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Two jailed for attacking man in front of son

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Country Club Utilities asks for more time

Says district had errors in its report

By BARRY FOSTER

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — It appears that an ultimatum to officials of the Country Club Utilities may not be as ultimate as first thought.

Thursday was the deadline for the utility system that serves the Country Club of Sebring either to have met requirements set forth by the Southwest Florida Water

Management District or to consult with legal counsel about the matter.

However, in a letter to the district earlier this month

Country Club Utilities President Greg Harris asked SWFWMD for more time to provide an amended conservation plan, amended compliance report analysis and response to the district's consent order.

"Thirty-eight days simply is not enough time to respond to these new requests, especially during the holiday season," Harris wrote in his missive.

Harris said that geologist Vivian Bielski of Andreyev Engineering,

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Harold Waters, 48, points out where he banged on the side door of 3320 Main Ave. and got his neighbor out just before the mobile home became fully engulfed in flames. Fairmont Mobile Estates is a close-knit community, Waters said, and he knew his neighbor across the street was probably asleep, alone and didn't know she was in danger.

Neighbor saves woman from mobile home fire

Fire in same community where four pedestrians were hit by truck Saturday

By PHIL ATTINGER

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SEBRING — Sometime between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Tuesday, Harold Waters of 3313 Maine Ave. in Sebring heard a popping sound.

He didn't think much of it. It sounded like fireworks, just like he heard on New Year's Eve.

Then he heard a "boom" and looked out across the street to his

neighbor's house at 3320 Maine Ave.

"I could see an orange glow with smoke coming out," said Waters, 48. "I told my fiancée to call 911 and tell them (that) house was on fire."

The street is in Fairmont Mobile Estates, the same community where four pedestrians were run over by a truck on Saturday morning. Two of them were

killed, as was the driver of the truck, who hit a concrete utility pole a short distance away.

The fire call came in at 9:45 p.m., according to Highlands County Sheriff's Office call records. Deputies and were dispatched in 33 seconds. Joe Romanik, assistant fire chief for West Sebring Volunteer Fire

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County to restart housing assistance program

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Several years ago, Highlands County's program to provide assistance to low income residents was all but defunct with the resignation of the county's housing director and the near-abandonment of the affordable housing advisory committee.

Tuesday, despite what was termed a "scathing" recent audit

on the housing authority by the Highlands County Clerk of Courts office, commissioners began the rebuilding of the program with the approval of a new Local Assistance Housing Plan.

The board upped the ante a bit, bumping zero-percent loans up to 2 percent, increasing minimum payments on loans and mandating that all loans be repaid with a more prudent tracking system.

It also was suggested by new housing liaison Commissioner Don Elwell that the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee also may be reconstituted.

They also left the door open for the county to get out of housing assistance altogether and instead contract with another entity to administer the program. How that might be accomplished and who might take it over was left open to discussion.

The county had sent an initial draft of the plan to the state, which returned it with several concerns.

"They came back with some general comments and suggestions," said Highlands County Community Programs Project Manager Chris Benson. "We have worked with them and addressed those concerns."

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Two local students receive rare \$40K honor

Torres, Hernandez earn Take Stock In Children Leaders 4 Life Fellowships

By PHIL ATTINGER

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SEBRING — Educators, mentors and dignitaries had already stunned students Luci Torres and Jovani Hernandez Tuesday afternoon by surprising them with a party at the Highlands County School District offices.

But it took cheering from two mentors for the two high school seniors to realize they had not only received Take Stock in Children scholarships, but also had each won \$40,000 Leaders 4 Life Fellowships.

Leaders 4 Life is aimed at converting deserving low-income students into tomorrow's leaders by taking some of the financial burden off college. Funded through a partnership with the Asofsky Family Foundation, the program provides funds for housing, meal plans, com-



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Surprise registers on the face of Luci Torres, Lake Placid High School senior, as she and Avon Park High School senior Jovani Hernandez learn they both received \$40,000 Leader 4 Life Fellowships. Pictured are (from left) Luci's father José Torres; Luci; Jovani, and Highlands County Superintendent of Schools Wally Cox.

puters, books and supplies, other college-related expenses and internships.

"We knew that it was going to be

very competitive and praying for at least one winner," said Irene Castanon, Take Stock in Children coordinator, "but when Lucero's and

Jovani's name were announced, we were ecstatic to have received two winners."

Don Applequist, executive director of the program for DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands Counties, said there are usually only five such recipients from the thousands of Take Stock in Children members in the state. This year, six students got awards, and two of them were from Highlands County.

Jane Hancock, mentor in the program, said Hardee High School student Kaylee Mancillas received the honor last year, making three from the tri-county area in two years.

"It's a high honor," Hancock said. Luci Torres, daughter of José and Maria Torres in Lake Placid, plans to attend the University of Central

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Community Briefs

Expect delays on Marguerite

AVON PARK — Highlands County Road and Bridge Department will periodically be having delays in traffic flow on Marguerite Road starting until further notice. Detours will be posted.

For further information contact the Highlands County Road and Bridge Department at 402-6529.

Historical Society winter meeting set

LAKE PLACID — The Bee Man, Larry Smith, will speak at Saturday's meeting of the Lake Placid Historical Society at 2 p.m. in the Depot Museum, 12 Park St. There will also be a Highlights Review of 2013.

For information call 465-1771.

Dance Club hosts The Skylarks

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club will host the music of the Skylarks 10-piece Dance Band from 7-9:30 p.m. today at the Highlands Social Center, 3400 Sebring Parkway. Snacks and sandwiches will be available. BYOB.

Admission is \$5 for members, and \$7 for non-members. Dress is smart casual. Everyone welcome, including singles. For more information, call 386-0855, or visit www.highlands-danceclub.org.

Showcase of Talent this weekend

SEBRING — Auditions for those 40-plus entertainers touring the Florida market will be held Friday and Saturday during the Entertainment Designers Network Showcase at Tanglewood. Each act has 15 minutes to show their stuff to 50-60 entertainment directors from central Florida.

Performances start at 10:30 a.m. and end about 5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$10 for a two-day pass or use your season pass. Food and drinks will be available, as there are only short breaks in the audition process.

Music comes to Under the Oaks Opry

SEBRING — Country/Bluegrass/Blues and Gospel Music will be at Under the Oaks Opry at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday, hosted by G.W. Saunders.

This is an inside family venue. No alcohol is served. Under the Oaks Opry is at 3501 Beck Ave. For information, call 253-0771 or Like Under The Oaks Opry on Facebook.

Legion hosts Oratorical contest

AVON PARK — The American Legion Post 69 will hold its 2014 Oratorical contest for all Avon Park High School students, grades nine through 12. Each student will be required to present an 8- to 10-minute presentation on a citizen's responsibility to the United States Constitution, plus a 3- to 5-minute presentation on an assigned topic.

This contest will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion Post 69, 1301 W. Bell St. There is a possibility of winning \$18,000 for first place, \$16,000 for second place and \$14,000 for third place at the national level of the



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contest. Each stage of the contest also will have a monetary reward.

If any AHS student wants to enter the contest, pick up an entry form at the school's guidance office or call Earl Hershberger, chairman of youth programs for the Post, at 452-1431.

Woman's Club hosts appraisal event

SEBRING — Do you have a special item that perhaps you purchased a long time ago, or that was handed down from your grandmother that you would appreciate knowing its value? Why not bring the item to GFWC The Woman's Club of Sebring at 4260 Lakeview Drive starting at 1 p.m. Saturday and have it appraised by Jim and Jody Dow from the Furniture Doctors in Sebring. Cost for the first and second item appraised is \$15, plus additional appraisals are \$5 per item. Fees for the appraisals will be collected at the door. Call Johnell West at 382-0824 for information and reservations.

Sebring Hills host pancake breakfast

SEBRING — There will be a pancake breakfast at the Sebring Hills Clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave., from 8-10 a.m. Saturday. All the pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee or tea you want for only \$3 for members and \$3.50 for non-members.

Cheerleaders serve lasagna

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid High School Varsity Cheerleaders are selling tickets for a lasagna lunch/dinner. Cost is \$10 and includes lasagna, garlic bread, dessert and tea.

This is a pickup only on Saturday at the Morning Market at Stuart Park. Pickup times are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Varsity cheerleaders have tickets, call 840-1379 or email sharon@delray-plants.com.

EAA hosts pancake breakfast

SEBRING — The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1240 will host a pancake breakfast at Sebring Regional Airport and Pancake Breakfast. A \$6 donation is requested for the breakfast. The breakfast supports the EAA Youth Aviation Scholarship Program and EAA Young Eagles Programs, created to interest young people in aviation. Since the program

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Students help spruce up Hammock amphitheater

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — They came to volunteer their time and energy to the community, but also to escape the arctic temperatures of the Midwest and soak up the mild winter of Central Florida.

A small group of college students from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, made Highlands County their home this week as they traveled 18 hours from an icy winter to a spring-like retreat as part of the group's annual winter volunteer trip.

The Habitat for Humanity volunteers gave the amphitheater at Highlands Hammock State Park their full focus on Wednesday, digging, hammering and measuring their way through the day. The students updated the theater for the park, adding new seating for one of the small outdoor theaters in the Hammock.

"This hasn't been done since the CCC members did it," said Hammock employee Danny Johnson.

Volunteers were busy digging out spaces for legs of each of the benches and hammering them each into place just before their lunch break Wednesday.

The group has had a busy week — demolishing an Avon Park Habitat for Humanity home on Tuesday, working at the Hammock on Wednesday and finishing up their work in Highlands County Thursday by helping to landscape a nearly completed Habitat home.

Junior Kate Lupica traveled with the volunteers for



Samantha Gholar/News Sun

Case Western Reserve University students Katie Kleinberg and Kate Lupica work to build a bench in the amphitheater at Highlands Hammock State Park Wednesday along side their fellow Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

the first time this week and worked hard Wednesday to help finish the project at Highlands Hammock.

"This is my first year taking a trip. We get a winter volunteer trip and a spring, so of course we want to go somewhere warm for the winter trip. Yesterday was fun. We got to sling hammers and knock down walls and then watched it (the home) just get crushed. It's going to be completely redone. This is cool today, too. It's a lot of work but it's great," Lupica said.

The Case Western Reserve

University Habitat volunteers teamed up with the local Highlands County Habitat office for the project. The small group of students are being housed above the Habitat store in downtown Sebring throughout their trip.

The group will head back to the cold of Ohio this weekend, but not before having a tiny bit of fun.

"We're going to stop at the beach on the way back. It's a long, 18-hour drive, but we couldn't come down here without at least seeing the beach," trip coordinator Linda Back said.

Fetters featured at HAL reception today

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The Highlands Art League begins 2014 with its January "Artist of the Month" reception featuring Jan Fetters. The reception is set from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop. Meet the artist, and enjoy her beautiful, delicate batik watercolor paintings.

Included in the evening will be light refreshments and snacks, with live music. In addition, the HAL studio artists' and members' artwork is also on display throughout the Yellow House Gallery and studios.

Fetters is a former postal manager, who began painting after she retired, and has painted in most mediums, but prefers watercolor and oil. She has become well known for her 'batik style' watercolor on rice paper. It is a 'tedious process' of layering paint and watercolor, but she loves working on her pieces, sometimes for weeks. Fetters divides her time between Florida and Ohio. Her summers are spent in Ohio where she has her special spot to paint, then comes to Florida each winter to share her love of painting with her students.

Fetters is mainly self taught, but has also taken many art workshops to enhance her skills, and has studied in Terni, Italy.

Her work has also been exhibited in Florida Watercolor Society online shows in 2010, 2012, and 2013. Currently, Fetters' work is being exhibited at Polk State College, and her work has been accepted into the 2014 National Art Exhibition.

The Art League always joins with Destination Downtown on the second Friday of the month, so don't forget to visit downtown Sebring as well, from

5-8 p.m. for shopping, music and fun on The Circle.

The Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop is at 1989 Lakeview Drive. The Art League hours are 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, through April. For additional information, call 385-5312, or visit highlandsartleague.org/.

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Next jackpot \$9 million
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Jan. 1 1 8 15 19 32 48 x:2

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Jan. 5 4 14 23 25 34

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Jan. 7 (n) 1 6 3 8
Jan. 7 (d) 8 7 6 0

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Dec. 27 7 9 35 36 5

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Throwing bombs at Obamacare not helping

If only U.S. Rep. Ted Yoho put as much energy into writing bills with a realistic shot at becoming law as he did crafting clever acronyms.

Yoho, R-Gainesville, last month introduced two measures related to the Affordable Care Act. Not surprisingly, they're more about firing up his tea-party base than seriously addressing the country's challenges involving health care coverage and costs.

The Nullifying the Unconstitutional Mandate By Evaluating Results, or NUMBER, Act would repeal the Affordable Care Act if the Obama administration fails to meet its goal of 7 million people being enrolled in health-care exchanges by March 31.

The Government Lacks Insight To Choose Health, or GLITCH, Act would implement a 5 percent salary cut for Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius for each month that the healthcare.gov website isn't fully functional.

We're all for holding Sebelius or another administration official accountable for the disastrous rollout of the website. In fact, Yoho had a strong case in joining 33 other House Republicans in calling for Sebelius' resignation.

But cutting her pay is pol-

itics at its most petty.

Yoho's first bill is similarly silly. It's not as if he hopes the measure will create pressure that leads to the enrollment goals being met. Instead, he's rooting for the Affordable Care Act's failure without offering any alternative that covers millions of uninsured Americans.

While we don't expect Yoho to become a cheerleader for the Affordable Care Act any time soon, he should lay off legislation that lacks even a remote shot of becoming law. Throwing bombs at the president's signature achievement may please the tea party, but it does nothing to improve the lives of Yoho's constituents.

