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Code enforcement complaints to remain anonymous

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

30 percent of claims unfounded, likely neighbor disputes

Handley suggested an agreement might be reached with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office for a nearby deputy to make an initial drive-by assessment of initial reports before sending code enforcement officers to

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SEBRING — Highlands County commissioners have agreed to continue to allow residents to anonymously complain about code enforcement violations. Under a proposed new policy, the code enforcement

department would have required a name, address and telephone number for anybody reporting a suspected violation.

Saying that making people accountable for filing com-

plaints probably would reduce the number of actions filed, commissioners agreed in keeping the current system of being able to inform the county on possible breeches of the code.

The margin was 4-1 for keeping the current system — with Commissioner Jim Brooks casting the lone dissenting vote.

Highlands County Zoning Supervisor Linda Conrad

told commissioners currently that approximately 30 percent of complaints were unfounded, and often are the result of disputes between neighbors.

Commissioner Ron

School grades will spark tougher standards

Sebring High gets B, while APHS, LPHS get C's

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High schools across the state will face tougher standards next year after more than three-quarters of them made one of the state's top two grades on report cards announced Wednesday.

Sebring High School was one of those, getting a B. Avon Park and Lake Placid, however, both had C's.

In all, 78 percent of high school and "combination schools" received an A or a B in the 2012-13 school year, the state Department of Education said. The portion of high schools making the highest mark ticked up by one percentage point over 2011-12, to 48 percent, while 30 percent of schools made a B, slipping from 32 percent a year ago.

"With more high schools earning A's, it is clear that our teachers are succeeding in providing Florida students with a quality education," Gov. Rick Scott said in a news release announcing the numbers.

But the high grades will also spark tougher standards under a State Board of Education rule, adopted in 2011, that requires the stan-

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Light 'em up



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

The King family makes Christmas decorating a 'family thing' and starts putting up lights around Halloween. They use over 25,000 lights to decorate their six-acre property on Northern Boulevard (top photo) in Lake Placid. According to Robert King, they have a long tradition of putting up lights, but this year was more meaningful after his dad Robert underwent a triple bypass in May 2012. Herb Somers starts decorating his home in August for the Christmas season. For more than 40 years, Somers has put on a special light display and this year he's used about 45,000 lights to brighten the season. 'It's his hobby, he does it to make people feel good,' his son, Herb Somers II said. The Sebring home is located on Lakewood Road and the public is welcome to stop by. Know of some good light displays? Go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/newssun and let everybody know where they are.

K of C, Gordon deliver smiles for Christmas

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — Hundreds of kids were given something to smile about Thursday afternoon as the Knights of Columbus organization hosted its fifth annual toy giveaway at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Parish.

The Knights Post 5441 put the magic into Christmas for around 200 children in the area. Each of the children are members of the

Highlands County Boys and Girls Club, which attracts around 125 kids after school each day in Avon Park.

"The Knights of Columbus went out and bought all of these presents. We gave them a list of names and ages and they purchased age-appropriate and gender-specific gifts for all the kids," said Boys and Girls Club Executive Director

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Katara Simmons/News Sun

Dee Gordon (left), a former Avon Park star who plays for the Los Angeles Dodgers, presents and air hockey table to Dylan Brignoni Thursday afternoon during the Boys and Girls Club Christmas event. Executive Director Woodraun Wright (right) and Emporium manager Levon Stukes look on and as the 10-year-old reels in excitement.

7 arrested for home invasion

Group suspected of other crimes, HCSO says

By PHIL ATTINGER

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SEBRING — Sheriff's deputies arrested six Avon Park residents and one Sebring resident in connection with a Lake Placid home invasion within 24 hours of the crime.

All seven were charged with burglary, battery, aggravated battery, aggravated assault with a weapon, and robbery with a firearm. They are currently being held in the Highlands County Jail. They are listed below, along with addresses and bond amounts:

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Commission wants to talk space needs with sheriff

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Highlands County commissioners Tuesday voted to have a workshop with Sheriff Susan Benton to look at both short- and long-term solutions for law enforcement space needs.

The special session tentatively has been set for a daytime meeting on Jan 14.

The most recent discussion of the matter floated to the surface again two weeks ago, when commissioners were asked to look at an extension on a lease for the Liberty Star Plaza, where part of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office currently is headquartered.

At the time, Commissioner Ron

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Outdoor sculpture exhibit gets OK

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SEBRING — Funding has been approved by the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for visual enhancements to the City on the Circle. The CRA has teamed up with the Polk Museum of Art to enhance the downtown Sebring area with sculptures chosen from the 14th annual Florida Outdoor Sculpture Competition.

Director Robin Hinote is thrilled that CRA board approved the funding for the project, which is a part of the CRA's marketing plan. The project will display one-of-a-kind sculptures from artists throughout North America.

"The CRA approved this for five pieces. Lakeland and Winter Haven, the other two cities participating in the exhibition, each have 10 pieces. We committed to only five because we want, firstly, to allow the community and residents to get use to them (sculptures). Plus we wanted to leave the door open to any local artist who see these and think 'Hey, I'd like to have my piece on display,'" Hinote said.

Sculptures will be displayed on city-owned property, which allows city council members and city staff to designate where the pieces will be displayed. Though the council has the ultimate say on where the pieces are placed, Hinote and the CRA have already planned out a couple of spots where they think the pieces should go.

"Centennial Park is a biggie. There, we will put the biggest and boldest piece. There's already green space there, which was sort of left open for this purpose. Circle Park is another spot we've thought of. That would depend, of course, on the size and the council's approval. Rotary Park and the cultural facility are two other spots we have tossed around," Hinote said.

During Tuesday evening's city council meeting, Hinote shared CRA's plans to participate in the exhibition. The council approved the CRA's recommendation to allow five locations for five sculptures and to designate a Sculpture Committee to decide exact locations at a later date.

Councilman John Clark approved the recommended motion along with a stipulation.

"I want the council to have the right to say no," Clark said. "The council should have the right to have them re-located as well."

"Absolutely. The final destination will be up to the council," Hinote said.

Hinote said Wednesday that the designation of the sculptures will be a group effort between the Cultural Alliance and the CRA, with the ultimate decision being up to city council.

Installation of the sculptures will take place between Feb. 24 and March 7. The deadline for applicants to submit art is Jan. 1, and jury applications (to look at and judge sculptures) will be held Jan. 6-12.

The funding for the sculptures carries a one-year lease rental, insurance, sculpture placard with the artist's name and installation assistance.

The sculptures are scheduled to remain on display from March until February, 2015.



Courtesy photo
South Florida State College Honors Program graduates Emilia Pereira, Dylan Wolfgram, Noor Abul-Hosn, Christopher Martinez, and Daniel Montes were recognized Dec. 17 for their hard work, dedication and for completing the program.

SFSC Honors Program recognizes graduates

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — South Florida State College recently recognized five Honors Program graduates at a reception on Dec. 17 on the Highlands Campus. The students graduating in December are Noor Abul-Hosn, Christopher Martinez, Daniel Montes, Emilia Pereira, and Dylan Wolfgram. Because SFSC traditionally holds commencement ceremonies in May, the college wanted to recognize these graduating students for their hard work, dedication, and for completing the program.

Two of SFSC's Honors graduates, Trevor Pearson and Wolfgram, were also recognized for being nominated for the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-Florida Academic Team this year. Students from Florida's 28 state and community colleges are nominated to the team based on their outstanding academic performance and community service.

The Honors Program at SFSC is a two-year academic program within the Division of Arts and Sciences. The program has selective admissions. Honors students take 15 credit hours of Honors courses including a leadership course and an interdisciplinary seminar. Students are required to complete 25 hours of service-learning, volunteering in the communi-

ty in areas connected with their academic studies, and make substantial oral presentations. Students must achieve a 3.30 cumulative grade point average to graduate from the program.

This year was exceptional for the Honors Program since they had the highest student participation in service-learning ever for a single academic term. "Service-learning binds students together with the community, because students apply what they are learning in class to tasks out in the community, working at the direction of community agencies and non-profits," said Charlotte Pressler, director of the Honors Program.

"In our Honors Program, students enjoy the company of like-minded people who are intellectually curious and committed to their studies," Pressler said. "We work closely with PTK and with the TRiO program to ensure that our students succeed on every level, and they do."

Being part of the Honors Program offers many advantages. Students in good standing receive a \$250 book scholarship each fall and spring term.

Students receive intensive academic counseling directed toward making their transfer to the university and major of their choice as easy as possible.

"To succeed in the Honors Program, you have to accept

the challenge to become above average," said Christopher Martinez, 29, Honors Program graduate. "At first, I felt discouraged about attending college since I was older than the average student. But the Honors Program encouraged me and helped me tremendously."

After graduation, Martinez plans to attend Polk State College where he will study occupational therapy. He aspires to help people succeed, use their highest potential, and become functional in society.

"Our Honors Program students enrich our campus and will enrich our community and society as they go forward with their educational and professional goals," said Dr. Kimberly Batty-Herbert, dean, Division of Arts and Science.

"These students have elected to be challenged," said Dr. Thomas Leitzel, SFSC president. "They've invested themselves and will never forget this experience."

For more information, contact Pressler at 784-7247 or charlotte.pressler@south-florida.edu.

Community Briefs

Car wash to benefit man injured in skydiving accident

SEBRING — Nurse On Call will be hosting a car wash to benefit Victor Bryie starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at Advance Auto Parts, 3550 U.S. 27 North (corner of U.S. 27 and the Sebring Parkway). Bryie



Bryie

was seriously injured in a skydiving accident earlier this month. He and his family need the public's support.

Volunteer to help or bring your car by to be washed. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation in Bryie's honor, contact Nurse On Call general manager Melissa Lane at 381-9325.

Santa visits Avon Park Library

AVON PARK — Jingle bells are ringing at the Avon Park Library! Several holiday events will take place this weekend.

At 11 a.m. today, Santa Claus and his merry elf will visit the library. Kids of all ages are invited to bring their lists.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, the library will show a popular Christmas film as part of its weekly children's movie series. Popcorn and juice will be served.

All events are free and open to the public. The Avon Park Public Library is at 100 N. Museum Ave. For more information contact the library at 452-3803 or visit the library's website at www.myhlc.org.

Green Dragon Drive to be closed

LAKE PLACID — The Highlands County Road and Bridge Department will be closing Green Dragon Drive from West Interlake Boulevard to

Lake Placid Elementary School at 7 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, for culvert installation. Detours will be posted.

The road will re-open at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

For more information, call 402-6529.

Barbecue to benefit Moon family

SEBRING — J&M Rollingsmoke Bar-B-Q will be serving a delicious lunch Saturday as a benefit for Doug and Connie Moon, and grandson Landon. The benefit will take place at Glisson's Animal Supply, 4525 U.S. 27 South.

Doug Moon has been in the hospital since Nov. 2 after complications from an appendectomy on Oct. 27. He is currently on dialysis and in Florida Hospital Orlando. He was intubated for 15 days and placed in a medically induced coma.

On Dec. 10 he underwent a tracheotomy and on Dec. 11 he was diagnosed with membranous nephropathy and acute interstitial nephritis (a kidney disease and inflammation leading to problems in how the kidneys function).

Funds raised through this benefit will help the family with the unexpected expenses. An account, in the name of Connie Moon-Donation Account for Doug Moon, has been set up at Wauchula State Bank to receive donations also. Connie Moon also has a large booth set up at Firemen's Field.

Free Christmas family comedy showing

SEBRING — As part of the Heartland Holiday Festival, Push Event Productions announces the showing of an outdoor holiday movie at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Due to copyright,

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Man charged in LP shooting case

News-Sun staff
LAKE PLACID — A Lake Placid man was charged with attempted second-degree murder Tuesday for allegedly shooting another man in retaliation for being accidentally punched the night before.

According to arrest reports, deputies were called to the emergency room after the victim, who is 28, was taken there by another man, who found the victim limping along E.A. Smith Avenue and being supported by several other people at around 12:50 p.m. Tuesday. The victim told deputies that Keldrice Deshon Legree, 31, of 1108 Aaron Drive in Lake Placid, had shot him in the left buttocks. The victim said that he had been involved in a fight the night before at the intersection of Vision Street and Crestmore Drive and swung at the person he was fighting but accidentally hit Legree, who found him on Tuesday and shot him in retaliation.

The victim said he had known Legree "nearly his entire life," the report said, and identified a booking photo of Legree.

Legree was arrested at 6:52 p.m. on Wednesday. He has been convicted of felony drug charges in the past, and was also charged with possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.



Question: Should the county commission consider privatizing the EMS system for Highlands County?



Total votes: 1,328

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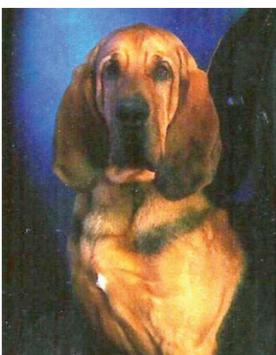
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HCSO K-9 'Sarge' retires

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Highlands County Sheriff's Office Canine "Sarge" officially retired Dec. 10.

Sarge, who has been with the HCSO since 2005, will take on a relaxed life style living with his long-time partner and handler Deputy Wayne Gunn.

Sarge served for eight years amassing a record of 163 total career finds, of

which 69 were felony cases and 53 were misdemeanor cases.

He worked on 14 missing persons cases and 27 non-criminal cases.

During his career he was certified Tracking Master by the Police Work Dog Association of Florida.

When asked which track was Sarge's most famous, Gunn said, "Sarge never knew the severity of one

track over the other. All he knew was to find the person at the end, because that's what I wanted him to do."

Gunn will be training a new puppy to replace Sarge. Bud, a 3-month-old bloodhound, will reside with Sarge and Gunn.

Bud made his debut in the Lake Placid Christmas Parade this past Saturday and has already begun his training.



Courtesy photo
Bud, a 3-month-old bloodhound, will replace Sarge.

Polk Co. gives Amazon tax break

BARTOW (AP) — Internet giant Amazon won a second tax break from the Polk County Commission for building a packaging and sorting operation near Davenport.

The commission voted Tuesday to give Amazon a 75-percent property tax abatement for 10 years.

That will total an estimated \$840,710.

The Lakeland Ledger reports that to qualify for the new break, the Seattle-based company agreed to create 100 full-time jobs paying at least 115 percent of the average wage in Polk County and to invest at least \$10 million in equipment.

The agreement also requires Amazon to hire as many employees as possible from Polk County and to use local vendors as much as possible.

In July, the commission approved a \$4.5 million property tax break for Amazon for its distribution warehouse in Lakeland.

Reward offered in panther death

OCHOPEE — State and federal wildlife authorities are offering a \$12,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the suspicious death of an endangered Florida panther.

The panther was found dead Dec. 7 in the Big Cypress National Preserve with a suspected gunshot wound.

Community helps Sebring Police get new K-9 on the streets

Courtesy photo
Earlier this year, the Sebring Police Department had to prematurely retire its top dog, J.R., due to a medical condition. Shortly thereafter, K-9 handler Officer John Garrison proposed a lease agreement for a dog he owned, which began testing for the adaptation to police work. After clearing this initial hurdle, Garrison and that dog, named Beemer, completed intensive training at the University of Central Florida and passed with flying colors. Garrison and Beemer are now patrolling the streets of Sebring. Beemer is a full-service dog specializing in apprehension, handler protection, building searches, narcotics detection and tracking. With funds running low, the SPD called upon several of its longest-standing community partners to raise money to continue this community-supported K-9 Program. A group of dedicated citizens, business owners, and veterans' organizations achieved the goal of \$7,500 for the Sebring Police Department K-9 Fund. Among those were Debra Graves; Steve Brown of Lily, O'Toole & Brown; American Legion Post 74, Sons of the American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary; American Veterans Post 21; VFW Post 4300 and VFW Men's Auxiliary; Alan Jay Automotive Network; Heacock Insurance Group; the estate of Carl Mohr and Mary Palmer; and several anonymous citizens.



Chen Dental hosting Dentistry from the Heart

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — A free dental service provided by Chen Dental Center for Modern Dentistry will allow local adults to receive one of three dental services at no cost on a first-come, first-served basis from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

The international event, Dentistry from the Heart, has serviced 80,000 individuals each year since its inception. Dr. William E. Chen has taken part in the past, but this is the first time he will host the event.

"I've done this event three times before for other people, other dentist friends. This is the first time I've ever held it in my office," Chen said.

The Dentistry for the Heart event will feature Chen, his partner Dr. Jere Seralde and the entire office staff, as well as approximately six other out-of-town dentists.

"We all do this. We've all done this before. Just last week I was in Oviedo, helping out there for a friend of mine. So we don't just do this for our communities. We do it for many different ones," Chen said.

DFTH is a global effort

Get a cleaning, a filling or an extraction free today on a first-come, first-served basis

that continues to work to serve people in a wide range of communities get at least basic dental necessities.

For the past 14 years, hundreds of dental practices throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland, Australia and Puerto Rico have offered their time and expertise to low income, uninsured and needy individuals.

"I love this event, which is why I've continued to participate in it," Chen said. "We want to give our time and services to everyone who needs it. As I was talking about this event with staff a while back they said, 'Why don't you just hold one here?' and I thought it was about time for us to."

The free dental service offers participants one of three dental options to choose from on the day of service: cleaning, extraction or filling.

Each participant must choose only one service to ensure that services are timely and everyone is able to be serviced.

"We would like to help at least 100 people. We antici-

pate at least that many but we have hands here to help whoever comes. It's all first-come, first-serve basis. It's a very organized event and I'm happy to be a part of it," said Chen.

Dental care isn't always an option for struggling adults balancing -bills and other necessities, which is why the non-profit was created. With the collaboration of thousands of dentists and dental staff nationwide, the effort to help those in need is continually gaining strength.

"These events are all over the place and people travel to them because they can't afford to pay full price. While I was in Oviedo, which is a two-hour drive from here, I met a woman from Winter Haven. She drove there just to have work done at the event, so there definitely is a need for this," Chen said.

Chen Dental's Dentistry from the Heart Free Dental Care Day will be held today from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Early registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Anyone 18 and

older is welcome to attend the event. Chen Dental will provide one free service to all participants.

Lines are expected and long wait times may continue throughout the day. Participants are encouraged

to dress weather accordingly, as waiting will likely leave participants outside.

Chairs, blankets, water, food, snacks are also encouraged to be brought along to make the wait easier.

