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## An ongoing dream

County comes together to celebrate

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## Dragons head to title match

Team plays in Mulberry at 7 p.m. tonight.

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## Council approves new city logo

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — A new logo has been selected for the city of Sebring after city council members voted to approve one of the second round re-designs presented to the council at Tuesday evening's

meeting.

During the meeting, Plan B Promotions co-owner Casey Wohl brought in the tweaked logo designs that council members requested at the Dec. 17 meeting last month.

Each of the five council members as

well as Mayor George Hensley gave their input and thoughts about which logo would best represent the city.

Councilman John Griffin asked that the current city logo be modified with the Centennial reference removed; that

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## Stolen car was left unlocked, running

By PHIL ATTINGER

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SEBRING — The car recovered during Tuesday's chase from Polk County to Highlands County had been left running and unlocked before it was stolen.

The red 1995 Honda Civic was reported stolen at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday. It was parked in front of Rapid Cash Payday Loans, 506 Cypress Gardens Blvd. SE, according to reports from the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Just prior to 11 a.m., Polk County deputies spotted it heading south on U.S. 27. They deployed stop sticks, the the car fled around the sticks and kept going towards Highlands County.

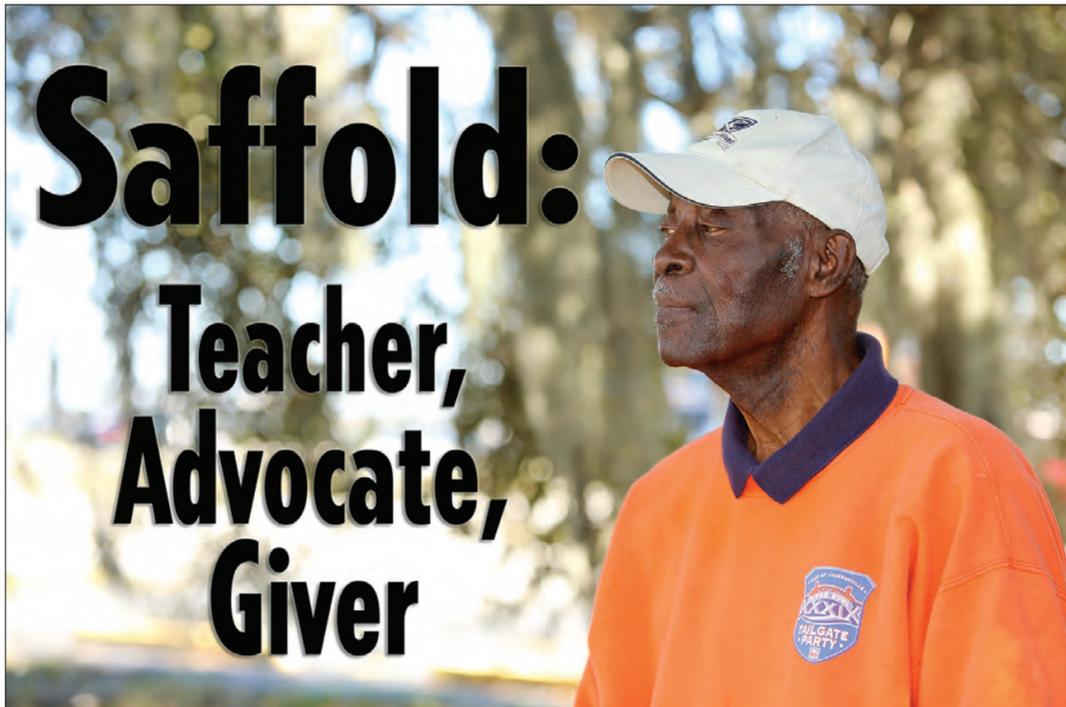
Deputies pursued the stolen car, with assistance from Highlands County sheriff's deputies. The car was stopped in the area of South Heron Street in Sebring.

The suspect fled into a house at 325 Swift Ave., but was found and arrested by a Highlands Sheriff's K-9 unit.

The owner of the house knew the suspect, according to Nell Hays, Highlands sheriff's public information and crime prevention officer, but ran out of the house as soon as the suspect ran in.

Zachary Aldridge, 28, of 724 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd. in Lake Placid is facing Polk County charges of grand theft auto, fleeing to elude and violation of probation on another grand theft auto charge. Highlands County

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Robert Saffold dedicates his life to helping the children of Highlands County.

