happy 75th surprise birthday party for Carol Noel took place Friday in the clubhouse's screen room

at 6:30. It was put on by her family complete with decorations, a big lit birthday cake, ice cream, punch and coffee.

The Crafter's Craft Fair was held Nov. 16. Walking down the aisles you can't help but be amazed by the talented people in our park. The beautiful things they are capable of making. Judy Muise chaired this Craft Fair.

Monday morning co-ed coffee, Nov. 18, was hosted by Pat and Bob Smith. They served a variety of tasty items in honor of Bob's birthday. Peggy Sue Teague was the emcee. She called on our Sunshine Person, Carol Noel. She told us of the people needing our thoughts and prayers: Wilfred Goudreau, Jim Maynard, Mary Ann Layne and Evelyn Guiney. They Peggy Sue read the list of names for the birthday people for the week – Bob Smith, Paula Bannister and Delores Woodruff were present. Virginia Tharp played the piano so we could sing happy birthday to them.

Weekly activities: Bert Pritchett asked people to come and play darts every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Emily Snider told that people can play duplicate bridge at 1 p.m. Mondays. Don't forget all the Dominos and cards that are played here in the clubhouse. Shuffleboard takes place outside of the clubhouse. Just check the back page of your Tropical Harbor Topics. Beginners are welcome.

How are you doing collecting coins for the Relay for Life? Is your plastic water bottle showing that you've been adding to it for several months? I know it takes a long time to fill that water bottle with dimes. March is the month for all donations.

Ladies Coffee Tuesday morning, Nov. 19 was made by Marysue Willeke. It was so good to see Fran Buero back after her long illness. Marilyn Cromer led the meeting. Paula Bannister said that the Craft Fair turned in \$115 for the Relay for Life.

The Thanksgiving dinner will need a lot of help, especially if all 160 people show up or take out meals. There are potatoes to peel, 14 turkeys to roast, and tables to set. There will be take out slips to fill out in advance if you intend to take out meals on Thanksgiving Day. Please inquire about this. This will not be necessary for the sandwich at supper time.

The Welcome Back Dance will be Saturday, Nov. 29 from 7-10 p.m. Larry Musgrave is playing for everyone's pleasure. Bring your own drinks and finger food if you so wish.

The Ladies Lunch Out on Nov. 19 was attended by 46 women. The hostesses were Carolyn Whitacre and Jean Chittenden. It was held at the Placid Lakes Country Club. The food and the service were very good.

The men went to the Watering Hole for their lunch out. Twelve Mustangs enjoyed their noon hour. Bob Reed had made the arrangements.

December's activities start out with the "Deck the Halls Party" at 3 p.m. on Dec. 1. Bring finger food and a willingness to make the clubhouse pretty for the holidays. Watch the big Christmas tree go up.

The homeowners meeting

on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. follows the Ice Cream Social, which starts at 6 p.m. Money and help will be needed for the float for the Lake Placid Christmas Parade, which I'm sure will be brought up at the meeting.

We wish everyone a happy and very Blessed Thanksgiving.

### Scoreboard

#### Sebring Bridge Club

SEBRING – Results from the Sebring Bridge Club are:

##### Game Results – North/South

Beth and Jack Sayre – first in A

Jim Pollard and Peggy Curriel – second in A

Shirley Holt and John Ruma – third in A

Mike Hughes and Art Arvay – fourth in A

All of the above are C players.

##### Game Results – East/West

Mary Beth Corday – first in A

A Donald Macleod and Dorothy Macleod – second in A

Jeri McDonald and Philippine Benner – third in A

Bruce Ridley and Diane Beidler – fourth in A

#### Woodhaven Estates Bridge

SEBRING – The bridge scores for Woodhaven are:

Party Bridge:  
First: Pauline Biggerstaff  
Second: Eric Wickstrom  
Third: Jeanne Sisson

##### Duplicate Bridge:

First: (a tie) Laurie LaBerge and Jeanne Sisson, and Eric and Sandra Wickstrom

Second: (a tie) Ken Meyer and Pauline Biggerstaff, and Ray and Roz Krahn

## Food

### Which mash is your match?

Once upon a time, the only potato option on the Thanksgiving Dinner table was your standard white mashed potatoes.

But today, we know that white potatoes aren't the be all and end all in a starchy mash. There are several options in potatoes (and non-potatoes) for us to explore, so let's take a look.