Chen Dental is between Sebring and Avon Park at 3140 U.S. 27 South.

For more information visit www.chendental.com/ or call 657-0391.

Code enforcement complaints can still be filed anonymously

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the scene for further action, if needed.

"As I remember, the sheriff was not real excited about sending deputies out there for us," said Commission Chair Greg Harris.

Commissioner Don Elwell suggested that as the board looks to the long-term, they might consider changing the system in future years.

"Code enforcement is one of those departments that is limited in what they can do by staffing and budget," he said.

"I think in a perfect world we would have enough code enforcement officers that we would have more of a proactive approach and this kind of thing would become less important because they are

going out and looking for these things."

Brooks disagreed, saying that those who decide to make such complaints needed to give their name. Brooks indicated that if residents were required to stand

behind their charges, it could eliminate a number of neighborhood disputes.

"I am not a big advocate of proactive code enforcement. I think we have enough government interference in our lives," he said. "It also will help eliminate the backlog we have."

Conrad indicated as of this past Tuesday, the county's code enforcement office had

450 "open complaints" on the books.

Board attorney Ross Macbeth indicated that the system of anonymous complaints was instituted because some residents had been worried about retribution from neighbors who found out who had turned them in.

"If they report, that is going to be public record and their neighbor is not going to just suspect who complained - they will actually know and it escalates the problem," he said.

Harris suggested the commission talk to Sheriff Susan Benton about the possibility of allowing deputies to help keep the backlog of complaints down, possibly on a regular quarterly basis.



Brooks

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Gov. Scott's job creation pledge falls short of the mark

When Rick Scott ran for governor in 2010, his promise to create 700,000 private sector jobs in seven years seemed too good to be true. Evidently, it was.

Floridians desperate for employment gave him the benefit of the doubt and voted Scott into office despite the sketchy details of his job-creation promise. Three years later and working up a head of steam for a second campaign in 2014, the Republican chief executive unashamedly takes credit for every new job in the state.

Not so fast, governor. An in-depth analysis by the Miami Herald and Tampa Bay Times shows the governor's pledge has fallen well short of the mark. Of the jobs Scott can influence most, only a fraction now

exist. He has pledged \$266 million in tax breaks and other incentives in turn for 45,258 new jobs, but 96 percent of them have yet to materialize.

The larger economic picture has undoubtedly improved since Scott took over. Some 440,000 private-sector jobs have been created in the state since January 2011, when Gov. Scott took office.

The state's unemployment rate has dropped from 11.1 percent to 6.7 percent. Those are positive measures of the economy's rebound from the depths of the Great Recession, but the credit is

not Scott's alone by any means.

To fulfill his promise of making a difference, Scott would have to come up with 1.7 million jobs in seven years. It would require the state to produce 20,000 jobs per month on average, every month, for seven years. The actual number is 12,000.

And who really deserves credit for those jobs that have been realized? No doubt the governor and the Legislature deserve their share, but others have probably had a greater impact. That would include Congress and President Obama's stimulus plan, the private sector and entrepreneurs, local governments, chambers of commerce and others — above all, the Federal Reserve and its mission to reduce unemployment.

The effort to lure new

companies and their jobs to the Sunshine State by pledging \$266 million in tax breaks and other incentives is the most troubling. The number of jobs promised came to 45,258. Jobs delivered: 1,939. Meanwhile, the number of layoffs at companies with more than 100 workers between January 2011 and November came to 49,163, according to federal data.

Given this poor performance, it may be time for the governor and Legislature to ask whether the state's money could be put to better use. Making deals and attending ribbon-cuttings make for good PR, but so far this program hasn't lived up to the governor's promises.

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This is what peace looks like

During the 2008 election, candidate Barack Obama was derisively referred to as "The One." His opponent's attack ads implied he was the Messiah. "He has anointed himself ready to carry the burden of The One," went the infamous TV spot.

Some wondered if this wasn't a dog whistle to the Apocalypse-minded Americans who weren't put off enough by a half-African man with the middle name of Hussein — he could also be the anti-Christ!!

Obama won the election. And then just to make matters worse, he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

"I did not realize the Nobel Peace Prize had an affirmative action quota for it," penned right-wing blogspot and Fox Newser Erik Erikson.

Ed Rollins opined on CNN, "I think it has diminished the award itself."

"At first I thought the announcement of the prize was a joke. On further reflection, the Nobel Committee has made itself a joke," said Michael Gerson, a Bush speech-writer.

The general consensus on the right was Obama didn't deserve the Nobel Peace Prize. They thought it should go to Reagan. Because Reagan is conservatives' "The One." Former "ambassador" John Bolton hilariously said George W. Bush should get the Nobel Peace Prize. Yes, the president who preemptively invaded Iraq under false pretenses with fictionalized intelligence — that one.

The Obama-doesn't-deserve-the-Nobel-Peace-Prize sentiment somehow seamlessly morphed into an Appeaser-in-Chief meme. During the next presidential election, Mitt Romney claimed Obama started his presidency off with an apology tour. Right-wing author, Michelle Malkin, said Obama was "Jihadi-Coddling" in regards to the oft-debunked Benghazi conspiracy theory.

Congresswoman Michele Bachmann demanded, "President Obama must immediately end his doctrine of appeasement and weakness toward Iran." Obama is more willing to negotiate with Iran than Republicans, bristled right-wingers.

(Right, because unlike the GOP, Iran is opting to feign moderation in order to get their way.)

Cut to: Nelson Mandela's funeral and an impromptu handshake between Obama and Cuba's Raul Castro. (Fidel Castro and Nelson



Guest Column
Tina Dupuy

Mandela had a very close mutual admiration. Fidel was a guest of honor at Mandela's inauguration.) Cue: Right-wing freak out. Question: Should Obama have punched Castro instead? He was at a funeral for a fellow Nobel

Peace Prize winner who's become the symbol of human dignity: was he supposed to snub a fellow mourner? Was he supposed to act — to borrow a descriptive word invoking fear of black men — like a thug?

Alfred Nobel, whose fortune and name endows the aforementioned prizes, invented dynamite and ballistite; an explosive and a rocket propellant. He held patents to tools of war. Just as the name of the father of yellow journalism, Joseph Pulitzer, graces the most prestigious and highbrow journalism award of all. The point is: this stuff is complicated. And diplomacy is complicated.

Yes, this Nobel Peace Prize winner and alleged Appeaser in Chief is culpable in shooting Osama bin Laden in the face. Yes, this Nobel Peace Prize winner and alleged Appeaser in Chief has a questionable drone policy that could or could not be helping or hurting U.S. interests. This Nobel Peace Prize winner and alleged Appeaser in Chief has deported more undocumented immigrants than any other president in history. Like I said, this stuff is complicated.

We're a nation with war fatigue. We've been at war for so long we've forgotten what peace means or what it looks like.

If Americans wanted their president to hobble around singing "Bomb Iran" to the tune of the Beach Boys' "Barbara Ann" we had that choice. (It was a landslide in 2008: 10 million more Americans voted for Obama than Acappella McCain. That's 365 electoral votes to 173.)

Instead we're wading into the murky waters of international relations. There was a phone call with Iran. U.N. inspectors are in Syria. There was a handshake with Fidel's brother.

And to bring these complex issues home, I'll end by quoting the wife-beating deadbeat dad, John Lennon: "Imagine all the people living life in peace..."

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The best and worst of 2013

The year 2013 was a roller coaster of contrasts with some surprises. Here's a best and worst list:

The Worst Non Scandal, Self-Inflicted Political Damage: President Barack Obama. A new ABC News-Washington Post poll finds record numbers of Americans now disapprove of his job performance. The Post notes that these numbers are "all the more striking when compared with his standing a year ago, as he was preparing for his second inauguration after a solid reelection victory. That high note proved fleeting as the president faced a series of setbacks, culminating in the botched rollout of his Affordable Care Act two months ago."

The Worse Use of Money by a Political Party: The money the Republican National Committee spent on a political "autopsy" after former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and the GOP were soundly defeated in the 2012 elections. Advice that the party should tip-toe towards the center and reach out to women, gays, and Latinos and harp less on social issues than far-right ideological dogma was totally ignored and the party seemingly moved further right.

Best Political Comeback: Rep. Paul Ryan. When he ran as Mitt Romney's Veep, fact-checkers almost had to put in for workmen's compensation documenting Ryan inaccuracies, which he'd nonetheless repeat in speech-



Independent's Eye

Joe Gandelman

es. His presence on the ticket did little to help Romney. His role in a bipartisan budget compromise led analysts to paint him as an adult in the room not focused exclusively on ideology. He now seems inching back to a harder stand.

Worst Self-Inflicted Damage to a Political Party: No, it wasn't the Republican government shutdown, a Ted Cruz Production. Democrats potentially suffered major long-term damage due to the disastrous Obamacare website rollout, coupled with Americans learning Obama wasn't correct in saying they could keep their insurance, which battered the party's argument that if Americans trusted government it could effectively improve their lives. Obama and the Democrats came out looking like they'd say anything to get health care reform and couldn't administer it when they got it.

Best TV Series and Best Series Ending: "Breaking

Bad," Vince Gilligan's award-winning cable series about high school chemistry teacher Walter White's steady descent into evil was perfectly written and cast, with stars Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul putting in performances that will be studied by actors for years. It contained no "filler," and its ending was perhaps the best dramatic series ending in TV history.

Worst TV Series Ending: The Dexter finale. In its early seasons Dexter had been a great show based on a superb series of books by Jeff Lindsay about a Miami Police blood spatter pattern analyst who is secretly a serial killer. The series deviated from the books and plotting became more strained. By its finale, Dexter was a series whose cut-up body parts should have been buried a season or two earlier.

Best Talk Show Host for Independents, Centrists, and Moderates: Michael Smerconish on XM radio. Some talk the talk. Smerconish walks the walk.

Best Pizza: Still Pepe's in New Haven, Conn., with New Haven's URBAN, which now has restaurants in San Diego and San Francisco, a close second.

Best Book on John F. Kennedy, Jr. and his assassination: "The Kennedy Half Century: The Presidency, Assassination, and Lasting Legacy of John F. Kennedy" by Larry Sabato. Sabato examined every utterance by

Presidents after JFK to gauge his influence and conducted new tests on assassination evidence.

Best Political Sound Bite: House Speaker John Boehner on conservatives who forced the government shutdown saying they didn't expect to win. "Are you kidding me?"

Worst Politician Sex Scandals: Serial sex harasser Bob Filner resigned as San Diego mayor and was sentenced to 90 days in home confinement, probation, and fines totaling about \$1,500. Former Rep. Anthony Weiner seemed a masochist pleading for defeat, humiliation and ridicule when he ran for New York mayor and got all three.

Best Political Fallout for a Politician Facing Scandal: Chris Farley look alike Toronto Mayor Rob Ford was caught on video smoking crack and in a drunken rant, but his poll numbers went up. Faced with a lawsuit, Ford apologized to Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale for insinuating Dale was a pedophile. Ford=Survivor.

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Boy stable after falling in front of train in AP

By PHIL ATTINGER

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AVON PARK — A 14-year-old boy was injured when he apparently tried to dodge a train in downtown Avon Park.

Ralph Davis, Jr., who lives on Lake Avenue, was reported Wednesday to be in stable condition in Tampa General Hospital after suffering a leg injury and a broken pelvis.

According to Nell Hays of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, Davis was running alongside the train at around 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, trying to beat it, and stumbled as he was trying to dart in front of the northbound 92 Amtrak train as it neared Main Street and North Central Avenue.

Avon Park Middle School is near the area where the boy was struck.

Robert Hendrix, who has a son in middle school, told the News-Sun that he had seen a group of middle school-aged boys "playing chicken" with trains in that area in the past.

He didn't know if any of them were involved in this incident, but said immediately after the incident that he didn't think it would be long before someone got hurt.

Avon Park — like Sebring, Lake Placid, Bartow and Lakeland — still has regular train traffic on tracks through the city's downtown area. The city grew up thanks to the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, the former station of what is now the city's historical museum and a cen-

terpiece of the city's cultural arts district, just east of the tracks.

A freight train interrupted this year's Avon Park Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade since the parade coincided with CSX Transport schedules. The crossing at Main Street has two tracks and crossing arms on both sides of the divided roadway, and no floats were on the tracks when the barriers came down.

The Florida Department of Transportation has stated in its Highway Rail Grade Crossing Safety Action Plan that collisions between trains and other vehicles have gone down 42 percent since 2007, but incidents with trespassers on railroad rights of way have gone up.

This would include those walking or running on or along tracks as well as at crossings.

In 1990, the plan states, the number of trespassers who died on rail rights of way exceeded 500 for the first time. Since 1997, trespasser fatalities have exceeded fatalities at grade crossings as the largest category of railroad-related deaths.

Of the 434 incidents between 2005 and 2009 — both vehicle and pedestrian — 42 were pedestrians or cyclists: 30 pedestrians, or 6.9 percent of all incidents; six pedestrian suicides, or 1.4 percent, and another six were cyclists, 1.4 percent.

Operation Lifesaver — a non-profit organization providing pub-

lic education programs to prevent collisions, injuries and fatalities on and around railroad tracks and highway rail grade crossings — is a key partner with FDOT, the plan states.

However, the issues of trespassers is complicated by the fact that trespassers are not a single, consistent group. So, Operation Lifesaver serves as an avenue to continuously improve safety within the railroad right of way and at highway rail grade crossings through education, engineering and enforcement through partnerships with local, state and federal governments, railroads, transit agencies, law enforcement, safety organizations and the public.



Javaria Faniel, 7, is all smiles as she tears into her present, a fashion design kit, on Thursday in Avon Park. *Katara Simmons/News-Sun*

Boys and Girls Club kids get Christmas a little early

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Woodraun Wright.

Wright said that every child would receive one big gift along with smaller gifts from Santa and the organization.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were present Thursday for photo opportunities for the kids.

Six-year-old Martice Spears, a first-grader, excitedly unwrapped a remote-controlled car Thursday.

Spears played with his toy alongside a friend, who received a basketball as his gift.

A special guest stopped by Thursday's event to visit children and hand out more presents.

Former Avon Park High School baseball star and current Los Angeles Dodgers utility player Dee Gordon, son of former Major League all star Tom Gordon, was present Thursday and greeted six families who were chosen by the club to receive extra help this holiday season.

"He personally sponsored



Bryson Atkins, 6, receives a gift Thursday, while visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus. *Katara Smoons/News-Sun*

six families and purchased over 100 presents — good presents, not just little cheap things, either," Wright said of Gordon.

Along with bag full of presents, Gordon also purchased scooters for the selected children.

"The scooters aren't here.

We will deliver them to the homes because we don't want the other children to feel left out," Wright said.

Gordon presented 10-year-old Dylan Brignoni with an air hockey table, which the Memorial Elementary School student happily accepted with a huge smile.



Brianna Martinez, 9, and Andrea Coleman, 10, compare their new Monster High dolls Thursday afternoon during a Christmas celebration with the Boys and Girls Club after school program in Avon Park. *Katara Simmons/News-Sun*

Colo. students allowed back after shooting

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — Students are being allowed back into Colorado's Arapahoe High School for brief visits that are providing some comfort following last week's shooting.

Juniors and seniors were allowed inside for two hours Thursday to get things they had to leave behind after a gunman opened fire, wounding one student before killing himself. Underclassmen are scheduled to report Friday.

They were able to meet their teachers, walk the suburban Denver school's halls and gather in the cafeteria to talk and eat homemade cookies. It's the first time the students had been in the school since they had to evacuate, their hands in the air, as deputies worked to ensure gunman Karl Pierson didn't have any accomplices.

"It's rough," senior Lexi Berrent told The Denver

Post. "I'm scared (about going back in). I'm a little nervous, but you have to get used to it again."

Student body vice president Grace Marlowe was off campus at the time of the shooting and didn't have to

retrieve any books or bags. Still, she returned to be able to see her school in person again, rather than aerial news footage. She also said she had to see and hug people to be really assured that they're fine.



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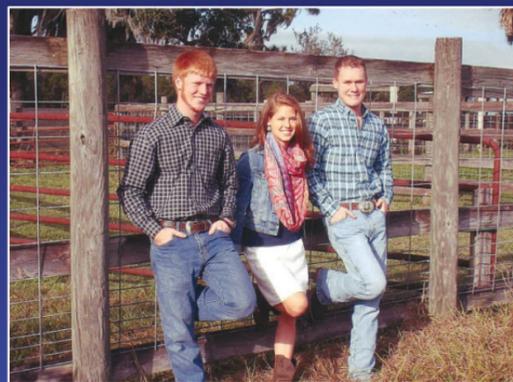
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Heartland Circuit Lutheran Church Christmas Schedules



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 Tues. Dec. 24: 7:00pm Candlelight Service (Holy Communion)
 Wed. Dec. 25: 10:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion (at Faith Lutheran Church)
 Sunday, Dec. 29: 10:00am Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion
 Tues. Dec. 31: 4:00pm Joint Worship at Faith Lutheran Church
 Sunday, Jan. 5: 10:00am Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion

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Rev. Richard Norris (Pastor)

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Sunday, Dec. 22: 10:00am Worship
 Tues. Dec. 24: 7:00pm Candlelight Service at Trinity
 Tues. Dec. 24: 11:00pm Candlelight Service w/ Holy Communion (At Faith Lutheran Church)
 Wed. Dec. 25: 10:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion
 Sunday, Dec. 29: 10:00am Worship
 Tues. Dec. 31: 4:00pm Joint Worship at Faith Lutheran Church
 Sunday, Jan. 5: 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion

Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS

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Our Christmas Worship Schedule includes:

Sunday, Dec. 22: 8:00am & 10:30am Divine Worship
 Tues. Dec. 24: 5:30pm Family Service w/ Children's Program
 Tues. Dec. 24: 11:00pm Candlelight Service w/ Holy Communion, Rev. Richard Norris
 Wed. Dec. 25: 10:00am "Lessons & Carols", Rev. Scott McLean
 Sunday, Dec. 29: 8:30am & 10:30am Holy Communion
 Tues. Dec. 31: 4:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion
 Officiating: Rev. McLean, Rev. Norris, & Rev. Weed
 Sunday, Jan. 5: 8:00am & 10:30am Divine Worship

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 Tues. Dec. 31: 4:00pm Joint Worship at Faith Lutheran Church
 Sunday, Jan. 5: 10:00am Divine Worship

Join us at New Beginnings Church of Sebring for a Christmas Eve "Service of Song" on December 24, 2013 at 6:00 pm. at the Morris Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL. 33870.