Katara Simmons/News-Sun

## Saffold: Teacher, Advocate, Giver

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Family members adopted Robert Saffold and brought him to Sebring from Okeechobee when he was 2 years old. Except for a tour in the Army and going to Bethune-Cookman College (as it was then called) Saffold has spent his life advocating on the behalf of children and working for his community here in Highlands County.

In fact, Saffold's contributions have been so remarkable year after year the News-Sun is pleased to select him our Unsung Hero for January 2014.

Gingerlee Mitchell works with Saffold on some of his projects. "There's a lot we need to talk about," she told the News-Sun, when she was asked about him. "He does a lot, just a lot, a lot, a lot — mentoring troubled kids, tutoring in his spare time, raising money for scholarships, Christmas toys, and back-to-school supplies."

## UNsung HEROES

Saffold said he was raised "to reach a destiny of sorts," in a caring, Christian home. His adoptive parents set an example of giving. He tells a story of when he was young and helping his father plant vegetables along the boundary fence. "Why plant here?" he says he asked his dad. "It will grow through the fence."

"That's for the neighbors," he said his father replied.

Saffold — who will only say, "long, long ago," when asked when he was born — grew up in a segregated world.

He attended E.O. Douglas, Highlands County's black middle and high school named for Eugene Oren Douglas, a white man who served as president of the 1st

National Bank in Sebring and was a school board member from 1924 to 1927.

After graduation Saffold headed off to Bethune-Cookman, and then interrupting his formal education to serve a tour in the Army — also segregated at the time. He returned to Bethune-Cookman to finish his degree in art and education and was offered a teaching position from a large high school in Orlando while still interning as a teacher. The Orange County school district offered a \$9,000 annual salary; Highlands County was paying \$3,500, Saffold said, but he was determined to come home and make a difference.

He taught for 26 years, mostly at See SAFFOLD, A6

## New reserve 9-1-1 has glitches

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — The Highlands County Sheriff's Office has enacted new reverse 9-1-1 software and it appears some of the technology associated with it may be self defeating.

"The voice is somewhat 'robotic'," said Highlands County Sheriff's Public Information Officer Nell Hays. "The recording asks the person who answers to 'push any key' to actually get the message. People think it's a robo-call and a lot of them hang up."

The reaction in part could be to a plethora of scam calls that ask those who answer the phone to click on a link, call a number or hit a button or a function key, which can provide a whole new set of problems.

Apparently, the problem comes in the sheriff's office switch to a new company that has provided the new, upgraded reverse 9-1-1 system.

"We have had reverse 9-1-1 in the past, but it was through a different company," dispatch training coordinator Josh Cordero explained.

The new software is part of the Geocast Web system provided by Cassidian. Cordero said the new system really provides the sheriff's office much more flexibility.

"We have used this several times without incident, but

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## Council 'ok's' outdoor sculpture placement

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — Council members gave the thumbs up Tuesday evening to the Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) plan for implementation of six outdoor sculptures in the downtown Sebring area.

CRA board voted to allocate funds a couple of months ago to participate in the 14th Annual Florida Outdoor Sculpture Competition put together by the Polk Museum of Art.

Sebring is the newest city to participate in the event alongside original participants Lakeland and Winter Haven.

"The CRA budgeted \$15,000 for our Art and Culture program. It's part of our marketing plan (for the CRA district). I've always thought that some type of outdoor art would be perfect for Sebring and



Courtesy photo

'Winged Glory' will be the largest sculpture installment and will be located at Circle Park in downtown Sebring.

with this program we are well under budget," CRA Director Robin Hinote said.

Outdoor art efforts for Sebring

began a while ago when Hinote looked for ways to beautify Sebring.

"I went to the art organizations

here and asked, you know, how do I get started doing this. Linda Kegley so graciously pointed us in the right direction," Hinote said.

The Polk Museum of Art allowed Hinote, along with Plan B Promotions co-owner Casey Wohl, to visit the exhibition in Lakeland last week to choose pieces that would be transported then displayed in downtown Sebring.

Hinote and Wohl chose a handful of unique pieces of the 50 entries submitted from artists from all over the world for the competition.

The cost of the sculptures being on display in the city is \$1,200 each, for a total of \$7,200. Each piece comes with a \$200 insurance fee and a \$1,000 annual leasing fee.

The CRA board initially approved for five sculptures, how-

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Times of clouds

High 60

Low 36

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# MLK Day 2014

## Life changes and a continuing dream

By PHIL ATTINGER

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SEBRING — Louis C.