- Traditional Mash. The key to the perfect mashed potato is cooking the right variety of potato. Maybe you didn't realize there were different varieties of potatoes, and maybe that's the reason why you haven't yet perfected mashed potatoes. Start your mashed potatoes by using a variety like Yukon Gold or Russet that are best suited for mashing. Once the spuds are cooked through (fork tender), go ahead and mash the heck out of them with butter and cream or milk.

#### Traditional Mash (Purple Style)

Take the nutrition of your traditional white potato mash up a couple of notches by using purple potatoes instead. Purple potatoes will cook up the same as a standard white potato mash,



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Leanne Ely

but their nutritional profile is much higher, thanks to that purple color. When you eat purple potatoes, you're getting lots of antioxidants into you.

#### Sweet Potatoes

We go through a lot of sweet potatoes at my house. While they're still a little high on the starchy side to be overindulging in, they are full of nutrients. I prefer the taste of roasted sweet potatoes to boiled sweet potatoes, so for a delicious sweet potato mash, bake your sweet potatoes in the oven first and then mash butter into them, along with whatever seasonings you like (salt, pepper, cinna-

mon, etc.).

#### Faux-tatoes

If you're a hardcore Paleoista, and you're limiting the amounts of carbs in your diet to the extent that you have a zero spud rule, you can still have a mound of creamy, buttery goodness on your Thanksgiving dinner plate with faux-tatoes. The trick is that you use steamed cauliflower in place of the potatoes. For a decadent faux-tato dish, chop a head of cauliflower into bite sized pieces and steam those florets until you can easily pierce them with a fork. Drain the water off after they're cooked, and pat the cauliflower florets with a clean towel to remove some of the excess moisture. Then, blend with butter, cream cheese, salt and pepper for a very delicious side dish.

*Leanne Ely is a New York Times bestselling author of 'Body Clutter' and the Saving Dinner series. The Dinner Diva syndicated newspaper column appears in 250 newspapers nationwide. Learn how to cook great and save significant money with the Dinner Diva's menus, recipes and shopping lists at www.savingdinner.com.*

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Man retailers are saying Americans won't spend their money unless they think they are getting a deal, prompting more sales this holiday season.

# Bargain hunters abound

## Americans not willing to spend without deals

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — This holiday season, Americans may not spend their green unless they see more red.

Despite signs that the economy is improving, big store chains like Wal-Mart and Kohl's don't expect Americans to have much holiday shopping cheer unless they see bold, red signs that offer huge discounts. As a result, shoppers are seeing big sales events earlier and more often than in previous holiday seasons.

Retailers are trying to lure shoppers like Marissa Anwar, who has been doing more bargain hunting compared with last year.

The operations consultant, who lives in Toronto and New York City, said the economy "hasn't been great" and she's lost clients. As a result, she cut her shopping budget to \$2,800 from last year's \$4,000.

"I was a former 'spend-aholic,'" said Anwar, 29. "Now, I want to make sure I have the money before I spend it."

It's a problem that retailers know all too well. Since the recession began in late 2007, stores have had to offer financially-strapped Americans ever bigger price cuts just to get them into stores. But those discounts eat away at profits.

So far, Wal-Mart, Target and Kohl's are among more than two dozen major chains that lowered their profit outlooks for either the quarter or the year. A big reason is the expectation that they'll have to offer huge discounts in order to get shoppers to spend.

There are already signs that retailers are aggressively discounting. Wal-Mart, for instance, on Friday started

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**Marissa Anwar**

who has trimmed her shopping budget this year

matching or beating the prices that certain competitors like Best Buy are advertising for some toys and electronics for the day after Thanksgiving — known as Black Friday. Best Buy also plans to match rivals' prices, even after customers have purchased items. And Target, better known for its whimsical advertising, is touting its prices in holiday TV ads for the first time in at least a decade.

The tempered expectations, earlier discounting and lowered profit outlooks from retailers come even though there are indications that the economy is recovering. The job market is making strides. The housing market is starting to come back. And the stock market keeps hitting new highs. All that would ordinarily lead Americans to spend more.

But so far, those improvements haven't been enough to shore up consumer confidence. In fact, Americans' confidence in the economy is at its lowest level since April.

"Stores know that they are well into a fight," said Ken Perkins, president of the research firm RetailMetrics. "The vast majority of consumers are distressed."

