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Sebring Mayor George Hensley is entering into his last holiday season as mayor of the City on the Circle. Hensley announced he will not be running for re-election for mayor in the summer after completing five terms in the position.

The face of Sebring

Hensley grateful for chance to serve his city

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — After 30 years of serving the City of Sebring and nearly 50 years after he rode into town for the first time on an early-morning train, Mayor George Hensley is nearing the end of his time as the face of Sebring.

Hensley announced that he would not be running for re-election as mayor of Sebring in the summer. Hensley's graceful bowing out of the office will end his five-term run when his final stint as mayor ends in March.

As Hensley's holiday season gears

I've wanted to have a smiley face to represent the city and be as kind as I possibly can to our constituents. I trust that I've done that.

George Hensley
Sebring mayor

up, the humble mayor looked back at his many decades of work in the city of Sebring and a lifetime of memo-

ries spanning six decades.

Hensley arrived in Sebring for the first time in September of 1954.

"I came down on the train. I arrived in Sebring at about 4 o'clock in the morning. I had no idea where I was so I was given a ride to town by the railway express package handler. I sat in the old hotel lobby until about 6 (a.m.)," Hensley recalled. "It was just a little town to me. I came from a small town, smaller than Sebring."

The young Hensley had traveled to meet a young Nancy Heacock, who

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County eyes new location for HCSO

Proposal made to use building on Kenilworth

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent
SEBRING — Over the course of the past three years, there have been several suggestions to alleviate space constraints of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

When plans for a new building stalled, sheriff's officials established a headquarters at the Liberty Star Plaza on U.S. 27 south of Sebring and parceled out other functions to other places — including a property and evidence facility at the county-owned location on Kenilworth Blvd.

Tuesday, Highlands County commissioner Ron Handley floated a new idea to solve the problem.

"What if we build out the location we were going to use for property and evidence and move them there?" he asked. "We already have a request for proposals for an architect for a property and evidence building. We could put that right across the parking lot and the site work already has been done."

Handley, who is a contractor, noted that the plan could expedite the sheriff's project and give the law enforcement operation a solid new structure for property and evidence. He sug-

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County Commissioners discussed a plan to move the Investigations division of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office from its current location in Liberty Star Plaza to this county-owned building on Kenilworth Boulevard.



The county decided Tuesday to move forward with land purchases needed to upgrade the intersection at Youth Care Lane and Sebring Parkway.

Board moves forward on Parkway intersection

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent
SEBRING — It was a long and complicated discussion about property at the intersection of the Sebring Parkway and Youth Care Lane. But at the end, Highlands County commissioners agreed Tuesday to have staff prepare a contract for sale and purchase of portions of two properties to make a turn lane there.

It is a problem that has dragged on for years. Commissioners had earlier balked at some of the prices but finally agreed that the project should move forward as costs would not be going down. Additionally, officials of Yarbrough Tire, whose cor-

Commissioners vote to buy land needed to upgrade Parkway at Youth Care Lane

ner property is involved in the deal, have been working with the county and appeared also to be ready to move.

"You don't understand how badly we want this done," said owner Danny Yarbrough. "Thirty days ago

at the Avon Park (vs. Sebring football) game we had a seven-car accident there right out in front. It has gotten to be a safety issue, especially when school lets out. I want it done. I want Phase II done."

In taking action to move ahead, commissioners agreed to pay up to \$516,000, doling the money out as each phase of the work was com-

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ABATE Toy Run hits the road Saturday

By PHIL ATTINGER
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SEBRING — If you want to take part in the ABATE Toy Run this year, you better hurry.

Line up starts at 11 a.m. Saturday — tomorrow — and kickstands go up at 1 p.m.

Each year, the Toy Run

collects unwrapped toys from collection stations throughout Highlands County and from participants, who each bring an unwrapped toy as part of their admission.

The Toy Run also buys shoes and clothes for children each year in time for Christmas, even as late as 11

p.m. Christmas Eve, said organizer Tina Bennett of the American Bikers Aim Toward Education Inerstate Chapter.

Last year, the Toy Run helped 90 children from 36 families, Bennett said. This year — so far — she has 96 kids and 37 families on the Christmas list.

The Toy Run will also help 10 children through the 10th Judicial District's Guardian ad Litem program, she said.

Bennett said she has had a requests to help up to 14 more families, but said she won't interview any more

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Community Briefs

'Fill the Truck' at Walmart Saturday

Walmart and The Salvation Army will be hosting a "Fill The Truck" toy drive in the Sebring and Avon Park Walmart parking lots from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Walmart customers can dropped off a new, unwrapped toy at the trucks that will be in the parking lot of each store.

Aktion Club offers gift wrapping

SEBRING - The Aktion Club of Highlands County will be wrapping gifts during the holiday season at Lakeshore Mall.

The club will be wrapping presents from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 6-18, at the former Sprint store in the Food Court near between Rainbow and Cindy's Nails and across from Piercing Pagoda. Packages, whether purchased in the mall or somewhere else, can be wrapped for a donation. There will be a variety of holiday paper, bows, boxes, gift bags and tags available.

All proceeds will benefit the Aktion Club which will be using the funds to help buy Christmas gifts, food and clothing for local needy children who receive services from Gulf Central Early Steps program in Highlands County and the Family Safehouse of Highlands County.

There will be a tree at the store featuring ornaments with items listed on them that these children need this season. Shoppers can pick an item, buy it and bring it back to the club for them to wrap for free.

Last year the Aktion Club adopted 36 needy children in Highlands County during the holiday season.

Aktion Club is a civic group, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sebring, consisting of adults with disabilities.

For more details or to make a donation, call Aktion Club Advisor Cindy Marshall at 452-1295, ext. 124.

Legion to hold bazaar

AVON PARK - A Christmas Bazaar will be held at American Legion Post 69, 1301 W. Bell St., from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. Families will be able to have their picture taken with Santa Claus and there will be baked goods for sale as well as craft items and a white elephant table.

There will be a raffle for a 32-inch Emerson LED HDTV at 6 p.m. One does not have to be present to win.

Lunch will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. for \$5. Money raised from the bazaar will help the Legion with maintenance, but mostly to help homeless and needy veterans.

Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-op plans caroling

LAKE PLACID - Come join the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative for old-fashion Christmas caroling with Gary Filip and his students on the next "1st Friday" Tour Lake Placid. Everyone is welcome to come and have some fun and join in the singing 5-8 p.m.

There will be crafters in the classroom, Artist of the Month, gift basket, personalized Christmas ornaments, Tea tickets for that

"special" someone for Christmas and shopping for that unique one-of-a-kind Christmas gift. Light refreshments will be served.

The Caladium Arts & Crafts Co-operative, 132 E. Interlake Blvd., is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information on becoming a member, call 699-5940 or visit the website at www.caladiumarts.org.

Reflections has Craft Boutique

AVON PARK - Reflections on Silver Lake's annual Craft Boutique is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Start Christmas shopping with a large selection of hand-made gift, home, and personal items. The Crafter's Cafe will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with breakfast pastries, coffee, home-made soups, hot dogs and more.

Buttonwood Squares plans first dance

SEBRING - Buttonwood Squares will host the first square dance of the season on today at Buttonwood Bay RV Resort. Rounds begin at 7 p.m. with Mike Gormley cueing. Squares begin at 7:30 with Nelson Wakeman calling.

Snacks are served and square dance attire is optional.

High School Rodeo begins today

ZOLFO SPRINGS - Florida High School Rodeo comes to Reality Ranch this weekend.

Junior High School Rodeo will be at 7 p.m. Friday. High School Rodeo is set to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday with open team roping fundraiser for FHSRA set for 7 p.m. Call Luke Cantiu, (863) 781-4202, for information on the High School Rodeo events.

Cowboy Church will be at 8 a.m. Sunday and more rodeo activity follows at 9 a.m.

Free admission. Concessions will be available. The ranch is at 1942 State Road 66. Call Randy Johnson at (863) 781-1578 for more information.

Lights and music at Under the Oaks

AVON PARK - There will be Christmas lights and country/bluegrass and gospel music at Under The Oaks Opry at 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday. This free, family event will not have alcohol served. It is hosted by G.W. Saunders at 3501 Beck Ave.

Call 253-0771 or like Under The Oaks Opry on Facebook for information.

Reflections plans entertainment

AVON PARK - Reflections on Silver Lake is hosting a dance featuring Dan Patrick from 7:30-10:30 p.m. today. Cost is \$5. Take your own drinks and snacks; ice will be provided. The public is welcome.

Terry Connolly will bring his show to Reflections on Silver Lake at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Connolly has a huge repertoire of music, covering everything from Irish folk to big band to pop to country. His shows are full of variety and include lots of

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Perry's lawsuit against AP denied again

By PHIL ATTINGER

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AVON PARK — After her lawsuit against the City of Avon Park and several employees was turned down by U.S. District Court Judge Donald Graham last month, former city employee Sally Perry asked him to reconsider.

He did, but he didn't change his ruling.

Graham issued an order on Tuesday that he was denying her wish for relief from final judgement, to have a rehearing, or to have his previous judgement reconsidered, altered or amended.

City Manager Julian Deleon issued a statement Thursday expressing his pleasure with the ruling.

"We have prevailed for three consecutive times in federal court on the Perry matter," he stated in his email.

He also said the city has filed a

motion to have Perry pay the city's legal fees in the matter, but Graham has not yet ruled on that.

"But we expect to recoup all taxpayers' funds," Deleon wrote.

Before dismissing the case on Oct. 30, Graham ruled on a request by Perry for summary judgement, found in favor of the city and said Perry, a 15-year employee of the city, would "recover nothing" from the case.

The case dates back to July 27, 2012, involving the inspection of two vehicles Perry used in her job with the city. She alleged that her supervisor, Jimmy Runner, and coworker Brenda Sliva overstepped their authority by inspecting more than the condition of the car by opening the glove compartment, looking behind and under the seats and then searching her handbag.

Perry alleged she was told by Police Commander Jason Lister that as an

employee of the city, she had no rights in the matter.

She told the News-Sun that everything inside her handbag was scrutinized and she alleged that she was deprived of constitutional rights and the city failed to protect those rights. She named Deleon, Sliva, Runner and Lister as defendants.

The court had dismissed claims against Sliva, Lister, Runner and Deleon on Jan. 22.

Then on Sept. 3, the court ruled against Sally Perry, citing that the city's personnel policy allowed city officials to search her handbag.

The policy also stated that anything brought onto city property is subject to inspection, including personal equipment, clothing, property and belongings, including such items as car trunks and lunch bags.

AP couple hurt when Harley hits deer

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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BRADENTON — Two Avon Park residents — Curtis B. Jackson, 70, and Shirley E. Jackson, 65 — were in serious condition at Blake Medical Center in Manatee County Thursday after they were thrown from a 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycle when it hit a deer on State Road 64.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol incident report, the vehicle was traveling eastbound on State Road 64 when a deer attempted to cross the road, moving into the path of the vehicle 1.1 miles east of Dam Road in Manatee County. The front of the Harley struck the deer and the motorcycle overturned, landing on its left side. The motorcycle then slid 316 feet and came to rest in the eastbound lane of S.R. 64.

Both Jackson were thrown off the motorcycle. Neither was wearing a helmet, the FHP reported.

Nu-Hope feeds 150 for Thanksgiving



Courtesy photo

Thanksgiving came early this year for the 150 people who gathered to celebrate the 2013 Nu-Hope Thanksgiving Dinner. The annual event, held on Nov. 21 at the Bert Harris Ag Civic Center, included seniors from throughout Highlands County, dozens of community volunteers and dignitaries, and Nu-Hope Elder Care Services staff members. Members of the local 4-H club created centerpieces and helped to decorate the tables. Kelly Yeomans, from Florida Home Health, thrilled the group with her amazing singing. Rev. Miller of the Emmanuel United Church of Christ led the blessing. Civil servants and community volunteers, including Capt. Paul Blackman (pictured) and other members of the Sheriff's Office, Lake Placid Police Department, city and county governments, RSVP, and members of the Emmanuel United Church of Christ, assisted in the serving of the meal. One highlight of the day was when the group surprised Manuel Cabrera, a long time friend of NU-HOPE Elder Care Services, by singing "Happy Birthday To You" in honor of his upcoming 104th birthday.

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Veterans honored with holiday meal



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Fred Edwards (left) of American Legion Post 74 is served food Thursday by Russ 'Rooster' Danser during a special veterans luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church in Sebring. More than 120 plates of food were served during the luncheon. The event was sponsored by the Highlands County Veterans Assistance Team.



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Chance Jordan, 2, Dasan Jordan, 4, and their mom, veteran Danielle Jordan, smile for the camera Thursday during the veterans luncheon in Sebring. Danielle is the youngest veteran in Highlands County and is completely disabled after she sustained injuries while serving in Iraq.



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Joe Wortman of the Highlands County Veterans Assistance Team introduces World War II veteran Bob Glisson on Thursday during an appreciation luncheon in Sebring. Glisson was introduced as the oldest veteran in attendance during the luncheon. He was an Air Force pilot.

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Vietnam veteran John Welling of Lake Placid reads a card made by an elementary school student thanking him for his service. Welling served four years with the U.S. Navy and served more than 18 months in Vietnam.



County explores moving HCSO personnel out of Liberty Star

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gested that should construction not be completed by a Feb. 28 lease deadline for the Liberty Star location, the operation might be moved into portable units on a temporary basis.

Saying that the Liberty Star configuration is a storefront, much the same as the site on Kenilworth Boulevard, it could represent a cost savings by spending the money on construction rather than rent in a similar type of building.

"We could build that out in two and a half years and not be out of pocket one penny," he said. "I think it is a better alternative."

The discussion had stemmed from a staff a proposal for a lease agreement for the current Liberty Star location. Commissioners inked the original pact in 2009 with an extension signed in 2012.

Highlands County Assistant Administrator Randy Vosburg said the current accord would end on Feb. 28 of next year and had proposed a new lease which would expire Sept. 30.

"That would take us at the current cost through the end of the fiscal year," Vosburg said. "There would be two years after that with an increase in rent. The landlord has added in a maintenance fee as the building begins to age."

Vosburg told commissioners the first year would be about a 9 percent increase in rent over current costs, with a subsequent 2 percent increase the following year.

Handley maintained the rental cost over time would run in the neighborhood of \$300,000 and contended that his plan could be realized for about the same amount.



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The Highlands County Sheriff's Office currently uses Liberty Star Plaza on U.S. 27 south of Sebring as headquarters for 70 deputies and staff, but increased costs for the lease on the location have the county looking for alternatives like a county-owned building on Kenilworth Boulevard.

"Other than a sprinkler system, if that is required, all you are talking about is building partitioning, drywall, wiring, plumbing and air conditioning work. I dare say you could do it for \$300,000."

He also noted that since the Kenilworth location is an 18,000-square-foot building, there still would be storage available for the sheriff's office, the Supervisor of Elections and the county's facilities department.

"To me, it makes sense if we can work the logistics of it. I'd rather see the money go into a building we already own," said Commissioner Jim Brooks.

County Administrator June Fisher said county staff would begin working on the project immediately. Nobody from the Highlands County Sheriff's office was present at Tuesday's commission session to respond to the suggestion.

Sheriff Susan Benton said her office was formulating a reply.