Sumbry, keynote speaker at Avon Park's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. events, counts himself lucky to have personally heard King give his "I Have a Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963.

"I was just so happy to hear such an eloquent man and (feel) the love that was generated," Sumbry said.

While some were moved to seek the unity King professed, Sumbry said that sentiment did not exist nationwide while King was alive.

"It didn't happen until after he died," Sumbry said.

Another young man at the time, James Upchurch Jr., also participated in the 1963 march and heard King's speech, and spoke about it during Sebring's MLK Day events.

Gingerlee Mitchellindo of Sebring said she was very moved by Upchurch's story of how hearing King's speech changed his whole outlook. Working for civil rights went against his family's prejudices, she said.

"He felt he had to do that to be a part of the bigger picture," Mitchellindo said. "Young people don't have a clue that people of all races were present there."

Young people also don't know how many people saw the changes coming and felt changed but had to "deny themselves" and "kept that experience hidden," Mitchellindo said. A lot of people feel more equal now, she said.

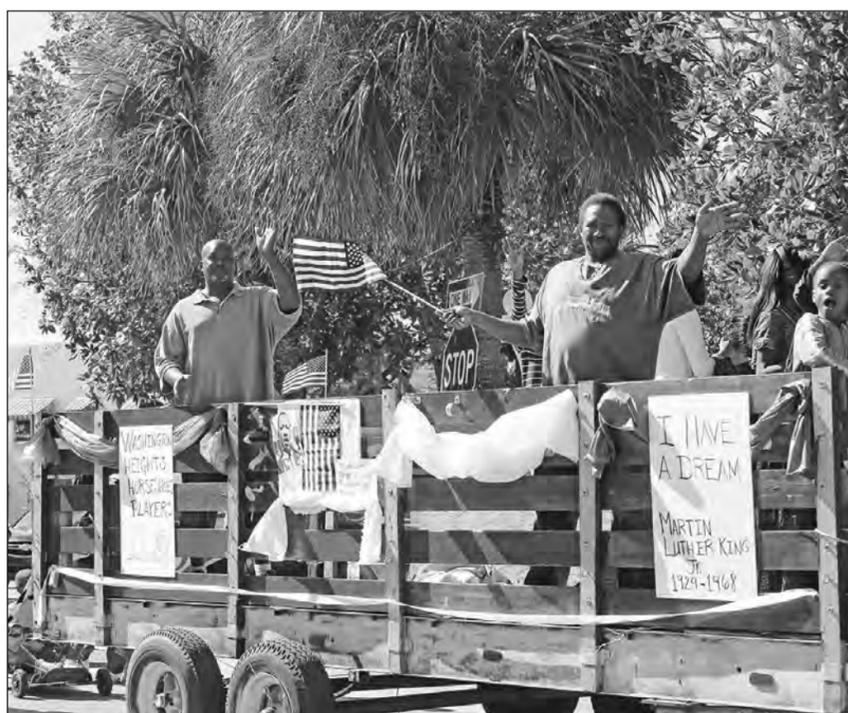
"It's like a breath of fresh air, because it hasn't been easy," Mitchellindo said.

Sebring's events at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Washington Avenue had people of all races enjoying each other's company, said Ada McGowan, event organizer.

"(King) had a dream we would be hand in hand and we did that," McGowan said. "When we prayed, we prayed hand in hand."

Bishop Major Callahan, of Action Revival Family Worship Center in Lake Placid, said people there recognized all of the local senior citizens who went through the civil rights struggle with King. The event also talked about keeping King's dream alive, not only for equality, but also for achieving change through non-violence.

Sumbry said King had a life-changing moment in 1958, stabbed with a letter opener at a book signing in



The Washington Heights Horseshoe Players float earned first place Tuesday during the Martin Luther King Jr. parade in Sebring.

Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Harlem. If he'd died, he might not have changed hearts and minds, like that of President Lyndon B. Johnson, who later enacted a "War on Poverty."

The war still exists, Sumbry said, with minorities still having fewer jobs and lower graduation rates.

"Each of us can contribute to the solution in some small way," Sumbry said.

Charlie Brown, 2011-2012 Florida FFA president, also spoke at Avon Park on how all races now vote, live, work, study and play together, but urged African-Americans to celebrate academic achievement.

"We must not turn our backs on each other," Brown said. "We wanted equality to do well in school. It's not a 'white' thing. That's the right thing."