Not that there aren't glimmers of hope that Americans will spend again.

Retail sales were up 0.4 percent in October, after being flat the previous month, according to the Commerce Department.

Americans spent on big ticket item such as cars and furniture, but that may have left them with less room for more discretionary times like clothing this holiday season.

Overall, The National Retail Federation expects retail sales to be up 3.9 percent to \$602.1 billion during the last two months of the year. That's higher than last year's 3.5 percent growth, but below the 6 percent pace seen before the recession.

Retailers say economic worries continue to weigh on shoppers heading into the holiday shopping season.

"We continue to see anxiety regarding the economy and the ability to stay within household budgets, particularly among lower and middle-income consumers," said Kathee Tesija, executive vice president of merchandising for Target, which trimmed its annual profit outlook on Thursday.

In particular, some Americans still are getting used to smaller paychecks because of a 2 percentage point increase in the Social Security payroll tax that started on Jan. 1. That means that take-home pay for a household earning \$50,000 a year has been cut by \$1,000. That was a concern Wal-Mart noted on Nov. 14 when it lowered its annual profit guidance for the second time in three months.

"It's going to be as competitive of a market as we've ever seen," said Charles Holley, Wal-Mart's chief

financial officer, adding that among the issues that the discounter faces are "the economic conditions that the customer is under."

Stores also say customers don't want to spend because they're uncertain about their health care costs next year due to the U.S. health care overhaul. Additionally, stagnant wages aren't keeping up with daily living costs. Not to mention, some people are still out of work.

Leslie Lynch, 52, said she won't be buying any holiday gifts because she was laid off from her job in marketing at an insurance company in August 2012 and hasn't been able to find a job since. Lynch, who lives with her wife who works in quality control at a machine shop, said she is behind in mortgage payments and is afraid she will lose her house.

"We will probably have dinner and that's about it," said Lynch, who lives in Glastonbury, Conn. "Hopefully, we will have Christmas next summer."

# Katie Couric to anchor Yahoo's video news coverage

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE  
AP Technology Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO —

Katie Couric is joining Yahoo to anchor an expansion of the Internet company's video news coverage in a move that she hopes will help persuade other broadcast TV veterans make the transition into online programming.

Monday's announcement confirms recent published reports that Couric is hoping to attract more viewers on the Internet after spending the past 22 years working as a talk-show host and news anchor at NBC, CBS and ABC.

"I am particularly excited about hopefully attracting other people to this platform and venture," Couric said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We are in a major, transformative time in terms of media in this country."

Financial terms of Couric's contract with Yahoo weren't disclosed. She also declined to say how many more reporters will be added to her team at Yahoo.

Couric, 56, will continue to host her daytime talk show, "Katie," on ABC even after she becomes Yahoo's "global anchor" beginning early next year.

She described her now role at Yahoo as a "work in progress."

"I will be involved in developing a lot of concepts, but not necessarily doing everything," Couric said. "I will be doing interviews, but not on a daily basis. Probably monthly at this point."

The Yahoo job appealed to Couric because it will give her an outlet to delve into breaking developments around the world that she regularly covered as the anchor of CBS' evening news from 2006 through 2011.

Couric's hiring is the latest coup for Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer as she brings in well-known journalists in an effort to create compelling content that will attract more people to the company's online services. In the past month, Yahoo has also lured away technology columnist David Pogue and political reporter Matt Bai from The New York Times.

Since leaving Google Inc. to become Yahoo's CEO 16 months ago, Mayer has been trying to make Yahoo's services more alluring so people will visit them on a regular basis and dwell for longer periods.