ABATE collecting toys once again

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until after Saturday's Toy Run, to see how she does with donations.

"We don't know until Saturday morning," Bennett said. "It depends on the turnout."

She's hoping that turnout will be huge. She has 210 event T-shirts to give to riders, but hopes to give them all out and have to order more.

Riders who get there early will also get to hang out with Santa Claus, who will be riding on the back of a trike (three-wheel) motorcycle, Bennett said.

Boxes will be left at local stores until Dec. 11 to collect as many toys as possible, she said.

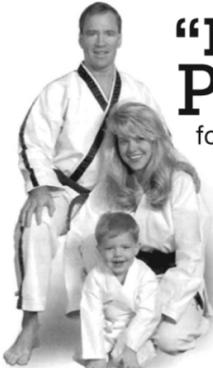
The run itself will line

up at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Blue Crab Restaurant, 825 N. Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, and leave at 1 p.m. under police escort, said Mike Scheldone, ABATE member.

It will run up to Avon Park, then follow U.S. 27 south to Lake Placid, then return to the Sebring Circle and end at Elks Lodge No. 1529 at 2618 Kenilworth Blvd. in Sebring for a 50/50 drawing, an auction and a turkey dinner, Scheldone said.

Admission to the dinner is \$10 for people who weren't in the ride but want to join the festivities.

For details, reservations or to have a family considered for help this year, call Bennett at 863-381-9516.



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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Lack of storms puzzles experts

Saturday was the end of hurricane season, and it appears as if meteorologists and climate theorists will be left scratching their heads.

The year 2013 is going to go down as the year with the fewest number of hurricanes since 1982. ...

Before the hurricane season, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted between 13 to 20 named storms, and between seven and 11 hurricanes. Of those, between two and six were supposed to be major hurricanes.

Thirteen named storms have formed this season. But only two hurricanes were named. Two is well below the annual average. And neither of those hurricanes was considered major.

So what happened? Where is the climate-related strife that was supposed to bedevil Florida and the Southeast?

In 2005, it looked as if what some theorized was climate change related to human activity was making itself known through extreme weather. The nation had seen a number of severe hurricanes, culminating in Hurricane Katrina in September 2005. Hurricane Wilma followed

and caused much damage in Florida.

Then came — well, not much. ... Florida has not been hit by a major hurricane since late 2005. ...

Whatever the reason, perhaps it's time for believers in "climate change" to cool their rhetoric about warming producing super-charged storms. Few people advocate emitting carbon into the atmosphere with no limits, but to achieve policy goals of carbon regulation, some climate-change believers have amped up their rhetoric to the extreme.

Al Gore, the symbolic leader of the climate-change alarm ringers, said earlier this year that "the fingerprint of man-made global warming is all over" recent storms and hurricanes.

That's at least debatable, but the rhetoric is getting so intense that dissent is sometimes forbidden. Look at the Los Angeles Times: An opinion-page editor declared earlier this year that writers who deny evidence of man-made climate change will not be published.

That's just wrong. And it's not in the spirit of rational inquiry and debate — it's a kind of religious absolutism.

There certainly is still room to argue about the weather, weather forecasts and "climate" forecasts too.

An editorial from the Daytona Beach News-Journal.



BLACK-EYE FRIDAY

Black Friday and the darkness in America's soul

Clearly, it MUST have been a video produced by America's enemies, a vicious piece of propaganda that was so outlandish it would have brought laughs 10 years ago. No one except indoctrinated citizens of communist countries would ever believe it.

The setting is Franklin Mills Mall in Philadelphia. The date is "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving, a day when retailers offer shockingly low prices in shockingly short time-frames — so it's grab 'n go time in what has become an increasingly competitive and physical enterprise. And there's always a sprinkling of human turkeys that come out to shop, and oh did we see them on this video. The video shows two women fiercely fighting with each other and punching each other. Someone yells for them to stop and you hear a taser. Why, sure that was put in by some cheesy sound effects guy.

But no, it's reality imitating 1960s comedy or American enemy propaganda. It's for real. It's now.

And it's growing. The latest Black Friday outrage was captured on video by Mike Napolitano, who told NBC's outlet in Philadelphia that it "started out, one couple was fighting with another couple. They



Independent's Eye
Joe Gandelman

had words, the guys got into a fight and then the girl. One couple, they were like a family — and all, with a young child in a stroller." Security stepped in.

Is this just happenstance? No. It's a trend. The website blackfridaydeathcount.com counts seven deaths and 90 injuries since the madness truly began in 2006. This includes people being run over, pepper sprayed, stabbed, and assaulted.

During the 1950s the legendary comedian Jack Benny had a Christmas episode that opened with a shot of screaming women in a crowd, and Benny slowly crawled out from the bottom. It was sale day. The pioneering "adult cartoon" The Flintstones showed Wilma Flintstone and Betty Rubble getting ready to shop yelling:

"Charge...it!" Propaganda by America's enemies in the 50s and 60s portrayed the United States as a cravenly capitalistic society where the only thing that mattered was materialism. The first two are comedy; the second is hog-wash.

Black Friday violence isn't happening in a vacuum.

Statistics vary on the grave problem of road rage but despite law enforcement efforts it's still all the... rage. At Costco you can run into supermarket cart outrage. America has become coarser, more violent.

It's no coincidence that generations of Americans loved and watched the make-believe pain and violence of The Three Stooges, but it's now old hat and outdated due to Jackass, where young people can see the real thing. Young people see a fight at school or on the street and put it on You Tube and it gets big viewership.

In our politics, everyone seems to want to confront, shout, demonize, demand apologies and insist their side did nothing wrong because it was the other side — when the other side often did or advocated what their side does or advocates now — something they previously defended (uh, oh, I hear the False Equivalency Police knocking on my door and

must brace myself for angry comments and emails).

It's like America has now evolved into one, big, fat episode of The Jerry Springer Show, without the crowd shouting "Jer-ry! Jer-ry!" — and without the needed security team to pull people apart.

But with many of the people fighting looking like the past, screaming fist-fighting guests on The Jerry Springer Show.

Honestly, you look at these videos and wonder:

How has our culture sunk to the point where people will literally fight each other and use a stun gun to try and get a cheaper piece of merchandise?

And — no joke — what will happen in the next escalation when mere fights and taser are oh, so, 2013.

How much more violent can it or will it get?

Good thing no one had a dirty bomb on what is becoming Dirty Friday.

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Do we still know how to trust ourselves?

Trust ain't what it used to be in America.

Back in 1972, when the folks conducting the General Social Survey first asked a sampling of Americans if they trusted their countrymen, about half said they did.

Last year, when the same research outfit asked the same set of questions, only a third of our fellow Americans said they trusted one another.

The GSS folks found that Americans — black and white, rich or poor — are more leery, suspicious and mistrustful of others than ever before.

As long as the General Social Survey itself can be trusted, it both confirms and contradicts what my eyes and ears have been telling me for years.

On one hand, the survey found that about two-thirds of Americans believe "you can't be too careful" dealing with others. The Associated Press followed up this year with a poll on some specifics.

Americans say they don't trust other drivers not to crash into them. They say they don't trust the

retail clerks who swipe their credit cards.

They say they don't trust the people they meet when they are traveling.

The GSS didn't bother to ask if we trusted the government or Wall Street or the mainstream news media. The AP found that 81 percent of Americans seldom trust the government in Washington.

No one needs a survey to discover that most of us believe those big American institutions can't be trusted.

It's also understandable why so many Americans, especially the young, don't trust our leaders and social institutions like marriage, the church and the family.

A lot of young people have fallen out of trust with President Obama lately, for good reason. Ditto for churches.

And after seeing so many marriages break up, why would a young person trust her own marriage to last? Better to not get married in the first place.

Despite the survey results, how-



Making Sense
Michael Reagan

ever, the real problem might be that too many Americans — especially young ones — are actually too trusting in some ways.

Too many people of all ages still blindly trust that what they see on TV and the Internet is true. But when it comes to social media, kids — and too many of their parents — are incredibly trusting and naive.

By the millions, they post their personal data and deepest thoughts on Facebook. They email each other. They sext love notes to each other. They send out compromising selfies on their smart phones.

These over-trusting souls tell the whole world where they live, what they own and when they're going away on vacation — and then they're shocked to come home to a robbed and ransacked house.

In the Smart Phone Age, when everyone with an iPhone thinks he's a news reporter, trusting everyone in the room or on the street with your secret or your politically incorrect opinion is a dumb idea.

Ask Mitt Romney. Ask Prince Harry. Ask Alec Baldwin.

It's pretty clear that technology and social media have outrun our ability to handle them. Until we get a grip on them, until we learn to use them maturely, we shouldn't trust them so much.

So who do we trust? We trust the people and institutions who earn our trust. And if no one is earning it, we have to learn to trust ourselves. I hope we still know how to do that.

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Hensley reflects on his decades of service to Sebring

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became his wife on June 20, 1959 after five years of long-distance dating and courting. The couple moved to Sebring permanently in 1963 after living in the Northeast while Hensley worked as a Navy Reserve Captain.

Hensley began his work in Sebring at Nancy's father's business, Heacock Insurance, where he still is employed today after five decades. After a few years of working for Heacock, Hensley's political career began when he took a position of the Sebring Airport Authority Board in the 1970s.

"I served two terms. I was chairman for one of those terms. We did a lot of things; we helped take care of the issue with the Sebring International Raceway. One year (1974) with the gasoline situation we didn't have the Races. We were always involved in whether or not we were going to have a Race. Then I decided I wanted to run for city council," Hensley said.

Hensley was elected and served one term on the Sebring city council. His second attempt at running for council was not as simple — he lost his bid for re-election.

"It's a non-partisan election, the most vote getters get it and not a lot of people vote, so you can lose by only a handful of votes. I think I got beat by 19 votes or something like that," Hensley said of his second attempt at council election. "That was the year Mary Toney ran for council and I was defeated."

The following year, Cecil Heston resigned from city council in order run for the Highlands County School Board. Hensley was then appointed onto the council due to having the second most votes during the previous election cycle.

For the next 16 years, Hensley worked alongside other council members working to improve the city and help the taxpayers see the city go in the direction they envisioned. Hensley said the most difficult time for himself, and most likely all the council members at the time, was the issue regarding Sebring Utilities and what is now Duke Energy.

"That was a tumultuous time for the city," Hensley said.

Hensley served until the late 1990s, then took what he believed to be a break. "I didn't plan on doing anymore politics," Hensley said.

But Hensley was asked to run for mayor by several members of the community after the former mayor



Katara Simmons/News Sun

Sebring Mayor George Hensley takes in the holiday flair at Circle Park this week as he enters into his last holiday season as mayor of Sebring. Hensley will leave his position as mayor after five terms in March.

"Bud" Smith Rudasill decided not to run for re-election.

"He had been mayor for many years. I was asked by several people if I would run for mayor. Even he and others asked me to run, so I did and I won," Hensley said.

Hensley was opposed by Preston Colby but defeated Colby by a "very big margin." Hensley has remained unopposed in elections since that first time.

"That has been a very, very kind thing for me. I'm pleased that that has occurred. It's been a really good thing (not being opposed)," Hensley said.

As his 15 years as mayor has come and are nearly wrapping up, Hensley finds that his fondest memory of being Sebring's mayor is the hard work and dedication of the city staff.

"The city staff has made me very proud. The city staff has been a good functional staff. We've always had civility within the group and I'm very pleased about that. The department folks make the city look good. They've made good financial decisions for the city," Hensley said.

Hensley's memories as mayor are somewhat bitter-sweet, yet he knows that his presence has helped shape things in the community.

"There's not really anything I can look back on and say 'Bam. I did that,' but I've been on the decision-making side and I hope that I've helped influence a great deal of things. I've been supportive of the growth and the annexations and the city staff. I'll miss the staff, all of them. There's some amazing people working for our constituents. Bob Hoffman, especially, has been a real visionary. Scott Noethlich, too," said Hensley.

"This Harder Hall business has been a tumultuous time. That saga will resolve someday, it may not resolve for the city's best interest. It will sell someday to somebody, but that decision

will be left to some council and I trust that they will decide the best thing. The council has made real effort to have growth and progress," Hensley said.

Hensley looks forward to less busy days to come with his wife Nancy, three daughters, grandchildren and continuing his work at Heacock.

The past year, Hensley has endured health issues, all of which he has conquered gracefully and under the public eye to some degree.

Hensley's time as mayor has given him a humble and grateful heart.

"A mayor is sort of the face of the community for a lot of people and I hope I've projected that in a positive manner. People tell me that I have and I thank them for that. I've tried to, as the mayor, respond to the people's needs. I get asked to cut ribbons, I cut them. I get asked to sign proclamations, to do this and do that. I have tried to do that as much as possible and I've been fortunate to have a business relationship where they allow me to carry out those duties. I think it makes a lot of difference in the way people view the city.

I've never wanted to seem, I guess you could say, untouchable, or so far removed," Hensley said. "I've wanted to have a smiley face to represent the city and be as kind as I possibly can to our constituents. I trust that I've done that. I don't want to go out with any kind of fanfare. I just want that time to end and set. It's time to let someone with new ideas and fresh ideas to come in here."

Hensley will finish out his term as mayor through the end of March. Sebring's new mayor will be appointed on April 1, 2014.

Hensley will serve as grand marshal while riding alongside Mrs. Hensley in his final Sebring Christmas parade as mayor today. The parade through downtown starts at 7 p.m.

Parkway plans move ahead

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pleted. They instructed staff to see if there were cost savings to be found in any of the individual items, such as having county staff do engineering work, or by reducing landscape requirements.

"We only want to get back to where we are right now, we are not looking for a lot of improvements," Yarbrough said.

He also noted that over the course of the past couple years there have been numerous changes in the plan, and with each change there were additional associated costs.

"It would blow you away to find out how many times our property has been surveyed," he told commissioners.

Following that action, commissioners discussed purchasing part of a third parcel for pedestrian traffic. Commissioner Don Elwell emphasized the importance of that piece, saying it would complete a continuous 8-foot, multi-use path that might be used by students walking from the Fred Wild Elementary and Sebring Senior High schools.

"Long-term vision, long-range vision, what's the right thing to do? I think

we need to move forward and see if we can get that piece," he said.

Commissioners Greg Harris and Ron Handley blanched at the nearly \$100,000 price tag. However, attorney Ross Macbeth pointed out that the number represented a significant reduction from the primary offer.

"The previous offer had onsite improvements added on, this offer is substantially below because those things are all included in this price," he said.

That issue will come up at the board's Dec. 17 meeting.

Community Briefs

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humor. This lively, up-tempo show is open to the public and tickets are \$8. For more information call 452-5037.

Christ Lutheran plans breakfast

AVON PARK — First Saturday Breakfast is planned for 8-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Christ Lutheran Church LCMS, 1320 County Road 64 East, a half mile east of Avon Park High School.

A full breakfast, homemade casseroles and sticky buns will be available for \$5 for one serving of each item.

These breakfasts are scheduled from November to April. Call 471-2663 for information.

Woman's Club plans fashion show

LAKE PLACID — GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club presents A Victorian Christmas Fashion Show at 11 a.m. Saturday. Lunch will be served at noon.

The event will take place at St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 43 Lake June Road. For tickets contact Helen Sides at 699-2036 or email sidesr@gmail.com.