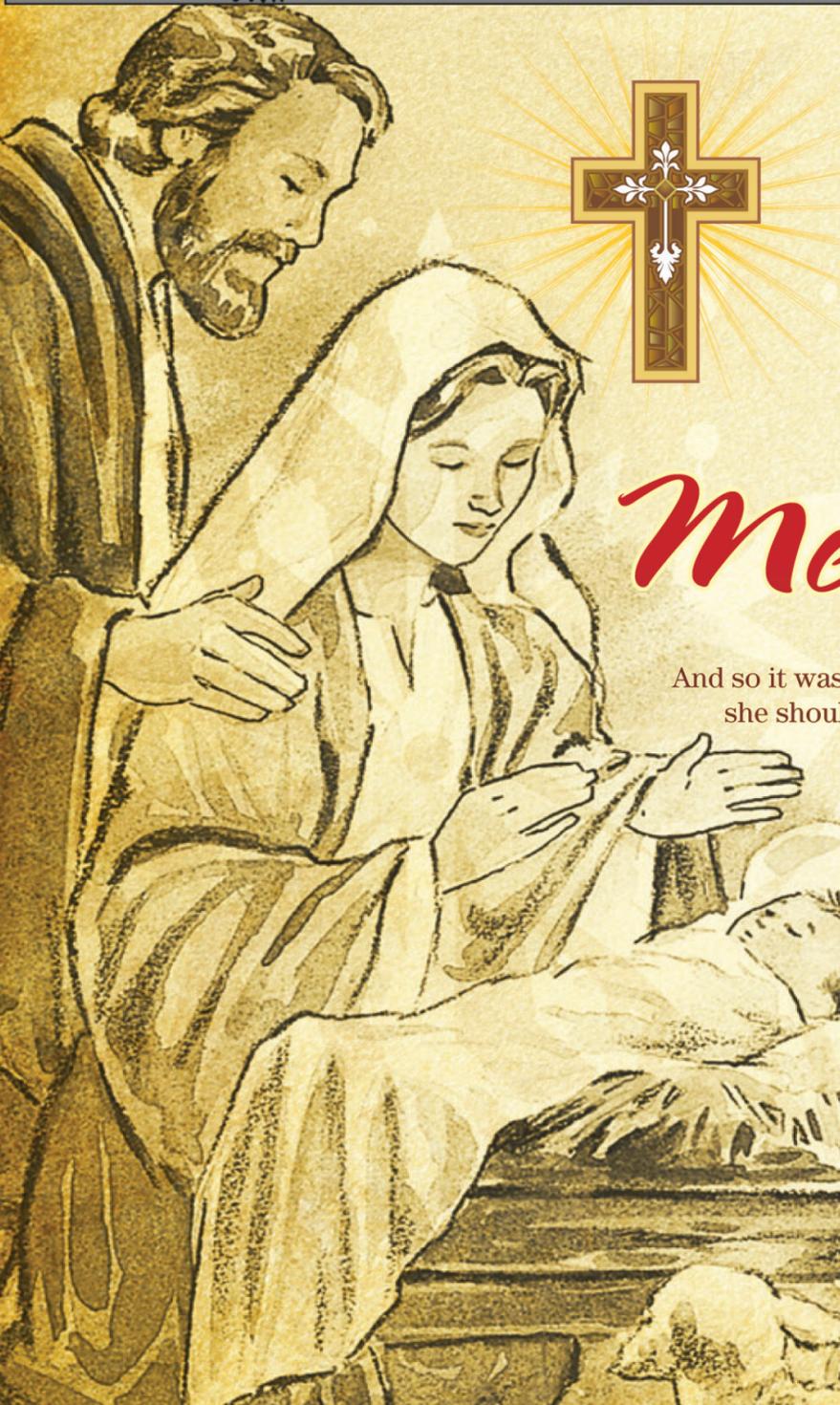
The service will consist of a dozen Christmas Hymns as well as the celebration of the Lord's Supper. New Beginnings Church of Sebring is a non-denominational church, whose teachings are Bible based. Regular Sunday services at New Beginnings are 9:00 am for Bible study and 10:15am for the worship service.

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And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2: 6-14 (KJV)

Arrests made quickly in home invasion robbery

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- Chase Allen Cody, 21, of 2205 Golden Age Villas, Avon Park — \$240,000 bond
- Samantha Ashle-Rose Haralson, 19, also of 2205 Golden Age Villas, Avon Park — \$118,000 bond

- Brian Stanley Jones Jr., 29, of 703 State St., Avon Park — \$240,000 bond
- Jesse Lee Personette, 26, of 17B East Adams St., Avon Park — \$240,000 bond.

- Devion Marcell Randolph, 22, of Avon Park (general delivery) — \$223,000 bond.

- Edwardo Luis Rodriguez, 26, of 2205 N. DeSoto Ave., Avon Park — \$450,000 bond.
- Mark Anthony Tish, 22, of 1634 Wightman Ave., Sebring — \$450,000 bond.

The robbery took place at 1:59 a.m. Tuesday at 245 Highlands Blvd. in Lake Placid, according to arrest reports from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office. One of the six victims reported that one of the suspects forced his way into the east bedroom, brandishing a handgun, and demanded money from him.

The suspect then stuck the victim on the top of his head with the handgun and the gun went off, shooting a slug into the ceiling.

The suspect stole \$600 in cash and a black and gray Kycora Boost touchscreen phone from him, reports said. Deputies later found a spent

shell casing on the bedroom floor.

A second victim said a suspect armed with a handgun forced entry into his locked bedroom, demanded money from him and struck him across the right side of his face with the handgun, reports said.

A third victim reported that two people pulled him out of bed and threw him on the floor, kicked him in the ribs and held a handgun to his head, demanding money. They took a black and gray laptop from him, reports said.

Three more victims were also attacked by two suspects who forced their way into a bedroom, grabbed one of the victims by his neck and held him against the bed, again demanding money. Another victim in that same bedroom was approached by a person with a gun demanding money. He said he had no money and pulled out his wallet to show him. The suspect then stuck him on the hand and on the left side of his face with the gun.

The victim being held by his neck told the suspects he didn't have any money, so they walked out.

The sixth victim was also in the fourth bedroom, but had hidden under his blanket and couldn't tell deputies any information. The fourth victim walked outside when the suspects left and saw six people get in a dark-colored minivan parked out front.

Through their investigation, deputies connected the robbery to seven people who were connected to 2205 Golden Age Villas in Avon Park, where they found evidence connected to the case, including the stolen cellular phone.

One of the seven was not listed among the ones arrested, but the suspects named an eighth person — Personette — as being involved with the case.

When deputies caught up with Personette on East Adams Street in Avon Park, they searched his vehicle and found the stolen laptop and a black and white bandanna.

Details of deputies' conversation with him were redacted from arrest reports, but the arrest report goes on to say that deputies obtained a search warrant for 2205 Golden Age Villas and found ammunition that matched the spent shell casing, a firearm of the same caliber — which wasn't listed in arrest reports — two black pairs of cargo shorts, a black sweatshirt, 500 Mexican pesos and \$15 in U.S. currency.

Deputies have linked the suspects to other robberies in the county, reports said. Further charges are pending investigation.

Sheriff Susan Benton personally is asking members of the public "to call us with any information" on the suspects or possible related cases.



Cody



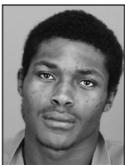
Haralson



Jones



Personette



Randolph



Rodriguez

"We believe that they and maybe others in their group have victimized additional persons in our community and with your help we can not only hold these criminals in jail, but hopefully keep them out of the community for a long time," Benton said.

Anyone with information on these subjects is requested to contact the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit and Detective Nathan Coogan at 402-7341 or 402-7250.

Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and eligible for a cash reward is asked to contact Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477) or www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com.



Tish

Board wants to meet with Benton about HCSO building needs

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Handley asked if a county-owned building on Kenilworth Boulevard might not make a permanent, cost-effective solution to the problem. The idea was not well received by law enforcement officials.

At Tuesday's session, Commissioner Jim Brooks suggested the commission have what he termed a "serious heart-to-heart" with the sheriff and discuss the current needs for her operation.

"I realize that we are charged with the process of providing the sheriff and other constitutional officers with space," Brooks said. "But before we spend any money I think we need to have a workshop with the sheriff, her staff and our staff."

Brooks noted that the commission had spent "well over \$1 million" and done little more than renovate some of the existing space at the current sheriff's office.

"I know we're not going to make everybody happy with everything but I'd just like to see us do it the right way," he said.

Commissioner Jack Richie, who served two terms as county commission chair, noted that the commission had been moving forward on the project — although "not with great speed." Richie noted that

commissioners also are looking at finding "substantial" funds to balance the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

County Administrator June Fisher said staff had such things as timelines as well as information on investigation into the suitability of other facilities available for the discussion. In the past, the county has looked into renovation of the Restoration Center at Sparta Road and State Road 66 as well as the former SunTrust Bank building in downtown Sebring as possible locations for the sheriff's operation.



Benton

Current Commission Chair Greg Harris indicated he believed the sheriff simply wanted a new building. The question was whether the commission could afford to underwrite such a project.

Brooks added that some of the sheriff's needs have changed because the dispatch operation has been moved and renovated. Additionally, the development of a property and evidence facility is under way. However, Sheriff Susan Benton has indicated that there now are other duties that have been added statutorily for which her operation is responsible.

Meanwhile, the deadline on Requests for Proposals closed for work on the Kenilworth Building on Thursday.

Obituaries

LEE MITCHELL

Lee Thomas (Tony) Mitchell, age 94, of Avon Park, Fla., passed away Monday, Dec. 16, 2013. He was born Sept. 15, 1919 in Sunnyside, Ga. to Henry Osgood and Annie Laurie (Patterson) Mitchell. During World War II he was a Tail Gunner on a B24 of the 8th Air Force 446 Bomb Group. He was retired from Florida Power (now Progress Energy), was a member of First Baptist Church and has been a resident of Avon Park since 1948, coming from Frostproof, Fla.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife of 65 years, Catherine Mitchell of Avon Park, Fla.; daughters, Trudie Henderson

(Howard) and Nancy Benschoter (Reed); grandchildren, Eric and Amy; and great-grandchildren, Karma and Zedann.

Visitation was Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013 from 4-6 p.m. at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park. A graveside service will be held Friday, Dec. 20, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla. with Pastor Jon Beck officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that you give to a charity of your choice or the Florida Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 8190, Lakeland, FL 33802.

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Community Briefs

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the name of the movie cannot be released; however, this very popular 2004 American Christmas comedy will be enjoyed by the entire family. It is rated PG.

The movie will be shown on the Highlands Art League's lawn (1985 Lakeview Drive) and is sponsored by the Sebring Public Library and the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Free to attend; a great family night out to get in the holiday spirit. Bring blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic basket.

The Carousel of Lights will be illuminated from 6-9 p.m. that evening in Circle Park. In addition to the lights, Santa will be there, the interactive puppet show will be performing and snacks will be provided. The Circle Park is just a few blocks walking distance from the Highlands Art League.

For more information, visit www.HeartlandHolidayFest.com.

Buttonwood Squares to host dance

SEBRING — The Buttonwood Squares will host a Christmas square dance today at Buttonwood Bay RV Resort. Rounds will begin at 7 p.m. with Mike Gormley cueing, Nelson

Wakeman will be calling the squares from 7:30-9:30.

Snacks are provided and square dance attire is not required.

Dance Club hosts Golden Era Band

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club will host the music of the Golden Era 14-piece dance band from 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 at the Highlands Social Center, 3400 Sebring Parkway.

Dance to the big band sounds of the '40s, '50s, and '60s. Snacks and sandwiches will be available.

Admission is \$7 for non-members and \$5 for members. Dress is smart casual.

Everyone is welcome, including singles. Call 386-0855 or visit www.highlanddanceclub.org on the Internet.

Ballroom Dancers have Christmas dance

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will host a Red & White Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday at the Elks Hall in Lake Placid, starting at 5 p.m. with a social hour, dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. and dancing until 9 p.m. Music by Chrissy.

Tickets are \$10 per person for LPBD members,

and \$12 per person for non-members. The public is invited; to purchase tickets, call Sandy Allen at 465-6547 or Susie Lee at 699-0886.

AMVETS Auxiliary serves pork loin

SEBRING — AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary will have a pork loin dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday for a \$7 donation. Karaoke will be with BiDi from 6-9 p.m.

Moose Lodge planning for New Year's

SEBRING — The Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 is taking reservations for their New Year's Eve Dance with music by Larry Musgrave. Members and their guests are invited to enjoy an hors d'oeuvres buffet, champagne toast, party favors and breakfast.

The celebration will begin at 7 p.m., and the cost is \$30 per person. Reservations can be made at the Lodge. For further information call 655-3920.

Music Under the Oaks

SEBRING — There will be Christmas lights and Country/Bluegrass/Blues and Gospel Music at Under The Oaks Opry at 7 p.m. today and again at 2 p.m. Sunday. A special Christmas

sary for C and D grades.

Education Commissioner Pam Stewart praised teachers and students for the progress.

"They are doing a good job, and it is really important that we continue to raise the bar as Florida has done, historically, over the years," she said.

At the same time, the state is continuing a policy aimed at preventing schools' scores from falling by more than one grade a year while schools phase in new state standards based on the Common Core initiative. Seven

high schools were protected by that policy this year, education officials said.

Stewart said that scores could still slip after new tests based on those standards are implemented because Common Core is expected to be more rigorous than the state's current guidelines.

"I think it's fair to say that, just as with this move on our high-school grading we are raising the bar, that's what we'll be doing in '14-'15," she said.

High schools' good report card means tougher standards will be used next time around

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dards to rise if 75 percent of any group of schools makes the two highest marks. State officials said Wednesday this marked the first time the new rule has been used.

For example, high schools will now have to score 70 percent of the points available on the state's grading system, up from 66 percent, to get an A. The standard will increase from 62 percent to 65 percent for a B, and there will be smaller increases in the scores neces-



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000544 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. PERRY TOWLES AND LINDA K. LEE, et al. Defendants).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 31, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000544 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, is the Plaintiff and PERRY TOWLES; LINDA K. LEE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PERRY TOWLES; UNKNOWN

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SPOUSE OF LINDA K. LEE N/K/A JOHN DOE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN TENANTS are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on January 10, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 16, HICKORY RIDGE SUBDIVISION UNIT 11, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THAT CERTAIN 1985 FUQUA DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN #S FH3610695A & FH3610695B & REAL PROPERTY #R90

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 1st day of November, 2013.

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

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

December 13, 20, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-739 GCS HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-1, Plaintiff, vs. ANGEL L. CHABRIER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANGEL L. CHABRIER, AURORA DEJESUS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AURORA DEJESUS, RHS INDUSTRIES, INC. RETIREMENT FUND, LUIS GONZALEZ AND ROSA HERNANDEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 21, 2013, and entered in Case No. 11-739 GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-1, is Plaintiff and ANGEL L. CHABRIER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANGEL L. CHABRIER, AURORA DEJESUS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AURORA DEJESUS, RHS INDUSTRIES, INC. RETIREMENT FUND, LUIS GONZALEZ AND ROSA HERNANDEZ, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 15th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 2, Block 4, Sun N Lakes Estates Holiday Country Club Section, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 92, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Street Address: 204 Golfpoint Drive, Highlands, FL 33852

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

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

Dated at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 22nd day of November, 2013.

Bob Germaine
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk
December 20, 27, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2011CA000590 CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. JAMES M. DOERR JR. A/K/A JAMES MICHAEL DOERR, JR., et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 21, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2011CA000590 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and JAMES M. DOERR JR. A/K/A JAMES MICHAEL DOERR, JR.; MARLIN T. DOERR; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A HEATHER WILBUR are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on January 15, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 10, RAMER'S ROOST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 66, 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 22nd day of November, 2013.

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

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida 1-866-555-7111.

December 20, 27, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 13000442GCAXMX DIVISION: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. ALFRED AWOMEWE, ET AL., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION To: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALFRED AWOMEWE

Last Known Address: 5050 Mendavia Dr, Sebring, FL 33872
Current Address: Unknown

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, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 1, IN BLOCK 743, OF SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 15 R1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 64, BEING A 1989 REPLAT OF UNIT 15 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 40, BOTH OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 5050 MENDAVIA DR SEBRING FL 33872-9004

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before November 13, 2013

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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.

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 15th day of October, 2013.

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

Albertelli Law
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
EF-018688F01

**See the Americans with Disabilities Act If you 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 Action; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000126 DIVISION: JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD L. BRANSCOMBE A/K/A RICHARD LEE BRANSCOMBE, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 04, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000126 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANT-TEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD L. BRANSCOMBE A/K/A RICHARD LEE BRANSCOMBE, DECEASED; JOHN P. BRANSCOMBE AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. BRANSCOMBE A/K/A RICHARD LEE BRANSCOMBE, DECEASED; TRACEY A. MCFEE F/K/A TRACEY A. BRANSCOMBE AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. BRANSCOMBE A/K/A RICHARD LEE BRANSCOMBE, DECEASED; SANDRA J. PETERSON A/K/A SANDRA J. WALLER F/K/A SANDRA J. BRANSCOMBE AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. BRANSCOMBE A/K/A RICHARD LEE BRANSCOMBE, DECEASED; GAYLE ANN GUIMOND A/K/A GAYLE A. GUIMOND A/K/A GAYLE SPREADBURY GUIMOND AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. BRANSCOMBE A/K/A RICHARD LEE BRANSCOMBE, DECEASED; 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 SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 6th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE NORTHEASTERLY HALF OF LOTS 9, 10 AND 11, BLOCK 191, WOODLAWN TERRACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 96, (TRANSCRIPT BOOK 1, PAGE 1), PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID NORTHEASTERLY HALF OF SAID LOTS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF BELLEVUE AVENUE AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY

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LINE OF EVANSTON STREET THE SAME BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 11, BLOCK 191; THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 11, 75 FEET; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO BELLEVUE AVENUE 150 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 9 OF SAID BLOCK 191; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 9 TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF BELLEVUE AVENUE; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF BELLEVUE AVENUE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LOTS LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST.