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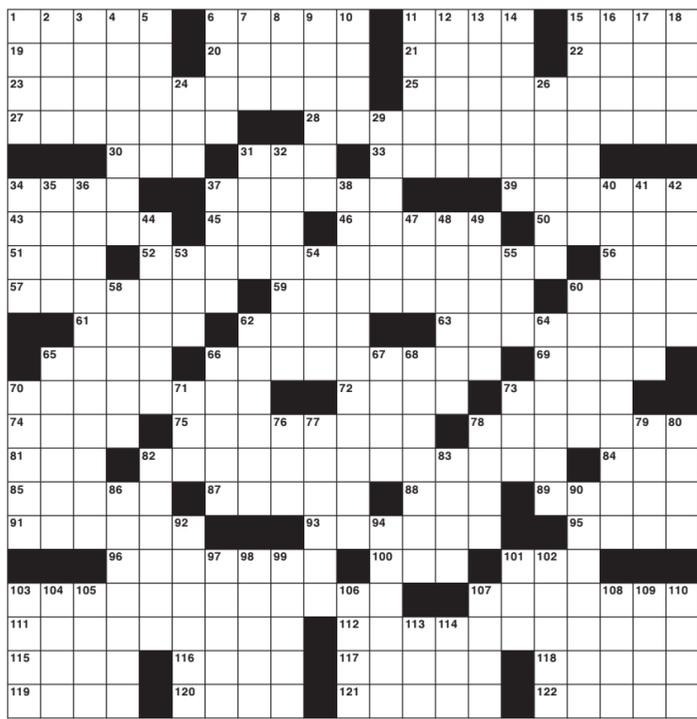
# Diversions/Puzzles

## VOWEL PLAY

**ACROSS**  
 1 Shade of brown  
 6 Javert's portrayer in 2012's "Les Misérables"  
 11 Rice, e.g., informally  
 15 Come (from)  
 19 All-time leader in R.B.I.'s  
 20 Vegetables also known as lady's-fingers  
 21 Common quatrain form  
 22 Indian tourist destination  
 23 Paintings of French estates?  
 25 Spin, of a sort  
 27 Tanning aid  
 28 Carrier for Casanovas?  
 30 Time of one's life?  
 31 Thanksgiving, e.g.: Abbr.  
 33 Having failed to ante up, say  
 34 Italian tourist destination in the Mediterranean  
 37 "Anything you can do I can do better" and others  
 39 Supreme Court justice known for his trenchant dissents  
 43 Spurs  
 45 Relative of mono-  
 46 Medium for body art  
 50 Roman roads  
 51 "So pret-t-ty!"  
 52 Aid for a submarine séance?  
 56 Google : Android :: Apple : \_\_\_\_  
 57 Quarreled  
 59 When scores are settled?  
 60 Cake with a kick  
 61 "That's clear"  
 62 Venus de \_\_\_\_  
 63 Post production locale?  
 65 Kings and queens: Abbr.  
 66 Achieve nirvana  
 69 Having little give  
 70 Skiing maneuver at a bend in the course  
 72 Like cutting in line  
 73 Savoir-faire  
 74 Glorify  
 75 Navigation hazards

78 Dish Network competitor  
 81 4x4, e.g.  
 82 Hawaiian wine lover?  
 84 Get behind  
 85 Vice \_\_\_\_  
 87 Big name in batteries  
 88 Substantial shoe spec  
 89 Figure with horns  
 91 Untrustworthy sorts  
 93 Odin's home  
 95 Time off  
 96 "That'll never happen!"  
 100 Scrape (out)  
 101 Moo \_\_\_\_ pork  
 103 Last words from a coxswain?  
 107 American alternative  
 111 "Stay cool!"  
 112 Garlicy sauce in central Europe?  
 115 English princess  
 116 Food item often seasoned with cilantro  
 117 Like some patches  
 118 Sporty car roofs  
 119 High land  
 120 6'9" or 72% free-throw avg.  
 121 Swift composition  
 122 "Narcissus and Goldmund" author

**DOWN**  
 1 One side in a computer rivalry  
 2 Home of the Waiānae Range  
 3 Start of some blended juice names  
 4 Gunfire, in slang  
 5 Not far from, in poetry  
 6 Putsch  
 7 Studio behind "Suspicion" and "Notorious"  
 8 "... \_\_\_\_ quit!"  
 9 Whiskered creature  
 10 International gas brand  
 11 Stan Lee's role in many a Marvel film  
 12 Skip \_\_\_\_  
 13 They come from the center  
 14 Wee ones  
 15 Living room?  
 16 Not supportin'  
 17 "Dies \_\_\_\_"



By JULIAN LIM

Solution on page B10

18 Girl in tartan  
 24 Docs united  
 26 Keys with tunes  
 29 Turn out  
 31 Muscle \_\_\_\_  
 32 Extremely sharp  
 34 Self centers  
 35 Lariat part  
 36 All the writings of a Persian faith?  
 37 Fictional Billy  
 38 Hit show with many hits  
 40 "Happily ever after" with Han Solo?  
 41 2004 movie set in 2035  
 42 Indian state known for its tea  
 44 Most reliable  
 47 Seasonal beverage  
 48 Small difference  
 49 Girl's name meaning "loved"  
 53 Word between last names  
 54 Convinced  
 55 Wailing Wall pilgrim