An editorial from the Gainesville Sun.

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OK, GOP, defend speech you don't agree with

As the dust settles over A&E's "Duck Dynasty" patriarch Phil Robertson's interview in GQ, I'd like to offer a challenge to all who defended his right to wax nostalgic about how happy black people were before



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Tina Dupuy

the civil rights era (also stating that Shintoism is basically Nazism and homosexuality is basically bestiality). To all those who rushed to Robertson's defense — invoking the First Amendment of the Constitution, specifically free speech in an effort to immunize against any repercussions — I'd like to dare you folks to defend controversial speech that doesn't fit your worldview.

If you really believe in free speech, if you really think it's in danger of being abridged, if you really believe it's an absolute right of living in a free country — then stand up for liberals who say dumb things too. Rally for Alec Baldwin. How about the governor of Louisiana spend an afternoon tweeting support for Martin Bashir's alleged right to a basic cable show. Get some Change.org petitions going. Get these people back on TV!

In 2010, Sarah Palin called for President Obama's then chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, to be fired because he privately used the word "retarded." Palin was so offended by the word "retard" she equated it to the "N-word" (then later passionately defended the use of the "N-word" when Dr. Laura was the one slinging it across the airwaves). Palin cited her child with Down Syndrome as the reason Rahm should lose his job for his potty mouth. She wrote on Facebook: "I would ask the president to show decency in this process by eliminating one member of that inner circle, Mr. Rahm Emanuel, and not allow Rahm's continued indecent tactics to cloud efforts."

I have no idea what "indecent tactics to cloud efforts" means but I defend her right to use her random thesaurus generator app to create fake controversies against her political enemies.

Corporations should not have to sponsor people who say things which will hurt their brand. That's their choice. It's, in the literal sense, their business. The Constitution is about what the government can and can't do — not what A&E execs can and can't do. That's the issue I have with privatization: It erodes liberties ensured by the government.

But also, my telling you to shut up is not infringing on your constitutional rights. There is no law or ordinance against private citizens telling each other to shut their yap traps, nor should there be. The First Amendment is

about the government — specifically Congress — not creating laws to curb speech.

That being said — you the chattering class of conservative culture war mercenaries; you the Trumped-up, tooth-bleached, memo-driven, outrage industrial complex genuflectors; you the good-old-days evangelizing, controversy-touting, overly agast gasbags: You don't actually believe in free speech. So shut up.

Why am I convinced America's right wing is not a bastion of unfettered — uninterrupted — speech impunity? I'll sum it up in one name: Shirley Sherrod.

There was no 24-hour news cycle defense of Shirley Sherrod being able to say whatever she wanted without consequence. No. Her words were taken out of context — edited with an agenda — and she lost her job as Georgia State Director of Rural Development along with her reputation. Did anyone at Fox News stand up and raise an inaccurate interpretation of the scope of the First Amendment to defend Ms. Sherrod? No.

They're for selective free speech. It's like saying everyone has an absolute right to own a gun as long as you're a Republican. Then you are not actually for the absolute right to own a gun. You're for the absolute rights of Republicans.

So here's my plea to the "decency" police — Sarah Palin, Rush Limbaugh, Gov. Bobby Jindal and their many parrots: Defend speech you don't agree with. Stand up for the right to an opinion you don't share.

Phil Robertson isn't the first right wing public figure to say racist and flatly stupid things in a magazine profile. He won't be the last. But if Free Speech is actually something you believe in then you'll be for it when speech is offensive to you, not just when it's offensive to those you oppose.

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The Big Puff: Obama's shrinking deficit

"Congratulations, Mr. Obama, sequestration has been your most successful federal program!"

That's what some pundits are saying in response to the President's report that our national deficit is less than half of what it was four years ago.

On the surface, this certainly would be worthy of national applause for the sequester cuts in spending.

However, not every journalist accepted the White House deficit report as truthful. Some went digging.

One of those diggers is Fiscal Times reporter Tom Blumer.

Mr. Blumer has been boring into the boring numbers of financial statements and reports for years. Here is what he found with the Obama Administration's final Monthly Treasury Statement of fiscal 2013:

They used phony numbers in the early years to make Obama's numbers look good. In the world of politics, though, this isn't considered "lying." It's "puffery," even if the outcome is the same as a lie.

Let's start with the big puff: The Obama Administration claims they cut the deficit, which is simply how much more money the federal government spends than it takes in, by over half of what it was four years ago. The current deficit is reported as 680 bil-

lion dollars.

Tom explains that while the Obama Administration is quick to remind everyone that the President "inherited" a deficit of over a trillion dollars, they also front-loaded the 2009 numbers to include over \$170 billion in "phantom paper losses" and other gimmicks.

Tom writes, "Until March of 2009, the government had treated TARP monies lent or invested in financial institutions and other entities as direct outlays. In April (2013), it retroactively began accounting for those amounts, totaling over \$350 billion, as investments.

Accounting for TARP as a collection of investments separate from the day-to-day operations of the rest of the government was a defensible move. What was not proper was Treasury's arbitrary decision at the same time to record an estimated loss of \$178.2 billion on those investments as an additional government "outlay."

Since outlays are supposed to represent disbursements of cash, the unrealized TARP loss was not an "outlay" in any real sense. This non-cash accounting entry served a useful administration purpose, namely to push as much 'bad news' as possible into fiscal 2009 so that



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Dr. Diana Carr

subsequent years might look better." But wait, there's more.

Treasury then downsized the TARP losses to just \$41.6 billion and the Obama administration simply ignored this and kept the larger \$178.2 billion in the 2009 report.

Wow. Instant \$137 billion dollar improvement in the deficit without having to actually do anything except fudge the numbers.

Treasury did enter some reductions in 2010, making it look like there was improvement.

Then, the Treasury entered a one-time payment by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to their bottom line. How much? \$97 billion according to Blumer.

Problem is, that 97 billion dollars is not going to recur and so does not affect the deficit.

Then the Obama Administration added about 300 billion dollars more spending to the 2009 numbers, which was actually his own "stimulus" spending, not that of President Bush.

Blumer also reports the supposed \$1.238 trillion Bush deficit was not even close to \$1.238 trillion. Plus, spending under President Obama has increased from \$2.7 trillion in 2008 to \$3.3

trillion. The deficit reduction is nowhere near half. Closer to 0-16 percent.

As for the sequester, well, that's really a separate topic.

There were some economists who predicted early on in 2013 that the sequester cuts could throw the country back into recession. Many were recruited by the liberal activist Roger Hickey, president of Campaign for America's Future, to even sign onto a public statement claiming it actually would.

Let's just say that signing onto a statement about the economy written by Campaign for America's Future sure hasn't helped the credibility of those economists who did.

Not only did another recession not occur, most economists are now predicting more growth in 2014.

Let's hope there is real improvement this year in the real world, not just the alternate universe of White House press releases.

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Two charged with beating, robbing man in front of son

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AVON PARK — A man and woman were arrested and charged with robbery, aggravated battery and cruelty to a child after deputies say they brutally beat the woman's former boyfriend while his 3-year-old son watched.

According to arrest reports, the incident took place on Dec. 21 at a home on Paulk Street. A witness told deputies that the 31-year-old victim and Kara Nichole Bodiford, 26, had been in a relationship and lived together for several months at the home on Paulk Street before Bodiford moved out and started a relationship with 23-year-old Victor Lee Bautista.

Deputies were called to the home on Paulk Street at 3:24 a.m. on Dec. 21. The

witness told them that Bodiford and the victim were in an argument in the front yard of the home because Bodiford wanted to gain access to the home and the victim refused. The witness heard Bodiford say "Victor," as if she was calling out for Bautista to help her, the report said.

A few minutes later, Deputy Michael P. Morse Jr. wrote in his report, the witness saw Bautista "spinning out in a hurry" as he drove away from the house.

About an hour later, the witness saw that the victim's door was open and, due to it being late at night, was concerned. The witness entered the home and found blood all over the floor and a kitchen table and a chair knocked over.

The victim was found face down on the bed and "gur-

gling" blood with two black eyes and a swollen face, the report said. His injuries were severe enough to potentially cause permanent disfigurement, according to the report.

The victim's son was sitting in a recliner watching cartoons on TV when the witness came in the home and told the witness "Kara and Vic were hitting daddy with a stick," the report said.

The victim's wallet could not be found, and he later told an emergency room nurse that "they took it."

An investigation of the crime scene turned up a set of keys in the back yard, a \$20 bill in the side yard and a trail of blood from the back door into the living room, where there was a "copious amount" of blood on the living room floor. Another blood trail led from



Victor Lee Bautista



Kara Nichole Bodiford

the living room into the bedroom where the victim was found.

Bodiford and Bautista turned themselves in to the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday and were being held without bond.

County gets back into housing assistance program

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Although Benson said the state was OK with the plan, the proposal was closely scrutinized by a number of local residents, including Dick Noel, who criticized an initial proposal for a \$25 minimum monthly payment during a hardship. Noel said it "was fine if you're buying a bicycle, but for a house I think that could be raised to \$100."

He also objected to a zero interest portion of the proposal as well as a foreclosure prevention fund, saying neither he nor his children could get such a deal when they bought homes in the private sector.

Citizen John Nelson agreed, saying, "This program needs to be re-written to today's standards."

Commissioner Ron Handley agreed with Noel, and opened up the discussion which eventually resulted in the proposed 2 percent interest rate.

"Zero percent interest is unrealistic. This is the real world," Handley said. "If we are going to teach these people the way to handle their funds, they need to understand there is a cost to borrowing money."

The maximum price for a home under the program was set at \$189,000, which County Administrator June Fisher explained is because Highlands is lumped in with the Orlando market, and that was unable to be changed. Mandated lending requirements must be met by lenders and the average income of those applying for assistance.

Commissioners agreed the \$189,000 maximum was likely twice what would be utilized locally.

Orlando recently was cited by the research firm Realtytrac as having one of the highest percentages of

residential properties in the United States that are "deeply under water" financially.

Avon Park resident John Drozinski asked if the program was mandated by the state. Benson replied that all Florida counties received money for such programs. However, when asked directly by Highlands County Commission Chairman Greg Harris if the program was a state requirement, County Attorney J. Ross Macbeth replied, "No, it is not."

In a similar question, posed by Elwell, Benson replied that all programs funded by the state, had mandated percentages of dollar allocations. Those include such recipients as the elderly and those with developmental disabilities.

Commissioner Jack Richie asked several times if housing assistance is a "core function" of the county, noting an upcoming budget shortfall. Previous County Administrator Rick Helms had worked on trying to develop a set of core services for the county before the end of his tenure.

"To be fair, I think that another entity might have more ability to manage those funds," Elwell said. "I don't know that we don't need to be in the housing business, but I also don't know that we need to be the complete operators of this program if we don't have to be."



Phil Attinger/News-Sun

A mobile home now sits as a pile of soot and rubble at 3320 Maine Ave. in Fairmont Mobile Estates in Sebring. Florida Fire Marshals are investigating the blaze, which occurred Tuesday night, less than a week after the close-knit community saw two people killed and two seriously injured after a Ford Ranger pickup ran down four pedestrians on Seattle Ave.

Fire destroys mobile home in Sebring

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Department, said his fire crews received the page at 9:46 p.m.

The first report was that people were trapped inside the home, Romanik said.

Call records also state a sheriff's deputy arrived on scene at 9:48 p.m. Romanik said fire engines arrived at 9:55 p.m. to "heavy fire." The house was fully engulfed in flames.

During that time, Waters said he worked to get the elderly woman there out of her house.

Romanik said the fire was in the front bedroom — the son's room. While a deputy went to the front door, he said a neighbor — Waters — went to the back door by the rear bedroom.

Waters said he didn't know the woman's name, but Romanik said she is listed in his reports as Rosalie Wilson.

Her son's name was not listed, but his age was given as 58, Romanik said.

Waters said he touched the rear door handle and it wasn't hot, so he opened the door and "hollered" inside. He got no answer.

His fiancée, on the phone with 911 operators, told him to shut the door, but Waters beat on the outside wall and was able to wake Wilson.

"Those are good neighbors," Romanik said.

She wasn't awake or fully-aware of what was going on, Waters said. She came out in silk pajamas without shoes, complaining of the cold. He and his fiancée got her a coat and wool socks, he said.

"By the time anyone got here, it would've been too late," Waters said. "The fire, it was coming."

Call records show that county dispatch received a report at 9:49 p.m. that the resident was safe, across the street at her neighbor's house.

Election qualifying ends Jan. 17 in Sebring

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Council. I want to thank each and every citizen and taxpayer of Sebring. I can't begin to tell you the amount of gratitude I have for each of you and your confidence in my abilities to serve," Fells said in a letter to City Administrator Scott Noethlich.

Clark announced earlier this month that he would not seek another term on the council.

The qualifying period for potential candidates ends Jan. 17. The Sebring city elections will be held Tuesday, March 11.

Bud Whitlock is the other member of the city council whose term is expiring, and he plans to go for another term.

"Bud has come in for his packet to qualify. He will be running for re-election," Sebring City Clerk Kathy Haley said Thursday morning.

Haley herself has qualified to seek re-election as city clerk and Highlands Independent Bank President John Shoop has qualified as a candidate in the mayoral election. Current mayor George Hensley announced last summer that he would not seek reelection when his term expires in March.

"I haven't seen anyone else come in here and express interest in the mayor's position other than Mr. Shoop," Haley said.

Two city employees, Nadine Tedstone and Marty Roepstorff, have picked up packets and announced their plans to run for council seats.

Election candidates must turn in paper work as well as open a campaign account by Jan. 17 to qualify for election. The qualifying fee is \$86.01 for council and mayoral hopefuls. The city clerk qualifying fee is \$610.68.