A/K/A 839 EVANSTON STREET, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 5, 2013.

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000551 DIVISION: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. MARIE DALIDA PIERRE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 04, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000551 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and MARIE DALIDA PIERRE; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 6th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

ONE HALF (1/2) OF THE CLOSED MARIAN DRIVE CONTIGUOUS AND ADJACENT TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY:

LOT 10, BLOCK 1, RE-PLAT OF PORTION OF FISHER'S SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 10, SAID REPLAT BEING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 78 BOTH OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1803 MARIAN DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33870-2238

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 5, 2013.

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

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December 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 11-837 GCS THE BAN OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-20 vs. PAMELA V. RAMSAY A/K/A PAMELA V. PEART, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAMELA V. RAMSAY A/K/A PAMELA V. PEART, IF ANY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed November 21, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 11-837 GCS 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 15th day of January, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 86, Lincoln Heights Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 42, 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 22nd day of November, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

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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 20, 27, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-365 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUISE BYRD Deceased.

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Louise Byrd, deceased, whose date of death was March 22, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, 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 ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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TION 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 OF MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 13, 2013.

Personal Representative:
F. Ray Byrd

3817 Sebring Parkway
Sebring, FL 33870

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.

Attorneys for Petitioner

325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE

SEBRING, FL 33870-3206

Telephone: (863) 382-3154

By: /s/ E Mark Breed III

E. MARK BREED III

Florida Bar No. 338702

Email Address: service@bnpalaw.com

December 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-491

IN RE: ESTATE OF

NELSON D. HELVIG

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of NELSON D. HELVIG, deceased, whose date of death was November 12, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands Court, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and 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.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 13, 2013.

Personal Representatives:

/s/ Nancy J. Watson

2429 Ecuadorian Way #1

Clearwater, Florida 33763

/s/ Nelson J. Helvig, Jr.

46593 Route #1 South

Alexandria Bay, New York 13607

Attorney for Personal Representative:

CLIFFORD M. ABLES III, P.A.

551 S. COMMERCE AVE.

Sebring, Florida 33870

Telephone: (863) 385-0112

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/s/ Brandon S. Craig

Attorney for Petitioner

Florida Bar Number: 0085800

December 13, 20, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION BY

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of December, 2013, in accordance with Section 336.09 and 336.10 of the Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, adopted a resolution vacating, abandoning, discontinuing and closing a road described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 10, LAKE BLUE ESTATES according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4 at Page 59 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida; thence North 31 degrees 50'30" East, along the Westerly right of way line of Lake Clay Drive, being a 50 foot right of way, a distance of 38.64 feet to a point on the South line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30; thence North 89 degrees 30'00" West, along said South line, a distance of 9.37 feet to the Westerly right of way line of Lake Clay Drive, being a 66 foot right of way; thence North 31 degrees 50'30" East, along said Westerly right of way line, a distance of 158.06 feet to the South line of a 66 foot right of way; thence North 89 degrees 30'00" West, along said South right of way line, a distance of 282.23 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said point also being the Point of Curvature of a circular curve to the left, having for its elements, a radius of 117.00 feet and a central angle of 63 degrees 53'33"; thence in a Southwesterly direction, along the arc of said curve, an arc distance of 130.47 feet to a point of reverse curvature, of a circular curve to the right, having for its elements, a radius of 183.00 feet and a central angle of 13 degrees 38'17"; thence in a Southwesterly direction, along the arc of said curve, an arc distance of 43.56 feet to a point on the Northerly line of the aforesaid 66 foot right of way; thence North 89 degrees 30'00" West, a distance of 140.72 feet to a point, said point being on a curve concave to the Northwest and having a radial bearing of North 00 degrees 30'00" East and a radius of 117.00 feet; thence in a Northeasterly direction, along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 63 degrees 53'46"; an arc distance of 130.48 feet to the point of reverse curvature of a circular curve to the right, having for its elements, a radius of 183.00 feet and a central angle of 63 degrees 53'45"; thence in a Northeasterly direction, along the arc of said curve, an arc distance of 204.09 feet to a point; thence South 00 degrees 30'25" West, a distance of 66.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Renouncing and disclaiming any rights of the County and public in and to same.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: Robert W. Germaine, Clerk

December 20, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 2.22 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing an amendment to Rule 2.22, Board Meetings. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 2.22, in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Add: Section II.F. stating that when a complaint of misconduct is filed with the District against a District employee the information obtained in the investigation shall be added to the list of exemptions for public records inspection until the investigation is concluded with a finding to proceed or not to proceed with disciplinary action or charges and the subject of the complaint has been notified of the finding. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 119.071, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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perintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 2.22 in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Clarifies meetings open to the public where official acts are to be taken and corrects grammatical errors within section XI.F. of the rule; Modifies rule in compliance with Florida Statute 286.0114, to allow members of the public a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before the board; Adding language regarding board members as custodians of social media messages received or sent regarding school matters. All such records are the responsibility of the sender/receiver to maintain in accordance with public records requirements, or to provide such records to the School District for safekeeping. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, 286.0114 and 1001.371, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE SCHOOL BOARD

OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,

BY: Wally Cox

Superintendent & ex officio secretary

December 20, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 3.23 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing an amendment to Rule 3.23, Emergencies. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 3.23 in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Add: List of Emergency Response Agencies that the District is responsible for notifying in the event of certain types of various emergencies. These Emergency Agencies includes various Law Enforcement Agencies of appropriate jurisdiction, the Health Department, Emergency Operations Center, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and the Fire Department. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 1006.07, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing an amendment to Rule 3.50, Public Information and Inspection of Records. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 3.50 in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Add: Section II.F. stating that when a complaint of misconduct is filed with the District against a District employee the information obtained in the investigation shall be added to the list of exemptions for public records inspection until the investigation is concluded with a finding to proceed or not to proceed with disciplinary action or charges and the subject of the complaint has been notified of the finding. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 119.071, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 5.321 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing an amendment to Rule 5.321, Bullying and Harassment. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 5.321 in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Defines bullying to include cyber bullying, provides for definition of cyber bullying, creates

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the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 3.60 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing an amendment to Rule 3.60, Flag Display and Pledge. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 3.60 in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Add: Language regarding the proper display of the flag in compliance with state guidelines as well as federal guidelines. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 256.015, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,

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December 20, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 5.62 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing an amendment to Rule 5.62, Administration of Medications. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 5.62 in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Add: Section IV: Provision relating to the administration of emergency medications and the requirements for a school to maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors and requires the use of trained personnel to administer medications except when self-administered medications. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 1002.20, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE SCHOOL BOARD

OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,

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December 20, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 4.117 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing an amendment to Rule 4.117, Early High School Graduation. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 4.117 in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Allows students who began a high school accelerated educational program before July 1, 2013, to continue that option; Modifies the requirements of early graduation to state that a student who earns twenty-four (24) credits in less than eight (8) semesters or the equivalent, may elect for early graduation. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 1003.4281, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 6.173 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing an amendment to Rule 6.173, Responsibilities of School Bus Operators. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 6.173 in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Add:

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or amendment is as follows: Adds Section IV: Requiring school reports to be published on the District's website and in the local newspaper. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 1008.25, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary December 20, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 9.50 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing an amendment to Rule 9.50, Distribution of Literature and Materials to Students. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify Rule 9.50 in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Adds: Requirement that the Superintendent or designee shall approve literature or materials from out-of-school sources and as statutorily referenced to Section 847.012, Florida Statute, prohibits sale or distribution of harmful materials to minors. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 847.012, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary December 20, 2013

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny, a shower in the p.m.	Fog in the morning; mostly sunny	Fog in the a.m.; lots of sun, warm	Periods of sun with a shower; humid	A couple of showers possible
81° / 65°	84° / 66°	84° / 64°	84° / 63°	77° / 59°
Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SSE at 8-16 mph	Winds: S at 6-12 mph	Winds: NNE at 8-16 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	78°
Low Sunday	52°
High Monday	69°
Low Monday	44°
High Tuesday	77°
Low Tuesday	45°
High Wednesday	73°
Low Wednesday	38°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	58%
Expected air temperature	81°
Makes it feel like	83°

Barometer

Monday	30.19
Tuesday	30.19
Wednesday	30.22

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.36"
Year to date	62.83"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	2:12 a.m.
Low	9:57 a.m.
High	4:47 p.m.
Low	8:58 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	10:20 a.m.
Low	3:44 a.m.
High	10:30 p.m.
Low	4:12 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	14.39'
Normal	14.51'

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National Forecast for December 20



National Summary
Moist air will surge northward today and interact with a cold front to bring rain to the Ohio Valley, Great Lakes and Northeast. Temperatures will be above average from the Southeast to the Gulf Coast with highs mainly in the 70s. Much colder air will be across the central Plains behind a cold front. It will be bitterly cold in the northern Plains as highs will not get out of the single digits above zero. A storm system moving through the Southwest will bring rain showers and cooler air.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	50/32/c	43/28/c	42/25/pc	Los Angeles	64/47/s	65/46/s	71/49/s
Atlanta	64/55/c	71/63/c	71/50/r	Louisville	60/53/r	65/60/r	67/30/sh
Baltimore	54/44/pc	64/52/c	71/50/sh	Memphis	70/63/sh	73/54/t	58/34/sh
Birmingham	67/59/sh	73/64/sh	71/43/r	Milwaukee	30/28/sn	35/27/pc	31/6/sn
Boston	47/40/sh	49/42/r	61/45/sh	Minneapolis	14/11/pc	22/6/pc	12/-8/sn
Charlotte	64/50/pc	69/60/c	75/56/t	Nashville	64/59/r	72/62/t	65/35/r
Cheyenne	36/25/pc	33/14/sf	36/22/pc	New Orleans	76/66/sh	78/64/t	73/48/r
Chicago	34/29/s	33/33/s	36/11/sn	New York City	50/44/pc	55/48/sh	66/52/sh
Cleveland	48/37/r	44/43/r	61/28/r	Norfolk	64/52/pc	69/57/c	76/60/c
Columbus	52/45/r	53/52/r	63/31/r	Oklahoma City	38/33/c	44/28/r	36/19/pc
Dallas	64/48/sh	58/38/r	44/30/pc	Philadelphia	52/45/pc	60/52/c	69/52/sh
Denver	36/24/pc	40/17/sf	42/22/pc	Phoenix	62/46/r	61/43/s	60/44/s
Detroit	40/29/r	37/32/r	41/24/sn	Pittsburgh	48/45/r	57/54/sh	67/34/r
Harrisburg	46/39/sh	53/48/sh	67/42/sh	Portland, ME	40/30/r	36/26/r	43/33/i
Honolulu	83/68/pc	82/68/sh	82/69/pc	Portland, OR	43/41/r	48/40/r	48/40/c
Houston	77/68/c	77/53/t	66/38/pc	Raleigh	67/51/pc	72/61/c	77/59/t
Indianapolis	50/38/r	45/42/r	48/21/r	Rochester	44/31/r	36/34/r	59/29/r
Jackson, MS	74/64/sh	78/55/t	70/39/r	St. Louis	48/34/r	39/33/r	37/20/r
Kansas City	32/22/c	36/16/sn	23/7/sn	San Francisco	57/46/s	60/44/s	61/43/pc
Lexington	60/55/r	65/60/sh	63/32/r	Seattle	44/42/sn	48/43/r	50/43/c
Little Rock	72/59/c	73/47/r	53/29/pc	Wash., DC	57/48/pc	64/56/c	72/52/sh

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	91/72/pc	90/72/pc	90/74/pc	London	47/41/pc	53/45/r	48/41/pc
Athens	54/41/s	59/45/s	60/43/s	Montreal	23/16/sn	21/18/sn	32/21/sn
Beirut	64/53/s	64/54/s	65/52/s	Moscow	28/23/c	26/25/sn	33/27/sf
Berlin	39/32/c	41/36/c	44/38/c	Nice	49/48/sh	59/44/pc	59/44/pc
Bermuda	70/63/s	71/63/c	73/65/c	Ottawa	24/12/sn	25/13/sn	32/18/sn
Calgary	18/6/sn	16/3/sn	19/15/pc	Quebec	21/9/sn	23/14/sn	25/19/sn
Dublin	48/42/r	47/35/r	42/36/pc	Rio de Janeiro	83/71/pc	82/73/pc	81/74/r
Edmonton	10/-6/sn	7/-19/sn	8/3/sn	Seoul	32/14/s	34/19/s	36/23/pc
Freepport	80/71/pc	82/70/s	81/72/s	Singapore	80/75/t	82/75/t	83/75/t
Geneva	43/23/sh	47/38/s	48/32/pc	Sydney	97/70/s	83/66/pc	93/70/s
Havana	83/67/pc	84/68/s	84/67/s	Toronto	38/22/sn	32/26/c	44/20/f
Hong Kong	63/52/s	63/52/pc	64/56/s	Vancouver	37/34/c	44/40/r	45/42/c
Jerusalem	54/41/s	56/41/s	56/41/s	Vienna	36/30/c	40/33/s	40/32/c
Johannesburg	76/58/t	80/60/pc	81/60/pc	Warsaw	36/30/c	38/31/pc	41/35/pc
Kiev	35/27/pc	35/29/c	38/31/s	Winnipeg	3/-5/pc	5/-19/sf	-10/-25/pc

Regional Summary

Patchy morning fog today; otherwise, partly sunny and warm with a shower in the area during the afternoon. Mainly clear tonight; patchy fog late. Patchy fog tomorrow and Sunday morning.



Farm Report

Fog this morning; otherwise, partly sunny and warm, a shower in the afternoon. Winds southeast 6-12 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 45% chance of precipitation.

Weather History

On Dec. 20, 1836, in central Illinois, the temperature dropped from 40 degrees to zero between noon and 1 p.m.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:09 a.m.
Sunset	5:39 p.m.	5:39 p.m.
Moonrise	8:43 p.m.	9:34 p.m.
Moonset	9:16 a.m.	9:54 a.m.



Water Restrictions

• Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.
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Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	83/67/pc	85/69/s	85/68/s	Miami	82/73/pc	83/74/s	83/73/s
Clearwater	79/67/pc	84/71/s	83/70/s	Okeechobee	80/65/pc	81/67/s	83/65/s
Coral Springs	80/72/pc	83/72/s	84/71/pc	Orlando	80/64/pc	83/65/s	84/66/s
Daytona Beach	78/63/pc	81/66/s	83/65/pc	Pembroke Pines	82/72/pc	83/72/s	83/71/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	81/74/pc	82/75/s	82/73/pc	St. Augustine	74/60/pc	78/66/pc	79/65/pc
Fort Myers	83/67/pc	85/69/s	85/68/s	St. Petersburg	80/66/pc	84/71/s	84/69/s
Gainesville	76/56/pc	81/63/pc	81/64/pc	Sarasota	80/65/pc	84/69/s	84/67/s
Hollywood	81/72/pc	83/71/s	83/71/pc	Tallahassee	74/57/pc	78/66/pc	77/67/c
Homestead AFB	82/73/pc	82/72/s	82/72/s	Tampa	80/67/pc	84/70/s	84/69/s
Jacksonville	75/57/pc	80/62/pc	81/62/pc	W. Palm Bch	80/72/pc	82/72/s	83/72/pc
Key West	81/74/pc	82/75/s	83/75/s	Winter Haven	80/65/pc	83/66/s	83/66/s

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

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Bloodhounds bash short-handed Streaks

By TAYLOR TUBBS

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – “Tonight was just about surviving,” said head coach Richie Birdsall.

The Sebring Blue Streaks took on one of the toughest teams in the district, the Auburndale Bloodhounds, with over half of their varsity squad missing at Firemen’s Field on Tuesday night.

The final score was 8-1, but especially for the first half of the game the Streaks were able to hold their own.

Auburndale made the first goal of the night early on, but powerhouse forward Haylee Peters responded at the 25-minute mark with a

goal of her own to tie up the score.

Peters approached the goal from the right, following the ball in and beating out the goalie to make the connection with the net.

Unfortunately that was Sebring’s only goal of the night, while Auburndale continued to climb up the scoreboard.

At the 20-minute mark Auburndale struck again with another goal right before the water break.

Sebring’s usual goalie, Shannon Blooemsma, was substituted out at this point and replaced by Alina San Miguel.

“We had a lot of girls that

had to leave early to go to a chorus concert,” said Birdsall. “We had to rearrange the whole defense when Shannon (Blooemsma) left.”

However this newly arranged Sebring defense was able to dodge bullets and hold off the attacking Hounds for the remainder of the first half, leaving the score a respectable 2-1 going into the break.

In the second half of the game the effects of the missing varsity members became more evident.

At the 36-minute mark Auburndale scored off of a long shot from midfield, where the ball caught an

unlucky bounce past San Miguel.

San Miguel had a number of good saves throughout the night, including a jumping block where the ball nearly soared into the top reaches of the net.

With 28 minutes remaining Auburndale snuck another goal through a crowded Sebring defense, widening their lead to 4-1.

Directly following the water break, the Bloodhounds struck again in a throng of goals at the 19, 16, 10, and 9-minute marks.

For the remaining nine minutes the Streaks held off

See SOCCER, B4



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun
Haylee Peters beat the Auburndale goalkeeper on this play, but it would stand as Sebring’s lone goal in Tuesday’s loss.

Lady Streaks push past Green Dragons, Wildcats

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – The gap closed a little bit this time around, during the Girls Weightlifting Tri-Meet Tuesday in the fieldhouse of Firemen’s Field.

Lake Placid and Hardee both came to challenge Sebring and improve on

their lifts, and while there were some personal bests set, the Lady Blue Streaks came away with the win, totaling 45 points to the Dragons 32 and Lady Wildcats 17.

“Another good day, another day of improvements,” Lake Placid head coach Donald Ridgeway said of his squad who saw four weight-class wins.

Their first came from Kiki Slade, unchallenged in the 101-pound class, as she benched 75 pounds, clean and jerked 85 and came out with a 160-pound total.

Jumping up to the 110 class, Sebring got a win from Katie Stoll who totaled 185 pounds, 95 on bench and 90 in the clean.

Lake Placid, however, picked up points by taking second and third in the class with Brandy McMahon going 80 and 90



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun
Imani Powell powered up a personal best 135 in the clean and jerk Tuesday evening.

for 170 and Cheyenne Slade going 75 and 70 for 145.