58 Got back to, in a way  
 60 Support  
 62 Toon with a polka-dot hair bow  
 64 Goggled  
 65 New York's \_\_\_\_ Island  
 66 Charlatan  
 67 100 cents  
 68 "Operators are standing by" and "Call now!," e.g.  
 70 Many Eastern Europeans  
 71 "WWE Raw" ailer  
 73 Up to, informally  
 76 "Almighty" item: Abbr.  
 77 Quiet  
 78 Was mortified, hyperbolically  
 79 What chopsticks come in  
 80 Hole in the wall  
 82 Kind of exam or kit  
 83 "Is this the spot?"  
 86 Hot herbal beverage  
 90 Learned

92 Brown weasels  
 94 History and biography  
 97 Pressed charges against?  
 98 Actress Durance who played Lois Lane on "Smallville"  
 99 Fancy neckwear  
 101 "And \_\_\_\_ Was" (1985 Talking Heads single)  
 102 \_\_\_\_ bar  
 103 Singer Lambert  
 104 Cry made while wiping the hands  
 105 Some stopovers  
 106 Recess  
 107 Big Apple sch.  
 108 Ski-\_\_\_\_ (snowmobiles)  
 109 Challenge for Hannibal  
 110 Quit lying  
 113 Sounds by a crib, perhaps  
 114 Indian tourist destination

# Black Friday survival tips



**Savings Diva**  
 Tanya Senseney

Black Friday week is finally upon us. Are you prepared to shop or are you almost done with your Christmas shopping?

Many will get the bulk of their Christmas shopping completed this weekend with the stellar sales that we will see starting today.

The competition for your dollars will be tight and many stores will offer the hottest products at a huge discount.

Below are my top seven tips for surviving Black Friday shopping.

1. Plan of Attack: The Wednesday and Thursday newspapers will be stuffed like your turkey with sale ads for all your favorite stores. Many of the stores will have preview ads also available online. Make your plan, make your list, shop with a buddy, divide and conquer. Make sure to have your cell phones programmed with your shopping buddy's number and have a plan B and C, if your store is sold out. Having a plan and a purpose will help keep you in budget and keep your checkbook doing the happy dance.

2. Price Matching is King: If you are not a fan of going store to store, you can price match your ads at many of the larger stores like Target, Walmart, Best Buy and Toys R Us. Check with any other stores not listed ahead of time to confirm they will price match on Black Friday. Price matching is simple; show the ad to your cashier and they will modify the price to match the sales ad. The item needs to be the exact make and model as in the ad in order for the store to match the price.

3. Keep your Receipts: They are necessary for hassle-free returns. Ask for gift receipts and if that is not an option, keep your receipts until well after the holidays. Many stores like Walmart and Toys R Us will offer you a gift card for the difference if you find the item you purchased less at another store (except on Nov. 28-29, 2013).

4. Map Out your Store: Many of the stores have

special Black Friday maps available online. By knowing your store layout and where the items are, you will be able to get in and out in a timely fashion.

5. Keep Hydrated: The excitement of finding a deal can

sometimes sneak up on you if you are not hydrated.

Keep a bottle of water with you and a few protein bars. Make sure to eat before you leave to shop, and wear comfortable clothes. Sugar drinks/snacks are not encouraged. Also have tissues and hand sanitizer plentiful. 'Tis the season for the flu.

6. Bring a Chair: If you are able to carry a fold-up chair or stool, it will help with the toll of standing in line for a long time. Prior to the store opening, have your shopping buddy run the chair to the car or fold it up and stick it in the buggy. You are in this to win and spend the least amount possible. Be comfortable as long as possible.

7. Bring a Bushel Full of Patience and Holiday Cheer: As exciting as getting that great deal can be, you most likely will run into a few crabby patties. Large crowds do not bring out the best in each other. Be respectful of others and do not fret if they are sold out; there will be more deals as Christmas approaches. Remember Cyber Monday is a few days away and www.DivineSavings.com will be full of deals. Many will be better than Black Friday deals.

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## International Emmys to honor J.J. Abrams

NEW YORK (AP) — J.J. Abrams may be immersed in a galaxy far, far away these days, but he's taking a break from preproduction work on the new "Star Wars" film to accept a special honor at the 41st International Emmy Awards Gala.