A hardship application may be submitted for approval for any qualifying fees waiver or adjustments.

"I stress to people to come in and get it done early. Open the campaign account and get it out of the way. If you wait to the last minute and come in here on the 17th a few minutes before 5 (p.m.), there's going to be a lot of scrambling to get things done to get a person qualified and you may not have enough time to get it all taken care of," Haley said. "We have a very short qualifying and election period, so you want to get things done as early as possible."

Sebring elected officials serve three-year terms. Any Sebring resident interested in gaining more information about elected positions on the council or who are interested in qualifying for election may contact Haley at City Hall at 471-5100.

Store robbed in AP

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indicates deputies responded to a call at the station at 1625 U.S. 27 Thursday morning at 12:15. Reportedly, a K-9 unit was called out, but lost the track a short distance from the scene.

Detectives are seeking information about any suspicious persons or vehicles

that may have been in the area of the Raceway convenience store late Wednesday or early Thursday morning. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Brian Van Fleet at 402-7821.

Those with information who wish to remain anonymous can call the Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477)



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Community Briefs

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was launched in 1992, volunteer EAA pilots have flown more than 1.4 million young people who reside in more than 90 countries.

This is also a good time for US Sport EXPO volunteers to drop by and get breakfast on their way to pick up their passes for the EXPO. The breakfast is being held in the EA 1240 Aviation Development Center on the south flight line, follow the signs and enter through gate 24

Additional information about EAA Chapter 1240 and the EAA Young Eagles program is available by contacting John Rousch, Chapter EAA 1240 Young Eagle coordinator, at 273-0522, jhr@strato.net, or on the Internet. Access to EAA's 1240 Home Page is available at www.eaa1240.org/.

Athletic Association hosts 'Mardi Gras'

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Athletic Association is having a "Mardi Gras" dinner and dance on Saturday at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge. This will be a fun evening with dinner, dancing, prizes and raffle items. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a delicious full course dinner that includes a choice of prime rib or a stuffed chicken breast. Doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktail hour, dinner will be served at 7 and dancing will begin immediately following dinner.

For more information or tickets call Dave Irwin at 441-2334, Laura Teal at 441-0729 or go to www.lpathleticassociation.org.

LPAA supports youth sports programs and proceeds will be used to fund training equipment, uniforms, scholarships, and completion of a sports training facility.



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First mower races of season Saturday

By BARRY FOSTER

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — It will be a salute to winter residents Saturday evening as the National Association of Grass Racers and Sod Slingers holds their first race of the new calendar year.

"We made a lot of improvements to the track during December, including several loads of clay and a new sound system," said NASGRASS President Wes Pyburn. "It is just a little bit better every month."

The popular lawn mower racing facility at the westernmost end of the Avon Park airport has been drawing an increasing number of competitors at each successive race, some coming from as far away as Naples and Punta Gorda to run for trophies and bragging rights.

At least one snowbird from Michigan also has run the fifth-mile clay oval during the off season and officials say more are expected this month and in February.

The races always are held on the second Saturday of each month.

The United States Lawn Mower Racing Association will be bringing the nationals here for a race in March.

"That will be right after the Sebring Historic races and the Mobil One 12 Hours of Sebring," Pyburn said.

The gates will open at 5 p.m. with hot races slated to start at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 10 and under are admitted free.



Phil Attinger/News-Sun
Avon Park High School Principal Tealy Williams (left) hugs senior Jovani Hernandez after Superintendent of Schools Wally Cox (right) announced Hernandez was one of two recipients in Highlands County for a \$40,000 Leader 4 Life Fellowship, in addition to his Take Stock in Children scholarship. Hernandez said he hopes to study computer engineering at the University of Florida in the fall.

in the fields.

"This is the bottom of (Luci's) achievements," he said. "I did something right to encourage her to do the best she can."

José and Maria Torres were too shy to say much. Elvira Hernandez, speaking through her son as interpreter, said she always believed in Jovani and had seen him win a lot of awards at school. She also brought his younger sisters, Jocalyn and Jessica, to see him honored.

Both of them will also be announced and honored with this year's other Leader 4 Life recipients at a special ceremony on Feb. 12 in Tallahassee.

Take Stock in Children is a statewide program to provide at-risk children with a mentor and a college scholarship. In return, the students sign contracts promising to remain drug-free and crime-free, attend school regularly and earn satisfactory grades. Students' parents also sign the contracts and agree to provide home environments conducive to education.

To date, 287 students have gradu-



Phil Attinger/News-Sun
Nelson Torres hugs his little sister, Luci Torres, after she not only earned a Take Stock in Children scholarship, but also a \$40,000 Leader 4 Life Fellowship to assist with college expenses.

ated from the local Take Stock in Children program, administered for the three counties by the South Florida State College Foundation.

Phil Attinger can be reached at phil.attinger@newssun.com or 385-6155, ext. 541 and followed on Twitter @PhilAttinger.

Country Club Utilities asking for more time from SWFWMD

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who has been doing work for the utility system, believes that the district erred in some of its comments in its report.

Further, she indicated that some of the information requested by SWFWMD officials actually is contained in Harris' initial response to the district.

Finally, the engineer asked that

SWFWMD officials provide her with a detailed outline of how they determined CCU's calculations had been "inaccurate or out of accordance."

Harris also again contended that a proposed \$81,949 penalty was "unreasonable and disproportionate" given the size of Country Club Utilities.

In his response, Harris told SWFWMD officials that without a

more thorough explanation as to those issues, the utility would not be able to provide an amended conservation plan and compliance report analysis.

The problem has been going on for a decade. However, it bubbled to the surface again last August when then-SWFWMD Executive Director Blake Guillory wrote to Highlands County commissioners that "without a substantial reduction in water

use, it is possible that the customers of the utility ... may experience an increase in rates and/or an interruption of service."

He asked commissioners for help with Harris, who also serves as a Highlands County commissioner.

Officials of the SWFWMD legal team say they still are reviewing Harris' most recent communication and no timeline for enforcement has yet been set.

McIntyre to talk about Florida Crackers

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Highlands County Property Appraiser Raymond McIntyre will be talking Florida History at the Circle Theatre in downtown Sebring Saturday. The highlight of the program will be McIntyre demonstrating his prowess with the whip - showing why Floridians sometimes are called "crackers."

"I was in the theatre on Wednesday checking out the stage to see how much room I actually have on the stage," McIntyre said. "I am probably going to use my 10-footer."

The program is being put on by the Highlands County

Genealogical Society and the Capt. John W. Whidden Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. In fact, McIntyre, a sixth generation Floridian, has a lineage that runs back to the great Civil War.

"My great, great, great grandfather fought in the Ninth Florida Infantry," McIntyre said. "He was living in Center Hill, which is to the west of Clermont, when the war broke out. He also was in Virginia at the surrender."

As an historian, McIntyre is a past president of the Florida Cracker Trail

Association. His talk will begin with the landing of Ponce DeLeon, but will center more on 1800s era when Florida became a state.

"We'll talk about how the people came in from the other southeastern states and started setting up ranches and developing herds of cattle," he said.

Many people may not know that Florida had a cattle industry some 80 years before the cowboys began running herds in Texas and the great Southwest.

"We really have the bragging rights," McIntyre said. As the Florida cow hunters began to drive the



McIntyre

Obituaries

JIMMIE SMITH

Jimmie Mae Smith, 80, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014 in Sebring, Fla. She was born to the late Johnnie and Celia (Dexter) Nelson on May 1, 1933 in Chiefland, Fla.

She is predeceased by her husband, Ozzie Smith Sr., and survived by seven children and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a visitation on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 from 4-6 p.m. at Stephenson-

Nelson Funeral Home in Sebring. A funeral service will be on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Apostolic Church of Jesus in Avon Park, Fla.

Jimmie Mae will be laid to rest by her husband at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla., on Monday, Jan. 13, 2014.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-473 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF CAROL ANN ORTH Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Carol Ann Orth, deceased, whose date of death was June 9, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 10, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Donna Hickson 180 Lake Hayes Road Oviedo, Florida 32765

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ John P. Maas John P. Maas, Esquire Attorney for Donna Hickson Florida Bar Number: 435910 44 N.E. 16th Street Homestead, FL 33030 Telephone: (305) 247-7132 Fax: (305) 247-7176 E-Mail: info@maaslaw.com

January 10, 17, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 11829GCS

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5 Plaintiff, vs. KEVIN SPRINGSTEEN A/K/A KEVIN C. SPRINGSTEEN AND MELINDA SPRINGSTEEN F/K/A MELINDA PUGH A/K/A MELINDA L. SPRINGSTEEN F/K/A MELINDA L. PUGH, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 11829GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5, is the Plaintiff and KEVIN SPRINGSTEEN A/K/A KEVIN C. SPRINGSTEEN, MELINDA SPRINGSTEEN F/K/A MELINDA PUGH A/K/A MELINDA L. SPRINGSTEEN F/K/A MELINDA L. PUGH;

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CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 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 24, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO WIT: LOT 4, BLOCK 1 LAKE JOSEPHINE HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 92 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. TAX ID - C333529030000040

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 19th day of December, 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. 11-14435

January 3, 10, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2011CA000733XXXXX

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-0A21, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0A21, Plaintiff, vs. JOHNNY HARRISON; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated March 20, 2012 and an Order Resetting Sale dated December 17, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2011CA000733XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-0A21, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0A21, is the Plaintiff and JOHNNY HARRISON; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 24th day of January, 2014, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 4304 AND ALL OF LOTS 4305 AND 4306, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 14, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 7, 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

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A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on December 17, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /s/ Toni Kopp AS DEPUTY CLERK January 3, 10, 2014

1162-11576

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that Sebring Mini Storage, Too and Sebring Mini Warehouse intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (section 83.80-83.809). The owner will sell at public auction on or after January 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at 1500 Lakeview Dr., 1251 Hawthorne, 542 Lemon, and 531 0-mul-la-oee.

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Units are said to contain household goods. The sale may be cancelled in the event of settlement. Should it be impossible to dispose of the goods on the day, the sale will be continued on such succeeding sale days thereafter as may be necessary to be completed.

January 3, 10, 2014

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

CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000755-XXAX-MX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. DELORES A. JACOBS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, described as: LOT 16, BLOCK B, MEADOWLAKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on January

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24, 2014.

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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 17th day of December, 2013.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service. January 3, 10, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000713

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

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 26, 2013, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on December 17, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 18, SEBRING HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 109 ROBIN AVE., SEBRING, FL 33870-8534 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, on January 24, 2014.

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 at Sebring, Florida, this 17th day of December, 2013.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863) 534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), 88110705

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2011-475GCS

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-13, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-13, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES ANTHONY MORENO AKA JAMES A. MORENO, ET AL. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM OF the Courthouse, located at 430 S. COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870, at 11:00 AM on January 24, 2014, the following described property: LOT 24 AND 25, BLOCK 115, LAKEVIEW PLACE ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 1305 KATLANI AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, HIGHLANDS 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: December 19, 2013

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving a notification of a scheduled court proceeding if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. Complete the Request for Accommodations Form and submit to 800 E. Twiggs Street, Room 604, Tampa, FL 33602. ADA Coordination Help Line (813) 272-7040; Hearing Impaired Line 1-800-955-8771; Voice Impaired Line 1-800-955-8771.

/s/ Toni Kopp As Deputy of Court (COURT SEAL)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: GC 13-718

WAUCHULA STATE BANK Plaintiff, PORFIRIO VIGIL and NINFA VIGIL, husband and wife, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS dated January 7, 2014, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, at the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 A.M., on February 12, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2, Block B, West Avon Park Mahan Syndicate, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2 Page 68A, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

AND A parcel of land known as Mahan Avenue located in Subdivision known as West Avon Park Mahan Syndicate, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 68A, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel Id: C-20-33-28-050-00B0-010 Commonly known as: 2001 SR 64, Avon Park, FL 33825

Dated this 7th day of January, 2014.

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

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863)534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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. January 10, 17, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY Case No. 13-579GCS

LESLIE A. GIBSON and BRENDA L. GIBSON, Plaintiffs, vs. TAMYRA PIERCE, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated December 16, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on January 22, 2014, the following described property: Lot 24, Block 290, Lake Sebring Subdivision, Sheet 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 12, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. DATED this 16th day of December, 2013.

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

January 3, 10, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000079

LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES WMALT SERIES 2006-AR1 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. SHELLEY L. MIELE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) NKA JOHN NEWBOLD; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 19th day of December, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000079, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES FOR WMALT SERIES 2006-AR1 TRUST is the Plaintiff and SHELLEY L. MIELE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) NKA JOHN NEWBOLD N/K/A JOHN NEWBOLD IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 24th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth

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in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 22, BLOCK 4, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION G, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, AT PAGE 28, 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.

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

Dated this 20th day of December, 2013.

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

08-66953 January 3, 10, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-512
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
FLORENCE G. BENNETT
a.k.a. FLORENCE GERALDINE BOMAN
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FLORENCE G. BENNETT a.k.a. FLORENCE GERALDINE BOMAN, deceased, whose date of death was September 11, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-4275, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 10, 2014.

Personal Representative:
/s/ David A. Bennett
905 South Avon Estates Blvd.
Avon Park, Florida 33825

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ David F. Lanier
E-Mail Address: lanier30@embarqmail.com
Florida Bar No. 045399
DAVID F. LANIER
P.O. Box 400
Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400
Telephone: (863)453-4457

January 10, 17, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicles will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 713.585 on the sale dates at the locations below at 9:00 a.m. to satisfy labor and storage charges. 1990 Dorsey Trailer 1DTP10W2LP028517 Total Lien: \$2425.00 Sale Date: 01/27/2014 Location: A & J Auto Repair 610 Lime St Sebring, FL 33870 863-253-0041 Pursuant to F.S. 713.585 the cash amount per vehicle would be sufficient to redeem that vehicle from the lienor. Any interested party has a right to a hearing prior to the sale by filing a demand for the hearing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Highlands and mailing copies of the same to all owners and lienors. The owner/lienholder has a right to recover possession of the vehicle by posting bond pursuant to F.S. 559.917 and if sold any proceeds remaining from the sale will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court for disposition.