Christian Church plans tea

AVON PARK — The women of Avon Park Christian Church will have their annual Ladies Christmas Tea at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, 1016 W. Camphor St (behind McDonalds). All women are invited to attend.

Bring your mother, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother, friend, neighbor, or someone new. There will be entertainment, good food, fellowship, door prizes and fun for all who attend. The theme is "The Gift of Love and Laughter".

Tickets for the Christmas Tea are \$4 each and can be purchased at the church office from 8 a.m. to noon today or by calling 453-5334.

Riders hold raffle

SEBRING — The American Legion Riders Chapter 74 will have a Wild, Wild West Raffle, from which the drawing will be at 7 p.m. Saturday. For tickets and information, call John "Metric" Vincent at 471-0233 or 214-1129, or email jpvincntiii@hotmail.com

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit American Legion Riders charities.

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. today. 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

Death notice

Robert Wilson Jr., 81, of Avon Park, died on Nov. 26. Coney Funeral Home, Lakeland.

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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.

Dance Club hosts Chuck White & Friends

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club will host the music of Chuck White and Friends from 7-9:30 p.m. tonight at the Highlands Social Center, 3400 Sebring Parkway. Dance to the sounds of the '50s, '60s, and '70s.

Snacks and sandwiches will be available. Admission is \$5 for members, and \$7 for non-members. Dress is smart casual.

Everyone is welcome, including singles. Call 386-0855 for information.

Garden Club presents Holiday Home and Garden Tour

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Garden Club presents four beautiful lakefront homes and gardens to be open for tour from 1-4 p.m. today. Free refreshments and poinsettia sale will be held at the club's "Holiday Cafe" in the pavillion at Stuart Park. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the park on the day of the tour. Maps will be provided with the tickets.

For tickets or further information contact Peggy Alexander at 465-1269 or Connie Watson at 465-0487. Proceeds from this event will be used to fund college scholarships and civic projects in the Lake Placid community.

AMVETS host karaoke night

SEBRING — AMVETS Post 21 will have karaoke with Mega Soundz from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Pizza will be available.

Cheerleaders plan big sale

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad will have a rummage sale on Saturday and Sunday at the Masonic Lodge, 102 N. Main Ave.

The squad is looking for vendors to rent space and support the LPHS Varsity Cheer Squad. Rent is \$25 (two-table space) inside the building, or \$20 (two-table space) outside the building. There is a limited number of tables provided (first come first served). Others will need to bring their tables. Contact Sharon Reid, Varsity Cheer coach, at 840-

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Harvest Festival is Saturday

SEBRING — Ren-Mar Plaza, 6408 U.S. 27 South, will host Harvest Festival for local artists to show their arts and crafts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Each store will hold a raffle.

Legion Ladies plan sale

LAKE PLACID — American Legion Placid Post 25 Ladies Auxiliary will host its annual flea market at 8 a.m. Saturday. Post 25 is at 1490 U.S. 27 North. This is always a huge event with lots of undiscovered treasure offered for sale.

Table fees are \$10 and you can reserve a table by calling the post at 465-0975 or 655-4253. Doughnuts, breakfast sandwiches and coffee will also be available. Proceeds provide support for veterans activities in Highlands County.

Santa to visit Bill Jarrett Ford

AVON PARK — Bill Jarrett Ford will host its fifth annual Santa Fly-In, a holiday customer appreciation event featuring an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus, on Saturday. The community of Highlands County is invited to celebrate the season and join in the festivities, which will kick off by Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving via helicopter.

The event will include a petting zoo, train rides, as well as caricature artists drawing holiday portraits. Refreshments will also be available throughout the event, which is free.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive via helicopter at 10 a.m., followed by holiday festivities and activities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Affinity Health Professionals plans annual Toy Drive

SEBRING — Affinity Health Professionals is kicking off its annual Toy Drive this week. Donate new toys at the office through today.

All toys will be donated to Heartland for Children, a local not-for-profit child welfare agency. These toys will be given to children in foster care or protective custody in Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties.

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 CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000316
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ACCREDITED MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2 ASSET BACKED NOTES, Plaintiff,
 v.
 HERMAN O. ROGERS; LINDA K. ROGERS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND CACV OF COLORADO, LLC, Defendant(s).

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 vs.
 UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF JAMES L. BAKER, DECEASED, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF JAMES L. BAKER, DECEASED CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
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 commonly known as 305 ANDERSON ST NE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ashley L. Simon of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813)229-0900, on or before December 30, 2013, (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 Dated: November 21, 2013.
 CLERK OF THE COURT
 Honorable ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 /s/ Toni Kopp
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December 6, 13, 2013

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original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 14th day of November, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: /s/ Toni Kopp
 DEPUTY CLERK
 November 29; December 6, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000735
 DIVISION:
 SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff,
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 This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 21st day of November, 2013.
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 November 29; December 6, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 12000674GCAXMX
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWMBSS INC., CWMBSS REPERFORMING LOAN REMIC TRUST, CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R1 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KARL O. BERTKA
 A/K/A KARL OTTIS BERTKA, ET AL Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 21, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12000674GCAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF CWMBSS INC., CWMBSS REPERFORMING LOAN REMIC TRUST, CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R1 is Plaintiff and BERTKA O. BERTKA A/K/A KARL OTTIS BERTKA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KARL O. BERTKA; CHRISTY MYCHELLE DE-SHAZO F/K/A CHRISTY MYCHELLE DE-SHAZO-BERTKA A/K/A CHRISTY MYCHELLE BERTKA; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA 33870-3867, at 11:00 a.m., on the 23rd day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 525, OF SEBRING RIDGE SECTION "A", ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 22nd day of November, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk of said Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed November 25, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 28-2012-CA-001041 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 13th day of January, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:
 Lot 259, SEBRING HILLS, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 2, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 26th day of November, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 As Clerk of the Court
 BY: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000280
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JENNIFER D. LABELLE A/K/A JENNIFER DAWN LABELLE, RANDY J. LABELLE A/K/A RANDY LABELLE, SPRING LAKE CLUB, INC., SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. F/K/A SPRING LAKE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., SUNTRUST BANK, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER D. LABELLE A/K/A JENNIFER DAWN LABELLE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RANDY J. LABELLE A/K/A RANDY LABELLE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed November 25, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 28-2013-CA-000280 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 13th day of January, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment,
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 12-03552-1
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
 December 6, 13, 2013

1050 Legals

Water Management District (District) 170 Century Boulevard, Bartow, Florida 33830-7700.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
 Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's action granting this exemption may request an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), of the Uniform Rules of Procedure. A request for hearing must (1) explain how the substantial interests of each person requesting the hearing will be affected by the District's action, or final action; (2) state all material facts disputed by each person requesting the hearing or state that there are no disputed facts; and (3) otherwise comply with Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. A request for hearing must be filed with and received by the Agency Clerk of the District at the District's Brooksville address, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 within 21 days of publication of this notice. Failure to file a request for hearing within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001041
 FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CONNIE ANN BEAGLES, MICHAEL MORGAN, SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CONNIE ANN BEAGLES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL MORGAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed November 25, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 28-2012-CA-001041 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 13th day of January, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:
 Lot 259, SEBRING HILLS, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 2, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 26th day of November, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 As Clerk of the Court
 BY: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk

IN RE: ESTATE OF BEATRICE ADELE THOMPSON AKA BEATRICE A. THOMPSON, Deceased.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of BEATRICE ADELE THOMPSON AKA BEATRICE A. THOMPSON, deceased, whose date of death was July 1, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claim with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is November 29, 2013.
 s/s Beverly Sue Vanderpool
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 1431 COMPTON DRIVE
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ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 CLIFFORD M. ABLES III, P.A.
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 SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870
 Telephone: (863) 385-0112
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 E-mail: cmaables@cmablespa.net
 /s/ Clifford M. Ables III
 BRANDON S. CRAIG
 Florida Bar Number 0085800
 November 29; December 6, 2013

NOTICE OF FINAL AGENCY ACTION BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 Notice is given that the District's Final Agency Action is approval of the application for a Water Use Permit to serve Industrial/Commercial & Agricultural activities. The total authorized withdrawal is 87,000 GPD, Peak Month is 320,100 GPD, and Maximum is 2,736,500 GPD. The project is located in Highlands County, Section(s) 04, Township 33 South, Range 28 East. The permit applicant is Cargill Juice North America, Inc., whose address is P.O. Box 2000, Frostproof, FL 33843. The Permit No. is 20 004086.012.
 The file(s) pertaining to the project referred to above is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Southwest Florida

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001172
 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CARLOS BERNIER, HIGHLANDS COUNTY FLORIDA, STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on September 17, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

THE PORTION OF LOT 3, BLOCK 14, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 3 AND RUN NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF 190 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 71 FEET; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 190 FEET; THENCE EAST TO POINT OF BEGINNING HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 700 WINTHROP ST., AVON PARK, FL 33825; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on January 9, 2014 at 11 a.m.
 Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 2nd day of December, 2013.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

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 December 6, 13, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 282010CA000137XXAXMX
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 LARRY ANDRESS, et al
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JERRY LEE ANDRESS, DECEASED
 RESIDENT: Unknown
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 428 WEST WATERWAY
 AVENUE NW,
 LAKE PLACID, FL
 33852

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:
 Lot 14, Block 89 of PLACID LAKES, SECTION EIGHT, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 70, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Phelan Hallinan PLC, attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before or immediately thereafter, December 30, 2013 otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 This notice shall be published one a week for two consecutive weeks in The News-Sun.
 DATED: November 25, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk of the Court
 Movant counsel certifies that a bona fide effort to resolve this matter on the motion notice has been made or that, because of time consideration, such effort has not yet been made but will be made prior to the scheduled hearing.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
 PH #21149
 December 6, 13, 2013

1055 Highlands County Legals

The City of Sebring will receive sealed bids in the City Purchasing Department for:

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 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, 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.

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

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

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000807
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CRISTINO RIVERA, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO:
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CRISTINO RIVERA
Last Known Address: Unknown
Also Attempted At:
Current Residence: Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOTS 768 AND 769, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 89, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Choice Legal Group, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33309 on or before January 3, 2014, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 18th day of November, 2013.

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

13-05993
November 29; December 6, 2013

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SEBRING * Yard & Craft Sale * 4935 Barnum St. Thurs.- Sat. Dec. 5th 6th & 7th. 8am-?. New hand made items, household items, tools, misc. Too Much To List!

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | |
| Fog in the morning; sunshine | Fog in the a.m.; mostly sunny, warm | Intervals of clouds and sun | Intervals of clouds and sun | Chance for a couple of showers |
| 84° / 63° | 83° / 64° | 84° / 65° | 83° / 65° | 84° / 64° |
| Winds: SE at 7-14 mph | Winds: ESE at 4-8 mph | Winds: SE at 7-14 mph | Winds: SSE at 7-14 mph | Winds: SSW at 6-12 mph |



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| High Sunday | 77° |
| Low Sunday | 55° |
| High Monday | 69° |
| Low Monday | 59° |
| High Tuesday | 80° |
| Low Tuesday | 57° |
| High Wednesday | 84° |
| Low Wednesday | 55° |

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Relative humidity | 52% |
| Expected air temperature | 83° |
| Makes it feel like | 85° |

Barometer

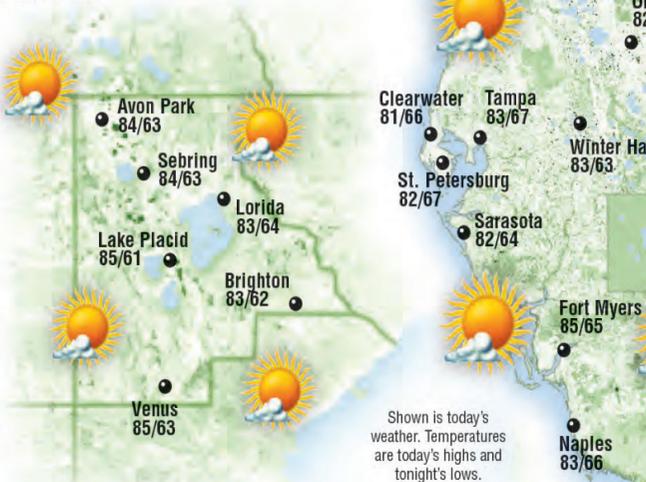
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| Monday | 29.92 |
| Tuesday | 29.99 |
| Wednesday | 30.10 |

Precipitation

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| Monday | 0.00" |
| Tuesday | 0.00" |
| Wednesday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.02" |
| Year to date | 62.49" |

Regional Summary

Patchy fog in the morning; otherwise, mostly sunny today. Clear and mild tonight. Patchy fog tomorrow morning; otherwise, mostly sunny and warm. Sunday and Monday: clouds and sun.



Farm Report

Fog in the morning; otherwise, sunshine today. Winds south-southeast 7-14 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 70% and fair drying conditions.

Water Restrictions

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

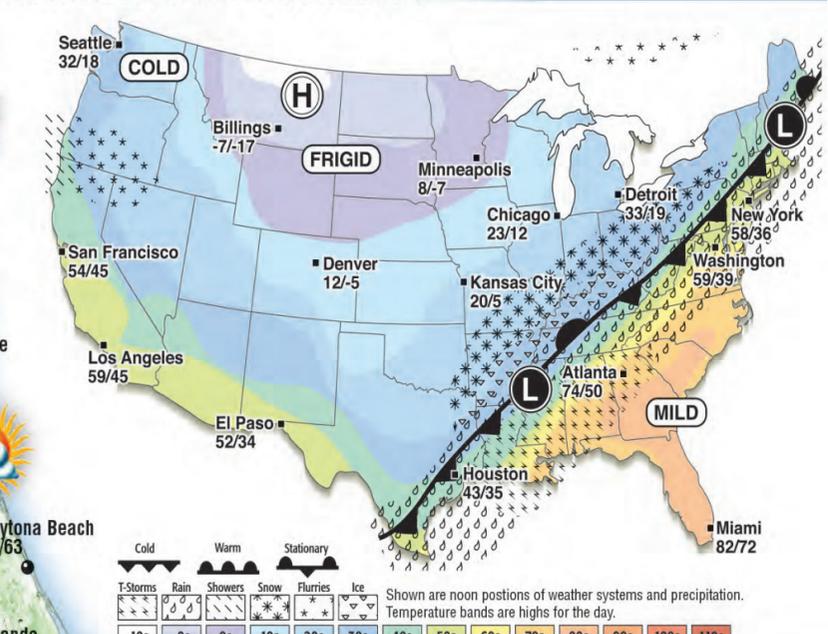
Weather History

On Dec. 6, 1964, almost 15 inches of rain fell on Little Port Walter, Ark., in 24 hours. This is the greatest 24-hour rainfall event in the state's history.

Sun and Moon

| | Today | Saturday |
|----------|------------|------------|
| Sunrise | 7:00 a.m. | 7:00 a.m. |
| Sunset | 5:34 p.m. | 5:34 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 10:17 a.m. | 11:04 a.m. |
| Moonset | 9:49 p.m. | 10:52 p.m. |

National Forecast for December 6



National Summary

Significant icing will continue today from the Red River Valley in Texas through southern Missouri, which may down trees and power lines. Several inches of snow will fall across portions of the Ohio Valley, while precipitation will be mainly in the form of rain from Boston to Washington. The Southeast will be warm again with a few thunderstorms from the southern Appalachians to the central Gulf Coast. Bitterly cold air will persist across the northern Plains and the Rockies today.