The Streaks increased their lead by taking the top two in the 119 class.

Ayana Thomas and Ansley Salender actually lifted equal amounts overall at 185, with Thomas going 95 and 90 and Salender 85 and 100, but the pre-meet weigh-in had Thomas a little more than one pound lighter, which

gave her the win.

Marissa Chancey put up matching 80s for a 160 total to get third place for the Dragons.

Up to the 129 class, Lady Streak Imani Tate got a big win by equaling her bench high of 130, and setting a personal best in the clean at 135 for a 265 total.

Second and third went to Hardee’s Mersiline Cimeus and McKenzie Staton, at 205 and 195 respectively,

before Lake Placid’s Shonkeriaa Robinson took fourth at 185.

The Lady Dragons picked up some ground by taking the top two spots in the 139 class.

Abigail Samperi and Joanna Sanchez matched each other on the bench with 100 pounds each, personal bests for both.

But Samperi hoisted 125

See LADY, B4

County Hoops recap

News-Sun report

Tuesday was a night of big wins and thrilling, though heartbreaking losses among area basketball teams.

Cruising to easy wins on the night were the Avon Park boys and Lady Blue Streaks.

The Red Devils traveled to Mulberry and whipped the Panthers by a 57-37 score to stay even with McKeel atop the District 9-4A standings at 5-1 each.

The Tigers got a push from a fiery Lake Placid squad, but held them off with a 60-52 win to keep pace with the Devils.

The Lady Blue Streaks doubled up on visiting Clewiston at home Tuesday,

trouncing those Lady Tigers 68-34.

Jamiese Wiley lead Sebring with 18 points, with Jazmin House adding 13 and Christacia Dawkins 10.

Lake Placid’s Lady Dragons saw their eight-game winning streak halted by McKeel by a 51-45 score.

Interestingly, Lake Placid’s last loss had come at the hands of the Lady Tigers on Thursday, Nov. 21.

But if the scores are any indication of the Dragons’ improvement, they are on the brink as McKeel needed to storm back with an 18-6 fourth quarter to overcome a game-long Lake Placid lead.

See HOOPS, B4



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files
Connor Cook paced Sebring with 21 points Tuesday, but it wasn’t quite enough in a 67-66, double OT loss at DeSoto.

Okeechobee/Istokpoga Team Trail braves blustery day

Last Sunday, Dec. 15, my partner, Nick DeSanta and I fished the fourth Okeechobee/Istokpoga Team Trail tournament on Lake Istokpoga.

The wind was pretty gusty when we arrived at the boat ramp and everyone was expecting a rough weather day.

As it turned out, we missed the forecasted rain but the wind never let up all day.

Lake Istokpoga can be a tough lake this time of the year and on this day it proved to be a challenge.

Thirty-three boats participated and around 22 pounds took first place.

I don’t have the specifics on who won the tournament, but when I receive the results I’ll add it to my next column.

I saw one bass weighed in that was around 9.8 pounds



Fishin’ Around

Don Norton

– a real beauty.

Up until that fish was brought to the scales an 8.5 pound bass was the biggest lunker brought to the scales.

Nick and I fished the north end of the lake, picking up a couple of keepers early before we moved over to Josephine Creek.

Fishing the area with swim baits, we caught another 10 or 12 fish, but nothing bigger than three pounds.

A number of bass would blow up on our swimbait,

but not take it.

There were fish in there, but we couldn’t find any big fish.

We weighed in five fish but finished with a little under 10 pounds.

One of the guys told me the two teams that did really well were throwing crankbaits and rattletails in deeper water.

I suggested early on that we try some “traps” to Nick, but we never seemed to get around to it.

I have a guide trip tomorrow (Wednesday) morning and that’s what we’re going to start with.

I think the bigger bass are off-shore, preparing for the spawn.

The smaller “buck” bass appear to be shallower, probably looking for bedding sites.

Over the next few weeks the bigger females should

start moving in.

Lake Jackson Wednesday Tournament

We had 8 boats fish with us on Lake Jackson last Wednesday.

Lots of wind again for this tournament and again, lots of small fish brought to the scales.

Dwight Ameling and his partner Bob Stanley won with 3 bass weighing just under 6 pounds.

My partner, Jeff Laster and I weighed in three fish to finish in second place with just under 5 pounds.

This lake has produced hundreds of bass over the last six months in these Wednesday tournaments, but most have been in the 12-14” size range.

Some of these tournaments have seen anglers

catch as many as 50 bass in 4 hours, with the best three weighing less than 6 pounds.

Only three bass have been weighed in over 5 pounds; a 5.8, a 5.6 and a 5.2.

That’s pretty surprising when you consider we’ve fished this lake 25 weeks in a row.

On the other hand, we fished Lake Glenada on Friday only seven times and every tournament had at least one fish over six pounds, and a total of five bass weighed over 7 pounds.

A big difference in the two lakes.

This week the guys are fishing Lake Glenada again on Wednesday.

I won’t be able to join them since I’ll be on Lake Istokpoga on a guide trip but I’ll report in my next column how they did.

Next Wednesday’s tournament (Dec. 25) has been

moved to Friday, Dec. 27, at Dinner Lake.

Anyone interested can pay their \$20 entry fee at the boat ramp.

Come out and join us if you can.

New B.A.S.S. Chapter

The Sebring BassMasters are officially the newest bass club to be formed in this area.

We originally considered calling ourselves the Dirty Burd BassMasters – adopting popular lure manufacturers name, but decided to name the club after the city of Sebring.

Our tournament schedule for 2014 has been established, kicking the year off on Lake Istokpoga in January.

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THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
New England	10	4	0	.714	369 311
Miami	8	6	0	.571	310 296
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	246 367
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	300 354

South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
y-Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	338 319
Tennessee	5	9	0	.357	326 355
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	221 399
Houston	2	12	0	.143	253 375

North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Cincinnati	9	5	0	.643	354 274
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	296 277
Pittsburgh	6	8	0	.429	321 332
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	288 362

West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
x-Denver	11	3	0	.786	535 372
x-Kansas City	11	3	0	.786	399 255
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	343 311
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	295 393

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	364 349
Dallas	7	7	0	.500	393 385
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	251 357
Washington	3	11	0	.214	305 434

South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
New Orleans	10	4	0	.714	359 270
Carolina	10	4	0	.714	328 208
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	258 324
Atlanta	4	10	0	.286	309 388

North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	406 391
Green Bay	7	6	1	.536	353 362
Detroit	7	7	0	.500	362 339
Minnesota	4	9	1	.321	363 425

West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
x-Seattle	12	2	0	.857	380 205
San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	349 228
Arizona	9	5	0	.643	342 291
St. Louis	6	8	0	.429	316 324

Sunday's Games

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

Monday's Game

- Atlanta at San Francisco, 8:40 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

AFC

Quarterbacks					
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Manning, DN	580	393	4811	47	10
Rivers, SD	492	337	4048	28	9
Rthlsbrgr, PIT	525	340	3915	25	11
Smith, KC	480	292	3160	23	6
Brady, NE	578	352	4049	23	10

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Charles, KC	246	1181	4.80	46	11
Mathews, SD	236	1012	4.29	51	5
Moreno, DN	224	939	4.19	25	10
Johnson, TEN	230	860	3.74	30	5
Tate, HOU	181	771	4.26	60	4

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Johnson, HOU	99	1295	13.1	62	5
Brown, PIT	95	1307	13.8	56	8
Edelman, NE	89	914	10.3	44	6
A. Green, CIN	87	1268	14.6	82	8
Wright, TN	85	1007	11.8	45	2

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Foles, PHI	266	165	2398	23	2
McCown, CHI	220	147	1809	13	1
Rodgers, GB	251	168	2218	15	4
Wilson, SEA	357	231	3077	24	8
Brees, NO	575	392	4500	34	10

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McCoy, PHI	269	1343	4.99	57	7
Peterson, MN	268	1221	4.56	78	10
Forte, CHI	258	1200	4.65	55	7
Morris, WAS	236	1125	4.77	45	6
Lynch, SEA	260	1089	4.19	43	11

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Garcon, WAS	96	1146	11.9	53	4
Marshall, CHI	90	1185	13.2	44	10
Bryant, DAL	81	1061	13.1	79	11
Jeffery, CHI	80	1265	15.8	80	7
Graham, NO	76	1071	14.1	56	14

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	15	.444	—
Toronto	9	14	.391	1
Brooklyn	9	16	.360	2
New York	8	17	.320	3
Philadelphia	7	19	.269	4.5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	19	6	.760	—
Atlanta	14	12	.538	5.5
Charlotte	12	14	.462	7.5
Washington	11	13	.458	7.5
Orlando	8	18	.308	11.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	5	.800	—
Detroit	13	14	.481	8
Chicago	9	15	.375	10.5
Cleveland	9	15	.375	10.5
Milwaukee	5	20	.200	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	20	5	.800	—
Houston	17	9	.654	3.5
Dallas	15	10	.600	5
New Orleans	11	13	.458	8.5
Memphis	10	15	.400	10

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	.5
Portland	22	5	.815	—
Denver	14	10	.583	6.5
Minnesota	13	13	.500	8.5
Utah	7	21	.250	15.5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	18	9	.667	—

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SATURDAY

- Noon** Georgetown at Kansas ESPN
- 2 p.m.** Florida State vs. Massachusetts SUN
- 3:30 p.m.** Gonzaga at Kansas State ESPN2
- 4 p.m.** Michigan State at Texas CBS
- 4:30 p.m.** Florida vs. Fresno State SUN
- 5:30 p.m.** Illinois at Missouri ESPN2
- 7:30 p.m.** Notre Dame vs. Ohio State ESPN2
- 10 p.m.** Georgia Tech at Vanderbilt SUN
- 11:30 p.m.** Colorado vs. Oklahoma State ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

- 8 p.m.** NCAA Division I Semifinal – New Hampshire at North Dakota State ESPN2

SATURDAY

- Noon** NCAA Division II Championship – Northwest Missouri State vs. Lenoir-Rhyne ESPN2
- 2 p.m.** Gildan New Mexico Bowl – Washington State vs. Colorado State ESPN
- 3:30 p.m.** Royal Purple Las Vegas Bowl – Fresno State vs. USC ABC
- 5:30 p.m.** Famous Idaho Potato Bowl – Buffalo vs. San Diego State ESPN
- 9 p.m.** R&L Carriers New Orleans Bowl – Tulane vs. Louisiana-Lafayette ESPN

GOLF

FRIDAY

- 9 a.m.** Royal Trophy – Day One GOLF

SATURDAY

- 9 a.m.** Royal Trophy – Day Two GOLF
- 2 p.m.** Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge GOLF

NBA

FRIDAY

- 8 p.m.** Houston at Indiana ESPN
- 10:30 p.m.** Minnesota at L.A. Lakers ESPN

SATURDAY

- 8 p.m.** Cleveland at Chicago WGN

NHL

SATURDAY

- 7 p.m.** Carolina at Tampa Bay SUN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY

- 9:30 p.m.** NCAA Tournament – Final ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Phoenix	14	10	.583	2.5
Golden State	14	12	.538	3.5
L.A. Lakers	12	13	.480	5
Sacramento	7	17	.292	9.5

New Jersey	14	15	6	34	83	87
Columbus	14	16	4	32	87	95
N.Y. Islanders	9	19	7	25	85	121

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	25	7	5	55	138	102
St. Louis	22	7	4	48	114	80
Colorado	22	10	1	45	96	78
Minnesota	20	11	5	45	84	83
Dallas	16	12	5	37	95	101
Nashville	16	15	3	35	78	95
Winnipeg	15	16	5	35	95	106

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	24	7	5	53	116	91
Los Angeles	23	8	4	50	97	68
San Jose	21	7	6	48	112	84
Vancouver	20	10	6	46	100	86
Phoenix	18	10	5	41	105	103
Calgary	13	16	5	31	86	108
Edmonton	11	22	3	25	93	123

Thursday's Games

- Chicago at Oklahoma City, late
- San Antonio at Golden State, late

Friday's Games

- Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
- Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
- Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
- Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
- Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
- Houston at Indiana, 8 p.m.
- Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
- Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
- Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

- Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, 30
- New Jersey 5, Ottawa 2

Thursday's Games

- Boston at Buffalo, late
- Phoenix at Toronto, late
- Columbus at Philadelphia, late
- Minnesota at Pittsburgh, late
- Florida at Ottawa, late
- Calgary at Detroit, late
- Nashville at Tampa Bay, late
- Montreal at St. Louis, late
- Vancouver at Dallas, late
- Edmonton at Colorado, late
- San Jose at Los Angeles, late

Friday's Games

- Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
- N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
- Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
- Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
- Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	GP	G	A	PTS
Crosby, PIT	36	19	30	49
Kane, CHI	37	20	26	46
Malik, PIT	32	9	32	41
Getzlaf, ANH	33	16	23	39
Ovechkin, WAS	32	28	10	38
Tavares, NYI	35	13	25	38
Perry, ANH	36	22	15	37
Backstrom, WAS	34	8	29	37
Steen, STL	33	22	14	36
Thornton, SJ	34	5	31	36

REBOUNDS

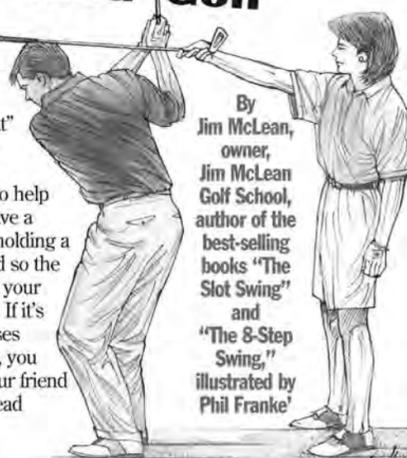
	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Love, MIN	96	246	342	13.7
Howard, HOU	93	246	339	13.0
Jordan, LAC	110	241	351	13.0
Drummond, DET	140	203		



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

Level-Headed Golf

A constant fault we see with amateur golfers is they allow their heads to "bob" up and down during the swing. The results are "topped" or "fat" shots, depending on the head's position at impact. Here's an offseason drill to help check this. At address, have a friend stand behind you, holding a club parallel to the ground so the grip end rests lightly atop your head. Now make a swing. If it's noticed that your head loses contact with the club grip, you know it bobbed down. Your friend also can tell you if your head bobbed up, pushing the grip up. Practice until you get the feel of a steady, level head. Your ball striking will be much more consistent.



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

inches from No. 8 for the ladies.

A Men's Best Ball event was played on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Joe Swartz, Norm Grubbs, Al Welch and Larry Heath teamed up to card a 40 for first place.

John Byron, Dan Butler, Jack McGinnis and Dick Reany were three back, at 43, for second.

In closest to the pin, Bill Fowler hit to 11-feet, 2-inches from No. 2, Ron West to 15-feet, 5-inches from No. 4 and Dick Reaney to 1-foot from No. 8.

Monday, Dec. 9, saw the Monday Ladies play and the team of Joyce Swartz, Doris Weeks, Betty Billau and Kathy Armstrong take the win with a 40.

Just one shot back with a 41 were Elaine Orr, Betty Kinchloe, Virginia Simmons and Chris Heath.

One more shot back, at 42, were Annie Hall, Eva Huffman, Sylvia West and Janice Barringer.

Barringer then had closest to the pin on the day, getting to a mere 5-inches from No. 2, while Mellon hit to 8-feet, 6-inches from No. 4 and Cash to 10-feet, 8-inches from No. 8.

SpringLake

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the SpringLake Ladies League played a Two-Person Team, Alternate Hole on the front nine of the Cougar Trail course.

The back nine played as a Best Ball Net Score.

The winning teams in Flight One were Teri Swisher and Pearl Bradford with a net 62, followed by Lou Cannon and Rebecca Shatney with a net 63.

Flight Two winners were Roberta Briggs and Barbara Stevens with a net 57 and Kay Gorham and Sharon Warner took second place with a net 61.

Patty Miller and Julia Starr took first place in flight three with a net 63, while Laverne Calkins and Eleanor Demitz followed with a 66.

Closest to the pin on hole 3 was the team of Diana Ackling and Wanda Baker.

Pearl Bradford took hole 12, and Donna Ryan had 2 chip-ins.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association conducted an Individual Net Score (Flighted) contest on the Cougar Trail golf course.

There were three flights. A Flight winners were Bo Bohanon with a net 66, Edd Vowels with a net 68 and Les Greenlee with a net 70.

Tying for fourth place at net 71 were Jon Brower, Gary Behrendt and Joe Austin.

In B Flight, Bill Kingshott led with a net 65, followed by Pat Shatney with a net 67.

Tied for third with net 68's was Vern Hoffman and Bart Bartholomy.

In a tie for fifth at 71 net strokes were the trio of Dale Stevens, Ed Clay, and Larry Colclasure.

There was a tie for first place in C Flight at net 68 between Ed Griffith and Charlie Keniston.

Jim Foote placed third with 70 net strokes, followed by John Schroeder at 71 and Dave Docherty at 75 net strokes.

Golf Hammock

The Ladies Association played a Low Gross -Low Net event on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Coming in with the Low Gross in the First Flight was Jeannie Fivecoat with a score of 90, with Judy Kelly second at 95 and Shirley Enochs with a 99.

Low Net for the flight went to Trudy Stowe with a 70.

Judy Trier was second with a 72 and Ruth Harris third at 73.

In the Second Flight, Low Gross was won by the 103 of Joyce Stanley.

Carol Troup carded a 107 for second and Jean Haig a 108 for third.

Low Net in the flight went to Wanda Hastie and her score of 70, with Cindy Dall next at 74 and Betty Clarke third with a 76.

Last Monday, Dec. 16, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am Points.

In A group there was a tie for first place between Don Brewer and Les Campbell at plus 2.

There was also a tie in first place in B group between Mike La Jiness and Bob Trier at plus 1.

Paul (Taff) Brown scored plus 6 to take first place in C group and a tie for second place between Harry Anderson and Paul Brown II at plus 2.

David Mulligan came in first place in D group with a plus 2 and Rick Cloverhouse in second place at plus 1.

Stan Griffis scored plus 3 that was good for first place in E group and Billy Parr came in second at plus 1.

In F group John Robertson came in first place with plus 2 and in second place was Doug Haire at even.

Dave Hankinson scored plus 5 for first place in G group and Bob Wimmers came in second place at plus 1.

There was a tie for first place in H

group between Jerry Hodges and Bob Hughes at plus 1.