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICES

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1370 will be presented to the City Council for adoption upon its second and final reading at the City Council Chambers, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on the 21st day of January, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY OF SEBRING MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION PLAN, RESTATED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1307, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED; AMENDING SECTION 1, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 27, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Council hereby advises that if any interested person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

THE CITY OF SEBRING DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE UPON THE BASIS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY STATUS. THIS NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY INVOLVES EVERY ASPECT OF THE CITY'S FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING ONE'S ACCESS TO, PARTICIPATION IN, EMPLOYMENT OR TREATMENT IN, ITS PROGRAMS AND/OR ACTIVITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT KATHY HALEY, CITY CLERK, AT 368 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870, TELEPHONE (863) 471-5100, NOT LATER THAN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING. IF HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, PLEASE CALL THE CLERK THROUGH FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE: (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, OR VOICE (V) 1-800-955-8770, VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.

This notice shall be published on January 10, 2014.

/s/ Kathy Haley
Kathy Haley, City Clerk
City of Sebring, Florida

Robert S. Swaine
Swaine & Harris, P.A.
425 South Commerce Ave.
Sebring, FL 33870-3702
City Attorney

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FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP
The Town of Lake Placid is a fair housing advocate. The Town is holding a workshop to explain the Fair Housing Ordinance for all the protected classes (race, color, familial status, disability, national origin, religion and gender). The public is invited to attend.

The workshop is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Town Council Chambers of Town Hall, located at 311 West Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida 33852.

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 Town Clerk (863) 699-3747 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 1-800-955-8770.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1373 will be presented to the City Council for adoption upon its second and final reading at the City Council Chambers, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on the 21st day of January, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING BY CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION AND PLACEMENT OF GARBAGE CONTAINERS; RESTRICTING THE AMOUNT OF HORTICULTURAL TRASH REMOVAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Council hereby advises that if any interested person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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This notice shall be published on January 10, 2014.

/s/ Kathy Haley
Kathy Haley, City Clerk
City of Sebring, Florida

Robert S. Swaine
Swaine & Harris, P.A.
425 South Commerce Ave.
Sebring, FL 33870-3702
City Attorney

January 10, 2014

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2100 Help Wanted

QA SUPERVISOR needed for precast hollowcore company. Experience with precast, quality control & concrete testing required. PCI Level I&II & ACI Certificate REQUIRED. Competitive pay and benefit package.EEO and Drug Free Workplace. Email resume/salary requirements to jmachia@spancrete.com, Fax:863.655.1215

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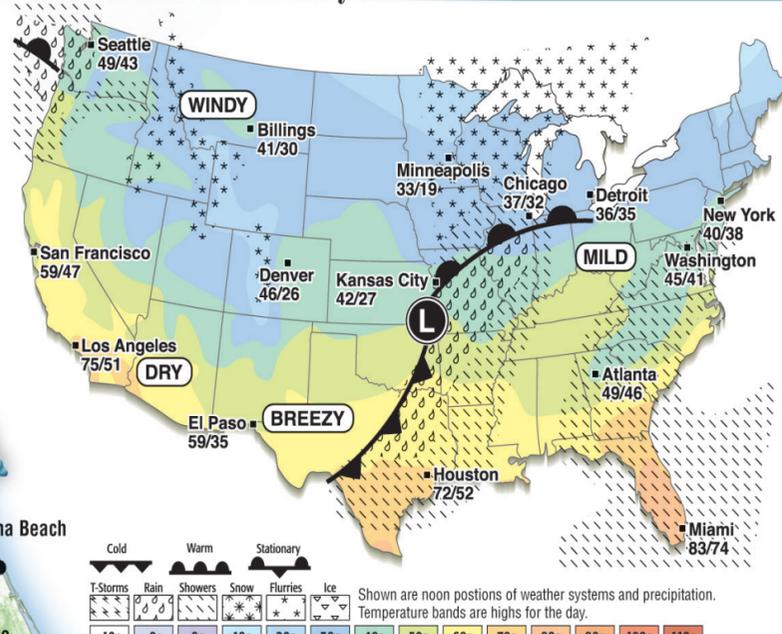
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Clouds and sun, a shower; warmer	Partly sunny, breezy and very warm	Delightful with some sunshine	A couple of showers possible	Periods of clouds and sunshine
82° / 65°	83° / 64°	77° / 64°	75° / 60°	75° / 52°
Winds: SE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSW at 10-20 mph	Winds: NE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SE at 3-6 mph	Winds: NNE at 6-12 mph

National Forecast for January 10



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	83°
Low Sunday	58°
High Monday	80°
Low Monday	40°
High Tuesday	59°
Low Tuesday	33°
High Wednesday	67°
Low Wednesday	48°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	81%
Expected air temperature	78°
Makes it feel like	82°

Barometer

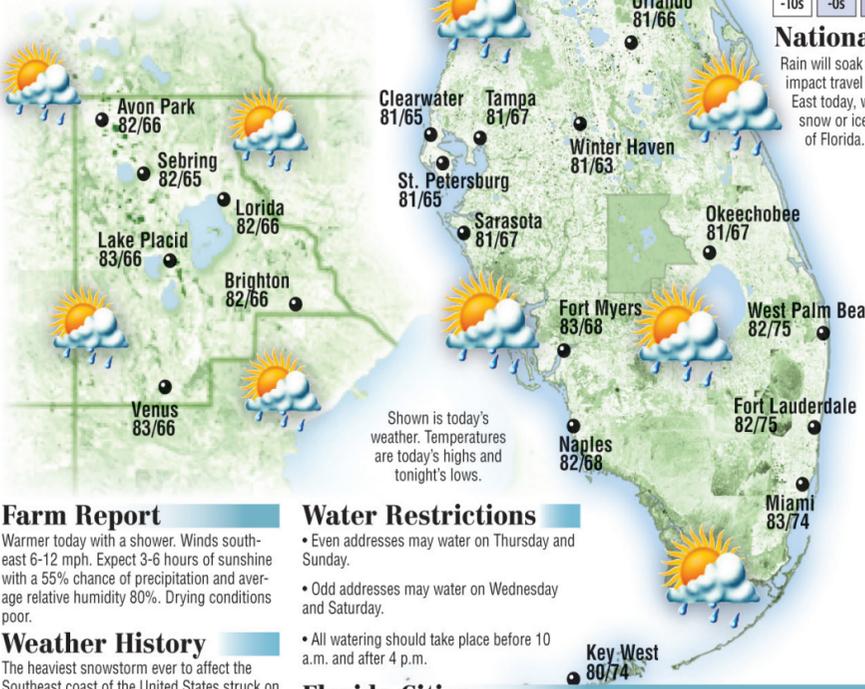
Monday	30.27
Tuesday	30.30
Wednesday	N.A.

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.01"
Month to date	0.60"
Year to date	0.60"

Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with a shower; warmer. Partly cloudy and warm tonight. Breezy and very warm tomorrow with clouds and sun. Sunday: delightful with some sunshine. Monday: a few showers.



Farm Report

Warmer today with a shower. Winds south-east 6-12 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 80%. Drying conditions poor.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

The heaviest snowstorm ever to affect the Southeast coast of the United States struck on Jan. 10, 1800. Along the St. Mary's River in northern Florida, 5 inches of snow fell.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	83/68/sh	81/67/pc	81/68/pc	Miami	83/74/pc	83/70/pc	82/72/pc
Clearwater	81/65/pc	78/64/pc	75/63/pc	Okeechobee	81/67/pc	82/65/pc	77/65/pc
Coral Springs	83/73/pc	83/67/pc	82/70/pc	Orlando	81/66/pc	81/64/pc	76/60/pc
Daytona Beach	79/65/pc	78/60/t	71/57/pc	Pembroke Pines	82/73/pc	83/67/pc	82/70/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	82/75/pc	82/69/pc	81/73/pc	St. Augustine	74/64/sh	75/50/r	67/53/pc
Gainesville	79/62/sh	76/50/r	71/49/pc	St. Petersburg	81/65/pc	79/63/pc	75/60/pc
Fort Myers	83/68/sh	82/67/pc	82/69/pc	Sarasota	81/67/pc	79/66/pc	76/66/pc
Hollywood	82/73/pc	83/67/pc	82/70/pc	Tallahassee	72/63/pc	75/45/r	68/43/s
Homestead AFB	81/73/pc	82/67/pc	82/70/pc	Tampa	81/67/pc	80/62/pc	74/55/pc
Jacksonville	76/62/pc	76/46/r	68/46/pc	W. Palm Bch	82/75/pc	83/67/pc	80/71/pc
Key West	80/74/pc	81/70/pc	81/69/pc	Winter Haven	81/63/pc	81/63/pc	75/62/pc

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	5:52 p.m.	5:53 p.m.
Moonrise	1:48 p.m.	2:32 p.m.
Moonset	2:30 a.m.	3:23 a.m.

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	11:44 a.m.
Low	4:37 a.m.
High	9:30 p.m.
Low	2:44 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	4:10 a.m.
Low	10:04 a.m.
High	4:18 p.m.
Low	10:29 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	14.02'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index® number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.



0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme
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U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	49/28/pc	53/32/s	53/25/pc	Los Angeles	75/51/s	70/50/pc	72/52/s
Atlanta	49/46/c	60/35/r	56/39/s	Louisville	52/42/c	50/34/r	51/41/s
Baltimore	42/36/f	60/36/r	54/32/pc	Memphis	56/42/sh	56/36/c	58/41/s
Birmingham	58/54/c	62/34/r	58/41/s	Minneapolis	37/31/f	36/20/c	36/23/sn
Boston	39/34/sn	55/40/r	46/35/r	Nashville	56/49/c	56/34/r	54/40/s
Charlotte	44/43/r	67/35/r	56/36/s	New Orleans	67/61/sh	69/45/sh	65/53/s
Cheyanne	37/29/pc	53/31/s	38/27/c	New York City	40/38/sn	56/46/r	49/38/pc
Chicago	37/32/f	37/23/sf	39/25/pc	Norfolk	54/49/c	70/44/r	52/41/pc
Cleveland	41/39/c	46/29/r	39/34/pc	Oklahoma City	55/31/r	63/35/s	65/34/s
Columbus	46/44/c	48/31/r	41/37/pc	Philadelphia	42/39/sn	60/43/r	48/37/pc
Dallas	66/40/r	65/41/pc	69/42/s	Phoenix	65/44/s	70/44/s	71/48/s
Denver	46/26/pc	55/32/s	49/27/c	Pittsburgh	45/43/c	51/32/r	39/34/pc
Detroit	36/35/c	43/28/r	36/34/pc	Portland, ME	32/25/c	45/30/f	42/27/r
Harrisburg	39/33/sn	53/34/r	42/29/pc	Portland, OR	49/45/r	48/42/r	48/42/sh
Honolulu	80/65/pc	82/67/sh	82/67/s	Raleigh	46/44/r	72/40/r	56/38/s
Houston	72/52/sh	70/41/pc	72/55/s	Rochester	38/35/sn	49/31/r	38/32/pc
Indianapolis	42/31/sh	43/28/r	45/34/s	St. Louis	49/34/r	47/32/c	54/35/s
Jackson, MS	62/51/sh	65/32/pc	64/43/s	San Francisco	59/47/s	57/45/c	59/44/s
Kansas City	42/27/r	42/33/pc	48/29/pc	Seattle	49/43/r	48/39/r	50/46/sh
Lexington	50/46/c	51/33/r	48/39/s	Wash., DC	45/41/f	64/40/r	48/37/pc
Little Rock	57/38/sh	56/33/pc	60/39/s				

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	91/72/s	89/72/pc	89/70/pc	London	48/41/sh	46/34/pc	46/39/r
Athens	64/49/s	65/48/pc	63/50/c	Montreal	27/26/c	45/30/f	37/27/sf
Beirut	63/50/c	63/53/s	65/54/r	Moscow	36/32/sn	35/23/sf	29/18/c
Berlin	45/35/pc	42/32/pc	39/28/pc	Nice	57/49/pc	60/49/pc	59/44/pc
Bermuda	68/65/c	71/68/pc	74/64/r	Ottawa	29/23/c	40/21/f	36/23/pc
Calgary	36/17/c	38/19/sn	33/29/pc	Quebec	21/21/pc	37/25/f	34/21/sf
Dublin	43/36/r	41/30/pc	45/37/r	Rio de Janeiro	90/78/s	92/79/s	92/77/s
Edmonton	31/17/pc	29/10/sn	32/19/c	Seoul	28/23/s	39/25/pc	36/14/pc
Freeport	79/73/pc	80/71/pc	79/72/pc	Singapore	86/76/r	86/76/t	85/76/sh
Geneva	52/37/s	51/39/s	51/37/s	Sydney	82/63/pc	90/67/pc	82/64/s
Havana	85/65/pc	85/66/s	85/65/pc	Toronto	36/33/c	43/27/r	35/28/pc
Hong Kong	65/60/pc	68/60/s	70/57/s	Vancouver	47/40/r	47/40/r	47/45/sh
Jerusalem	52/41/r	54/46/pc	54/42/c	Vienna	48/36/pc	48/38/pc	46/32/pc
Johannesburg	81/60/s	83/59/s	80/57/pc	Warsaw	45/37/sh	42/33/c	40/30/pc
Kiev	38/37/sh	41/31/c	41/28/c	Winnipeg	26/10/c	17/15/pc	29/27/sf

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Green Dragon soccer stays hot

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid Green Dragon Senior night was Icy Hot – the weather was cold, but the Green Dragons were not as they took a 3-0 win.