U.S. Cities

| City | Today | Sat. | Sun. |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Albuquerque | 36/24/s | 41/26/c | 37/18/sn |
| Atlanta | 74/50/r | 54/47/r | 52/51/sh |
| Baltimore | 56/37/r | 44/28/pc | 37/33/sn |
| Birmingham | 68/38/t | 46/42/r | 65/53/sh |
| Boston | 54/32/r | 41/26/sf | 35/30/s |
| Charlotte | 76/56/pc | 57/37/r | 41/41/r |
| Cheyenne | 6/-6/pc | 16/-1/sf | 14/-8/sn |
| Chicago | 23/12/c | 22/13/pc | 31/24/sn |
| Cleveland | 34/22/sn | 28/19/pc | 33/30/sn |
| Columbus | 34/20/sn | 28/19/pc | 34/33/sn |
| Dallas | 28/17/t | 28/26/f | 34/31/f |
| Denver | 12/-5/pc | 18/4/sn | 14/0/sn |
| Detroit | 33/19/c | 28/15/pc | 31/27/c |
| Harrisburg | 52/33/r | 41/24/pc | 36/32/sn |
| Honolulu | 83/67/pc | 83/65/s | 81/67/s |
| Houston | 43/35/r | 39/35/r | 49/38/c |
| Indianapolis | 30/14/sn | 26/15/pc | 29/24/sn |
| Jackson, MS | 53/34/r | 41/37/r | 52/42/r |
| Kansas City | 20/5/s | 21/14/c | 24/10/sn |
| Lexington | 36/24/f | 31/23/pc | 41/33/f |
| Little Rock | 30/17/t | 27/22/sn | 33/28/f |

World Cities

| City | Today | Sat. | Sun. |
|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Acapulco | 90/73/s | 89/73/pc | 91/72/pc |
| Athens | 61/45/s | 56/36/pc | 54/37/s |
| Beirut | 65/58/s | 66/57/sh | 65/54/sh |
| Berlin | 34/26/sf | 34/31/sn | 38/36/c |
| Bermuda | 72/62/s | 73/66/s | 74/66/pc |
| Calgary | -12/-19/pc | 11/0/pc | 9/-6/sf |
| Dublin | 39/37/pc | 48/42/pc | 52/44/pc |
| Edmonton | -10/-24/pc | 7/-14/pc | 0/-12/sf |
| Freeport | 81/69/pc | 81/70/s | 81/71/pc |
| Geneva | 43/25/pc | 41/29/s | 45/31/s |
| Havana | 84/64/s | 83/68/s | 85/68/s |
| Hong Kong | 72/61/s | 72/64/s | 74/66/s |
| Jerusalem | 57/48/pc | 60/49/pc | 57/47/pc |
| Johannesburg | 73/56/t | 73/56/sh | 74/58/c |
| Kiev | 36/25/sf | 30/23/sn | 28/22/c |

Florida Cities

| City | Today | Sat. | Sun. |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cape Coral | 84/64/s | 84/66/s | 84/67/pc |
| Clearwater | 81/66/s | 81/67/pc | 82/67/pc |
| Coral Springs | 82/69/pc | 82/71/s | 83/72/pc |
| Daytona Beach | 80/63/pc | 81/63/pc | 80/65/pc |
| Fl. Laud. Bch | 81/72/s | 82/73/s | 82/74/pc |
| Fort Myers | 85/65/s | 85/66/s | 85/67/pc |
| Gainesville | 82/61/s | 82/60/pc | 81/64/pc |
| Hollywood | 82/70/s | 83/72/s | 83/72/pc |
| Homestead AFB | 81/71/s | 82/71/s | 81/71/pc |
| Jacksonville | 80/61/s | 80/60/pc | 79/61/pc |
| Key West | 82/73/s | 81/74/s | 81/74/pc |

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

| | |
|------|------------|
| High | 2:53 a.m. |
| Low | 10:54 a.m. |
| High | 6:05 p.m. |
| Low | 9:40 p.m. |

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Lake Jackson | 78.36' |
| Lake Okeechobee | 14.65' |
| Normal | 14.51' |

UV Index Today



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Goose eggs for Blue Streaks

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Shannon Bloemsma dives to make this save, but would be unable to stop three others in the Lady Streaks 3-0 loss against Lake Wales Tuesday. Things didn't go much better for the Blue Streak boys as they fell to the Highlanders on the road, 1-0. Both squads are in third place in the District 11-3A standings, with the boys at 2-2-1 and behind Auburndale (5-0) and Lake Wales (4-1). The girls at 3-2 and behind the Bloodhounds and Highlanders who both stand at 4-0-1.



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files

Jose Rinald had eight points in support of Markyrie McCray's game-high 16, but it wasn't nearly enough for Lake Placid Tuesday night.

Streaks slip by Bulldogs

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – For a coach whose team had just won its' district opening game, Sebring's Princeton Harris was exasperated – and understandably so.

It was a long night, Tuesday's 67-60 win over visiting DeSoto.

Often made longer by a never-ending chorus of whistles from an officiating crew that had both teams in double bonus in each half.

That's a minimum of 40 fouls called, in 32 minutes of playing time – the number was likely closer to 50,

Sebring

67

DeSoto

60

meaning a call was being made once every 38 seconds.

It was also made longer by the Streaks inability to put this one away, even as the Bulldogs were providing them ample opportunity to do so.

With a close game nearing the end of the first quarter, Keizhawn Hester provided a bit of breathing room with back-to-back three pointers for a 13-6 lead at period's end.

Three pointers were the big weapon for Sebring in the second quarter, canning four of them, two from Connor Cook and one each from Hester and Jordan Strickland.

DeSoto would fight back with most of the scoring load shouldered by Karl Williams, who scored 10 in the period.

But the Blue Streak threes, along with a putback by Luke Ancrum and a turnaround in the lane from Gary Demarest, had the lead at



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Quantrae Rouse drives for a lay-up in Tuesday's Blue Streak win over DeSoto.

32-23 at the half.

The third quarter was back and forth for a while, with Demarest, Quantrae Rouse and Hester scoring to offset scores from Williams, Kinote Akins and Reggie

Jones.

But the Bulldogs started creeping back into it and after drives from Lee and Akins and a free throw from Williams, it was a 39-38 game with 3:42 to go in the

third.

Demarest then scored on a fast break and Williams hit one of two free throws to make it 41-39.

See STREAKS, B4

County basketball recap in brief

News-Sun report

While the Sebring boys eked out a win Tuesday, the Avon Park boys basketball team wasn't so fortunate in a non-district tilt at Kathleen.

Down eight after three quarters, the Devils cut into the lead in the fourth, but couldn't get over the hump and took their first loss of the season, 62-57.

Alfred Brown lead three players in double figures with 14 while John Mason and Gus Owens each had 10.

The loss came on the heels of a narrow win over visiting Ridge Monday by a 57-55 score.

It wasn't quite so close in Lake Placid, as the Dragons fell to visiting Frostproof 65-45.

Lake Placid kept it close in the first half, staying within six entering the third quarter.

But the short-handed Dragons couldn't keep up and were outscored by 14 over the final to frames.

Markyrie McCray lead all scorers with 16 points, Jose Rinald added eight and Brad Bell six as Anfernee Munnings was

sidelined with a thumb injury sustained in Monday's game against Sebring.

The Bulldogs spread their scoring around as Jarviel Hart had 13, Kijana Gaines nine and Hamilton Johnson, Kaleel Gaines and Ezekiel Hayes each scored eight.

The Lady Green Dragons had a much better time of it up in Frostproof, easing to a

45-19 win, and the Lady Blue Streaks had a bit of a rough go in DeSoto, but pulled out a 49-34 win.

"We all played sloppy and got in foul trouble with our big girls very quickly," Lady Streak guard Christacia Dawkins said. "But we still managed to win somehow."

Jamiese Wiley scored 16 to pace the Streaks, Rondaja Williams had 12 and Jazmin House 11.

Avon Park and Lake Placid were back in action Thursday night, with the Devils squads facing McKeel and the Dragons playing LaBelle.

The Sebring gals take to the road tonight with a district date at Lemon Bay.

But we still managed to win somehow.

Christacia Dawkins
Sebring guard

Okeechobee/Istokpoga Team Trail tournament braves winds

John Woods' Okeechobee/Istokpoga Team Trail held its third tournament of the 2013-2014 season at Lake Okeechobee on Sunday, Nov. 24, in what can only be described as a cold and blustery day.

With winds forecasted to be in the 20-plus mph category, Lake Okeechobee was a rolling monster of water.

Many of the teams sought shelter from the wind, while others braved the 4-6' waves to run the lake south.

Some found fish – others just found more wind and rough water.

The team of Ken Karoll and Chris Crow took first place with 23.14 pounds, winning \$800.

Second place honors went to the team of John Ochs and Greg Watts with 20.52 pounds.

Second place payout was



Fishin' Around...

Don Norton

\$375, plus they won Big Bass with an 8.70 pound lunker pocketing an additional \$405.

Third place went to Jimmy and Charles Bass with 20.40 pounds and earning \$225.

Second place Big Bass Honors went to Skip Purple with a 7.94 pound bass.

I wasn't able to fish the event and had Kyle King take my place.

He and Nick DeSanto caught a number of bass, but

like many others, just couldn't find any big fish.

They finished with about 10 pounds.

The next Okeechobee/Istokpoga Team Trail Tournament will be Sunday, Dec. 15, on Lake Istokpoga.

On the same date the Lake Placid Team Trail will be holding their tournament on Lake Josephine.

Since I fish both circuits, Kyle King, our alternate, will be fishing in my place in the Lake Josephine tournament.

I'll be fishing with Nick DeSanto in the Istokpoga tournament.

Watch this column for the results of both events.

Okeechobee Special
As promised, just a follow-up on my success with the big-blade spinnerbait called the "Okeechobee Special."

Since buying a couple of the Hildebrant spinnerbaits with a size 6 willow-leaf blade I haven't had much of a chance to use the bait.

I did catch a number of fish at the last Lake Jackson Wednesday tournament, but nothing bigger than two pounds.

On Sunday, in preparation for the Big Bass tournament next Saturday at Lake Lotela, I gave it another try.

Launching the boat at the power plant boat ramp, I didn't even start the outboard motor and I was rewarded with a nice four-pounder on my third cast. The water in Lake Lotela is very clear and it was pretty easy to see the big bladed spinner-bait traveling a few inches below the surface.

I tend to watch my bait, or in the absence of being able to see the actually bait I'm

fishing with, I watch the line where it enters the water.

Just after catching and releasing the 4 pounder, a big bass followed the spinnerbait back to the boat, but wouldn't strike it.

I let the bait fall thinking that the bass would take it, but she just waited until I started the retrieve again and followed all the way to the boat.

I switched to a plastic worm and fished the same area for quite a while but she never did take the bait.

I continued fishing with the spinner-bait and caught 6 more bass before the foul weather drove me off the lake.

I'm anxious to continue using the Hildebrant spinnerbait as well as a few I made for myself with a size 8 willow-leaf blade.

I'll let you know how well

it works for big bass.

Dirty Burd Lures

Most fishermen know there's no shortage of companies making plastic lures, but I recently came across a new company, Dirty Burd Lures, and I have to admit, they offer an outstanding product.

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Lake Lotela Big Bass
Tournament

See FISH, B3

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| | W | L | T | Pct | PF PA |
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| Baltimore | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 249 235 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 263 278 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 231 297 |

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| Oakland | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 237 300 |

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| N.Y. Giants | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 237 297 |
| Washington | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 269 362 |

| | South | | | | |
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| | W | L | T | Pct | PF PA |
| New Orleans | 9 | 3 | 0 | .750 | 312 230 |
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| Atlanta | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 261 340 |

| | North | | | | |
|-----------|-------|---|---|------|---------|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF PA |
| Detroit | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 326 287 |
| Chicago | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 323 332 |
| Green Bay | 5 | 6 | 1 | .458 | 294 305 |
| Minnesota | 3 | 8 | 1 | .292 | 289 366 |

| | West | | | | |
|---------------|------|---|---|------|---------|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF PA |
| x-Seattle | 11 | 1 | 0 | .917 | 340 186 |
| San Francisco | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 297 197 |
| Arizona | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 275 247 |
| St. Louis | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 279 278 |

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Game

Houston at Jacksonville, late

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at New England, 1 p.m.
 Oakland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
 Seattle at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
 St. Louis at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
 Carolina at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's Game
 Dallas at Chicago, 8:40 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | Atlantic Division | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|----|----|-----|-------|
| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF GA |
| Boston | 18 | 7 | 2 | 38 | 75 55 |
| Montreal | 17 | 9 | 3 | 37 | 80 62 |
| Detroit | 14 | 8 | 7 | 35 | 81 79 |
| Tampa Bay | 16 | 10 | 1 | 33 | 76 67 |
| Toronto | 14 | 11 | 3 | 31 | 77 77 |
| Ottawa | 11 | 13 | 4 | 26 | 82 92 |
| Florida | 7 | 16 | 5 | 19 | 61 95 |
| Buffalo | 6 | 20 | 2 | 14 | 48 85 |

| | Metropolitan Division | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|----|----|-----|-------|
| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF GA |
| Pittsburgh | 19 | 9 | 1 | 39 | 89 66 |
| Washington | 14 | 12 | 2 | 30 | 83 82 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 14 | 14 | 0 | 28 | 62 71 |
| Philadelphia | 13 | 13 | 2 | 28 | 63 68 |
| New Jersey | 11 | 12 | 6 | 28 | 64 71 |
| Carolina | 11 | 12 | 5 | 27 | 61 79 |
| Columbus | 11 | 14 | 3 | 25 | 68 80 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 8 | 15 | 5 | 21 | 74 96 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | Central Division | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|----|----|-----|--------|
| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF GA |
| Chicago | 20 | 5 | 4 | 44 | 105 80 |
| St. Louis | 18 | 5 | 3 | 39 | 91 60 |
| Colorado | 19 | 6 | 0 | 38 | 76 52 |
| Minnesota | 16 | 8 | 5 | 37 | 70 67 |
| Dallas | 13 | 9 | 4 | 30 | 74 76 |
| Winnipeg | 13 | 12 | 4 | 30 | 78 82 |
| Nashville | 13 | 12 | 3 | 29 | 63 78 |

| | Pacific Division | | | | |
|-------------|------------------|----|----|-----|--------|
| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF GA |
| San Jose | 19 | 3 | 5 | 43 | 96 62 |
| Anaheim | 18 | 7 | 5 | 41 | 93 80 |
| Los Angeles | 18 | 7 | 4 | 40 | 76 62 |
| Phoenix | 16 | 8 | 4 | 36 | 92 90 |
| Vancouver | 15 | 10 | 5 | 35 | 80 78 |
| Calgary | 10 | 13 | 4 | 24 | 74 94 |
| Edmonton | 9 | 18 | 2 | 20 | 75 101 |

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

Tuesday's Games

Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, SO
 San Jose 4, Toronto 2
 Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
 Carolina 4, Washington 1
 Columbus 1, Tampa Bay 0
 Ottawa 4, Florida 2
 Dallas 4, Chicago 3
 Vancouver 3, Nashville 1
 Phoenix 6, Edmonton 2