Tony Frances shot a plus 3 to take first place in I group and a tie for second place between Bob Morrison and Bob Colandrea at plus 1.

Jack Carlton came out on top with plus 2 in J group and a three way tie for second place between Bill Katcher, Janet Regan, and Jim McFetridge at minus 1.

Billy Ringo had a plus 8 that was good for first place in K group and Dick Lindsay in second place with plus 2.

Next Monday the Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock beginning at 7:45 a.m.

For those who want to make up there own foursome, contact Pete at 382-1280.

Lake June West

The Monday Ladies took to the course on Dec. 16, and saw the team of Donna Palmetier, Kathy Armstrong, Beth Schunke and Patty Mancuso come in with a 36 for the win.

Annie Hall, Virginia Simmons, Beryll Hansen and Sylvia West were next with a 40, while Joyce Swartz, Barbara Cash, Charlotte Mathew and Chris Heath were one more shot back in third at 41.

Closest to the pin saw Joanne McGill get to 9-feet, 11-inches from No. 2, Verna Knishka to 12-feet, 7-

inches from No. 4 and Helene Mellon to 7-feet, 6-inches from No. 8.

A Mixed Scramble was the play of the day on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Helene Mellon was joined by the Huffmans, Orville and Eva, as well as the Orr's, Bob and Elaine, to score a 53 for the win.

The Denharts, Dick and Norma, along with the Schultz's, Tom and Margaret, teamed with John Ruffo to snare second with a 54.

For closest to the pin, Joe Swartz got to 22-feet, 3-inches from No. 4 and Orville Huffman to 8-feet, 3-inches from No. 2.

Charlotte Mathew hit to 6-feet, 8-

BASS chapter meeting on the horizon

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The next meeting of the chapter is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 5:30 p.m. at REDS II.

Anyone interested in learning more about the chapter can give me a call or stop by the store.

As an affiliated B.A.S.S. chapter, this is a points-driven bass club with 11 scheduled tournaments and one end-of-the-year Classic.

Each tournament is a "draw" tournament, placing a boater with a non-boater.

Pounds and ounces are converted to points, with bonus points given for live released bass.

Christmas

In this day and age when everyone is so concerned about being politically and socially correct, I guess I'm old school.

I'd like to thank all my readers for the kind words, encouraging emails and interesting phone calls, as

well as Dan Hoehne, Sports Editor and the staff at the News Sun for a fun year of writing these weekly columns.

I'd also like to thank everyone for their support and patronage of REDS II.

To each of you, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Heartland Trail Association upcoming activities

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Activity: New Year's Day Hike (approx. 7 miles)
Location: Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
Located east of Avon

Park in Polk County, five miles south of Frostproof and is part of the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest which was purchased by the state to protect numerous rare and endangered plants

and animals.
Meet at south gate entrance.
Bring: Snacks, water, lunch sun and insect protection.
Contact David Waldrop at

863-605-3587, or email: david_lwfl@yahoo.com for meet-up time and other details.

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Lady lifters can now relax for the holidays

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in the clean, to Sanchez's 115, to get the win 225-215.

Erica Roberts totaled an even 200 to get third for Hardee and Maci Harris put up 185 overall to take fourth for Sebring.

The Wildcats then picked up a win at 154 with Briana Gardner going 100 and 115 for a 215 total.

Sebring Iesha Weathers went for 115 on the bench and 95 in the clean to come up 10-pounds short for second.

Elizabeth Tauchen then went for a 165 total to give the Streaks more points for the third-place finish.

The Streaks then got a big first and second in the 169 class as Briah Thomas powered up 280 pounds between her two lifts and Teresa Ware went for 240, while Hardee's Kim Hooks took third at 205.

Breauna Corley nudged Lake Placid's total up a bit with a win at 183.

The first-year competitor pushed up 100 on the bench, which was equaled by Sebring's Najah Sholtz and Joslean Kerly.

But then the Dragon sen-



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Joanna Sanchez had the look of stoic concentration as she pressed a personal best on the bench for the Dragons Tuesday at Sebring.

ior did a 140 in the clean for a 240 total to get the win.

Sholtz got 90 in the clean, Kerly 80, to finish second and third, respectively.

Bethany Phillips added another Lake Placid win in the 199 class, going 145 and 125 to total 270, with Sebring's Nakeema Thomas next with a 120 and 130 for 250.

Finally, the big lifts of the day came in the unlimited class where Blue Streak Ali Sanchez cracked the 300-pound barrier by muscling up a whopping

160 on the bench and a 140 in the clean to take the win.

Lake Placid then took second and third with Mozealla Sholtz and Zaneria Shuler totaling 275 and 150.

All the girls will now have plenty of time to relax and enjoy the holidays before returning their focus on taking the next step of the Sub-Sectional Qualifier, almost a month away.

Then, on Saturday, Jan. 11, they will make their way to Charlotte and see about pushing their way along toward state.

Soccer looks to get healthy

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any further Auburndale goals and avoid an early, mercy-rul ending.

Peters was even able to manage one last shot on goal in the final two minutes of the game.

"Even though the score doesn't reflect it, we had a good game," said Birdsall. "The girls played tough and didn't give up the entire time."

Considering that over half of the girls playing were on JV, the Streaks definitely held their own against a formidable team.

With third place pretty

much clenched in the district, Birdsall remarked that "the best thing we can do right now is get healthy, stay focused, and get the whole team together."

When all of the pieces of a puzzle fall into place at the right time, it's amazing what can happen.

The Lady Streaks faced Lake Wales Thursday and then have the rest of the year off before returning to action Monday, Jan. 6, at Lake Placid.

Up in Auburndale, the Sebring boys came up short against the district-leading Bloodhounds.

After spotting the hosts to

a 2-0 lead in the first half, the Blue Streaks played them even in a 2-2 second half, but couldn't quite climb out of the hole in the 4-2 loss.

This, like the girls, puts the squad (4-3-1) squarely in third place in the District 11-3A standings behind Auburndale (10-0) and Lake Wales (6-3) and ahead of Hardee (3-5-1) with just one district match left to play.

That one match was Thursday against the Highlanders, which will be followed by the holiday break before the team returns to action Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Frostproof.

Streaks drop a heartbraker

Continued from B1

The thrilling heartbreaker of the night was in Arcadia with the Sebring boys falling by one in double overtime to DeSoto, 67-66.

The Streaks had topped the Bulldogs by a 67-60 count at home on Tuesday, Dec. 3, in a game that they were able to maintain a decent lead throughout.

This time around, neither team was able to pull away to any extent as DeSoto lead by two after one, Sebring

had a one-point edge at the half and still held the lone-point lead after three.

The Bulldogs tied it in a lockdown fourth, with an 8-7 edge, and the teams drew even at 9-9 in the first overtime.

DeSoto was able to eke out a 9-8 edge in the second extra period for the win, which saw the Blue Streaks go 12-24 from the free throw line on the night.

Connor Cook lead Sebring with 21 points, with Quantrae Rouse adding 13

points and 11 rebounds and Luke Ancrum getting 12 points, 15 rebounds and three blocked shots.

The result creates quite the logjam in the District 11-5A standings as the Streaks, Bulldogs and Lemon Bay all stand at 2-1.

That race will shake out after the new year begins, but Sebring will keep busy with tonight's home game against Tenoroc before hosting the annual three-day Taveniere Tournament beginning Thursday, Dec. 26.

Tannehill making late-season strides for Dolphins

By STEVEN WINE

Associated Press

DAVIE — Now that Ryan Tannehill has made 30 NFL starts, Miami Dolphins offensive coordinator Mike Sherman is wondering why Texas A&M ever played him at receiver.

Tannehill switched to quarterback as a junior and started 19 games there for A&M.

The Dolphins made him a first-round pick in 2012, and this month he's playing the best football of his brief pro career, which is a big reason they're mounting a late-season surge toward a playoff berth.

"He's a work in progress," Sherman said. "He tries to get better every single week. He's very consistent. But here's a guy that hadn't played a whole lot of major-college football at the quarterback position. I don't know what his head coach was thinking."

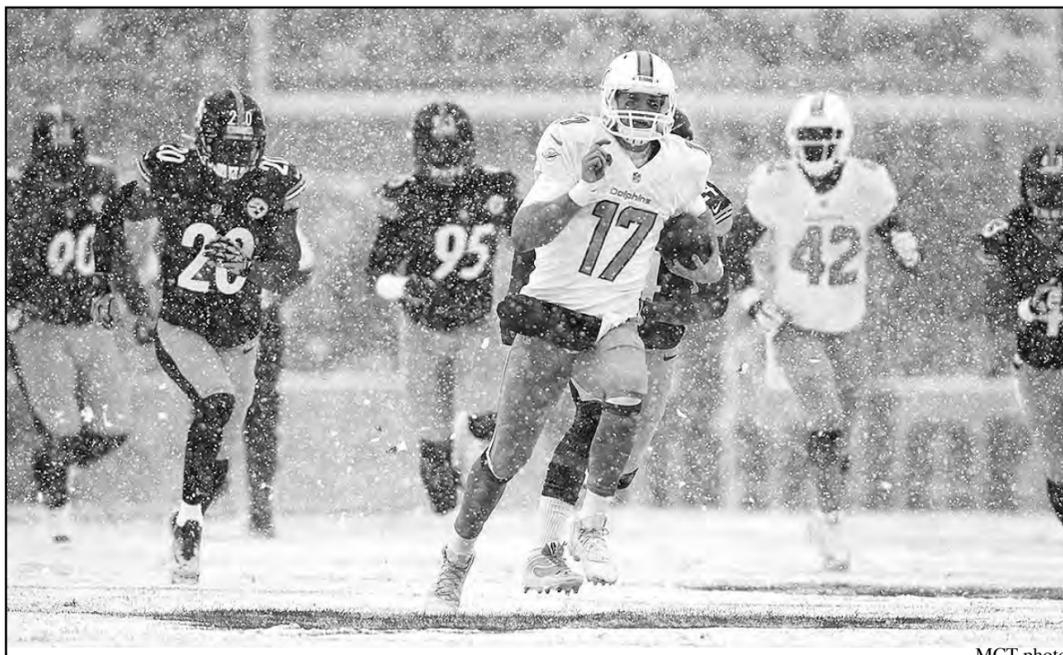
The second-guessing was accompanied by a grin, because Tannehill's coach at A&M was Sherman.

Both can laugh now about Tannehill's abbreviated receiving career, because more than ever he looks like a keeper at quarterback.

During the Dolphins' three-game winning streak this month, Tannehill's passer rating is 103.2, significantly higher than his career figure of 81.5.

He has completed 65 percent of his passes in December for 843 yards with eight touchdown passes and only two interceptions.

He has thrown for the go-ahead score in the final minutes each of the past two weeks to beat Ben Roethlisberger and Tom Brady.



MCT photo

Ryan Tannehill has made great strides this season in pushing the Dolphins toward the playoffs.

As a result, the Dolphins (8-6) could clinch the final AFC wild-card berth as soon as Sunday at Buffalo.

"Most of our success has come from Ryan continuing to develop every single day," receiver Mike Wallace said.

Despite an NFL-high 51 sacks, Tannehill hasn't missed a snap this season.

Such continuity is a watershed for the Dolphins, who started an NFL-high 17 quarterbacks from 2000 to the beginning of 2012.

Tannehill's 23 touchdown passes this year are the most in a season by a Miami quarterback other than Dan Marino.

At his current pace, Tannehill will also become the first Dolphins quarterback to throw for 4,000 yards since Marino in 1994.

Even so, Tannehill's statistics have yet to rival the league's elite QBs.

He ranks seventh this year in interceptions, ninth in touchdowns, 10th in yards and 18th in passer rating.

He sometimes holds the ball too long, as reflected by his sack total, and has consistently underthrown the speedy Wallace deep, which happened again Sunday in a victory over New England.

"I think I might be open this year deep more than I've ever

been," Wallace said with a chuckle. "It's crazy."

Even so, Wallace sings Tannehill's praises, as do other teammates and the coaching staff.

"I like the way he's been playing," said coach Joe Philbin, not one to gush. "He's making good decisions. Usually that's the No. 1 criterion at that position."

Since the start of his rookie season, Tannehill has shown an eagerness to learn from mistakes and shrug off success.

"He's like our head coach in many ways," Sherman said. "He has a very even demeanor. He doesn't get too high, he doesn't get too low, he just takes it all in and

moves forward and takes it in stride. He's excited about winning this last ballgame. But he'll file that away, 'OK, what do we have to do this week? What's the game plan?' That's just the way he is."

Tannehill's quick to accept blame when things go wrong and credit teammates when things go right.

Lately there has been a lot of credit to share, with Wallace, receiver Brian Hartline, tight end Charles Clay and running back Daniel Thomas all having big games in recent weeks.

"Guys around me are just helping me out so much, making big plays out of normal plays," Tannehill said.

Despite a recent uptick, the Dolphins rank still in the lower half of the league in most offensive categories, and 21st in points.

But the patchwork line has blocked better lately, and the two-minute offense has been excellent all year, making Miami tough to put away.

Only two of the Dolphins' defeats have been by more than four points, while they've won six times by six points or less.

Their pattern has been to keep the game close, then give the ball to Tannehill at the end, a formula that might make them dangerous in the playoffs.

"We have big things ahead of us," he said.

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Michigan, Florida to open 2017 season in Texas

By The Associated Press

Florida and Michigan will open the 2017 season in the Cowboys Classic in Arlington, Texas.

The prime-time game is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 2.

It will be Florida's first regular-season, non-conference game outside the Sunshine State since the Gators lost at Syracuse in 1991.

"You don't get these opportunities very often," Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley said. "Our

schedule has been pretty consistent through the years. We were presented this opportunity and just thought it was something that our fans would embrace, our program would embrace. It would give us great national visibility. Obviously, a very difficult ballgame against a storied program — that excites us."

Michigan will be the away team; Florida the home team.

Game officials and replay crew will come from the Big 12 Conference.

Each school will receive 25,000 tickets for the neutral-site game at AT&T Stadium, home to the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

The \$1.2 billion stadium opened in 2009.

It already hosted the Super Bowl and is scheduled for the 2014 NCAA men's Final Four and the first college football national championship under the new playoff format in January 2015.

Michigan played in 2012 Cowboys Classic, losing 41-14 to Alabama.

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A few students at Cracker Trail Elementary School and Lake Country Elementary School were kind enough to share their letters to Santa. A few even drew pictures on the back of their letters. They are printed exactly as they were written (and, of course, they were forwarded to the North Pole).



Dear Santa
I want a Barbie for Christmas and Dog Dolls for Christmas and a iPad for Christmas too. And for the homeless kid's for them I will get them Dog Dolls and a Barbie and God bless our troops.
Zoey Hobbs

Dear Santa Claus
I will wot to know about the nopol and abouthow are the rowdoph and rowdoph mom and bad. and Mrs. Santa claus and the Elves. I will wot a toys bobe and a tablet and a DS and a nade tablet and Merry Christmas.
Love, Maria Espinoza

Dear Santa,
Are you go to give prasnset to everydoby. I what for Christmas everydoby to get there prasnset. I love you.
You'r friend, Adamaris

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the northpole. Hi Santa how are your elfs doing too. Is Miss Santa Clause doing in the northpole. Are your raindear doing supper good in the northpole. I want a bik and 5 new games. Merry Christmas.
Love, Jose

Dear Santa,
How are the raindeer doing. I hope there good. Because I hope I'm not on the naghty list.
Your friend, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
We like your toys and Mrs. Santa. We love your house. I wish I can see you again and I like your slay and we love your evilf with them funny erly. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Travis Wiggins

Dear Santa,
How are you Stanta. I am in second grade. I learn math and reading. My teacher name is Mrs. Wilson. She helps me learn more math and more reading skills. I would like to have a Nadi2 tablet.
Love, Jasmine

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. I is Rudolpr and cupid? I hope my brother is not in the notty list. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I hope yuo bring me a preset.
Sergio

Dear Dad,
My Dad it is all most my birthday. I want a new babby horse. Do you no what grade I am in. If you no say me me me. if you dond no rase your hand. It is all most my birthday. I wand a new babby horse. how old are you. I fergot? How old am I? If you say no say me me me. if you don't now rase your hand.
Your friend, Geabb

Dear Santa,
I'm 9. How are you at the north pole. I want for Christmas is just play dow plus. How are your rain dears.
Your friend, Geabb

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm 8 years old. How are you doing today? I want for Christmis is a good times.
Love your friend, Caroline

Daer Santa,
How are you. i'm doing good. I was wandring wut wood you like for Christmas? I rilly don't wat eny thing. Oe I'm going to leve some cookys and caris.
Frome, Cameon Edwards

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presnts. and thank you for all that you do for us and thank you for giving us nice things for us.
Love, Janelis

Dear Santa,
how are you Santa I now your job is really anpottint how are the raindeers? Santa how is ms clus? I hop you both are ok. I hop the raindeers ok. I wish I was like you but I can't.

Dear Sate,
how are yure rainders. I hope they are doing good because Crismis isi comeing December 25. Yue is coming because yue awse com on Crismis dais. So I well be asepp when yue com on the 25. I wht a PSP wthe a game is made 2012. Good by. I hope ner rainders or doing vaer good so yue can com on December 25. Good by.
Your friend, Jyeri Mark. t Jennings

Dear Santa,
Are you bussy. I have read all the books of you. Chiarly is watching us, you no. Santa I have been good.
Love, Cameron

I received your Elf. How are your Elfs. Are you busy. Is Mrs. Clause well. 13 days form Christmas.
Love, Ethan



Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a mon-entron helicopter.

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been really good this year. I hope you will get me new close and new shos for Crimse. I want a cuse for my rabow loam.
Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I won't a hocy game a computer.

Dear Santa Clause,
I had been a good boy. I would like a trt bike. Merry Chrismis
Kavon Brown

Dear Santa,
I been pritty good this year. I want a 2ds.
Tobi

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a I Pod for Christmas. Mary Christmas. Sant Clause.
Love, Landon

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a new toy this year. I wunt a new mok-ies, PJs and smart board. I will make you cookies too.
Love, Jalyynn

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good boy. I would love a puppies for Christmas. I hop you like the cookies.
Love, Cody

Dear Santa,
I want an Iphone for Christmas. And also people never believe me. Mostly Lauren.
Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good girl this year. I wold love a new voborn baby for Christmas. I hope you like my cookies.
Love, Lauren

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a littel baby doll for Chrissis. And I hope you like youer Coke's.
Love, Ava

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good boy this year. When you luke ar my rivvingirater you see my Christmas list on the rivingrater.
David

Dear Santa,
Tell Comet and Rodor that thir my frinds and that I love them.
Love, Donavin



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I been good boy. I want a fooball game.
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Healthy Living



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As people begin to pay more attention to what's in the food they buy at the market, many manufacturers are changing their products to include less mysterious-sounding ingredients.