Six minutes into Tuesday's match with visiting Hardee, Osvaldo

Lake Placid Orduna slotted a ball through a tight Wildcat defense which was collected by Yoyi Gomez and placed past a diving goalie.

The Dragon defense then held tight and kept the 1-0 lead into the half.

Lake Placid extended its lead when Diego Mireles threw in and assisted a Dany Resendiz blast into the net.

The third and final goal was scored from a long driven pass from Jorge Godinez to a running Mireles who pushed the

ball past the goalie. The Green Dragon defense remained stingy, posting its sixth shutout of the season.

Both Alfredo Aguillon and Adrian Barragan shared the 3-0 shutout over Hardee.

"Our seniors made the most of this night," Dragon head coach James Ashley said. "Defensively, we posted a shutout. Every senior played an important role in tonight's win. They either scored or assisted a score and they all shared in preserving the shutout."

"It takes 11 players to keep the opponent from scoring," he continued. "This sport isn't a one man show and I'm so proud of this group. There is no mistake in why this group remained undefeated at home and on the road."

Their hard work and determination is special and has been fun to watch. We still have our season goal of a district tournament championship in sight and know



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files

Jorge Godinez assisted on a Dragon goal in Tuesday's 3-0 win over Hardee.

we still have to fight hard to get there. The things we can control is our effort and attitude and this group seniors are setting the bar high."

Lake Placid heads to the coast this weekend for the Jensen Beach Tournament, and return to regular season action Monday with a travel date at Sebring.

Changing weather equals tough fishing

It's hard to complain about our weather here in Highlands County in the last week or so when you see the entire nation gripped in a deep freeze – but I owe it to all the die-hard fishermen to at least bring it up.

Wind, and lots of it has plagued both crappie and bass fishermen over the past couple of weeks and Mother Nature added cold temperatures to the mix recently, keeping most of the fishermen off the water entirely.

I had to reschedule two bass fishing guide trips as a result of the inclement weather.

But the next 10 days is looking much better.

Temperatures are projected to be in the 80's over the weekend, with a drop back into the 70's for early next week.

Last Sunday we fished the fourth Okeechobee-Istokpoga Team Trail tournament on Lake Okeechobee – or I should say, we showed up.

My partner Nick DeSanta and I fished as hard as we've ever fished and it wasn't until 1 p.m. before either of us got our first hit.

A small bass, maybe 13 inches, gobbled up my Yum Dinger to become the first and only bass to see our livewell.

The day couldn't have been any nicer.

Light wind, sunshine and a rising barometer promised us a much better day than what we received.

Somebody always finds the fish though, and this tournament was no exception as 30 boats participated and Larry Bush and Kenny Harris won the event with five bass weighing in at 22.30 pounds.

They earned a healthy \$700 for their catch.

Jimmy Bass and Charles Bass took second place honors with five bass weighing 21.88 pounds along with a check for \$350.

Third place was the team of Norris Newhouse and Mike Dillon with 19.40 pounds, and a check for \$210, followed by Ken Karoll and Chris Crow with 19.32 pounds and \$130.

Big Bass was caught by John Saleeba and weighed 8.02 pounds earning him \$375.

Second big bass was caught by Gary Niemi weighing in at 7.82 pounds along with a check for \$125.

As usual, John Woods ran a great tournament and we're all looking forward to the next event on Lake Istokpoga.



Fishin' Around...

Don Norton

Sebring BassMasters

The newly formed Sebring BassMasters held their first meeting of 2014 on Tuesday and drew partners for their first tournament this Sunday on Lake Istokpoga.

Anyone interested in joining the club can give me a call for more information or stop by REDS.

Side View Depth Finders

Like many fisherman, I like fishing shallow water.

Shorelines, edges of grass beds, weedlines and reeds make up the majority of my time on the water.

I guess you could say I'm a "sight" fisherman.

I like to be able to pick out a target to cast or flip to.

As a result, I typically don't fish deeper water because there's generally no target.

The one exception would be spoonplugging, where I'll troll the entire water column with spoonplugs and stop only when I pick up a fish or two to cast jigs or worms.

But as Buck Perry used to say, if you want to know where the fish are, turn around because most fishermen fish the shallows and the home of the fish is deep water.

So I've been thinking about getting a side view depthfinder.

I have a couple of depthfinder/GPS's on my boat which help me to find and mark tree piles and other deep water structure, but I've always wanted the ability to see not only what is under the boat, but what's on either side.

In the last few years manufacturers have come out with some incredible side viewing depthfinders and only recently, dropped their prices to make the purchase more attractive.

From what I've read and heard, most of the side viewing depthfinders will read out to around 150' in both directions.

That could be invaluable in a deep water search for

See FISH, B3

Harder Hall off to sluggish start

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – Sure, the conditions were a bit on the chilly side at the onset of Wednesday's tee-off for the 59th Annual Harder Hall Women's Invitational, but generally in a field as talented as the one this prestigious tournament brings in, things usually heat up quickly.

Just last year, in similar conditions, Mika Liu posted an opening day 66, and on her way to the championship in 2011, Ashleigh Albrecht set a tournament record on the opening day with a 63.

That same day, three years ago, two other players shot 65s and three more carded 67s.

This wasn't the case Wednesday as nobody could really get a good run going and just one player came in under par – Shelby Martinek who carded a one-under par 71.

The Tempe, Az native, now in her junior year at the University of Arizona, was at least consistent, finishing the front nine at 35 and carding a 36 on the back.

Among the next grouping of players were a few that would be expected to play well in the cooler conditions – the UK connection.

England's India Clyburn and Samantha Fuller were



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Above: Sagee Palavivatana of Sacramento State blasts out of the sand trap Wednesday in the opening round of the 59th Annual Harder Hall Women's Invitational. Right: Shelby Martinek hits her approach shot on the 18th hole Wednesday to cap off her first-round leading 71.

just off the lead with a 72 and 73, respectively, while Scotland's Lauren Whyte and Eilidh Briggs came in at 73 and 74.

Florida native, Meghan Stasi of Oakland Park, was also in the mix at 73 with a slew of players well within range.

Emmy Martin of Odessa stood at 74, while Ansley Bowman, Tara Joy-Connelly, Aurora Kan, Olivia Lavy, Hally Leadbetter, Kristina Merkle and Cecily Overbey all have 75s.

Seven more players came

in with 76s and another quartet stood at 76.

And with Thursday's early morning mist and rain, scoring conditions weren't exactly improving.

Then again, it is often on such days that someone breaks away from the pack.

The bulk of tee-times were pushed back to late morning Thursday, hoping for a break in the weather, leaving round two scores too late for deadline.

See Sunday's News-Sun to see who made their moves in the middle two rounds of the Harder Hall.



Red Devils romp to win

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – After combining to score 58 points in their previous two games, Avon Park head coach Marty O'Hora was a bit worried about his Devils offensively.

"We've got to find a way to score when we're not hitting from the outside," he said after a 40-34 loss to Sebring on Friday, Jan. 3.

The worry might have been amped up some, considering they were entering a key district match-up against McKeel, whom Avon Park (13-5, 6-1) had edged 70-68 almost exactly a month earlier.

But what the Devils needed to do, they did – and then some – as the put the smack-

down on the visiting Wildcats (9-3, 4-2) in a 72-35 win.

"We didn't settle for jump shots," O'Hora said with relief after the blowout. "We attacked the basket and hit our free throws."

Avon Park didn't run away from the get go, as McKeel was pushing hard to break the tie atop the District 9-4A standings and kept things even at 10-10 after the opening eight minutes. From there, however, the Red Devils exploded in a combination of tenacious defense and aggressive offense that had the Wildcats reeling.

John Mason and Tyrone Perry combined for 14 second-quarter points and Avon Park rode a 13-0 run into the half for a 35-24 lead.

And they were just getting started.

An 19-11 margin in the third made it 54-35, and in a most dominant display, the Devils shut out McKeel over the final eight minutes of play, scoring 18 points themselves to provide for the final, lopsided margin.

Avon Park landed four players in double figures, with two more just a bucket away.

Mason lead the charge with 20 points and 11

rebounds, while Alfred Brown added 13 points, 5 assists and three steals.

Perry and Recarus Burley chipped in 10 each while Gus Owens and Ahmaad Smith each scored eight.

"We pushed the ball and kept our heads up," O'Hora said.

"It looked like we were having fun out there. That was the biggest difference."

And it's a difference, and bit of momentum, that the team hopes to keep going in the next big district contest, Friday at Frostproof.

The Bulldogs gave the Red Devils their only district loss of the season, by a 49-48 score on Tuesday, Dec. 10.



Courtesy photo

Ahmaad Smith chipped in eight points, but there were plenty of Devils sharing the scoring load in Tuesday's blowout of McKeel.

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New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 24

Sunday, Jan. 5

San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10
San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 11

New Orleans at Seattle, 4:35 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 12

San Francisco at Carolina, 1:05 p.m. (FOX)
San Diego at Denver, 4:40 p.m. (CBS)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 19

AFC, 3 p.m. (CBS)
NFC, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 26

At Honolulu
TBD, 7:30 p.m. (NBC)

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 2

At East Rutherford, N.J.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	17	17	.500	—
Brooklyn	14	21	.400	3.5
Boston	13	23	.361	5
New York	12	22	.353	5
Philadelphia	12	23	.343	5.5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	8	.771	—
Atlanta	19	17	.528	8.5
Washington	16	17	.485	10
Charlotte	15	21	.417	12.5
Orlando	10	25	.286	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	28	7	.800	—
Chicago	15	18	.455	12
Detroit	14	22	.389	14.5
Cleveland	12	23	.343	16
Milwaukee	7	27	.206	20.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	8	.778	—
Houston	23	13	.639	5
Dallas	20	16	.556	8
New Orleans	15	19	.441	12
Memphis	15	19	.441	12

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	—
Portland	27	9	.750	.5
Denver	17	17	.500	9.5
Minnesota	17	18	.486	10
Utah	12	25	.324	16

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	25	13	.658	—
Golden State	24	14	.632	1
Phoenix	21	13	.618	2
L.A. Lakers	14	22	.389	10
Sacramento	11	22	.333	11.5

Wednesday's Games

San Antonio 112, Dallas 90
Toronto 112, Detroit 91
Brooklyn 102, Golden State 98
Atlanta 97, Indiana 87
Houston 113, L.A. Lakers 99
Washington 102, New Orleans 96
Phoenix 104, Minnesota 103
Portland 110, Orlando 94
L.A. Clippers 111, Boston 105

Thursday's Games

Miami at New York, late
Oklahoma City at Denver, late
Friday's Games
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Miami at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	28	13	2	58	126	94
Tampa Bay	26	13	4	56	123	102
Montreal	25	15	5	55	115	106
Detroit	19	14	10	48	114	121
Toronto	21	18	5	47	122	132
Ottawa	19	18	8	46	129	145

BOXING FRIDAY

9 p.m. Juan Rodriguez vs. Arash Usmanee... ESPN2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SATURDAY

11 a.m. St. Louis at Dayton... ESPN2
Noon Notre Dame at Georgia Tech... 44
Noon North Carolina at Syracuse... ESPN
1 p.m. Florida at Arkansas... ESPN2
1:30 p.m. LSU at South Carolina... 38
2 p.m. Kansas State at Kansas... ESPN
3 p.m. Memphis at Temple... ESPN2
3:30 p.m. Kentucky at Vanderbilt... CBS
4 p.m. Alabama at Georgia... 38
5 p.m. Virginia at North Carolina State... ESPN2
6 p.m. Texas A&M at Tennessee... SUN

GOLF FRIDAY

11 a.m. EuroPGA - Volvo Golf Champions... GOLF
7 p.m. PGA - Sony Open in Hawaii... GOLF
SATURDAY
7 p.m. PGA - Sony Open in Hawaii... GOLF

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SATURDAY

4 p.m. Oak Ridge (Fl) at Montverde (Fl)... ESPN

NBA FRIDAY

8 p.m. Miami at Brooklyn... ESPN
10:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers... ESPN

NFL PLAYOFFS SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. New Orleans at Seattle... FOX
8 p.m. Indianapolis at New England... CBS

NHL SATURDAY

1 p.m. Tampa Bay at Philadelphia... SUN

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER SATURDAY

12:30 p.m. Manchester United vs. Swansea City... NBC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL SATURDAY

4 p.m. Texas-San Antonio at Southern Miss... SUN
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Florida	16	21	6	38	102	136
Buffalo	12	26	4	28	74	118
Metropolitan Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	32	12	1	65	147	107
Philadelphia	23	17	4	50	117	119
N.Y. Rangers	22	20	3	47	111	121
Washington	20	16	6	46	128	128
Carolina	18	16	9	45	105	124
New Jersey	17	18	9	43	103	113
Columbus	19	20	4	42	117	126
N.Y. Islanders	16	22	7	39	124	149

Vancouver	23	13	9	55	121	113
Phoenix	21	12	9	51	129	127
Calgary	15	22	6	36	100	137
Edmonton	14	27	5	33	119	161
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.						