Wednesday's Games

Montreal 4, New Jersey 3, SO
 Philadelphia 6, Detroit 3
 Calgary 4, Phoenix 1

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, late
 Dallas at Toronto, late
 San Jose at Pittsburgh, late
 Boston at Montreal, late
 Ottawa at Tampa Bay, late
 Winnipeg at Florida, late
 N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, late
 Carolina at Nashville, late
 Chicago at Minnesota, late
 Colorado at Edmonton, late

Friday's Games

Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 San Jose at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 Anaheim at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.
 Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

| | GP | G | A | PTS |
|---------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Crosby, PIT | 29 | 15 | 23 | 38 |
| Malkin, PIT | 29 | 7 | 30 | 37 |
| Kane, CHI | 29 | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| Getzlaf, ANH | 27 | 14 | 18 | 32 |
| Tavares, NYI | 28 | 11 | 21 | 32 |
| Steen, STL | 26 | 20 | 11 | 31 |
| Perry, ANH | 30 | 16 | 15 | 31 |
| Ovechkin, WAS | 26 | 21 | 9 | 30 |

BOXING SATURDAY

8 p.m. Zab Judah vs. Paulie Malignaggi. **SHOW**
9:45 p.m. Joseph Agbeko vs. Guillermo Rigondeaux **HBO**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FRIDAY
10 p.m. Baylor vs. Kentucky **ESPN**
SATURDAY
11 a.m. LaSalle vs. Stony Brook **SUN**
12:30 p.m. UCLA at Missouri **CBS**
1:30 p.m. Fordham vs. St. John's. **SUN**
3:15 p.m. Kansas at Colorado **ESPN2**
5:15 p.m. UNLV at Arizona. **ESPN2**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY
8 p.m. Bowling Green vs. Northern Illinois . . . **ESPN2**
SATURDAY
Noon Oklahoma at Oklahoma State **ABC**
Noon UCF at SMU **ESPN**
Noon Marshall at Rice **ESPN2**
3:30 p.m. Texas at Baylor. **FOX**
4 p.m. Missouri vs. Auburn **CBS**
7:30 p.m. South Florida at Rutgers **ESPN2**
7:45 p.m. Stanford at Arizona State **ESPN**
8 p.m. Duke vs. Florida State **ABC**
8:17 p.m. Ohio State vs. Michigan State. **FOX**
10 p.m. Utah State at Fresno State **CBS**

GOLF

FRIDAY
11:30 a.m. EuroPGA – Hong Kong Open **GOLF**
3 p.m. Northwestern Mutual World Challenge . **GOLF**
SATURDAY
9:30 a.m. EuroPGA – Hong Kong Open **GOLF**
1 p.m. Northwestern Mutual World Challenge . **GOLF**
3 p.m. Northwestern Mutual World Challenge . **NBC**

MLS CUP

WEDNESDAY
4 p.m. Real Salt Lake at Sporting K.C. **ESPN**

NBA

FRIDAY
7:30 p.m. Denver at Boston **ESPN**
SATURDAY
8 p.m. Detroit at Chicago **WGN**

NHL

SATURDAY
7 p.m. Winnipeg at Tampa Bay **SUN**

SKIING

SATURDAY
2 p.m. Audi Birds of Prey – Men's Super-G. **NBC**
Times, games, channels all subject to change

| | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|
| Zetterberg, DET | 28 | 11 | 19 | 30 |
| Thornton, SJ | 27 | 5 | 25 | 30 |

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| San Antonio at Minnesota, ppd. | |
| Portland 111, Oklahoma City 104 | |

Thursday's Games

New York at Brooklyn, late
 L.A. Clippers at Memphis, late
 Miami at Chicago, late

Friday's Games

Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Denver at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

| | SCORING | | |
|--------------|---------|-----|----------|
| | FG | FT | PTS |
| Durant, OKC | 145 | 166 | 484 28.5 |
| Anthony, NYK | 150 | 103 | 421 26.3 |
| James, MIA | 166 | 109 | 468 26.0 |
| George, IND | 166 | 85 | 467 24.6 |
| Harden, HOU | 113 | 124 | 381 23.8 |

| | REBOUNDS | | |
|---------------|----------|------|----------|
| | OFF | DEFT | TOT |
| Love, MIN | 73 | 186 | 259 13.6 |
| Jordan, LAC | 84 | 160 | 244 12.8 |
| Drummond, DET | 93 | 151 | 244 12.8 |
| Howard, HOU | 69 | 182 | 251 12.6 |
| Vucevic, ORL | 52 | 133 | 185 10.9 |

| | ASSISTS | | |
|---------------|---------|-----|------|
| | G | AST | AVG |
| Paul, LAC | 18 | 216 | 12.0 |
| Wall, WAS | 18 | 166 | 9.2 |
| Curry, GOL | 16 | 140 | 8.8 |
| Rubio, MIN | 19 | 162 | 8.5 |
| Jennings, DET | 17 | 142 | 8.4 |

MLS Playoffs

MLS CUP
 Saturday, Dec. 7: Real Salt Lake at Sporting KC, 4 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL
 MLB–Suspended New York Yankees catcher Ryan Baker 50 games for refusing to take an offseason drug test in violation of baseball's minor league drug program.
American League
 BOSTON RED SOX–Signed C A.J. Pierzynski to a one-year contract.
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX–Agreed to terms with 1B Paul Konerko on a one-year contract.
 DETROIT TIGERS–Agreed to terms with RHP Joe Nathan on a two-year contract.
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS–Signed LHP Scott Kazmir to a two-year contract.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



SATURDAY: Boys Soccer vs. Sebring, Noon; Girls Soccer vs. Sebring, 10 a.m.
MONDAY: Boys Soccer vs. Hardee, 8 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Hardee, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY: Boys Basketball vs. Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.



MONDAY: Girls Basketball at Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Boys Basketball at Mulberry, 7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Mulberry, 6 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs. McKeel, 8 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. McKeel, 6 p.m.

Lake Placid



FRIDAY: Boys Basketball vs. Lemon Bay, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Lemon Bay, 6/7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY: Wrestling at Avon Park Duals, 10 a.m.; Boys Soccer at Avon Park, Noon; Girls Soccer at Avon Park, 10 a.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

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 dotyk@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



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



Centered Strategy

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

A good experiment in course strategy for high handicappers is to NOT worry about flag location when hitting full-approach shots. Instead, just try to hit the center of the green and accept the putt you have remaining. If this strategy has you hitting most of the greens, you'll never be too far away from the cup, and you'll avoid many treacherous recovery or hazard shots. A strategy that reduces severe trouble that typically guards the flag for 18 holes will help you avoid big numbers on your scorecard as you develop your skills and game.

Golf Hammock

The Golf Hammock Ladies played a par 3s and 5s on the front nine and par 4s on the back on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Winning First Flight was Florence Towell, followed by Ruth Harris and Laura Kebberly.

In Second Flight, it was Ruth Kirk taking top honors with Carol Troup second and Wanda Hastie getting a tie for third with Roxie McMillon.

Marilyn Brewer was the winner of Third Flight, as Cindy Dall took second and Jo Thornburg third.

Last Monday, Dec. 2, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am Points.

In A group Allen Muhlbauer scored plus 3 that was good for first place and Mike Anselm in second place at even.

Danny Geier took first place in B group with plus 4 and there was a tie for second place between Dick Botelho and David Mulligan at minus 1.

Terry Yandle came in first place in C group with plus 3 and in second place was Ken Granger with plus 2.

Billy Parr scored plus 6 that was good for first place in D group and Doug Haire scored plus 1 for second place.

In E group Jerry Hodges scored plus 3 for first place and there was a tie for second place between Doc Thomas and Ken Porter at plus 1.

Ralph Pickering shot a plus 3 that was good for first place in F group and Bob Morrison came in second place at even.

Bob Colandrea came in first place in G group with plus 8 and Dennis Dale came in second place at even.

In H Group Dick Lindsay had a plus 4 that was good for first place and Bill

Woudenberg came in second place at plus 1.

Next week the Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock.

This will be a shotgun start beginning at 7:45 a.m.

Please arrive early to register.

Call Pete at 382-1280 or 414-2110 before Saturday noon to make any changes.

Follow the scores on my blog at mezza-group.blogspot.com courtesy of Doug Haire.

Lake June West

A Monday Ladies event was played on Dec. 2.

Annie Hall, Elaine Orr and Patty Mancuso carded a 37 for the win, with Joyce Swartz, Even Huffman, Kathy Armstrong and Jeri Mann one shot back at 38 for second.

Helene Mellon, Betty Bavaro, Janice Barringer and Margaret Schultz had a 41 for third.

For closest to the pin, Donna Palmatier got to 18-feet, 3/4-inch from No. 2, Charlotte Mathew to 4-feet from No. 4 and Armstrong to 7-feet, 10-inches from No. 8.

River Greens

A Men's Pro-Am was played on

Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The team of Jim Cery, Cecil Lemons, Russ Rudd and Johnny Wehunt came in with a +4 for the win, while Jeff Bitcon, Don McDonald, Bill Mountford and Ken Koon were a -1/2 for second.

Individually, John Smutnick won A Flight with +3 and Don Ethun and Lemons tied for the lead in B Flight with +1/2 each.

C Flight went to Joe Graf and his +3 1/2 total, with Bitcon matching that

total to win D Flight.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, the Golfettes took to the course and saw Mary Beth Carley come in with a 65 for the win.

Peggy Wehunt was second with a 66 and Dee Paul third with 68.

The Morrison Group played on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The pairing of Leo Persails and Gil Heier came in with a -18 to get the win.

Dueling -15s then came in with the duo of Dennis Tondee and Lefty St. Pierre matching scores with Don McDonald and Jim Cery.

A Mixed Pro-Am was played on Monday, Nov. 25, with Don and Bea Sherman joining with Felix Chartier and Al Zwerk to total +7 for the win.

Zwerk totaled +5 on his own for the individual win, with Roy Bassett totaling +3 1/2 for second.

SpringLake

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held Day 1 of a two day Pick Your Partner tournament.

It was a Two Man Team total net points competition (net eagle equal 6 points, net birdie equal 4 points, net par equal 2 points, etc.) and was held on the Cougar Trail course.

Flight A was led by Les Greenlee and

a Blind partner at 88 points.

In second place at 86 net points was Pat Jaskowski and Gordon Reid, followed by Bill Lawens and Don Cunning at 83 net points.

Gary Behrendt and Jan Hard were in fourth at 83 net points.

Flight B leaders were Jim Temple and Bill Kingshott - two of our new Canadians - with 105 net points.

Rick Nelson and Joe Troia came in second with 91 points and Will David and Larry Miesner were third with 81 points.

Bo Bohanon and Bob Rogers were next with 78 points.

C Flight leaders on Day 1 were Jay Payne and Dan Porter with 99 points.

Jay and Dan had a 10 point hole at No. 15, where Jay had a net eagle for 6 points and Dan had a net birdie for 4 points.

Dave Docherty and Jim Foote were in second with 88 points, followed closely by Ed Clay and John Schroeder at 87 net points.

Day 2 was to be held Thursday on the longer Panther Creek golf course, where it would be a little harder to score those points.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, the SpringLake Ladies Golf League played a 4 person team - 2 best ball par 5, 3 best ball par 4 and 4 best ball par 3 on the Cougar Trail course.

The team of Lou Cannon, Terrie Austin, Laverne Caulkins and a blind took first place with a net score of 179.

Second place went to Pearl Bradford, Sharon Warner, Jean Donahue and a second blind for a net score of 183.

Fish tournament and rod building class

Continued from B1

Anyone interested in joining us Saturday, Dec. 7, at Lake Lotela can still sign up for our monthly Big Bass tournament.

Entry fee is \$25 and winner takes all.

One or two fishermen per boat, but the tournament is limited to 12 boats.

Only one fish per angler can be weighed in and the largest bass wins the jackpot.

The tournament will begin at first light (around 6:30 a.m.) and ends at 1 p.m.

No live bait.

You can put your boat in at either ramp but the weigh-in and take off will be from the ramp next to the power plant.

For more information and to sign up, stop by REDS II.

Custom Rod Building Class

Monday, Dec. 9, at 5:30 p.m. we will be holding a free custom rod building class at REDS II.

For those attending, this first meeting will be a brief explanation of the rodbuilding process followed by each member of the class selecting the rod blank and components they wish to use.

The only cost will be the

cost of the components and rod blank each person selects.

Costs will vary from \$65 to \$150 per rod.

On the following Monday, Dec. 16, we will meet again to begin building the rods.

All rods will be completed by Monday, Dec. 23.

This is a great way to build the rod of your dreams or to build a rod for someone else for Christmas.

Class size will be limited to 10 people and pre-registration is required.

You can call or stop by REDS II to register.

New B.A.S.S. Chapter Forming

Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 5:30 p.m. we will be meeting to form the new B.A.S.S. chapter at REDS II.

The meeting is open to the public, both men and women.

For those of you not familiar with the format, this will be a bass fishing club with monthly tournaments on area lakes that are "draw" tournaments.

Unlike "team" tournaments, boaters will be paired with non-boaters for each event.

Points will be awarded throughout the year at each

tournament and at year's end we will hold a banquet and present trophies and plaques to the top fishermen.

This is a great way to meet fishermen, make friends and learn from each other.

Tournaments will begin in January 2014.

Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass fishing guide, and custom rod builder. He lives in the Golf Hammock area of Sebring with

his wife Lexie, and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The American Fisherman." He is also the owner of REDS II, a full-service fishing tackle store located at 3603 Sebring Parkway, in Sebring, FL. You

can reach him at 863-273-4998 or by email at donorton13@gmail.com. Visit his American Fisherman Facebook page or his website at theamericanfisherman.com. or stop by the store to see him anytime.

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Streaks sloppy, but hold on

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Hester made consecutive trips to the line and came away with one each time, and Demarest split a pair with Williams adding another from the line to put the lead at 44-40.

Williams would soon power inside for a bucket, but Demarest ended the period with a three from the corner for a 47-42 margin heading to the fourth.

The Streaks then seemed to be blowing it open early in the fourth, with Hester opening the scoring with a three-pointer.

Lee hit a free throw, but Rolando Powery scored inside for the Streaks and Cook drove for two.

Akins hit one of two free throws and Cook canned a jumper to push the lead to 56-44.

It went to 60-46 on a Demarest steal and drive, but rather than pull back some and maintain the lead, the Streaks stayed in attack mode, and the turnovers and forced shots began to mount, adding to Harris' exasperation.