As food labels get closer look, ingredients vanish

By CANDICE CHOI

AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK — Take another look at that food label. An ingredient or two may have vanished.

As Americans pay closer attention to what they eat, food and beverage companies are learning that unfamiliar ingredients can invite criticism from online petitions and bloggers. The risk of damaging publicity has proven serious enough that some manufacturers have reformulated top-selling products to remove mysterious, unpronounceable components that could draw suspicion.

Earlier this year, for example, PepsiCo Inc. said it would stop using brominated vegetable oil in Gatorade and find another way to evenly distribute color in the sports drink. Last year, Starbucks said it would stop using a red dye made of crushed bugs based on comments it received "through a variety of means," including an online petition, and switch to a tomato-based extract. Kraft Foods plans to replace artificial dyes with colors derived from natural spices in select varieties of its macaroni and cheese, a nod to the feedback it's hearing from parents.

Ali Dibadj, a Bernstein analyst who covers the packaged food and beverage industry, says the changes reflect a shift from "democratization to activism" by consumers.

"It used to be that people would just decide not to buy the product. Now they're actually agitating for change," Dibadj said. "There's a bullhorn — which is the Internet — so you can get a lot of people involved very quickly."

Companies stand by the safety of their old recipes. Although they don't typically provide details on production decisions, their reasons for using certain ingredients can include cost and manufacturing efficiencies.

Still, food and beverage makers can be sensitive

about broadcasting any changes. Chick-fil-A, for instance, has been removing artificial dyes and high-fructose corn syrup from its dressings and sauces. The Atlanta-based chain is also testing a "clean ingredient bun" but has not alerted customers.

"The reason companies don't publicize it is that they don't want to bring attention to these ingredients. They want to slowly start to remove them until they're all gone," said Vani Hari, who runs the site FoodBabe.com and has pressured companies to remove artificial dyes and other ingredients.

There are no numbers tracking how many companies are reformulating products in response to consumer demand. But even if recipe changes aren't in direct response to petitions or blogs, executives understand that ingredients can become a liability once they fall out of favor with the public.

High-fructose corn syrup, for example, has gained a negative image in recent years and has been blamed for fueling bad eating habits. The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a health advocacy group, says the

sweetener is no more harmful than ordinary sugar in large amounts. But Kroger Co. decided to remove it from store-brand cereals following surveys with consumers in 2011.

The supermarket chain isn't alone. Over the past decade, the use of high-fructose corn syrup in packaged foods and drinks has fallen 18 percent to 6.1 million tons last year, according to market researcher Euromonitor International.

The latest moves to swap out ingredients underscore the growing sway consumers have through sites such as Change.org, which lets people post petitions.

In the past, a customer complaint about an ingredient may have been addressed with a boilerplate letter from corporate headquarters. But now people can go online to



share their concerns with thousands of like-minded individuals.

John Boehm, of New York's Hudson Valley, says he avoids a number of ingredients, including the artificial sweetener aspartame and a red dye, in part because of what he's read on blogs and social media.

"We've taught our kids to look at the labels, to look at the ingredients," Boehm said.

Companies are paying attention too. Chick-fil-A says it will continue to improve ingredients to keep up with changing tastes and even invited Hari to spend the day at its headquarters sharing her concerns.

Not all companies are making changes, at least not right away. The Mississippi teenager who called for the removal of brominated vegetable oil in Gatorade, for instance, is now taking aim at Coca-Cola's Powerade, which also contains the ingredient in select varieties. As of Tuesday, Sarah Kavanagh's petition had more than 57,000 supporters.

In a statement, Coca-Cola noted that all its ingredients comply with regulations. But

Natural cures for holiday headaches

Dear Pharmacist: I'm prone to tension headaches, but during the holidays, they're constant. I take ibuprofen and sometimes hydrocodone. Can you help me?

— J.R., San Jose, California



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

Answer: Tension headaches are the most common type of headache. Millions of people get them. The trigger could be an argument, poor posture, lack of sleep, overworking yourself, chronic pain, tight muscles, eyestrain, skipping a meal or grinding your teeth. One main reason is muscle tightness.

An occasional tension headache is no big deal, but if they're chronic, defined by more than 15 per month for 3 months solid, I can see why you take that medicine!

Termed CTTH, short for chronic tension-type headaches, these can cause depression, even if you are a happy-go-lucky person. While painful, these headaches differ from migraines because they don't have the nausea, halo or any type of aura. This makes them much easier to manage as compared to migraines where you have to discover the "migraine" and eliminate it. The term migraine is my word for a trigger that you eat, inhale or create that goes off in your body like a grenade, causing your migraine. There are no real "migraines" in CTTH so you can usually eliminate or at least manage these much quicker. The reduction of stress or ending an unhappy relationship can help.

Here are some supplements that may help you become headache free:

— Rhodiola: Perfect for people with a lot of mental stress, emotional conflict or anxiety. As you know, that can cause tension headaches. Because rhodiola removes ammonia and lactic acid from your blood, it could help with muscle fatigue. Shoot for about 100mg per day, taken anytime before lunch as it may be slightly stimulating.

— Magnesium: Simple solution for tight muscles, a common trigger for CTTH. Magnesium relaxes your muscles. If you read my Drug Mugger book, over 200 prescription medications mug it from your body leaving you at risk for muscle aches, migraines, depression, high blood pressure and cardiac arrhythmias. Some forms of magnesium will give you diarrhea. Choose high-quality brands.

— Arnica Cream: You can buy this at health food stores, it helps soothe muscle aches and relax tight muscles. When the ingredients found in this beautiful flower extract get into your cells, they temporarily shut down a metabolic pathway called NF Kappa B, (NFkB) which spills nasty pain-causing chemicals (termed cytokines). You can have your massage therapist rub it on too.

— Hops: Known also as Humulus lupulus, this herb can reduce histamine levels, a compound (better termed a cytokine) that is associated with headaches. Hops also helps you to fall asleep, and we know insomnia is a trigger for CTTH (and migraines). When I say hops, I mean the supplement form or tea, not beer! Hops is known as a flavoring agent in beer.

I offer natural and pharmaceutical treatment options for dozens of types of headaches in my new book, "Headache Free" available in January. See my website for details www.DearPharmacist.com/.

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.

CDC issues travel health advisory for St. Martin

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. health officials have issued a travel advisory for the Caribbean island of St. Martin because of a mosquito-borne disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says it's closely following reports of the chikungunya virus among residents of the French side of St. Martin. The World Health Organization has reported

10 confirmed cases. The CDC says it's the first time the disease has been reported among non-travelers in the Western Hemisphere.

The virus can cause fever, joint pains, a rash, muscle aches and headaches. Travelers to St. Martin are advised to avoid mosquito bites by using insect repellent, wearing long sleeves and pants, and to use air conditioning.

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Healthy Living

Higher blood pressure threshold OK in older adults

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Many older adults with high blood pressure can be treated less aggressively, which could mean taking fewer pills to get it under control, according to new treatment guidelines from an expert panel. But not all experts are on board with the advice — including the federal agency that appointed the group.

Panel members stressed that they are not changing the definition of high blood pressure: 140 over 90. For adults aged 60 and older, they are recommending a higher treatment threshold, prescribing medicine only when blood pressure levels reach 150 over 90 or higher.

Too aggressive blood pressure treatment can cause fainting and falls in older patients, or bad interactions with drugs they're already taking for other illnesses, panel members said.

The panel does endorse the lower target of 140 over 90 for younger adults — and for all adults who also have diabetes or kidney disease.

The guidelines released Wednesday are based on a review of the most rigorous kind of medical research — studies in which patients are randomly prescribed drugs or dummy pills — published since the last update in 2003. The research suggests older patients can avoid major health problems like heart attacks, strokes and kidney disease even when their blood pressure is above the current recommended level, the panel said.

For many patients, two or three drugs — or more — are needed to bring their blood pressure down. Many older adults could probably reduce their doses, or take fewer drugs, to reach the new, less strict target, said Dr. Paul James, a panel member and family medicine specialist-researcher at the

University of Iowa.

While the guidelines were updated by a government-appointed panel, they don't have the government's endorsement like previous versions. The panel completed its work earlier this year, around the same time that the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute announced that it was getting out of the guidelines business and turning the job over to the American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology. Updated guidelines from those medical groups are expected in late 2014.

In the meantime, the heart association is raising concerns about the new recommendations, saying that many studies they are based on didn't last long enough to reveal dangers of undertreated high blood pressure in older patients. The panel also overlooked other evidence suggesting the 2003 government-backed recommendations are sound, said Dr. Elliott Antman, the heart association's president-elect. He noted that his group last month published a treatment formula that echoes the 2003 advice.

Dr. Gary Gibbons, the federal agency's director, issued a statement Wednesday emphasizing that his agency has not sanctioned the panel's report, nor has the broader National Institutes of Health. While noting that the panel decided not to collaborate with the heart groups' efforts, Gibbons said his agency would work with those groups "to transition" the panel's evidence review into their update. His statement did not address whether the agency opposes all the panel's recommendations.

James said panel members chose to release their guidelines independently to get the recommendations out sooner and into the hands of



High blood pressure affects 58 million American adults.

primary care doctors, who treat large numbers of patients with high blood pressure. The guidelines were published online Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Curtis Rimmerman, a Cleveland Clinic cardiologist, called the guidelines "exceedingly important" given the prevalence of high blood pressure, which affects about 1 in 3 U.S. adults, or 68 million.

Whether many doctors immediately adopt the advice "remains to be seen," he said. Rimmerman predicted that some will continue to push to get older patients'

blood pressure lower than the new recommendation, especially those with previous strokes or heart problems.

The panel said their guidelines are simply recommendations, and that doctors should make treatment decisions based on patients' individual circumstances. The experts emphasized that everyone with high blood pressure can benefit from a healthy diet, regular exercise and weight control, which all can help lower blood pressure.

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Metro

Survey: Teens using synthetic drugs less often

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL
and LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fewer teens are trying fake marijuana known by such names as K2 and Spice, apparently getting the message that these cheap new drugs are highly dangerous, according to the government's annual survey on drug use.

Synthetic marijuana is thought to have appeared in the U.S. in 2009, and soon after came a spike in emergency room visits, even deaths, as the drug caught on among young people.

About 8 percent of high school seniors said they've used some type of synthetic marijuana this year, according to the report released Wednesday by the National Institutes of Health. That's a sharp drop from the 11 percent of seniors who'd experimented with fake pot in 2012.

Use of synthetic drugs among younger teens dropped as well — and fewer than 1 percent of students also are trying another new kind of illegal drug known as bath salts, said University of Michigan professor Lloyd Johnston, who heads the annual Monitoring the Future survey of more than 40,000 students in the 8th, 10th and 12th grades.

"The message has gotten out that these are dangerous drugs," Johnston said. "Their ever-changing ingredients can be unusually powerful. Users really don't know what they are

getting." Synthetic marijuana is made of dried plant material sprayed with various chemicals and packaged to look like pot. The Drug Enforcement Administration banned a number of chemicals used to make synthetic marijuana in 2011, but new chemical varieties continue to appear. Earlier this year, federal health officials discovered that two new types of fake pot had sickened more than 200 people in a month in Colorado.

The annual survey also found that teenage perceptions of the dangers of marijuana use continued to decline. In 1993, more than 60 percent of high school seniors considered marijuana dangerous, while this year less than 40 percent thought that.

The rate of use stayed steady, with 6.5 percent of high school seniors saying they regularly used marijuana in the past year.

The survey results were being released just weeks before recreational marijuana sales become legal in Colorado and Washington state for people over 21. Opponents of legalized marijuana long have said they worried about its impact on children.

Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said researchers worry that as perceptions of marijuana as a dangerous drug continue to decline use will keep increasing among teenagers.

China says woman died from bird flu new to humans

By GILLIAN WONG
Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese authorities said Wednesday that a 73-year-old Chinese woman died after being infected with a bird flu strain that had sickened a human for the first time, a development that the World Health Organization called "worrisome."

China's Center for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the woman in the city of Nanchang had been infected by the H10N8 bird flu virus, a strain that had not previously been found in people, the Jiangxi province health department said on its website.

This is the second new bird flu strain to emerge in humans this year in China. In late March, the H7N9 bird flu virus broke out, infecting 140 people and killing 45, almost all of them on the mainland. The outbreak was

controlled after the country closed many of its live animal markets — scientists had assumed the virus was infecting people through exposure to live birds.

Timothy O'Leary, spokesman for the World Health Organization's regional office in Manila, said WHO officials were working closely with Chinese authorities to better understand the new virus. He said though its source remains unknown, birds are known to carry it and it would not be surprising if another human case was detected.

"It's worrisome any time a disease jumps the species barrier from animals to humans. That said, the case is under investigation (by Chinese authorities) and there's no evidence of human-to-human transmission yet," O'Leary said by phone.

In the new case, the Jiangxi health department said the woman had severe pneumonia before dying Dec. 6 in a hospital in Nanchang.

She had suffered high blood pressure, heart disease and other underlying health problems that lowered her immunity, the health department said. Her medical history showed that she had been in contact with live poultry.

The health department said "no abnormalities" were found in people who had close contact with her.

It did not say if they had been tested or quarantined, though China has in previous outbreaks taken those measures.

Experts are cautious when it comes to bird flu viruses infecting humans.

They have been closely watching the H5N1 bird flu virus, which has killed 384

people worldwide since 2003. The virus remains hard to catch with most human infections linked to contact with infected poultry, but scientists fear it could mutate and spread rapidly among people, potentially sparking a pandemic.

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Rowley, cancer genetics pioneer, dies at 88

CHICAGO (AP) — Dr. Janet Rowley, a pioneer in cancer genetics research, has died at age 88.

Rowley spent most of her career at the University of Chicago, where she also obtained her medical degree. She died Tuesday of ovarian cancer complications at her home nearby, the university said in a statement.

Rowley conducted landmark research with leukemia in the 1970s, linking cancer with genetic abnormalities — work that led to targeted drug treatment for leukemia. She iden-

tified a genetic process called translocation, now widely accepted. By 1990, more than 70 translocations had been identified in various cancers, according to her biography on the National Library of Medicine's website.

She is a recipient of the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

"Janet Rowley's work established that cancer is a genetic disease," Mary-Claire King, president of the American Society of Human Genetics, said recently.

Religion

Church News

Christ Lutheran Church

SEBRING – Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled “Morning People” on Sunday.

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.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING – The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled “Is the Universe Including Man. Evolved by Atomic Force?”. The keynote is from Jeremiah 32:17, “Ah Lord God! Behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.”.

The church is located at 154 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING – Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled “Christmas’s Great Expectation” at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study will not meet.

Church of the Brethren

SEBRING – On Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Pastor David Smalley will preach from Matthew 1:18-25. The title of his sermon will be “Jesus Born in Bethlehem.”

The theme for Sunday school will be “According to Promise”, looking at Luke 1:26-56 and Galatians 3:6-18.

Call 385-1597.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING – Pastor Cecil Hess will preach on “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” on

Sunday. Special music will be by the adult choir and the male quartet.

On Christmas Even, the church will have a candle-light service at 7 p.m. with Pastor Hess speaking on “The Other Wise Man.” Special music will also be featured.

The Church of Buttonwood Bay meets on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Cente. Call 382-1737.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING – Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, “Present to Past,” from Isaiah 7:10-16, on Sunday.

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 “Breaking News!” on

Sunday from the gospels of Luke and Matthew. At 6 p.m. there will be a special service, “Christmas by the Fireplace”, a Scripture and carol service. There will be no mid-week service Christmas Week.

To listen to Faith Baptist Sunday morning sermons or for more information, visit www.faithbaptistchurchLP.com or call the church office at 465-0060.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING – This Sunday, the church celebrates Fourth Sunday of Advent. Guest Pastor Tony Douches will deliver his sermon at Faith Lutheran titled, “A Perfect Christmas – Guaranteed”.

L.I.F.T. - Ladies In Faith/Fellowship Together has changed its study days to Friday. The study is called Do Over: Experience New Life In Christ at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27. This study is in the book of Romans and studies love, change,

renewal and faith. This week the class will study courage. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, was just an ordinary man. We know of nothing spectacular about either his occupation or his disposition. Yet he demonstrated an extraordinary sense of courage.

From the Gospel of Matthew, the class will consider the average life of this carpenter and his battle to stand courageously in the face of crisis, difficult decisions, and ultimately, what it took for him to step in the right direction and move forward.

Any woman is encouraged to attend any Friday. The class meets almost as much for fellowship as for learning.

In Honor of Christ’s birth, Faith Lutheran will celebrate on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. with a family friendly worship service, and at 11 p.m. with a Christmas Candlelight Service with Communion with Guest Pastor Richard Norris, from Trinity

Lutheran Church, Lake Placid.

On Dec. 25 the church will offer at 10 a.m. a Christmas Day Service with Communion with Guest Pastor Scott McLean from Christ Lutheran Church, Avon Park.

First Baptist Church Avon Park

AVON PARK – Pastor Jon Beck will preach on “Emmanuel/God With Us” on Sunday morning.

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

First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine

SEBRING – Sunday morning, don’t miss the drama, “Apostle Paul”, bringing the Christmas message. Sunday evening, there will be a “Dessert Theatre” in the Family Life Center

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

Places to Worship is a paid advertisement in the News-Sun that is published Friday and Sunday. To find out more information on how to place a listing in this directory, call the News-Sun at 385-6155, ext. 596.

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. Johnnattan 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 Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9

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

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

♦ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. 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-placidcofc/.

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

♦ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. 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.

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with the choir presenting “A Mountain Home Christmas” under the direction of Mike Zierden.

The church will have a Christmas Eve Worship at 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine is at 111 Lake Josephine Drive. For more information, call 655-1524.

First Baptist Church of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID – The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday. No nursery/childcare will be available.