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 3, Montreal 1
N.Y. Rangers 3, Chicago 2
Colorado 4, Ottawa 3, OT

Thursday's Games

Florida at Buffalo, late
Dallas at New Jersey, late
Toronto at Carolina, late
Washington at Tampa Bay, late
Anaheim at Nashville, late
St. Louis at Calgary, late
Minnesota at Phoenix, late
Boston at Los Angeles, late
Detroit at San Jose, late

Friday's Games

Dallas at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	29	8	9	67	169	127
St. Louis	30	7	5	65	155	97
Colorado	27	12	4	58	127	111
Minnesota	23	17	5	51	108	114
Dallas	20	15	7	47	123	131
Nashville	19	19	6	44	105	131
Winnipeg	19	22	5	43	125	139

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	32	8	5	69	151	113
San Jose	27	11	6	60	144	114
Los Angeles	26	13	5	57	114	91

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

TODAY: Boys Basketball at Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at All Saints, 8 p.m.; Girls Soccer at All Saints, 6 p.m.

MONDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer at District Tournament, Mulberry, TBD



Lake Placid

TODAY: Boys Basketball vs. Mulberry, 7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Mulberry, 6 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Moore Haven, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY: Boys Soccer at Jensen Beach Tournament, TBD

MONDAY: Boys Soccer at Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY: Boys Basketball at DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.



Sebring

TODAY: Boys Basketball at Lemon Bay, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Lemon Bay, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs. Okeechobee, 5/7 p.m.; Girls Soccer at Okeechobee, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY: Wrestling at Palmetto Invitational, 10 a.m.; Girls Weightlifting host Sub-Sectional Qualifier, 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY: Boys Soccer vs. Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Eagles looking for coaches

AVON PARK - The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization is accepting applications for football and cheer coaches at all age divisions for the 2014 season.

If you are interested in coaching, you may go online at www.highlandseagles.com, click on the Registration tab, and select Coach/Volunteer tab to view requirements and submit application.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cliff Howell at 863-253-7070, or Melissa Lane at 863-381-9325.

AP Softball sign-ups

AVON PARK - AP Softball will be holding registration for girls aged 4-15 on Saturday's, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, from 9 a.m.-1p.m. at the girls field on Anoka St.

Need to bring a copy of birth certificate.

Cost is \$60.

For more information, or any questions, call Cindy Bennett at 443-1663.

Hammock Half Marathon/5K

SEBRING - The 6th Annual Hammock Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk is set for Highlands Hammock State Park on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 with a 7:30 a.m. starting time.

Custom long-sleeve Dri-fit for Half Marathon and short-sleeve Dri-fit for the 5K.

This year's Half Marathon will also feature a team relay made up of up to four individuals running 3.0, 3.0, 3.0, and 3.1 mile sections.

Relay entry rates apply to all relay team members and should be submitted together with team name by January 17 in order for proper awards to be ordered.

Those desiring an entry form may contact race director Chet Brojek at cbrojek@comcast.net or by calling 385-4736 and leaving a message. Entry fee for the 5K is \$20 thru January 17 and \$30 after the 18th thru race day.

Hammock Half Marathon fees are \$35 thru January 17 and \$45 after the 18th.

Race day registration will be from 6:45-7:10 a.m.

The race features custom trophies or plaques for overall, master and grand master champions, trophies for first thru third in 16 male and female age groups in the Half and Trophy to first in age groups and medals for 2nd and 3rd in the 5K Run/Walk.

Chip timing will be provided by Central Florida Striders.

"The Half Marathon is made up of two 6.5 mile loops that utilize the trails and portions of the loop road. It is a challenging course, but provides you a chance to see areas of the park that you would not ordinarily see," said a Striders club member.

The proceeds of the race benefit the Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park who provide thousands of dollars of support to the park each year.

Visit friendsofhighlandshammock.org for more information.

LP Dixie Registration

LAKE PLACID - Registrations for the upcoming 2014 Lake Placid spring season are now being taken.

The open draft format will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 1p.m. at Lake June Ballfields for ages 7-8 and 9-10 (baseball) and 7-8-9 (softball).

No registrations will be taken after this date.

The Players draft is mandatory.

Any player not showing up for evaluation will be randomly placed on a team.

T-Ball and 30/30 teams will be announced at a later date.

League age for T-Ball, 30/30 and Baseball is child's age as of April 30, 2014.

Baseball age groups are as follows :T-Ball (age 5), 30/30 (age 5-6), Baseball (7-8) and Baseball (9-10).

League Age For Softball is child's age as of January 1, 2014.

The Softball age groups are as follows : Softball (7-8-9) Machine Pitch.

Registration prices are as follows: T-Ball and 30/30 is \$60 with Baseball and Softball being \$70.

Those fees include the town of Lake Placid's mandatory \$20 user fee for each player.

Registrations are available on the leagues web site www.lpyb.net.

Check out the leagues Facebook page by searching LakePlacid BaseballSoftball for updated information also.

The league is also looking for coaches, team sponsors or banner sponsors.

The season will be kicking off on Saturday, Feb. 8.

AP Rotary Golf Tourney set

AVON PARK - The annual David "Doc" Owen golf tourney hosted by the Rotary Club of Avon Park will be held at Highlands Ridge North golf course on Saturday, Feb. 22, with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start.

This year's tournament will be a four-person scramble format.

Entry fee is \$60 per person with checks made payable to Rotary Club of Avon Park.

An application and entry form may be obtained by emailing tourney director Chet Brojek at cbrojek@comcast.net or by calling him at 863-712-3524 (cell) or 385-4736 (land line).

The entry fee includes golf, cart, refreshments on the course, prizes and post golf meal in the clubhouse.

There will be 50/50, closest to the pin, putting contest, and other contests, plenty of raffle prizes and a great day of golf.

Proceeds benefit local charities supported by the Avon Park Noon Rotary Club.

Entry will be limited to the first 100 paid participants.

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Today's Tip

MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKIE WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

Short Flight



We watch pros hit lofted, accurate pitches to the cup. A high shot that carries much of the distance to the hole on the fly and then stops is pretty difficult to pull off. A better approach for a novice golfer is to "keep it low." Figure out what club you need to loft the ball just 3 feet onto the putting surface and also give it enough run to reach the hole. Calculate that "3-foot on" target spot and choose the club that will chip it there on a "short flight." Hitting the shortest possible chip beats the guesswork out and will allow you to play these shots with confidence.

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

Senior softball starts up in Lake Placid

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid Senior Softball kicked off its 22nd season with a new format.

The league is now 60 and over, and the season will be split in two, with champions in each session and trophies to the winning sponsors. Four teams will vie for the split season hardware.

A draft determined the team rosters, with the managers drawing their own names last.

Games are Mondays and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the Lake June Ball Fields.

On Wednesday, Seminole Tire (2-0) made it a winning week by upending Central Security (0-2) 17-10. The 'Noles

turned two more double plays.

Bob Roth (triple) and Paul Stephenson led the offense with four hits, while a quintet of hitters tallied three each.

Joe Hedges and Dick Cook paced Central with three hits each, with Hedges slamming a home run.

Yates Insurance (1-1) toppled Schooni's (1-1) 31-17. Richard Rucker (two doubles), Bill Gallagher (double), Darrell Richards, Howard Carney, and Manager Doran Quigg had five hits each, while Brian Heaphy, winning pitcher Don Ward, and John McCallum logged four hits.

For Schooni's, "Wild Bill" DeStefano homered.

Pete Mathews (double) tallied four hits, while Kyle Saunders (double, triple) and Harvey Jones (double) had three hits each.

Norm Grubbs connected for a double and a triple in the loss.

In Monday action, Seminole Tire defeated three time defending league champion Yates Insurance 21-18.

The stout 'Noles defense turned four double plays, with shortstop Bob Roth the catalyst three times.

Winning pitcher "Wahoo" Stanley aided his own cause with a triple and home run, while Roth and Paul Stephenson each doubled twice.

Ed Engler and rookie JR

Garver had four hits apiece.

For Yates, Richard Rucker (double, triple.), Bill Gallagher (two doubles), and Cliff Bluml (double) had four hits each.

Schooni's dispatched Central Security 21-15.

The Restaurateurs were led by Paul Brand with four hits and "Wild Bill" DeStefano (double), Norm Grubbs (double), and Elston Hedges with three hits each.

For the Securitymen, Ross Anderson and JC Brown had four hits, while Mel Gross, Dana Hurlbut, Joe Hedges, and Dick Cook chipped in with three each.

For further league information, visit lpsoftball.com.

Alex Coyne gets some TV time



Courtesy photo
Former Lady Dragon, and current Golden Eagle, Alex Coyne can be seen in action on TV this weekend. SUN Sports channel will be airing the Texas-San Antonio at Southern Miss women's basketball game at 4 p.m. Saturday. Check your provider for the channel number. "I think it's a good opportunity," Coyne said. "I've had such an amazing support group at home and it's awesome they can catch a game."

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Lake June West

The Monday Ladies teed off on Jan. 6, and saw the team of Annie Hall, Verna Knishka, Barbara Kannheiser and Janice Barringer come in with a 37 for the win.

A pair of 38s came in, with Helene Mellon, Patty Mancuso, Sylvia West and Kay Kalusniak getting the match of cards nod over Joanne McGill, Beth Schuenke, Charlotte Mathew and Beth Little.

Marie Ailor hit to within 25-feet of No. 8 in closest to the pin, while Wanda Jones got to 17-feet, 1/2-inch from No. 4 and Kalusniak to 5-feet, 2-inches from No. 2.

A Mixed Scramble was played on Thursday, Jan. 2.

John and Kim Givens teamed with Ralph and Beth Little to card a 51 and take the win.

Lynn Husen was joined by the Byron's, John and Shelly, and

the Schultz's, Tom and Margaret, to card at 53 for second place.

Taking third with a 54 was Doris Weeks, Orville and Eva Huffman, Bob and Elaine Orr.

For closest to the pin, Joanne McGill hit to 19-feet, 2-inches from No. 8, Larry Heath got to 18-feet, 4-inches from No. 4 and Eva Huffman to 5-feet, 3-inches from No. 2.

A Men's Best Ball event was played on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Dick Denhart, Bill Fowler and Bob Knishka teamed up to card a 42 for the win, and Orville Huffman, Norm Grubbs, Porky Neur and John Ruffo were a shot behind at 43 for second.

Bob Berard hit to 19-feet, 1-inch from No. 8, Joe Swartz to 10-feet, 10-inches from No. 2 and Grubbs to 1-foot, 10-inches from No. 4.

Fish results should rise with temperatures

Continued from B1

both bass and crappie.

Humminbird, a brand I've come to use and trust over the years has a nice unit, the 698ci HD SI that is only \$699.99 and I've finally decided to take the plunge.

I looked at a very similar unit back in September for \$999.99 and just couldn't justify the price.

But this unit appears to do everything I'd want in a side view depthfinder so I'll soon have it mounted on my Ranger.

I'll probably still be more of a shallow water fisherman but at least with a side view of the bottom of the lake, I may be able to find more "targets" in deeper water and truly figure out if the fish do in fact live in deep water.

I'll let you know how it works out.

REDS Big Bass tournament

Saturday, Jan. 11, will be the third REDS BIG BASS Tournament and the first in the new year. In November we fished Lake Jackson and the winner took home \$300 for a 2.6 lb bass.

Then, last month, we fished Lake Lotela and the winner took home \$500 for 5.8 pounder.

Saturday, 15 boats and about 25 fishermen will attempt to catch the biggest bass (hopefully it will be bigger than the November winning fish).

The tournament was open to 15 boats, with either 1 or 2 fishermen per boat with

each paying an entry fee of \$25.

We filled out the 15 boats and if we end up with 20 or more fishermen – which we probably will – the tournament will pay out 75-percent to first place and 25-percent to second.

Only one bass can be weighed in per individual.

The tournament will start at first light and end at 12 noon.

The public is invited to attend the weigh-in.

The winner of the tournament will choose the big bass lake for our next tournament in February.

I'll post the results in next week's column.

Even with the rough weather the past couple of weeks, fishing is only going to get better.

Temperatures should begin to level out and with the upcoming spawn, fishing should be outstanding!

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

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Healthy Living

How to have a healthier new year



Guest Column
Dr. Diana Carr

Some of the most common resolutions involve diet and exercise. These are often hard to keep because many of us have the idea that the best diet is one that involves being hungry or eating a limited number of foods or subsisting on odd things like juice, paleo or raw

foods. When successful dieters (those that lost weight and kept it off) were studied, they had one thing in common. They picked diets that were easy for them and incorporated these choices into their lifestyle. Thin people who were studied also had one useful habit in common – they stopped eating when they were full.

The American Heart Association (AHA) recommends less salt in our diets. This is getting easier to do as many foods have reduced salt versions. Trans fats (bad ones) are also disappearing from foods. Reading labels will help you choose the healthiest foods. Low fat versions of favorite food items often taste the same as the higher fat versions. As they become more popular, the prices of the healthier options are coming down.

While the calorie savings for each product are small, they are like the old joke about federal spending – a million here, a million there and pretty soon it adds up to real money. The best advice I ever got about salt was to cook rice and many vegetables, like squash and green beans, in vegetable broth. This not only cuts down on salt, but makes them so flavorful that you can cut down on butter, too.

There are many good resources for cooking advice – magazines like Cooking Light, newspapers, online cookbooks from places like the Mayo Clinic (www.Mayoclinic.org) and TV cooking channels. A healthy cooking class in one northern area found that not only did people get healthier as they learned a healthier diet, but their food bills also went down.

Many people like losing weight with



Easy New Year's resolutions to keep you healthy include things like making better food choices and to stop eating when you are full.

a friend or in a group. The Weight Watchers program is very helpful with strategies for eating out, as well as flexibility to use your daily calories to suit you. Remember the best diet is one you like and can do easily.

Thomas Jefferson said, "I have lived temperately, eating little animal fat and that ... as a condiment for the vegetables which constitute my principle diet." His gardens at Monticello introduced 330 vegetable varieties into the Virginia diet. The most common of these are tomatoes, okra, eggplant, lima beans, peanuts and peppers. (He also brought macaroni and cheese from France, but that is another story).