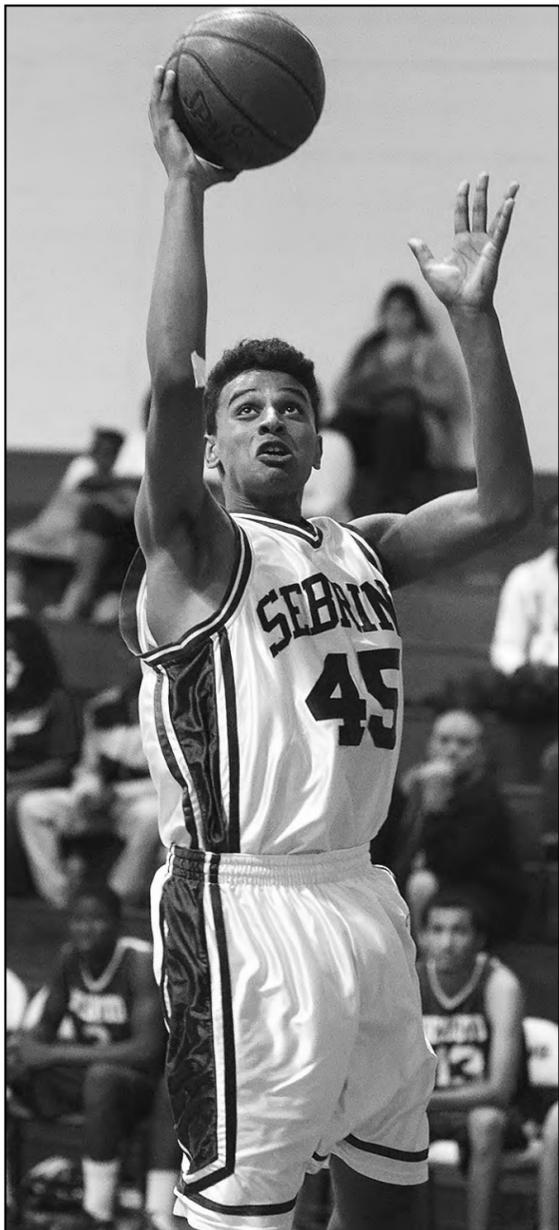
"In practice we run drive and don't shoot drills for situations like that," the coach said. "We'll drive and if the shots not there, pull it back out and reset. But tonight they were driving and shooting with the shot not there."

That, along with hurried passes, or passes mishandled in haste, gave DeSoto that many more scoring chances, which they started to capitalize on.

A three was hit, then Williams drove and was fouled for a three-point play.

Another Williams free throw cut it to 60-53 and it could have been worse, considering the Bulldogs were not capitalizing at the line, going just 6-of-17 in the fourth.

The Streaks, meanwhile, went 5-of-8 down the



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Rolando Powery leans in for an inside duce as Sebring opened its' district schedule with a win.

stretch and got scoring drives from Hester and Cook to finally close this one out.

Hester lead Sebring with 24 points, with Cook and Demarest adding 12 apiece.

Williams was the high scorer in the game with 29.

"It's good for a team to face adversity like this so they can learn from it," Harris said. "I saw some good things tonight, but a lot of negatives too. The

foul calling could have hurt us, but our depth was a big help."

The coach then took a breath from the consternation and critique and took some solace from the situation.

"The big thing is getting the district win."

Sebring will look for another one tonight when they welcome new district opponent Lemon Bay to town.

North Carolina beats No. 1 Michigan State 79-65

By LARRY LAGE

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — North Carolina flashed its potential again, earning another impressive victory after a second shaky setback.

J.P. Tokoto had 12 points and a career-high 10 rebounds to help the Tar Heels beat No. 1 Michigan State 79-65 Wednesday night.

North Carolina (5-2) has been talented enough to knock off the top-ranked Spartans and then-No. 3 Louisville this season, but the Tar Heels have also lost to Belmont and UAB.

"I truly believe after the Louisville win, our mentality after that was, 'Birmingham is just going to be an automatic win. Just because we're North Carolina,'" Tokoto said. "We can't have that mentality — and kind of learned that Sunday night.

"We came here, were ready to play, intensity level was up, and we got results."

The Spartans (7-1) lost to an unranked nonconference team at home for the first time in more than a decade.

They looked nothing like the team that beat then-No. 1 Kentucky a few weeks ago or the program that has had so much success over nearly two decades under coach Tom Izzo.

"One of the more disappointing performances of my career here," Izzo said. "From the jump ball, they kind of took it to us."

The Tar Heels took control from the start, never trailed and used a 12-1 run to take a 65-52 lead with 6:02 left.

"Michigan State did not want it that much more than we did," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. Izzo agreed.

"We looked soft," he lamented.

North Carolina outbounded the Spartans by 11,

leading to 19 second-chance points.

The Tar Heels turned 14 of Michigan State's turnovers into 19 points and held the Spartans to 36 percent shooting.

"We're as happy as we can possibly be — 179 degrees away from where we were after the UAB game," Williams said.

Kennedy Meeks scored 15 points for North Carolina and Brice Johnson had 14 off the bench.

Marcus Paige and Nate Britt added 13 apiece.

"You can't tell in college basketball what's going to happen," Williams said. "At one point, we had three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior on the court."

Gary Harris had 17 points and Keith Appling scored 13, but both Michigan State guards missed 10 of 15 shots.

Adreian Payne had 16 points and eight rebounds for the Spartans, whose last loss at home against an unranked nonconference team was Toledo on Dec. 30, 2002.

The Tar Heels beat a No. 1 team for the first time since March 4, 2006, at Duke, and they have a nation-high 13 wins over top-ranked teams.

They've won seven straight against the Spartans, including in the 2009 NCAA final.

Tokoto has taken advantage of an expanded role while P.J. Hairston and Leslie McDonald sit out because of NCAA eligibility concerns.

The 6-foot-5 Tokoto, who is from Wisconsin, made some friends and family members in the stands at the Breslin Center happy while green-and-white clad fans didn't have much to get excited about.

Tokoto blocked a shot early in the second half, got

to a loose ball and threw it to Appling — while the Michigan State player was standing out of bounds — and made three straight shots later in the half to help the Tar Heels pull away.

"J.P. was really active," Williams said. "He did a lot of things. He's so athletic."

Michigan State pulled into a 32-all tie at halftime after an awful start, struggling to take care of the ball or make shots.

The Tar Heels scored the first six points of the game and led 16-4 while holding the Spartans to 1-of-7 shooting with four turnovers.

On the bench, North Carolina freshman Isaiah Hicks implored his teammates to keep playing and avoid looking at the scoreboard.

The Tar Heels seemed to do that, building a 20-6 cushion midway through the first half as Michigan State missed nine of 11 shots and turned the ball over six times.

The Spartans got a scare later in the half when Appling landed hard on his right hip after defending a shot.

He hobbled off the court, but was able to return to action before halftime.

Michigan State outscored the Tar Heels 13-2 over the last several minutes of the first half.

The Spartans, though, couldn't do enough to get ahead in the second half and they will likely fall in next week's poll after being No. 1 for a school-record three weeks this season.

"They came off a loss and they looked hungrier," Izzo said. "We came off all the hype and we looked not as hungry."

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Wideouts Gone Wild – wide receivers putting up big numbers, too

By ARNIE STAPLETON

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Peyton Manning's 403-yard performance Sunday at Kansas City officially made this season the biggest one ever for quarterbacks.

It was the 19th 400-yard game by a QB in the NFL this season, the most ever for a full season, breaking the record of 18 set in 2011 — and there's still a month to go.

Of course, somebody's hauling in all those throws from the league's prolific passers.

From Calvin Johnson to Demaryius Thomas, wideouts are going wild in 2013.

In Manning's case Sunday, it was Eric Decker, who hauled in a franchise-record four TD passes in Denver's 35-28 win at Kansas City that gave the Broncos control of the AFC playoff race.

These types of performances are coming more and more often.

Decker's eight catches for a career-high 174 yards made him just the third receiver in 20 years to catch four TD passes and top 170 yards.

The others are Jerry Rice and Terrell Owens.

"That's some pretty good company," Decker said.

And he had some more

good company Sunday when Browns rookie Josh Gordon set a team record with a 261-yard day and Bears receiver Alshon Jeffery went for 249 yards.

Some memorable moments by the league's top targets this season:

Decker Dominates

Decker had just three TD catches this season and none since Oct. 20.

Then, he did something Rod Smith, Shannon Sharpe and Ed McCaffrey never did by catching four TD passes.

While all of Manning's other targets were catching TD passes this season, Decker kept joking that he'd wish they'd save some for him.

They all came his way on one glorious afternoon. "The mind-set we all have is you have to be ready because you never know when that game might come," Decker said.

Catch of the Week

Jeffery had one of the most impressive performances of the season Sunday — 12 catches for 249 yards and two TDs in Chicago's 23-20

overtime loss at Minnesota — and one of the coolest catches of the year.

On third-and-14 in the third quarter, Jeffrey lined up in the slot to the left and made a gorgeous catch over Vikings cornerback Chris Cook just shy of the end zone.

He maintained possession while dragging both feet into the end zone for the score while squeezing the ball with great concentration before tumbling out of bounds.

Cook bumped the official who signaled touchdown, drawing an unsportsmanlike flag and an ejection.

Great Gordon

Gordon had 10 catches for a team record 261 yards, including a 95-yard TD that put the Browns up on the Jaguars 28-25 only to see Jacksonville rally for a 32-28 win.

Gordon's 10 catches for a team record 261 yards made

him the first player in NFL history with back-to-back 200-yard games.

He had 236 in a loss the week before to Pittsburgh.

His 498 yards in two games and 623 in three are both league marks.

Megatron's Megaday

On Oct. 27 Calvin Johnson got the best of Dez Bryant, gaining 329 yards receiving in the Lions' 31-30 win over the Cowboys on Matthew Stafford's 1-yard plunge over a pile of linemen with 12 seconds left.

Johnson finished seven yards shy of Flipper Anderson's NFL record 336-yard performance he had for the Los Angeles Rams against the New Orleans Saints on Nov. 26, 1989, in a game that went into over-

time.

Anderson had 296 yards in regulation that day.

"It was crazy," Johnson said of the 1-on-1 coverage he faced all afternoon. "We had a lot of one-on-one coverage today, and we were able to take advantage and hit some deep balls. Matt made some great throws to me."

Marvelous Marvin

On the same day Johnson nearly broke the NFL record for yards receiving, Marvin Jones set a Bengals record with his four touchdown catches during a 49-9 win over the Jets.

"It was unbelievable," All-Pro receiver A.J. Green marveled. "I don't think I have scored four touchdowns since high school. That guy

is awesome."

Terrific Thomas

Demaryius Thomas caught a trio of TDs from Manning in Denver's 28-20 win over San Diego last month when Jack Del Rio took over after John Fox needed open-heart surgery.

Thomas' favorite TD came on a quick screen in which he was still accelerating as he scored from 34 yards out, explaining, "Smoke screens are my favorite thing to do. After that catch, I feel, is my thing."

It's easy to see why Thomas says he's at his best with the ball in his hands — he leads NFL receivers with 594 yards after the catch.

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Healthy Living

'Tis the season for pain-free shopping feet



Footprints

Dr. Olga Garcia-Luepschen

The holidays have officially begun.

Although the next weeks will be festive and fun, they can be tough on the feet. Hours of shopping, standing in long checkout lines, baking, attending parties and traveling to visit friends and relatives can take their toll on your feet.

Wearing non-sensible footwear such as flip-flops and fashionable boots while hitting the mall for those special deals on gifts can lead to tired and cranky feet.

Keep in mind that, after long periods of standing and walking in the mall, your feet may swell. Support hose help with swelling and will put some spring back in your legs. Alternate standing and sitting for a few minutes when possible. Take a short little break to relieve pressure off your feet. Diabetics, in particular, should check their feet for blisters or sores halfway through the shopping day.

Avoid wearing ballet flats or flip-flops that offer little arch support.

Consider bringing two pairs of shoes while shopping and switch them halfway in the day to use different muscles and to relieve different pres-



Shopping trips, which get longer this time of year due to large crowds, can be tough on your feet, especially if you don't wear the right kind of shoes.

sure points. You can find affordable comfortable shoe brands at Payless and Kohl's that feature wider a wider toe-box, extra stretchy fabric, and shock-absorbing soles.

Check that the shoe is the right shape for your foot, with good flexibility and cushioning.

At the end of a long shopping day, stretch and flex your toes with controlled movements. Consider soaking your feet in a luke-warm Epsom salt

bath. Massage by rolling your feet over a golf or tennis ball.

At the Gentle Foot Care Center we wish you happy, pain-free feet for the holidays!

Dr. Olga Garcia Luepschen and the Gentle Foot Care Center are located on US 27 and can be reached at 863-314-9255. For additional information visit www.gentlefootcare-center.com/. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your condition.

Metro

Big news for thyroid disease

Dear Pharmacist: I have Hashimoto thyroiditis, can I take thyroid supplements that contain iodine?

— K.S., Seattle

Answer: Hashimoto's or "Hashi's" is an autoimmune condition that affects the thyroid gland, causing clinical symptoms of hypothyroidism. I know there's controversy regarding iodine supplementation. I am aware that a sudden increase in iodine can cause a bad reaction, but I don't think Hashi sufferers should avoid iodine altogether.

Iodine levels have fallen more than 50 percent during the last 40 years. During that same time-frame, Hashi's has increased at epidemic rates. Common sense will tell you iodine is not the cause for this rise in Hashimoto's.

This next statement is huge: Hashimoto's disease is far impacted more by your selenium status, than iodine. If you take iodine in the presence of selenium deficiency, it's bad news (and the same can be said for excessive selenium). That's the key, selenium deficiency causes an intolerance of iodine, especially high dose iodine.

When I hear of a Hashi sufferer having a bad experience with iodine, all that says to me is that they were selenium deficient, or they took a bad form of iodine, or too high of a dose.

I've read studies suggesting iodine to be bad for Hashi sufferers, but the participants in the study lived in geographic areas known to be severely deficient in selenium. Studies like this frame iodine as the bad guy but remember what I said about priming the pump before giving

iodine?

I don't recommend high dose iodine (6mg or more) unless your overnight urinalysis proves you are deficient. You only need a few milligrams or less, but to avoid it at all costs makes

me worry about your reproductive organs.

You see, natural iodine supports breast health, as well as the prostate, testicular, endometrial, ovarian and cervical. It's extremely protective. I lost my mother-in-law to breast cancer, which is tied to iodine deficiency.

Drug mugging is huge in the Hashi community. May folks take fluorinated drugs, causing more depletions of iodine because fluorine is a drug mucker of iodine. Shocker! Here's a few: flurazepam (Dalmane), atorvastatin (Lipitor), celecoxib (Celebrex), levofloxacin (Levaquin) and lansoprazole (Prevacid).

I'm not bent on high dose iodine, but low doses may be necessary to getting well, and it needs to be in combination with selenium. Generally speaking, I disagree with supplements that make more and more thyroid hormone. Most of you cannot even use what you have.

I think we need to focus on two other more important things. One, getting thyroid hormone activated to T3, and two, getting the T3 into the cell. Only then do you see symptoms clear up, such as cold sensitivity, hair loss, fatigue and slow metabolism.

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



Dear Pharmacist

Suzy Cohen

Snapshots

Amputee group meets Dec. 12

SEBRING — The Heartland Amputee Group is planning to meet on Thursday, Dec. 12 at noon at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce in the Village Plaza for a holiday brunch. All attendees are asked to bring a pot-luck food item to share. Please R.S.V.P. to HALLO by Monday, Dec. 10. Beverages will be provided.

The guest this month will be Dr. Joni Jones from Sebring Foot Care. The doctor's lecture is "Education About all Aspects of Foot Care and Tips on Helping with Balance." Sebring Foot Care is a full podiatry practice and all insurances are taken.

The Heartland Amputee Group is an informational type of support group for both recent and experienced amputees of all levels, their family and friends and interested health care professionals. The group's main purpose is to give support, encouragement and exchange information and product knowledge. Anyone interested in meeting with the group is invited to attend this friendly, informal meeting. Information is exchanged and can be very encouraging and educational.