Zachary Quinto, who recently reprised his role of Spock in Abrams' successful reboot of the "Star Trek" franchise, will present the honorary International Emmy Founders Award to the director-producer at Monday night's awards ceremony at the Hilton New York.

"J.J. Abrams is probably the most interesting creative talent in the industry right now. He's a great writer, producer, director and an amazing creator," said Bruce L. Painsner, president and CEO of the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. "He already at age 47 has a number of classic television shows like 'Felicity' and 'Lost' that have set a model for all kinds of shows that came afterward."

Abrams is executive producer of three currently running TV shows — the science-fiction series "Revolution" and "Almost Human" and "Person of Interest," the crime drama revolving around an omnipresent government-sponsored surveillance network that premiered well before the recent revelations about the National Security Agency.

"J.J. is very good at anticipating what's going to be in the headlines, and he also creates new ways of looking at people and situations like he did in reinventing the 'Star Trek' franchise," Painsner said.

# Woman who left abusive ex struggles with lingering ties

**Dear Abby:** I was married to a man who ruled my every move. After years of torture and abuse, I finally became frightened enough to leave. Since then I have met a wonderful, caring, loving man who I wouldn't trade for the world. He treats me with kindness, respect and love. He makes me laugh and smile and appreciate life. I am allowed to be myself and function how I will. I am happier than I have ever been.

My question is, sometimes I miss my emotionally and physically abusive ex. I have no desire to be with him, but after all those years, it's hard to adjust some days.

Is something wrong with me? I would never leave my current relationship for my ex. I feel like I have found my soul mate. But these lingering thoughts trouble me. Am I normal? What do I do? I don't have a girlfriend to confide in.

— Found My Soul Mate

**Dear Found:** I'm touched that you would confide in me. Yes, you are normal. Time has a way of dulling emotional pain, and with time we tend to gloss over unpleasantness. Your ex may not have been brutal and controlling all the time, and you are remembering the happier times.

I don't think that what you are missing has much to do with him. What you may be missing is the adrenaline rush you got from the drama.

**Dear Abby:** I had an inappropriate relationship with a senior officer at the firm where I work. It ended a year ago. I was married at



Dear Abby

the time — I am now divorced — and he is married.

Occasionally during the past year, he has made advances, but I rejected them. However, today his advances were persistent and almost demanding. For the first time, I felt a little threatened.

I don't want to cause trouble for him, his job and certainly not his family. But what do I do? I'd like to think he has gotten the message, but what if it continues? I like the guy; I'm just not interested anymore.

— Don't Want Trouble

**Dear Don't Want Trouble:** It appears "Romeo" hasn't quite gotten the message, so it's time to make explicit your wishes in this matter. If he continues to persist, then you will have to report it to human resources.

**Dear Abby:** I have a great husband who has only one quirk. He often forgets to zip his fly. At home, who cares? But it happens in public too often and creates an uncomfortable scene when my friends are around.

Should I be hard on him, or just sympathize and keep my mouth shut? And what should I do when it's clear that he's the only one who doesn't know?

— Just Zip It

**Dear Just Zip It:** Has your husband always forgotten to zip his fly, or is his forgetfulness something recent?

If it is recent, and you have noticed other lapses in what should be automatic behavior, then it is time he had a neurological evaluation by a physician.

Because this happens with some frequency, work out a code with him to remind him his fly is open — or take him aside and quietly point out that he needs to make an adjustment.

**Dear Readers:** Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and no Thanksgiving would be complete without the traditional prayer penned by my dear mother:

Oh, Heavenly Father, We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,

That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.

Amen. Have a safe and happy celebration, everyone! — Love, Abby

**To My Jewish Readers:** At sundown the eight days of Hanukkah begin. I can't believe how early it has fallen this year.

To all of you I wish a joyous Festival of Lights.

Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## 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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2	6	5	6	9	8	7	1	3
8	7	3	6	9	3	8	7	2
2	6	1	4	5	3	9	7	8
9	8	5	1	8	4	3	6	7
6	9	5	2	3	4	8	5	1
4	3	8	9	7	5	6	2	1

ANSWER:

# What's Cooking

## Festive Peppermint Twists

Dark Cocoa, Light Cocoa, Green or White Candy Melts Candy  
Peppermint Twisted Sticks Candy  
Assorted Holiday Sprinkles, including Holiday Nonpareils, Confetti and Jimmies, Red and Green Colored Sugars

Line cookie sheets with parchment paper. In Disposable Dipping Container or bowl, separately melt Candy Melts candy in microwave following package instructions. Dip peppermint sticks into melted candy; tap stick lightly to smooth surface. Immediately add sprinkles. Set on prepared cookie sheet; chill until set, 5 to 10 minutes.