The AHA is now recommending this diet eating small portions of meat combined with filling up on the healthier and less caloric vegetables and fruit. In Florida, we are lucky to have a wide variety of these available.

Thirty minutes of moderate physical activity is still the recommended exercise. You need to push out of your comfort zone, but it should not hurt.

Walking is still the best exercise as it helps your heart, strengthens your bones and anyone can do it. You just need a safe place to walk and a good pair of shoes.

So get ready for your adventure in finding new foods and remember my personal motto: never eat a calorie you cannot taste. Hopefully, next year you will have developed such healthy habits you will not need resolutions.

Dr. Diana D. Carr treats patients at The Hand & Shoulder Specialists offering specialty care close to home with a concentration on healing shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand problems. She is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Her long list of achievements include being an Orthopaedic Surgeon certified as a hand specialist. For more information, visit <http://hand-shoulder-specialist.com> or call 382-7777. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your condition.

Is your daughter at risk for cervical cancer?

Dear Pharmacist: My daughter has cervical dysplasia, and I'm wondering if the HPV vaccine will protect her from getting cancer. Will it? How can a young woman protect against this cancer?

– J.D., Silver Springs

Answer: No, it's never been proven to prevent cancer. The HPV vaccine Gardasil protects against 2 strains of HPV, human papilloma virus, but there are approximately 40 strains that can be sexually transmitted. I couldn't possibly know what your daughter has been infected with, and for that matter, if she has been infected at all. You don't have to have HPV to have dysplasia, that is a big surprise to most people! The commercials for vaccines have convinced almost everyone that cervical dysplasia is caused by a virus, the HPV virus, but other situations can cause it to.

I didn't vaccinate my daughter when she was of age, but the topic if vaccination is personal. Some women don't get any side effects while others react profoundly, with life-threatening reactions. From the Gardasil website, "The side effects include pain, swelling, itching, bruising, and redness at the injection site, headache, fever, nausea, dizziness, vomiting, and fainting. Fainting can happen after getting Gardasil. Sometimes people who faint can fall and hurt themselves. For this reason, your child's health care professional may ask to sit or lie down for 15 minutes after they get Gardasil. Some people who faint might shake or become stiff."

Cervical dysplasia means there is extra cell growth in the cervical tissue, it doesn't necessarily progress to cancer. In fact, most of the time it does not.

The risk factors that could cause it to progress to cancer faster include having multiple sexual partners, long-term use of oral contraceptive (longer than five years), drinking alcohol, smoking, eating



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

poorly, having unprotected sex, and low immunity. One other factor is huge, but rarely discussed, and that includes a methylation defect, which has to do with B vitamins.

You should read that article on folate and methylation posted at my website, "Methylation Problem Leads to 100s of Diseases." If you have a methylation problem, your daughter probably does too.

Many doctors use the "wait and see" approach if a woman gets an abnormal pap. I strongly disagree because the virus is present and already causing abnormal cell growth in the cervix. Wait and see what?! This is precisely the time to step in and do something to reduce your risk of cancer. You have many treatment options, medications and procedures, even simple things. For example, folate and B12 status can be determined and corrected (I'm telling you, read that methylation article!). Stop smoking/drinking, evaluate vitamin A status because low serum retinol levels are linked to cervical cancer.

One study found that broccoli extract "indole 3-carbinol" could cause regression of cervical dysplasia. I'm out of space here, but I have more I want to tell you. Get my free newsletter (dearpharmacist.com) and I'll email a longer version of this in two weeks.

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.

Snapshots

Community outreach events planned

Ace Homecare has scheduled the following community outreach events next week:

- Monday – 9 a.m., Music and Motion, Rest Haven (Zolfo Springs); and 10:30 a.m., health fair, Chatham Point (Wauchula).
- Wednesday – 1:30 p.m., Gaming, Cross Point Assisted Living Facility

- (Sebring).
 - Thursday – 10 a.m., Music and Motion, Balmoral Assisted Living and Memory Care (Lake Placid).
 - Friday – 8:30 a.m., health fair, Covered Bridge Community (Lake Placid).
 All programs are free of charge and are open to the public. For more information, call ACE Homecare at 385-7058.

- has planned the following community outreach events for next week:
 - Monday – 6:30 a.m., Sebring Arc off Queen Palm Drive (Sebring); and 8 a.m., Hammock Estates off Hammock Road (Sebring).
 - Tuesday – 7:30 a.m., Lakeside Gardens off County Road 621 (Lake Placid); 9 a.m., Heron's Landing next to post office (Lake Placid); and 12:30 p.m., Groves of Victoria

- Park (Sebring).
 - Wednesday – 8 a.m., Neibert's Fish Camp off U.S. 98 (Sebring).
 - Thursday – 8 a.m., Crystal Lake Park off State Road 17 (Sebring); and 10:30 a.m., Balmoral Caregiver Support Group (Lake Placid).
 Each site is hosting the events with using Comprehensive Homecare and is open to the public.

Study: Tobacco control has saved millions

CHICAGO (AP) — Anti-smoking measures have saved roughly 8 million U.S. lives since a landmark 1964 report linking smoking and disease, a study estimates, yet the nation's top disease detective says dozens of other countries do a better job on several efforts to cut tobacco use.

The study and comments were published online Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

In one study, researchers used national health surveys and death rates to calculate how many deaths might have occurred since 1964 if Americans' smoking habits and related deaths had continued at a pace in place before the report.

More than 42 percent of U.S. adults smoked in years

preceding the report; that rate has dropped to about 18 percent.

The researchers say their calculation — 8 million deaths — equals lives saved thanks to anti-smoking efforts.

Their report also says tobacco controls have contributed substantially to increases in U.S. life expectancy.

For example, life expectan-

cy for 40-year-olds has increased by more than five years since 1964; tobacco control accounts for about 30 percent of that gain, the report says.

The conclusions are just estimates, not hard evidence, but lead author Theodore Holford, a biostatistics professor at Yale University's school of public health, said the numbers "are pretty striking."

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BYOB

Religion

Gospel Sing in LP to showcase local talent, benefit ministry

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — The Community Gospel Sing to be hosted at First Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 began six years ago as the fulfillment of a long-term dream of local resident Jan Schoonover. “I just loved the good Southern Gospel music,” she explains, “and we wanted to do something to help Manna Ministries.” Following the Gospel circuit for years had acquainted her with some of the local talent, so Schoonover picked up the phone to see if she could rally her contacts to raise support for the food ministry.

“Our first year, we had a group that was all made up of local pastors,” she recalls. “There was a big picture in the papers, and a caption that read ‘Pastors’ Quartet.’”

That was in 2008, and quite a few things have changed since then. Among other changes, Schoonover no longer makes all

the phone calls to line up the performers. “Now people call us,” she said. Singers and musicians come to the event from all over the county, from Venus, Lake Placid, and Sebring. None of the performers receive any compensation, as the love offering collected during the program is given to Manna Ministries in its entirety.

“It’s all about Jesus,” Schoonover said. “We want to honor Him and help Manna and help people to enjoy helping Manna.”

One of the special features of the Gospel Sing is the signing provided throughout the program for the hearing impaired. This component began when a friend confided to Schoonover that she knew several people who would have attended the Gospel Sing if signing had been provided. Another friend put her in touch with Richard Swearingen, and the deliberate effort to involve those who have trouble hearing is bearing fruit. As an example of that,

Schoonover says someone commented on the signing last year, “You don’t know how much I needed that.”

For Schoonover, the Gospel Sing is yet another way for her to give back to the community. “It’s my way of volunteering at Manna,” she says with a smile playing around the corners of her mouth. She’s been in this community since she and her husband Stan left Michigan in 1973.

“We had a 10-foot trailer, two kids, no job, and no place to live,” she remembers. “We didn’t have any money, but we knew how to work.” That can-do spirit continues to motivate her today as she organizes local talent to help others.

“We’ve got a lot of variety this year,” she said. There are 13 groups this year, representing more than 25 performers. The concert will feature instrumentalists, vocal quartets, and soloists of all ages. Some of those involved include Charles Reynolds, René

Haney, His Willing Vessels, Susan Patterson, R. T. Byrum, and the Finke and Sager sisters, members of Diane Osborne’s Young Artists String Orchestra.

As with any special event, community involvement has been crucial. “We always have a good crowd,” Schoonover says, “but we could have more. It’s good entertainment, and it’s a program you can’t get anywhere else. Manna has a very important work.” She is particularly grateful for the support of workers and helpers whose hard work helps to make the event possible, to Anthony Haney, who acts as announcer, and to the First Presbyterian Church, which has hosted the event since 2012.

The Community Gospel Sing to benefit Manna Ministries will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18. The church is at 117 N. Oak Ave. between Dal Hall Boulevard and Interlake Drive. Call 465-2742.

Rob Mills Family to perform

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — The Rob Mills Family from central Michigan will be at Leisure Lakes Baptist Church for the 10:45 a.m. service Sunday.

Their style is fresh, entertaining, and often humorous, as well as inspirational. They specialize in following old hymns and transforming them through the decade of the 50s through current changes in modern musical forms. Along the way, they change their dress and style to match cultural swings of the period.

They have been sought after by many of the larger churches across the country. “We are pleased, honored, and excited to have them join us at Leisure Lakes, in Lake Placid, as a part of our winter concert series, said Pastor Don Roberts.

Following the morning service, everyone is invited to stay for an old-fashion “dinner on the grounds” in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome. The church is at the western end of Lake June. From U.S. 27 take Lake June Road to Miller, turning north on Wildflower. Call 699-0671 for details.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

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ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

♦ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catylist class (20’s+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptist.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-ship.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 Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the “Place to discover God’s love.” For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

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

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

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

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

0671 for more information.

♦ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

♦ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. 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/ mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcath.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., fjrose@stcath.com or 385-0049; Parochial

Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

CHRISTIAN

♦ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, (Saxon Hall) 1003 West Pine St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-7679.

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

♦ **Christian Science Church**, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth 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.

Religion

Whitley to speak at Bible Conference

SEBRING – Doug Whitley will be the guest speaker for the January Bible Conference at Maranatha Baptist Church, Jan. 12-15. Meetings will be at 6 p.m. each evening and at 9 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday.



Whitley

Whitley uses his abilities and training in dramatic production to bring to life the testimonies and preaching of godly leaders of the past. In his characterizations, he “becomes” D. L. Moody, King David, Hudson Taylor, the apostle Paul, George Mueller, Daniel, Andrew Murray and through these characters preaches the

Word. He is an actor, professor, preacher, and has appeared in three Christian films, as well as radio and television programs.

He began this itinerant ministry in 1990, and this will be his second visit to Maranatha.

The Maranatha congregation extends a cordial welcome to friends from the community to share in these meetings. The church is in Maranatha Village off Arbuckle Creek Road, two miles east of State Road 17 North. For more information call 382-4301 or 214-4859.

Cameron starts mini-series

LAKE PLACID – Rev. Raymond W. Cameron of First Presbyterian Church will start a four-week mini-series on “Why We Love

Christ’s Church” beginning Sunday. The series will explore a few of the reasons why Christians should love the church and why the message of the church is so vitally important.

First Presbyterian Church is at 117 N. Oak Ave., between Dal Hall Boulevard and Interlake.

Spring Lake UMC has garage, bake sale

SEBRING – Spring Lake United Methodist Church will have its annual garage sale and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The church will also serve breakfast consisting of french toast and sausage and breakfast casserole, and lunch, consisting of vegetable beef soup, hot dogs and sloppy

The church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane, a quarter mile east of the hardware store on U.S. 98.

Grace Harmony at Sebring Christian

SEBRING – Grace Harmony will be in concert at Sebring Christian Church at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. Tom Shelton will be in concert.

There is no cost to attend these concerts, but a love offering for the artists is always gratefully accepted.

The church has also begun collecting items for its Annual Relay For Life Yard Sale, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24-25. The church is accepting donations from the public of yard sale type items. All proceeds from the yard sale will go

directly to Relay for Life. To donate items to the yard sale, call 382-6676 to set up a good time for drop off.

weRcalled to be in concert

LAKE PLACID – What started out as a jam session in the family room led to the formation of a dynamic praise group. Calling themselves weRcalled, this band is composed of talented and professionally trained musicians whose passion is to spread the good news and truth from God through their music. Their upbeat rhythms and spiritual lyrics inspire and send listeners jumping and on their knees in praise.

Be a part of this amazing musical event by watching them perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the First Baptist Church of Placid

Lakes, 116 Cleveland Ave. NE. They will also be speaking for a youth rally, so don’t miss this event.

Greg Buchanan to be in concert

SEBRING – The next performance of the St. John Concert Series will feature talented harpist Greg Buchanan. In his early years, Buchanan could do anything where music was involved. At age 3, his mother sat him on her lap and began teaching him the piano. By age 9, he decided playing the harp was for him and began winning competitions from his tremendous music ability.

As a young man Buchanan spent four years in the U.S. Navy Band in Washington,

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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, “primitimers,” 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. Birthdays are 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 Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

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

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

♦ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpcpl.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday Traditional Worship, 8 and 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult small group Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group (6-12th grades) 7 p.m., nursery and children’s ministry, 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

♦ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA)**, 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacons meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearsals at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Susan 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.discoverjesus.org

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Religion

Avon Park Christian Church

AVON PARK – Pastor Greg Ratliff will preach out of James 1 on Sunday. The sermon is “Listen Carefully” with the theme being “Listen and Obey What You Hear”.

Wednesday Movie Night starts at 6 p.m. If unable to attend due to transportation needs, contact the church in advance to get a ride.