First Christian Church

SEBRING – The pastor’s sermon for Sunday is titled “The Angel’s Visit: Matthew 1:18-21”. Assisting during the Communion service will be Elders Dick and Sharron

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

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Campbell. The servers for Sunday will be Teresa Williams and Juanita Roberts. The deacons for the day will be Joyce Winstel and Carol Chandler. Greeting the congregation will be Peggy Pluymers.

A special Christmas offering for the Region will be collected Dec. 22. The Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 24.

The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING – Rev. Darrell A. Peer will preach on “Fear Not” on the

Fourth Sunday in Advent.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service is planned for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the sanctuary.

The church is at 319 Poinsettia Ave.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK – On Sunday, Pastor Bob Johnson’s sermon is titled “Ambassadors of God” based on Luke 2:8-14 and Matthews 28:1-8.

This is the fourth Sunday of Advent. The congregation will participate in a candle lighting cere-

mony titled “We Wait in Hope.” Jane Golden will lead the congregation in a litany and explain the meaning of each candle. Leigh Golden will light the candles. The first represents “wait”; the second, “watch”; the third, “prepare”; and the fourth, “praise.”

The choir’s anthem will be “The First Noel/Canon in D”. Kathleen Richards will play the flute in this song.

In the adult Sunday school class, Johnson is now teaching from the denominational quarterly. The theme this quarter is the Gospel of Matthew. Sunday’s lesson is titled “The Birth of Christ”, based on Matthew 1:18-25.

On Dec. 24, Christmas Eve there will be a candlelight service at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Ed Fleagle will deliver the message. The choir’s anthem will be “Peaceful Silent Night.” The congregation will participate in a candlelight ceremony titled “We Wait in Hope.” Savannah Oldfield will lead the

congregation in a litany and explain the meaning of each candle. Carryn Lozier will light the candles. The first represents “wait”; the second, “watch”; the third, “prepare”; the fourth, “praise”; and the Christ candle, which represents “proclaim.”

There will be no meetings for the remainder of the week.

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 look on the new Avon Park Chamber of Commerce website, avonparkchamber.com. Click on the “Chamber for Good” logo or tab.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING – Rev. Charles Weaver, guest pastor, will be in the pulpit this fourth Sunday of Advent.

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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. Quilting classes every Monday at 6 p.m. Looking for quilters or people willing to learn. Call 840-3303.

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

♦ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Dr, Sebring; Church phone: 385-7848; Faith Child Development Center: 385-3232. 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 Services. 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.fjpcp.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 Deacon’s 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-parksda@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.discoverjessus.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.

Religion



Many churches have special services set

Special to the News-Sun
Several churches throughout Highlands County will be having special services to celebrate the Christmas season. Those special services include:

- A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at Memorial United Methodist Church in Lake Placid. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is at 500 Kent Ave., overlooking Lake Clay. For information, call 465-2422.

The service will feature Scripture readings and special music, including music by the Church Choir, the Worship Band, and the solo "O Holy Night". Carols will be sung and Pastor Tim Haas will speak on the subject: "God's Time With Us."

The service will conclude with Holy Communion and the individual lighting of candles.

- On Tuesday, Sebring Christian Church is hosting its Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m. This will be an uplifting service that celebrates the birth of our Savior. There will not be a meal or any classes on Christmas Day.

- The Sparta Road Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship Jesus Christ at its Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Service. The service will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The church is at 4400 Sparta Road in Sebring. Call 382-0869.

- Church of the Brethren will have its Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Pastor David Smalley will preach from Luke 2:1-40. Members will do the Christmas Story and will have music and lighting of the candles.

- Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, "Prepared for Pouring Out," from Titus 3:3-7 during Emmanuel United Church of Christ's Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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

- First Presbyterian Church, 117 N. Oak Ave, would like to invite the public to its Christmas Eve Worship Service. The 6 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be a contemporary guitar and piano lead worship service, that will include classic Christmas carols, new contemporary Christmas songs, and special music from two young vocalists. Christmas readings will alternate with congregational carols and choral anthems.

Before proceeding to the

church garden, the time in the sanctuary will end with a special rendition of "Go Tell it on the Mountain".

The 8 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be a traditional, organ-led service with choir, orchestra, and holiday carols. First Presbyterian Church has been blessed with one of only two pipe organs in all of Highlands County. In addition, special music before the service will be provided by the flute ensemble, Simply Silver, consisting of Chris Noel and Debbie Bloemsmma.

In keeping with the pattern set by the classic Service of Lessons and Carols broadcast around the world, readings will alternate with congregational carols and choral anthems. Both services will close with the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight in the church's Gospel Garden.

For more information, call the church office at 465-2742.

- At Christ Lutheran Church, Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "Jesus Is the Root of Jesse" during its candlelight 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.

Snowflakes and salvation

Living in central Florida where the weather is more consistent and pleasant throughout the year is a little different from my last home in Missouri where the weather might change at the drop of a hat. In fact we use say, "If you don't like the weather in the Ozarks, wait a few minutes, and it'll change!"

Thinking of the weather, I was reminded of a time in my life many winters ago when my wife and I were watching a heavy snowfall from our living room window in Kansas. My son, Connor, who was then 2 years old, climbed onto the couch with us to investigate what was truly the first major snowfall of his young life (at least the first one he remembered!). My attention shifted from watching the snow to watching my son. His eyes grew wide with excitement as he watched the curious scene taking place before him. I could not help but wonder what was going on in that youthful mind of his as he watched with fascination the millions of "cotton balls" falling from the sky. I found myself enjoying



**Kevin's
Komments**
Kevin Patterson

Connor's amazement with nature far more than I did the weather outside.

The wonders of nature are but a few of the many blessings given to each of us by God. However, to those who make the choice to give their lives to Jesus, a whole new abundance of blessings fall their way. To Christians who were "faithful in Christ Jesus," the apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." When we give our lives to Jesus and live as faithful Christians in service to Him, the Father grants us everything we will need spiritually, both here and in

the hereafter.

I have seen snow fall many times in my life, but watching it for the first time through the eyes of my son was a blessing I never expected. Can you imagine the pride and joy that the heavenly Father experiences when one of us turns our lives over to Jesus and lives each and every day for Him? Can you imagine even further the happiness He enjoys being able to share with one of His children the eternal blessings that only He can give?

We may not have much to do with the weather, but we do have a lot to do with how we live our lives. When we decide to die to self and live for Christ, then God showers us with His love in a way that is truly immeasurable, eternal, and better than any snowfall.

Kevin's Komments is written by Kevin Patterson and presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ assembling at 3800 Sebring Parkway. On the Internet, visit www.sebringcoc.com or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com.

Church News

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Christmas Eve services will be at 5 and 7 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by communion in the chapel and before the 9 p.m. service held in the Family Life Center.

The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Call the church office for information at 385-5184.

Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING - Sunday the pastor continues the Christmas Message. Word of the week comes from Isaiah 60:6: The nations shall come.

Tuesday's Home Bible Study is of how Jesus connects between the Old and New Testaments. Each week's study is independent in itself, so just jump in anytime! Call (863) 658-2534 for directions.

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

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING - Pastor Ted Moore's sermon Sunday will be "A Christmas Tree in Bethlehem" with scripture from Isaiah 11:1-10.

Specials will be presented by Gail Brockton and Beverly Nuske.

The Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 24. Candle lighting and communion will highlight the program. The public is invited to attend.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID - Pastor Tim Haas' message on

Sunday will be "Stuck Between a Rock and a Hard Place", using Matthew 1:18-25.

Devotions to prepare for the sermon and recent sermons are available at www.memorialumc.com.

There are no youth activities scheduled for the week.

On Christmas Eve, Memorial will have a family-friendly candlelight service. This year the service begins at 6 p.m. with music of the Christmas season beginning at 5:30 p.m. In addition to carols and a lesson, Holy Communion will be served.

Men's Bible study will not meet Christmas morning.

For more information, call 465-2422. The church is at 500 Kent Ave. behind the Tower in Lake Placid.

New Beginnings Church

SEBRING - On Sunday, Pastor Gary Kindle's sermon is titled "Joseph, Who was He?" based on Matthew 1:18-25.

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

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING - The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "Jesus' Birth (Christmas)", is taken from Luke 2. Pastor Jim Scaggs will deliver the message. There will be a 7 p.m. worship service Dec. 25, Christmas Day.

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

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING - On Sunday, Pastor Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s message will be "Is God with Us?" Biblical reference is from Matthew 1:18-25. Nursery is provided at all three services.

Christmas Eve Services are at 5 and 7 p.m. The message is "Angels Still Sing!" with Biblical reference from Luke 2:1-20.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING - The pastor's sermon on Sunday is "No Fear, Your Savior is Born".

There will be a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. The church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

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Diversions/Puzzles

'Anchorman 2' bloated, but still funny

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

Can there be too much of a good thing? Where did that expression come from, anyway? If it's good, isn't more always better?

Discuss.

Or, actually, don't discuss. Because, in the case of "Anchorman 2" anyway, the question is sort of pointless, isn't it? Everything about both the original 2004 film, a cult classic of the Will Ferrell oeuvre, and its lead character, Ron Burgundy, was puffed up and absurd and ridiculous.

And so, why wouldn't the sequel be even more puffed up, more absurd and more ridiculous? As long as Ferrell's back (he is), and reunited with his wacky partners (he is) to form a veritable dream team of inappropriateness (they do), then what could be wrong?

Not that "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues," again directed with total self-assurance by Adam McKay, is a work of fine art. It's a broad, low-brow comedy, which one imagines was concocted somewhat like a huge abstract painting: You throw gobs (or jokes) onto a big canvas, some spills over the edges, and it's messy and lumpy, but hey, it's all good, and anyway, the next gob is coming.

For those who may have missed the original, it brought us Burgundy, a TV anchor defined by his goofiness, self-importance, good-natured chauvinism, and polyester. Set in the '70s, the theme was gender equality; Burgundy's foil was Veronica Corningstone (Christina Applegate), who sought her



Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate star in 'Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues.'

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own anchor chair.

In the sequel, the issue isn't gender but the very purpose of TV news: To inform, or entertain? We're in 1980, and Burgundy and Corningstone, now married, host a morning show together. Then she — alone — is offered an evening anchor slot. Burgundy? He's fired (the boss is a gruffly funny Harrison Ford, sounding quite Brokaw-esque.)

Ron tells Veronica she can't take the job without him. She accuses him of acting like Julius Caesar. "Who the hell is Julius Caesar?" he bellows. "I don't follow the NBA!"

Veronica takes the job and abandons Ron. But opportunity comes in the form of a job offer that sounds crazy: a new 24-hour news channel, being launched by an Aussie billionaire. Its name? GNN.

Burgundy heads for New York, stopping to gather the old news team from San Diego — er, San Di-AHgo, as he pronounces it: overly



Movie Review

'Anchorman 2'

Rating: PG-13 (crude and sexual content, drug use, language, comic violence)

Running time: 119 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

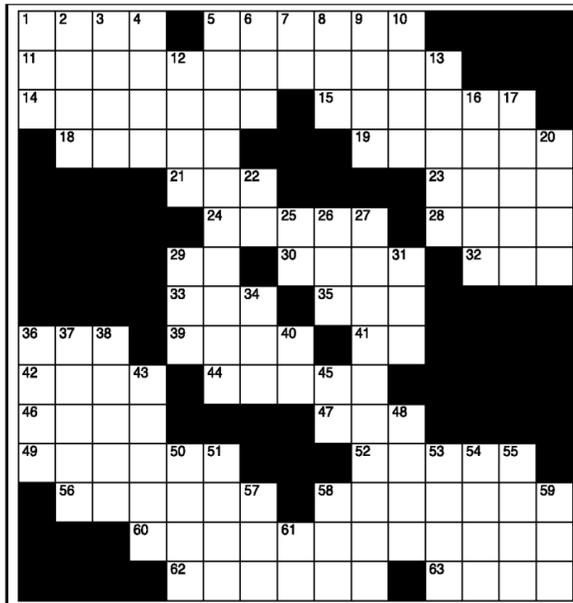
emotional sportscaster Champ Kind (David Koechner), now running a chicken joint; overly sexed reporter Brian Fantana (Paul Rudd), now photographing cats; and overly insane weatherman Brick Tamland (Steve Carell, reliably hilarious) now dead. Or so he thinks.

Burgundy's new nemesis is

the impossibly good-looking, self-adoring anchorman Jack Lime (James Marsden, perfect in such self-mocking roles). And his superior is the overachieving Linda Jackson (Meagan Good), who finds Burgundy ridiculous but then inexplicably falls for him. Linda is not only a woman but black, a double-whammy for the chauvinistic Burgundy; their coupling, however improbable, leads to a very funny dinner-table scene with Linda's disapproving family.

Of course, underdog Ron has tricks up his sleeve.

The starry cast also includes Kristen Wiig, intensely weird as only she can be. And there's the finale, a news-team rumble in midtown Manhattan involving more celebrity cameos than you ever thought possible. Sacha Baron Cohen as a BBC anchor? Only the beginning. Of course, it all feels like too much. But you can't have too much of a good thing, remember?



Solution on B10

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Leopold's partner in crime
- 5. Black furs
- 11. Truman's hometown
- 14. Dean residence
- 15. Chief Polish port
- 18. Grin
- 19. Complied with
- 21. Explosive
- 23. Perennial woody plant
- 24. Expression
- 28. Small Japanese deer
- 29. Denotes past
- 30. Bullfighting maneuver
- 32. Deaf signing language
- 33. Assistance
- 35. What part of (abbr.)
- 36. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 39. Two-toed sloth
- 41. Exclamation of surprise
- 42. Extinct European ox
- 44. Moving in a circle
- 46. College army
- 47. Radioactivity unit
- 49. Give a quick reply
- 52. Spanish appetizers
- 56. Environment
- 58. Gold, quartz or iron
- 60. Fellowes' Masterpiece series
- 62. Old style recording
- 63. Questions

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Box top
- 2. Small integers
- 3. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 4. Bolivian savanna
- 5. Open air performing for love
- 6. No matter what or which
- 7. Religious degree
- 8. Lower limb
- 9. Prefix meaning inside
- 10. Crust covering a wound
- 12. Assail repeatedly
- 13. Samoyedic (alt. sp.)
- 16. Damascus is the capital
- 17. Peeps (Scot.)
- 20. Transaction
- 22. Touchdown
- 25. Associated press
- 26. An opening between things
- 27. Increasing
- 29. Cologne
- 31. Ethiopia (abbr.)
- 34. A 24-hour period
- 36. Kitty sound
- 37. Prefatory discourse
- 38. -frutti
- 40. Biblical Sumerian city
- 43. Criticize harshly
- 45. 25th state
- 48. Comedian Carvey
- 50. A wild disturbance
- 51. Pueblo American Indians
- 53. 9-banded armadillo
- 54. Arbitrageurs
- 55. Thai language of Khammouane
- 57. Atomic #105
- 58. 1st weekday (abbr.)
- 59. Fleur-de-_____
- 61. The 7th tone

Husband seeking compromise should give his wife a break

Dear Abby: I have been married to my wife for a year and a half, and we have an infant child. I work while my wife stays home. My problem is she doesn't like me playing sports and hanging out with friends.

I have tried to make concessions and cut down playing sports to once a week. (I used to play two or three times a week, but that's not good enough for my wife.) On game night, when I get home she gives me the silent treatment. She used to come to my games but won't now, even though she has girlfriends who attend them.

As for hanging out with my friends, I barely see them anymore — and when I do, they come here. If they stay any longer than 30 minutes, it causes a problem and my wife again won't talk to me for the rest of the night.

I have tried to compromise, but she feels as though any time I spend away from her and the baby is a no-no. Am I wrong to want to play sports and see my guy friends? I have tried talking to her about this, but she thinks any compromise is basically me doing what I want and her having to deal with it.

— Ontario, Canada, Reader

Dear Reader: You should not become a couch potato or become isolated from your friends because you are married and a parent. And neither should your wife. She may resent the time you spend with your friends because she's stuck at home taking care of the baby. You are her only adult company, and in a way she may be jealous that you're enjoying freedom that she can't.

Your wife should not be doing all the parenting. One day or evening a week you should take care of the baby while she takes a break with her friends or family. It could do wonders for your relationship.

If you can agree on this, it could save your marriage. If you can't, then the two of you should get counseling. Marriage isn't supposed to put people in isolation — and that's what it appears your wife is trying to accomplish with you.

Dear Abby: For the past 10 years, the holiday season has brought with it arguments between my wife and me. We both get along with our in-laws and do many things with both sides of our families. But for some reason, my wife makes arrangements for the holidays with-



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out discussing them with me first. This year, she told her mom we would host Thanksgiving and that I would have to tell my family we wouldn't be coming to them.

My wife's sisters are not close to their in-laws. Am I wrong to think she should have discussed the matter with me before deciding unilaterally what we're doing for the holidays? Our kids need to see all their grandparents on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Oh — our parents live only seven minutes from each other.

— Holiday Blues in Wisconsin

Dear Holiday Blues: What your wife did was inconsiderate. You are a couple, and she should have discussed her plan with you before issuing any invitations to see if you were in agreement. If your home is

too small to accommodate both sets of in-laws at the same time, a compromise would be to alternate holidays with each set so no family feels excluded.

Dear Abby: Is it acceptable to wear a silver dress to a wedding if you are going as a guest and not a member of the bridal party? Or is silver too close to white and therefore taboo?

— Invitee in College Park, Md.

Dear Invitee: The rule is that wedding guests should not wear anything that might distract attention from the bride. If your dress is silver lame or covered in silver sequins, it would be better to dress less conspicuously.

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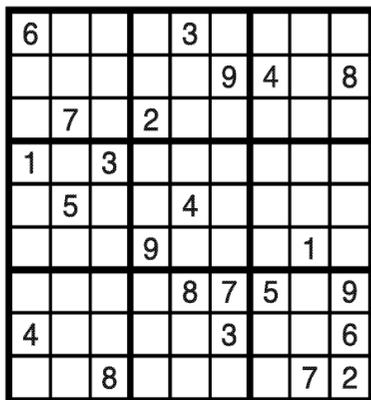
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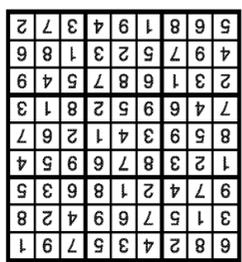
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ANSWER:

Answers: A. program B. channel C. cable D. schedule

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