For any other information about the group, or if you would like to be on the mailing list for notification of the meetings and guest speakers, call HALLO at 385-1196, email: halloinc@embarqmail.com, write to H.A.L.L.O., P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872 or visit www.halloinc.org/.

Stroke Recovery Group meets Dec. 17

SEBRING — The Stroke Recovery Group, a self-help

group for people in the community who have had a stroke and are living with the effects will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17 for group therapy from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Sebring Christian Church, 4514 Hammock Road.

The guest lecturers will be Tim Wheaton, massage therapist and certified personal trainer from Heal by Touch, Sebring and Sally McDougall, certified Tai Chi instructor, who will be taking the group through a visualization therapy.

The purpose of this group is to provide an informal, confidential space to share experiences, support and information.

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

Low Vision Group and Red Cane club meets Dec. 19

SEBRING — The Low Vision Information Group and the Red Cane Club will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Highlands Community Church at 11 a.m. for introductions, sharing experiences, tips and announcements and holiday music.

The lecture for this month is scheduled for noon and will be from Dr. Mark Sevigny from Sevigny Associates Eye Care.

The purpose of the group is to encourage people with low vision or those that are legally blind to share their experiences and to understand that there are many ways to help keep one's independence and continue to do nearly all of their daily activities that they have done in the past.

Highlands Community Church is at 3005 New Life Way in Sebring. If you would like to be on the mailing list for notification of the meetings and guest speakers, please call HALLO at 385-1196; email: halloinc@embarqmail.com or write: H.A.L.L.O., P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872.

Outreach events

Comprehensive Homecare plans the following community outreach events next week:

- Monday — 8 a.m., health fair, Hammock Estates, Hammock Road, Sebring; 1 p.m., caregivers support group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

- Tuesday — 7:30 a.m., health fair, Lakeside Gardens, County Road 621, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., health fair, Heron's Landing, Heron's Landing Lane, Lake Placid; 12:30 p.m., health fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27, Sebring.

- Wednesday — 8 a.m., health fair, Neibert's, U.S. 98, Lorida; 9 a.m., health fair, Palm Estates, U.S. 98, Lorida.

- Thursday — 9 a.m., health fair, Maranatha Village, Arbuckle Creek Road.

- Friday — 7 a.m., health fair, Arc Residence, Pleasant Street, Avon Park.

Ace Homecare has sched-

uled the following community outreach events next week:

- Monday — 9 a.m., Music and Motion, Rest Haven (Zolfo Springs); and 10:30 a.m., health fair, Chatham Point (Wauchula).

- Tuesday — 10:30 a.m., multiple agency/vendor health fair until 2 p.m., Town & Country Mobile Home Park (Sebring).

- Thursday — 1 p.m., Music and Motion, Fair Haven Village (Sebring).

- Friday — 10 a.m., health fair, Highlands Village Apartments (Sebring).

All programs are free of charge and are open to the public. For more information, call ACE Homecare at 385-7058.

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Religion

Avon Park Christian Church

AVON PARK – The annual Ladies Christmas brunch is at 10 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday at 6 p.m. is a potluck Christmas Gathering.

A piano recital will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

Avon Park Christian Church is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wells Fargo Bank). Call 453-5334 or email apcc.2014@yahoo.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK – Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled “Abound in Hope” on Sunday morning.

Wednesday evening Advent Celebration will begin at 6 p.m. with supper, followed at 7 p.m. with an evening prayer service.

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. For more information call 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavonpark.org.

Church News

Christian Science Church

SEBRING – The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled “God the Only Cause and Creator”. The keynote is from Psalms 86:10 thou, “... Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.”

The church is at 154 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING – Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled “Some Things Are Final: Part 2” at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Book of John.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING – The Church of Buttonwood Bay meets in the recreation hall for worship on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Pastor Cecil Hess is preaching on “Jesus As Savior” on Sunday.

Special music will be by the adult choir and Faye Cochran.

For information, call 382-1737.

Church of the Brethren

SEBRING – On Sunday, the second Sunday in Advent, Pastor Dave Smalley will preach from Matthew 3:1-12. The title of his sermon will be “Ready to Experience Eternity?”

Sunday school will be taught by Louise Bohrer. The theme for this Sunday, “A Promise to Abraham,” will look at Genesis 15:1-21.

For information, call 385-1597.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING – Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, “Life is but a Dream,” on Sunday with scripture from Matthew 1:18-25.

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

Faith Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID – Pastor Bill Cole will preach Sunday from his series, The Indescribable Gift. He

will preach on “Skeletons in Jesus’ Closet” from Matthew 1. Sunday evening he will preach “An Interview with Jesus about Christmas” from Hebrews and the Psalms.

To listen to Faith Baptist’s Sunday morning sermons or for more information about the church, visit the website at www.faithbaptistchurchLP.com or call the church office at 465-0060. The church is at 660 Holmes Ave.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING – This Sunday, the church celebrates Second Sunday of Advent. Guest Pastor Tony Douches will deliver his sermon at Faith Lutheran titled “The Joyful Life of Christian Hope.”

Advent services are held on Wednesdays. The Midweek Advent theme for next week is “The Bright Star of Bethlehem: Star of Hope”.

L.I.F.T. - Ladies In Faith/Fellowship Together will begin a new study at 1 p.m. Thursday. This study is in the book of Romans and studies forgiveness, love, change, renewal and faith. The topic is “The Gift You

Can’t Give Yourself ~ Forgiveness” from Romans 3:21-28. Any woman is encourage to attend any Thursday.

Faith’s Closet will be holding a brown bag sale on Saturday. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Purchase a brown bag for \$5, then fill it with all the clothes you can fit into the bag. The sale will help raise money for the church’s food pantry.

Young ’tweens, teens or young adults who tweet, IM, Facebook or are online are encouraged to attend the movie, “Finding Faith.” This will help educate youth to the reality of the world of what can happen if they are not texting someone of their age. This movie is based on real life. It will be shown at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Erik Estrada will be present for pictures and autographs.

First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK – Rev. Jon Beck will continue his sermon series from Acts on Sunday.

The church is at 100 N. Lake

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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ANGLICAN

♦ **New Life Anglican Fellowship**, 10 N. Main Ave. (Woman’s Club), Lake Placid, FL 33852. Rev. Susan Rhodes, Deacon in Charge, (863) 243-3191; strhodes1020@yahoo.com. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Teaching, Holy Communion, Music, Fellowship, Healing Prayer. “Pastoral and Spiritual”.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

♦ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. “Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth.” Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

♦ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL - 453-6681. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor; Joy Loomis, director of music. Sunday – Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children’s Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for both services. Wednesday - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children’s Choir, 5:45 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6 p.m.; Prayer

Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. To watch services online, go to the website at www.fbcap.net. “In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park.”

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

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

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

♦ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Rev. Matthew D. Crawford, senior pastor; Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults; and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother’s Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website www.fbsebring.com

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

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

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

♦ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Arbuckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9

a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

♦ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/mailling address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcath.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., fjose@stcath.com or 385-0049; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assistant Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Decons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month

at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

♦ **Christian Science Church**, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimony meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, ‘Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures’ by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come

and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

Religion

Snapshots

Christmas with the Celts

SEBRING – Marcille Wallis & Friends will perform a variety of Christmas music in the Celtic style at the St. John United Methodist Church 2013-2014 Concert Series. They will be featured on the hammered dulcimer, flute, guitar, fiddle, vocals, Scottish and Irish Dance.

This is the final appearance of champion fiddler Matt Miller. World-qualifying Irish dancers Johnny Maio and Kate Valley will be introduced. This is a return performance for this popular group.

Based in Florida, Marcille and her friends perform frequently throughout the United States at concerts,

festivals, theme parks and lecture settings.

St. John United Methodist Church is proud to host “Marcille Wallis & Friends” at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 in the church sanctuary at 3214 Grand Prix Drive. For information, call 382-1736. A donation is requested.

Temple hosts talent show

SEBRING – Temple Israel of Highlands County is hosting its Second Annual Talent Show at the synagogue at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. The temple is at 1305 Temple Israel Drive.

There will be performances by some of the county’s best talents, including musicians, singers, dancers and comedians. An afternoon of fun for a donation of only \$10. There will be door

prizes and refreshments available.

For more information and tickets call 382-7744.

Maranatha Baptist presents musical drama

SEBRING – The musical drama, “One Bethlehem Night,” will be presented by Maranatha Baptist Church choir and drama team at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 and at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Written by Jeff Atwood and John Lemonis, this musical drama provides a glimpse of what might have happened on the miraculous night when our Savior was born. All of the characters, except Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds are fictional, of course, but they were ordinary people with ordinary occupations with longings

and feelings much the same as ours.

Human needs and wants have changed very little over the centuries. Real people were present that night and were touched in some way by Mary and Joseph as they came to the inn. Though some of the characters and happenings are imagined, the main event – the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior – is the one true, immutable event that forever changed their lives, and ours, on that One Bethlehem Night.

People playing main roles are David Waite, Gary Hanson, Cathy Witham, and Leon Moody. Accompanists are Rachel Waite at the piano and Ann Truax on the organ. The musical is directed by Jan Burgess.

Maranatha Baptist Church is in Maranatha Village off

Arbuckle Creek Road, two miles east of State Road 17 North in Sebring. For more information, call 382-8594 or 382-4301.

Spring Lake UMC plans bazaar

SEBRING – The Annual Craft Bazaar and Cookie Walk are planned for Spring Lake United Methodist Church, 8170 Cozumel Lane (off U.S. 98, a quarter mile east of the hardware store) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Sunridge Baptist presents Christmas musical

SEBRING – The Sunridge Baptist Church Praise Choir presents “The Beautiful

King”, a Christmas musical that lifts high the name of Jesus, featuring scripture readings that carry the listener back more than 2,000 years to the moment of the Savior’s birth. The presentation will be at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

The church is at 3704 Valerie Blvd. It is right across the street from Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center on U.S. 27 North.

Sebring Christian offers devotional

SEBRING – Sebring Christian Church is offering free copies of the daily devotional, “The Story of God with Us”. Just call the church office at 382-6676 to request a copy or log on to

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

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

♦ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church**, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Worship: Sunday, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Worship 6 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Healing. Call the thrift store for hours open - 699-0221.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

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

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INDEPENDENT

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

♦ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen will be the Spiritual Leader every Thursday for the next two months. Jim Helwig, organist. Worship service with the Holy Eucharist is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Birthday Sunday is the first Sunday of each month after the service. Council meeting is on the first Tuesday of each month. WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of the month with a light lunch. Labyrinth Prayer Garden is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When in need of prayers or to talk to God, come to the Garden. Come and grow with us; we would love to meet you and your family. Don’t worry about how

you look. Jesus went to the temple in a robe and sandals. Quitting classes every Monday at 6 p.m. Looking for quilters or people willing to learn. Call 840-3303.

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

♦ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Dr, Sebring; Church phone: 385-7848; Faith Child Development Center: 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service: 8 a.m.; Sunday Praise Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.; Communion served 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday. Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m. Worship Svc. Broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies, Faith’s Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

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

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

♦ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship following 10:30 a.m. service. Wednesday Worship Service is at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. “God’s Work, Our Hands.”

♦ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director Education Hour, 8:45 a.m.; Worship service, 10 a.m. Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Children’s Church scheduled during worship service, 4-year-olds through fifth grade. Nursery provided during worship service for infants to 3-year-olds. Seasonal Mid-Week Services each Wednesday evening during Advent and Lent. Call church office at 465-5253 or visit the website at www.Trinitylutheranlp.com. Other activities and groups include: Choir; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men’s Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies; Trinity Tots Pre-school, and Youth Group.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

♦ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is

at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children’s church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

♦ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. (October through Easter) and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children’s church available. Wednesday night worship with Pastor Tiger Gullett and CrossTalk with Pastor Bill Breylinger at 6 p.m. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.wearunion.org.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

♦ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun ‘N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. Pastor Tom Schneider. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church

in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children’s/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpc-sebring.org. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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

♦ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@strato.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Tuesday: Youth Groups meet for devotions/Bible study, crafts, sport activities and dinner. Middle and high school, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Elementary School, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. A nursery is available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

♦ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpcp.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:10 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult small group Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group – 6-12th grades) 7 p.m., nursery and children’s ministry, 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

♦ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter**

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

UNITED METHODIST

♦ **First United Methodist Church**, 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

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

♦ **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. Rev. Tim Haas, pastor. Rev. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Rev. Jerry McCauley, visitation pastor. Sunday worship services: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that wants to know Christ and make Him known. Check out our church website at www.memorialumc.com or call the church office at 465-2422. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to Grade 5, 465-0313.

♦ **St. John United Methodist Church**, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

♦ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ**, Jesus didn’t reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you’ll be embraced by a passionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We’re at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; sebringemmanuelucc.com.

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Ave. For more information call 453-6681 or email info@fbcap.net.

First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID – On Sunday, Pastor Jeff Taylor’s message will be titled “Cleaning Out The Shed”. The adult choir will present its Christmas cantata, “Hope Has Hands”, under the direction of Ari Salgueiro, music director, at the morning service Dec. 15. Soloists for the performance will be Ida DiStefano and Michael Wynn. That evening, the children will present their program, “Cooking Up Christmas”. The church is at the corner of Washington and Kemper avenues in Placid Lakes.

First Christian Church

SEBRING – The pastor, with the help of many, will present the All Church Christmas Pageant for the year on Sunday. Children, teenagers, young adults and adults will help in telling the Christmas Story. Assisting the pastor during the Communion service will be Elders Juanita Roberts and Sandra Laufer. Servers will be Carol Chandler, Teresa Williams, Joyce Winstel and Fran Goff. Greeting the congregation will be Howard Woodward. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave. The church also hosts AA meetings from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

RELIGION GUIDELINES: The News-Sun publishes religion news on Fridays.

The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in the following Friday’s paper.

Submit items to the News-Sun’s from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; fax to 385-2453; send e-mail to editor@newssun.com; or mail to Lifestyle Editor, News-Sun, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. For information, call 385-6155, ext. 516.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK – On Sunday, Pastor Bob Johnson’s sermon is titled “Seated in Heaven, Present on Earth,” based on Zechariah 8:1-5. This is the second Sunday of Advent. The congregation will participate in a candle lighting ceremony titled “We Wait in Hope.” This week, Savannah Oldfield will lead the litany reading and explain the candles that will be lit. David Oldfield will light two candles – the first represents “wait” and the second “watch.”

The choir’s anthem will be “Hush, Hear the Word of the Lord.” Guest pianist will be Evelyn Metcalfe.

In the adult Sunday school class, Pastor Johnson is now teaching from the denominational quarterly. The theme this quarter is the Gospel of Matthew. Sunday’s lesson is titled “From David to Babylon”, based on Matthew 1:7-11.

On Wednesday, Johnson will lead Bible study from the book titled “What is Discipleship?”

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrand

Street). For questions, call 453-3242 or check the website, avonparkchurch.com, or on the new Avon Park Chamber of Commerce website, www.avonparkchamber.com. Click on the “Chamber for Good” logo or tab.

First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING – Rev. Darrell A. Peer will preach “People, Get Ready” on Sunday.

Christmas caroling will take place at 3 p.m. at the church, followed by dinner in the fellowship hall.