Avon Park Christian Church is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wells Fargo Bank). Call 453-5334 or email apcc.2014@yahoo.com/. The church website is www.avonparkchristianchurch.com/.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK – Pastor Scott McLean will be preaching a sermon titled “It Is Safe Now to Go Back into the Water.”

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 “Sacrament”. The keynote is from Palms 67:6 God, ... God, even our own God, shall bless us.”

The church is at 154 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING – Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled “Promises to Keep” at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING – Continuing the series on Profiles in Courage, Pastor Cecil Hess will preach Sunday on “James – Call Me If You Need Me.” Special music will be by the adult choir and the male quartet.

Sunday night, Leisure Acres is hosting Buttonwood Bay choir and other musical groups for its 7 p.m. worship service.

Buttonwood Bay is four miles south of Highlands Regional Medial Center on U.S. 27. Call 382-1737.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING – Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, “Then ...” with scripture from Psalm 29 and Matthew 3:13-17.

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 – This Sunday, Pastor Bill Cole will preach “Victory!” from the book of Romans. At 6 p.m., he will preach “The Burning Question” from the Gospel of John.

Visit the website www.faithbaptistchurchLP.com or call the church office at 465-0060.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING – This Sunday, the church celebrates Baptism of Our Lord. Guest Pastor FLGA District President Greg Walton will deliver his sermon based on the readings of the day from Psalm 29,

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Isaiah 42:1-9, Romans 6:1-11 and Matthew 3:13-17

Friday mornings the new study group, “Malachi: A Love That Never Lets Go” by Lisa Harper, will meet. The group is on its second week, so it is not too late to join.

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” and will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17.

This week the church will study “Renewal” from Romans 8:8-17, 26-27.

First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK – Rev. Jon Beck will preach from James 2:14-26 on Sunday.

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

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING – The pastor’s sermon on Sunday will be “Paul’s Chains Advance the Gospel,” with scripture from Philippians 1:12-18.

Assisting during the Communion service will be Elders Howard Lewis and Diane Beidler. The deacon for the day is Carol Chandler. Greeting the congregation will be Diane Beidler.

AA meetings for the public are held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK – On Sunday, Pastor Bob Johnson’s sermon is titled “Fear and Knowledge” based on Proverbs (select verses from 1:7 to 31:30).

The choir’s introit will be “Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord” and the anthem, “Ascribe to the Lord” with a flute solo by Kathleen Richards.

The adult Sunday school class is using the denominational quarterly. The theme this quarter is the Gospel of Matthew. Sunday’s lesson is titled “Jesus Begins His Public Ministry” based on Matthew 4:1-25.

Monday through Wednesday the Women’s Ministries will have their annual Week of Prayer. Continental breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m. and the program from 10-11 a.m. Each day there will be speakers, with Jean Lund as a special guest speaker on Tuesday.

There will also be the singing of hymns and an offering each day for Outreach North America. The public is invited.

On Wednesday evening, a family potluck will be held. The program will feature guest harpist Vicknel Berrios. Bring a meat or vegetable dish, a salad or dessert. Table service and beverages will be provided. The public is invited.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. Call 453-3242 or check the website, avon-parkapchurch.com/.

First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING – Rev. Darrell A. Peer’s sermon on Sunday will be “Give God All the Glory.”

The Women’s Ministries Board will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

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

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING – The Rev. John Bryant will bring the message and the Adult Vocal Ensemble will provide the anthem on Sunday. The Fine Food and Fellowship Dinner will be served following the church services.

The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Call the church office for information at 385-5184.

Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING – The beginning of every month was a reason to celebrate in the Jewish tradition. This month is “Shevat” Rosh Chodesh. God predetermines your time and your boundaries (see Acts 17:24-29). He has pre-appointed times ... seasons, year, month, week, day, night, hour, moment.

Word of the week is “Art of Imitation” – Luke 6:60.

Tuesday evening, the pastor will teach on the tribe Asher. Call the church at 658-2535 for location and direction to the Bible study.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID – Pastor Tim Haas’s sermon on Sunday will be “Making Dad Proud” using Psalm 29:1-2. Music will be provided by the choir and the praise band.

Memorial’s worship service at Lake Placid Health Care Center will be led by Pastor Jerry McCauley at 3:45 p.m. on Sunday.

Elevate, a group for middle school girls, meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, call 465-2422. The church is at 500 Kent Ave. behind the Tower.

New Beginnings Church

SEBRING – On Sunday, Pastor Gary Kindle’s sermon is titled “Baptism, dead to sin, alive to God” based on Romans 6:1-11.

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

New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

SEBRING – Pastor Luke John Willitz’s sermon on Sunday will be “The Savior is Revealed!” from Matthew 3:13-17.

The church is at 3725 Hammock Road. Call 385-2293 or visit www.newlife-sebring.com/.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING – Pastor Jim Scaggs will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, “Living As God’s People.” 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 “The Baptism of Jesus.” Biblical reference is from Matthew 3:13-17.

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Kevin's Komments

Kevin Patterson

A small farming community once found itself in the midst of a severe drought. If rain did not come soon, the crops would surely die. Seeing the despair all around him, the local preacher called upon the power of prayer. Quoting Jesus in Matthew 21:22, the preacher said, “And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.” With those words, he encouraged all of the townspeople to join him that evening to pray that God might send the rain they so desperately needed.

That night, every man, woman, and child for 20 miles showed up at the church building. All were ready to engage themselves in hours of prayer, if that was what was necessary to relieve the drought. When it was time to begin, the preacher stood up and told everyone to go home. “There will be no prayers offered here tonight,” he said.

Shocked at what they had just heard, the crowd asked the preacher why there would be no time of prayer. “The reason,” he replied, “is simple. There is no faith in this room.”

Angered at what seemed to be a rather judgmental

answer, the people demanded that the preacher justify such a harsh statement. The preacher calmly responded, “Every one of you came here tonight to ask God to help you by sending rain. Yet, not one of you showed up with enough faith to bring an umbrella.”

Most everyone who believes in Christianity claims that faith is essential if one wants to be saved, and that is certainly true. But, what is faith? Faith is defined in Hebrews 11:1 as “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

In other words, once we know the facts that God has spelled out for us so plainly in the Bible, we then have a decision to make: Do we believe those facts or not? Obviously, if we choose not to believe God’s word, then our discussion ends there.

However, if we choose to believe the scriptures, then we must do so with a biblical faith, being “assured” and “convicted” of the saving truth that has been put before us in God’s holy word.

But, is faith really that important? Hebrews 11:6 reads, “And without faith it is impossible to please Him for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” Faith is the most basic building block for anyone who desires to develop a relationship with the Almighty God. Without it, nothing else works.

But, is faith alone sufficient? Many people believe that faith by itself is enough to save them. The problem arises when one reads the Bible and finds out that God’s word teaches just the opposite. Next week, we will discuss what else, in addition to our faith, is necessary in order to be saved. Hint: James 2:24.

Kevin's Komments is written by Kevin Patterson and presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ assembling at 3800 Sebring Parkway. Visit www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com

Snapshots

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DC. Following military service, he experienced professional success in southern California.

Unfortunately being introduced to alcohol and later drugs, Buchanan found himself in and out of mental hospitals and jails. He enrolled in college, determined to reconstruct his life. Due to a friend’s invitation to a Christian concert, Jesus Christ entered his heart that night. God is given all the credit for the triumphant life Buchanan now lives.

This outstanding concert will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at St. John United Methodist Church, 3214 Grand Prix Drive. Call the church at 382-1736 for information. A donation will be taken.

Youth For Christ announces Prayer Vigil

SEBRING – Youth For Christ Highlands County announces its annual Community Wide Prayer Vigil to be held from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. The focus of these non-denominational vigils is to pray for the youth of the county by focusing on the areas that impact them: church, family, business, government and school.

Each topic will be briefly addressed by various community leaders, followed by an adult and a youth prayer warrior. Uplifting worship music will prepare all hearts for worship, prayer and praise of our Lord.

The Prayer Vigil will take place at Wings of Faith Worship Center, 4348

Schumacher Road.

Worship music will be led by the Wings of Faith choir. Call 386-0005 for more information.

Church hosts Ladies Birthday Party

AVON PARK – The women of Avon Park Christian Church will have its annual Ladies Birthday Party at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at the church, 1016 W. Camphor St (behind McDonalds). All women are invited to attend. Bring your mother, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother, friend, neighbor, or someone new.

There will be entertainment, good food, fellowship, door prizes and fun for all who attend. The theme is “Walking with the Lord” and the guest speaker is Denise Williams, Highlands County’s Veterans Services Officer.

Williams has served in active duty in the U.S. Army and is now in the Army Reserves. She has served in Iraq in 2011 and Afghanistan in 2012.

Tickets for the birthday party are \$3 each and can be purchased at the church office from 8 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday or by calling 453-5334 or 443-1658.

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Diversions/Puzzles

Latest 'Paranormal Activity' offers more of the same scares in different package

By BOB GARVER

Special to the News-Sun

I have to wonder why the new "Paranormal Activity" movie is coming out now instead of October...



'Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones' offers the same jump scares and creepy footage that the series is known for.



Movie Review 'Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones'

Rating: R (pervasive language, some violence, graphic nudity, drug use) Running time: 84 minutes Review: ★★ (of 4)

Sandoval) who is suspected of being a witch. And when I say "take an interest" I mean that they gossip, call her names and sneak a camera into her apartment...

further when Anna is murdered by a formerly mild-mannered classmate named Oscar (Carlos Pratts) who seems to have been affected by something otherworldly.

Fans of the franchise know what to expect: some funny false alarms, some suspicious stuff, some acts undeniably perpetrated by the forces of evil...

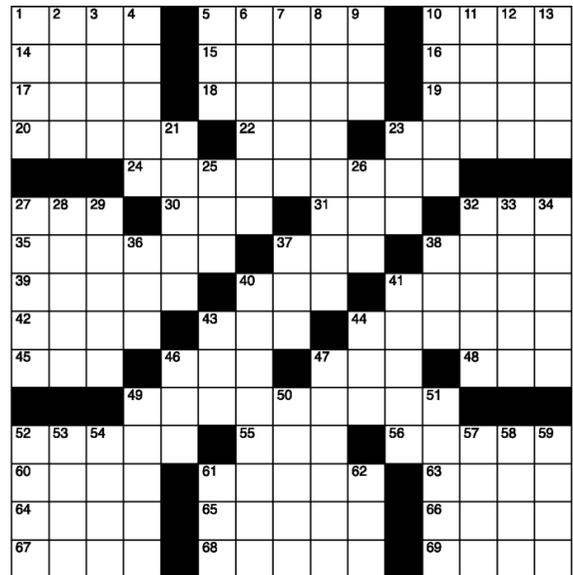
as one might expect; the film could have actually used more of him. I do have to question the film's decision to have the kids communicate with an otherworldly being using the electronic game Simon.

If you're hoping that "Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones" will do something drastically different from the other "Paranormal Activity" movies, you will be disappointed.

Still, I wonder why we have to put up with all these changes that undermine a winning formula. Why can't the film open at Halloween?

The box office performance of this film is going to be underwhelming (it made only \$18 million in the first weekend, down from \$29 million for the fourth film).

Contact Bob Garver at rrg251@nyu.edu/.



CLUES ACROSS Solution, B8

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Portraits of man's late wife clouds couple's life together

Dear Abby: My boyfriend of two years, "Clint," recently brought a large framed picture of his deceased wife into our home.

His wife died three years ago. We are living together in a condo Clint bought for me.

Clint also still wears his wedding ring. He carries guilt and doesn't seem to have made closure. I told him I don't feel comfortable with her picture "looking at us."

- In The Shadows

Dear In The Shadows: That Clint still wears his wedding ring tells me he may not have accepted his wife's death.

Ask him to move his wife's picture to a room other than the bedroom because, while he doesn't think it's creating a problem, it is creating one for you.

Dear Abby: Enough with the problems! It's time you printed a positive letter.

I'm an active, friendly senior who lives alone, but I'm not lonely. I have many friends of all ages and a devoted family.

The saying, "If you want a friend, be a friend," is true. If we want friends, we can't sit

back and wait for people to come to us. Smile, speak up, pay a sincere compliment - just communicate!

I socialize with people my age in church circles, card clubs and dining-out groups who can't understand why I'm always so busy.

Many people of all ages fear they won't be accepted. But if they show up with a friendly attitude, they will be.

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.



Dear Abby

I served in the military, taught Sunday school, led Girl Scouts, garden clubs, church and neighborhood groups while following my husband through eight states and raising three children.

band was often away in his business, but we had a strong, supportive marriage. He joined me in many activities when he could be home.

When we reach out to others, most of the time those people reach back.

Dear Not Lonely: It's easy to see why you have a wide circle of friends.

There are two types of people in the world: those

who come into a room and their attitude says, "Here I am!" and those who come into a room and their attitude says, "There you are!"

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Good advice for everyone - teens to seniors - is in 'The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.'

70'S MUSIC WORD SEARCH puzzle with a list of words including ABBA, AEROSMITH, AFRO, BEE GEES, BELL BOTTOMS, BOSTON, CHILL, DIG, DISCO, DYN-O-MITE, FLEETWOOD MAC, FOGHAT, FOREIGNER, FUNKADELIC, GET DOWN, GIBB, GROOVY, HALL, HEART, HIP, KISS, NAZARETH, OATES, PLATFORMS, QUEEN, RAMONES, SAYER, SEGER, STEWART, SUMMER, SYLVERS, TAVARES, TRAVOLTA, WINGS, WRIGHT.

CRYPTO FUN puzzle: Determine the code to reveal the answer! Includes a grid of letters and clues A, B, C, D.

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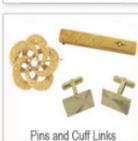
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