## Cheery Cereal Tree Treats

Makes about 12 treats

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine  
4 cups mini marshmallows  
Juniper or Leaf Green Icing Color  
6 cups crisp rice cereal  
White Cookie Icing  
Jumbo Rainbow Nonpareils, Sprinkles or Sugars, as desired

Prepare 3D Silicone Tree Mold and silicone spatula or wooden spoon with vegetable pan spray.

In large saucepan, melt butter. Add marshmallows; cook and stir until melted. Tint with icing color. Remove from heat and add cereal; mix well. Press into prepared mold. When cool to touch, remove from mold. (If mixture becomes hard to work with, microwave at 50 percent power for 30 to 60 seconds to soften.)

Heat Cookie Icing following label directions. Squeeze snow and garlands on trees; add sprinkles and sugars as desired. Let dry.

## Christmas Candy Swirl Cookies

Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened  
1-1/2 cups granulated sugar  
1 egg  
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)  
Red and Green Sparkle Gel

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray Easy Decorate Swirl Cookie Pan with vegetable pan spray.

In small bowl, combine flour and salt. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer at medium speed until well blended. Beat in egg and extracts; mix well. Add flour mixture; beat until well blended. Press dough into pan cavities, filling 2/3 full.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until light brown around edges. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Turn pan over; lightly tap pan to remove cookies. Cool cookies completely.

Decorate cooled cookies with Sparkle Gel. Let set, at least 30 minutes.



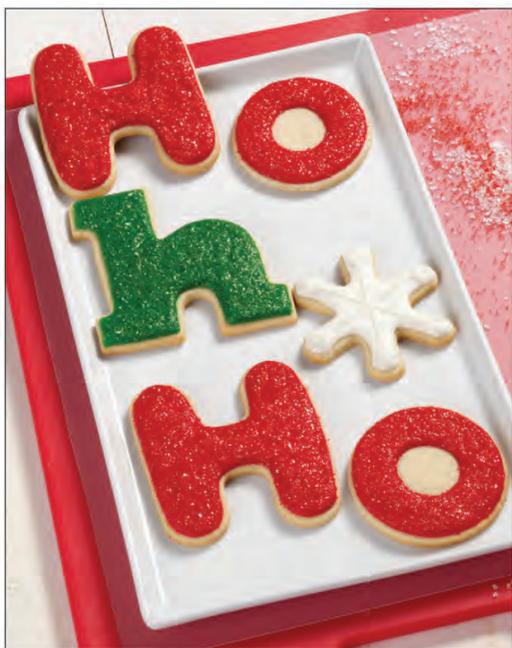
Festive Peppermint Twists, Cheery Cereal Tree Treats, Gingerbread House, Jolly Santa's Treat Cookies and Christmas Candy Swirl Cookies

# HO, HO, HOLIDAY TREATS



Sweet Snowmen Cookies

Make the holiday simple and sweet with these tasty ideas



Jolly Santa's Treat Cookies

## Jolly Santa's Treat Cookies

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened  
1-1/2 cups granulated sugar  
1 egg  
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
Red, Green and White Cookie Icing  
Red and Dark Green Colored Sugars  
White Sparkling or Pearlized Sugar  
White Sugar Pearls

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In small bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg and extracts; mix well. Add flour mixture, 1 cup at a time, mixing after each addition. Do not chill dough. Divide dough into 2 balls.

On floured surface, roll each ball into a circle approximately 12 inches diameter and 1/8 inch thick. Dip Cookie Hugger or "Ho-Ho" Word cookie cutters in flour before each use.

Bake cookies on ungreased cookie sheet 8 to 11 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool cookies completely.

Outline and fill-in cooled cookies with Cookie Icing. For "Ho-Ho" cookies, sprinkle with sugars; let set until icing is completely dry. For snowflake cookie, add white Cookie Icing detail to dried cookie; attach Sugar Pearls with dots of icing.