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

Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING – The Sunday sermon topic will be “Tevet” Rosh Chodesh. God predetermines boundaries (see Acts 17:24-29). He has pre-appointed times ... season, year, month, week, day, night, hour, moment. The beginning of every month was a reason to celebrate in the Jewish tradition. Word of the week is “Sustainer” from

Psalms 3:4-5.

Once a month in the Tuesday Home Bible Study, members pause their study in “Messiah - Shadow to Image” so they can learn about the Tribes of Israel. This week the featured tribe is Dan. Call 658-2534 for directions.

The church meets at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING – Pastor Ted Moore’s sermon this week will be “The Three Seekers” with scripture from Matthew 2:1-12. The service will include “Mary Did You Know” sang by George Kelly.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID – Pastor Tim Haas will preach on the subject of “The Gift of Responsibility”.

The Lake Placid Health Care Center Worship Service will be on a Christmas theme at 4 p.m. with Rev. Jerry R. McCauley speaking.

The Christmas Eve Service will be at 6 p.m. with pre-service music at 5:30 p.m.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. overlooking Lake Clay. Visitors are cordially invited. For information, phone 465-2422.

New Beginnings Church

SEBRING – On Sunday, Pastor Gary Kindle’s sermon is titled

“Would You Go Listen to this Man?” based on Matthew 3:1-12.

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

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING – Sunday morning’s Bible lesson, “Mary’s Song of Praise,” is taken from Luke 1:46-56.

Wednesday evening’s Bible study will continue in Colossians. There will be a 7 a.m. worship service on Dec. 25.

The church is at 3413 Sebring Parkway. Call 382-3552 or 273-9819 for information.

St. John’s United Methodist Church

SEBRING – On Sunday, Pastor Ronald De Genaro Jr.’s message will be “Are You Prepared?” Biblical reference is from Matthew 3:1-12.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING – The pastor’s sermon on Sunday will be “Miracles and Logic”.

The Craft Bazaar and Cookie Walk is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Anything left over after Saturday’s Bazaar will be available Sunday after the service.

The church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

Are you learning a little more each day?

The true story is told of an early 1960s University of Florida football team in the midst of practice. Jack Katz, a large lineman, had proven himself to be the fastest lineman on the team. One day, Katz walked up to Coach Ray Graves and asked if he could run sprints with the faster running backs rather than with the slower linemen. The coach said, “Yes.”

For the next several days, Katz managed to finish last in every, single race he ran with the running backs. This surprised no one. So, the coach asked him if he would not rather be a winner with the linemen than a loser with the backs.

Katz responded, “I’m not out here to outrun the linemen. I already know I can do that. I’m out here to learn how to run faster, and if you’ve noticed, I’m losing by a little less every day.”



**Kevin’s
Komments**
Kevin Patterson

That story reminds me of Paul and Silas when they arrived in Berea. They found a people who were described as “more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica.” Why? Acts 17:11 reads, “... for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.” In other words, their desire was to learn a little more about God’s will for them every day.

I have always found the biblical description of the Bereans fascinating, due to the fact that they were unwilling to take even the apostle Paul’s word for something. Rather, they listened to his teaching and then confirmed whether it was true by seeking out the answers in God’s word. What a great lesson for us!

I truly believe that if more people were willing to listen less to the religious “authorities” of our day and more to the simple words of God in His Bible, then there would be less religious division and more spiritual unity under the only true authority – Jesus Christ. However, before this can happen, each one of us must make the decision and effort to set aside the teachings of men, and pursue with great zeal and diligence the teachings of God.

The Sebring Parkway church of Christ would like to invite anyone and everyone who is able to join us each week as we study God’s word together. Examining the scriptures to find God’s truth for man is a vital part of Christianity, and we hope that you will join us at any opportunity you may have. We only ask of you two things before you come: Bring your Bible, and be prepared to use it! We look forward to seeing you!

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

Snapshots

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the new website at www.sebringchristianchurch.com and request a copy there.

Monday at 7 p.m. will be the annual Ladies Christmas Tea. Special guest speaker will be Jill McGaffigan, published author of “Run with Abandon”. Special guest soloist will be Nelly Ford. There is no cost to attend

this elegant ladies only event, but RSVP by calling the church office at 382-6676 no later than Thursday to attend.

Sunday sermon this week is “Worthy of Worship”.

Prime Timers plan covered dish luncheon

LAKE PLACID – Prime Timers are planning a covered dish luncheon at noon

Monday in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, 119 E. Royal Palm St.

The WEE Center Kids will be singing for the crowd.

Pastor Keith Campbell and Peggy Scott will lead in worship and praise.

Bring a covered dish and a friend.

Pope forms commission to advise on sex abuse

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis is assembling a panel of experts to advise him on sex abuse in the clergy — a task that will involve looking at how to protect children from pedophiles, how to better screen men for the priesthood and how to help victims who have already been harmed.

But it remains unclear if the experts will take up one of the core issues behind the Catholic Church’s sex abuse scandal: how to make bishops who shelter abusive priests accountable.

Cardinal Sean O’Malley,

the archbishop of Boston, announced the creation of the commission Thursday at the conclusion of a meeting between Francis and his eight cardinal advisers, who are

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'Out of the Furnace' rusted over

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

"Out of the Furnace" is an earnestly crafted, passionately acted working-class drama rusted over by its noble intentions of steel-town sympathizing.

Director Scott Cooper (whose first film, "Crazy Heart," was also drawn to the dwindling options of an increasingly obsolete hard worker) sets his movie in Braddock, Pa., where he also shot it. The town mill hovers as the empty heart of a corroded city.

Cooper lays the atmosphere on thick, suffocating the film with worn interiors, factory smokestacks, dive bars and highway overpasses. It's filled with tattoos, beer bottles, muscle cars, flannel shirts and, to top it off, Eddie Vedder (who opens the films with the song "Release").

The film's clichés are many, but few will doubt its weighty sincerity, its heavy-handed Rust Belt eulogizing.

What's dying? The lives of blue-collar men. The film is centered on the Baze brothers, Russell (Christian Bale) and Rodney (Casey Affleck), both of whom are finding that, as their father dies of lung cancer from years at the mill, life in Braddock is dried up.

Russell is an honest mill worker and Rodney is an increasingly lost Army man, altered badly from repeated tours in Iraq.

They're two of the men in this very macho ensemble that also includes Woody Harrelson, Sam Shepard, Willem Dafoe and Forrest Whitaker. One of the pleasures of "Out of the Furnace" is to be in the company of such a fine group of faces, all of them various shades of weariness and anger. (Humor



Forest Whitaker, from left, Christian Bale and Sam Shepard star in Relativity Media's 'Out of the Furnace.'

is emphatically not one of the movie's shades, as much as one might hope for a rendition of "YMCA" from its collection of mill worker, soldier and police officer types.)

No, "Out of the Furnace" is serious business, announced from the first scene at a drive-in: a brutal, largely unprompted beat down given by Harrelson's Harlan DeGroat, who we later learn is a menacing Appalachian meth-dealer and underworld figure. He's the fire the film's title promises, into which the Baze bothers will jump from the furnace of Braddock.

Their route to him begins when Rodney runs up a debt to a local bookie (Dafoe). After stopping by to secretly help pay it down (and have a drink pushed on him), Russell rams a car and is imprisoned for DUI. When he later gets out, things have worsened: Their father has died, his girlfriend (Zoe



Movie Review

'Out of the Furnace'

Rating: R (intense sequences of violence and action, some frightening images, thematic elements, a suggestive situation and language)

Running time: 116 minutes

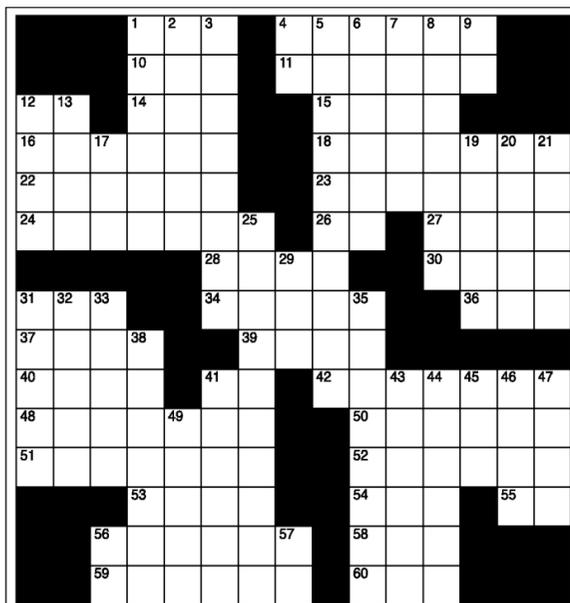
Review: ★★ (of 4)

Saldana, the film's lone woman) has left him for a cop (Whitaker), and Rodney is now earning money in bare-knuckle fights. (The film "Warrior" is an obvious comparison to "Out of the

Furnace.") Affleck is excellent as Rodney, a tense, confused shell of rage. He wants punishment, and he finds it when he pushes, against repeated advice, to land a bout in DeGroat's ring.

Harrelson, such an uncommon force in movies, is again memorable here. When Rodney asks him if he as a problem with him, he gives a darker answer than Marlon Brando gave in "The Wild One": "I got a problem with everybody," he says. "Out of the Furnace" makes an impression thanks to these performances, as well as Bale's captivating stillness. Cooper's drive to tell a story of Rust Belt decay has clearly elicited dedication in his cast.

But it has also given the film such heavy-handedness and hard-to-take allusions to "The Deer Hunter" that "Out of the Furnace" loses much of the authenticity it strives so hard for.



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Sister caught on camera denies stealing earrings

Dear Abby: My parents and sister live three hours away, so my family stays with me when they come to town. Over the last few years, I noticed things began to disappear from my home. They are usually small and portable — earrings, in particular.

The idea of someone stealing from me was very upsetting. When I mentioned it to my sister, she suggested that it could be our housekeeper.

After my wedding band vanished, I had a security camera installed. A few months later, two more pairs of earrings went MIA, so I had the surveillance company review the tapes. It turns out the thief is my sister!

The idea that she has gone through my things and helped herself with no remorse after I opened my home to her disgusts me. When I confronted her, she denied it. She later told my mother that she did take the earrings, but didn't know why I wanted them "because they were so ugly."

Christmas is coming and I can no longer welcome her to my home. Why would she do this to me?

— *Trusted My Sister in Raleigh, N.C.*

Dear Trusted: Not knowing your sister, I can't say for certain why she would steal from you. She may have kleptomania and be unable to control her impulses. Or, she may resent you for what she perceives you have that she doesn't (a happy life, lovely home, etc.) and has been taking the items to "even things

up."

While I don't blame you for being upset, please understand that whatever her reason, she's a troubled woman who needs help. Unless you lock up anything of value, she should not be in your home.

Dear Abby: We are part of a group of couples who meet monthly at one another's homes to play cards. We usually play in the evening from 7 to 11 with the hosting couple providing light refreshments and dessert. Many years ago, one couple designated December as "their" month to celebrate New Year's Eve. We start earlier with a meal and end after

midnight.

The issue is that it has lost its appeal. Many of us would prefer not to be out on that particular night. How do we, as a group, let them know we no longer want to have game night on New Year's

Eve without hurting their feelings? They tend to be a sensitive couple.

— *Partied Out in Oregon*

Dear Partied Out: Unless one of you is willing to be the messenger and speak for the rest of you, you should tell this couple as a group — well before the end of the year — that you would prefer not to be out on a night when many of the drivers on the road have been drinking. It's a valid reason.

While the New Year's Eve card game may have become a tradition, times change, and as people mature they tend to make more mature decisions. The one you're making ranks high among them.

Dear Abby: I'm a 58-year-old male. My wife divorced me last year after 33 years of marriage. Must I wait the recommended seven years before dating? I heard I must wait one year for every five I was married.

— *Ready or Not in Michigan*

Dear Ready or Not: I wonder where you heard that! The answer is no. At 58, you had better start soon. You're not getting any younger.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com



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| AUSTEN | BRADBURY | BRONTE | BROWN | CHEKHOV | DAHL | DICKENS | DOSTOEVSKY | DUMAS | HARDY | HAWTHORNE | HEMINGWAY | JOYCE | KEROUAC | KING | LEWIS | MARQUEZ | MELVILLE | MILLER | MORRISON | NABOKOV | ORWELL | PICOUULT | PLATH | PDE | PROUST | RUSHDIE | SALINGER | SHAKESPEARE | SPARKS | STEINBECK | STEVENS | STOKER | TOLKIEN | TOLSTOY | TWAIN | VONNEGUT | WELLS | WILDE | WOOLF |
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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to automobiles. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = e)

A. 24 21 20 26 21 24
Clue: Machine with moving parts

B. 17 7 15 15 24 21 20 24 9
Clue: Traveler

C. 22 9 7 25 24 15
Clue: Stops a car

D. 18 7 15 1 22 4 7 9 18
Clue: Control panel

Answers: A. engine B. passenger C. brakes D. dashboard

SUDOKU

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!

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

Level: Advanced

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

ANSWER:

Living



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Kitchen Gifts

FOR EVERY BUDGET

FAMILY FEATURES

It's that time of year again when everyone needs help finding the perfect holiday gift. Whether you need a gift for a foodie friend or a family member who likes to cook, these awesome ideas are sure to please. Even better, the list features several different price ranges so there truly is something for everyone on your list.



Cook With Sizzle

For the food lover on your list who appreciates style and performance, look no further than the Savora culinary gadget collection. With sleek lines, arresting curves and a palette of alluring colors, these kitchen gadgets will impress the

most discerning of food lovers. The collection includes a garlic press (\$29.99), rotary grater (\$29.99), can opener (\$29.99), oil mister (\$24.99), ice cream scoop (\$14.99) and peeler (\$9.99). Each is available in eight striking colors.

www.savorastyle.com



Cookin' It, Livin' It, Lovin' It

Need a cool gift for someone who loves to cook? Celebrity chef Guy Fieri had this red hot 10-piece nonstick aluminum cookware set created to his demanding specifications. Priced at \$129.99, it comes with two fry pans,

three sauce pans, a stock pot and four tempered glass lids. Each flaming red pan has a long-lasting, nonstick finish for healthy cooking, excellent release of foods and easy clean-up. They're also oven-safe up to 350°F and safe for gas, electric and ceramic stove tops.

www.target.com

On the Cutting Edge

The Farberware Universal Block Cutlery Set comes in a brightly colored block filled with flexible rods instead of pre-drilled holes, so you can insert the knives and shears in any arrangement you like. The rod insert is removable for easy cleaning. The knives feature high-carbon, stainless steel blades for strength and durability. The colorful, ergonomic handles offer a comfortable grip. The set includes three knives, shears, and a universal block (\$29.99).

www.pfaltzgraff.com



Any Way You Spray It

Just in time for the holidays, Misto, the Gourmet Olive Oil Sprayer, has added fashionable patterns (\$12.99) — houndstooth, damask and hearts — and bright new colors (\$9.99) that bring a stylish touch to the kitchen. Misto can help your lucky gift recipients cook healthier, reduce the amount of oil they use when cooking, and add flavor to food when grilling, sautéing, roasting, and baking. Simply fill Misto with olive oil and spray. Misto is refillable, BPA-free and non-aerosol, so it doesn't use chemical propellants.

www.pfaltzgraff.com