## Merry Marshmallow Sticks

White, Red, Green and Dark Cocoa Candy Melts candy  
Large Marshmallows  
Holiday Confetti, Nonpareils and Colored Sugars

In Disposable Dipping Container or bowl, melt Candy Melts candy separately following package instructions. Dip marshmallows in melted candy and place on cooling grid positioned over parchment-lined cookie sheet. If desired, sprinkle with sugars and sprinkles. Chill 5 to 10 minutes or until set.

Using candy decorating bag or disposable decorating bag, drizzle melted candy or pipe outlines, if desired; immediately sprinkle with sugars or nonpareils. Attach confetti with dots of melted candy. Chill 2 to 3 minutes or until set.

With point of sharp knife, carefully cut through candy on the marshmallow where stick will be inserted. Insert three marshmallows onto each Colored Lollipop Stick, securing with melted candy.

## Fast and Festive Christmas Cookies

Green, Red, White, Light and Dark Cocoa Candy Melts Candy  
Assorted purchased ready-to-eat cookies  
Holiday Confetti, Nonpareils, Holly Mix, Colored Sugars and Sprinkles

In Disposable Dipping Container or bowl, melt Candy Melts candy separately following package instructions. Partially or completely dip cookies in melted candy. Place cookies on cooling grid positioned over parchment-lined cookie sheet. If desired, sprinkle with sugars and sprinkles. Chill 5 to 10 minutes or until set.

Additional decorating ideas:  
■ Drizzle with melted candy in a contrasting color. Chill 3 to 5 minutes or until set.  
■ Attach sprinkles with dots of melted candy. Chill 3 to 5 minutes or until set.  
■ Pipe melted candy bows and other decorations.



Merry Marshmallow Sticks and Fast and Festive Christmas Cookies

### FAMILY FEATURES

Nothing says home for the holidays like the smell of treats baking in the oven and a crowded kitchen filled with loved ones. Whether making decades-old family favorites or starting new holiday baking traditions, you can create homemade holiday goodies in a (ginger) snap.

"The holidays are a time when families are in the kitchen at record rates to bake cookies, build gingerbread houses and create a wide variety of sweet treats," says Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs at Wilton. "The good news is, even if you only have 30 minutes to spare during this hectic time, you can make amazing desserts for gatherings or gifting."

Try these easy treat ideas from Wilton to spread holiday cheer:

- **Holiday Helpers:** Invite family and friends for a cookie decorating day to help prepare gifts for upcoming events. You provide the Sparkling Sugars and Sprinkles, Peppermint Twisted Sticks and red and green icing ... everyone else provides the creativity.
- **Miracle on Your Street:** Crunched for time with a party to attend? Pick up ready-to-eat cookies and artfully dip them in red and green Candy Melts candy for an elegant upgrade. No one has to know how simple it was to create a customized dessert.
- **Instant Snowman:** Coat peanut butter sandwich cookies in white Candy Melts candy to create instant snowmen. Decorate with hats, scarves and, of course, carrot noses.
- **It's a Wrap:** Turn your homemade treats into gourmet gifts. Stock up on holiday-themed gift bags and boxes, colorful tissue paper, ribbons and tags to transform made-from-the-heart goodies into extra special gifts.

For more holiday ideas and inspiration, visit [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com).

### Sweet Snowmen Cookies

White, Red, Green, Black and Orange Candy Melts Candy  
Peanut butter sandwich cookies  
Holiday Confetti, Holiday and Snowflake Mix Sprinkles  
Cinnamon Drops  
Black Sugar Pearls  
Silver Pearlized Sugar

Melt white Candy Melts candy following package instructions. Place cookies on cooling grid positioned over parchment-lined cookie sheet. Spoon melted candy over top surface of cookie; chill 5 to 10 minutes or until set. Turn cookies over, candy side down, on cooling grid. Completely cover cookies with melted candy; chill 5 to 10 minutes or until set. Repeat, if needed, to completely cover cookie.

To decorate snowmen, melt Candy Melts candy following package instructions as needed. Using red, green and white candy in candy or disposable decorating bag, pipe hats, ear muff band and scarves, adding colored sugar trim to candy before it sets. For ball cap, cut a Candy Melt candy wafer in half; attach with melted candy. Attach sprinkles for buttons, ear muffs and decorative accents using dots of melted candy. Using melted black candy and decorating bag, pipe facial features. Using melted orange candy and decorating bag, pipe nose.



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