McGowan said Sebring residents sought to honor Robert Saffold, Washington Heights community leader and child advocate, but he was unable to accept the award or attend events because of poor health.

McGowan said the event also recognized Norman and Cynella West for many behind-the-scenes contributions to the community and parade Grand Marshall Louise Holdman, 95 — a Sebring resident since age 4.

The Sebring MLK Day parade used to be from the Boys and Girls Club of Sebring to Washington Avenue. It started downtown this year, which Mitchellindo believes attracted more people.

"There was a lot more diversity in the event this year than had been in the past," she said. "Everyone was comfortable. That's progress."

McGowan listed more than 20 entries in Sebring's parade. The first place entry was Washington Heights Horseshoe Players, second was The Most Wonderful Baby Contest, and third went to Zion Hill Baptist Church, according to Mitchellindo, who was a judge for the parade.

"It was hard to judge the parade because I was enjoying it so much," Mitchellindo said. "I only wish I could have gotten to go to the Avon Park one."

Turnout for the Avon Park parade was bigger than last year, said parade organizers Maria Davis and Marnita English: 18 entries — at least 15 with walkers — accompanied by eight vehicles and seven floats winding up South Delaney Avenue from Hopewell Field.

"(We're) getting young ones more involved, getting kids involved," English said.

Davis said having new people involved each year will help educate more people.

"Kids get to know what the cause is for. It makes us one again," Davis said.

"When the community as a whole is involved, it's better."

The Avon Park events were organized by Highlands County NAACP and Avon Park Community Awareness Inc. Sebring's

events were organized by the NAACP and members of Highlands County Citizens with a Voice. Lake Placid events were organized by the Highway Park Ministerial Alliance, the Highway Park Scholarship Committee and the Highway Park Preservation Committee.

McGowan also thanks Shirley Johnson and Gerald Snell of Avon Park, Pastor Robert Shannon of Wings of Faith Christian Center, Pastor William T. Sherrell of Miracle Deliverance Church, and Willie "Dank" Smith for his years with the Sebring Youth Center — now the Boys and Girls Club of Sebring.

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## Community Briefs

### Tax Collector announces new drive-thru service

SEBRING — A drive-thru service for registration renewals, tax payments, garage sale permits, and hunting and fishing licenses is now open for business at the Sebring branch of the Highlands County Tax Collector's office. Tax Collector Eric Zwayer wanted to offer citizens with quick and easy transactions an alternative to waiting in the lobby for the next available customer service representative.

"The design and structure of the drive thru have been in place since the construction of the building. Finally opening it up for its intended use will be a huge benefit to many of our customers dealing with physical limitations or inclement weather," Zwayer explained.

Customers requiring original registrations, driver's license services, or title transfers will still be required to come into the office to process their transactions.

The drive thru is accessible from the rear of the Government Center at 540 S. Commerce Ave. and will be staffed from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Due to safety concerns, walk-up customers or individuals on bicycles will not be offered service in the drive-thru lane.

### DSAC meets Feb. 10

SEBRING — The Highlands County District School Advisory Council (DSAC) will meet Monday, Feb. 10 in the Garland Boggs Board Room at The School Board of Highlands County, 426 School St. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda items for February's meeting include a presentation by Deborah Wood, Federal Programs, on the Parent Involvement Plan, and a presentation by Isaac



**Question:** Should Avon Park pick a street that is not already named after somebody when it names a street after Martin Luther King Jr.?

**Yes**  
**83.7%**

**No**  
**16.3%**

Total votes: 159

**Next question:** Do you agree with President Obama that pot is safer than alcohol?

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Durrance, assistant principal, Sun 'N Lake Elementary School, on its "Boys to Men" program.

If you are a person with a disability who requires reasonable accommodations in order to attend a District School Advisory Council meeting, call 471-5548 three days prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.

### Boy Scout troupe has fundraiser

SEBRING — Boy Scout troupe 827 will have a Court of Honor and Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at The Church of Jesus Christ of

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## Lottery Center



Jan. 22 6 7 11 13 23 44 x:3

Next jackpot \$3 million

Jan. 18 1 8 11 19 46 53 x:5

Jan. 15 13 18 20 28 42 53 x:4



Jan. 22 2 7 12 27 35

Jan. 21 4 5 6 14 18

Jan. 20 10 13 15 18 34

Jan. 19 4 7 14 24 32



Jan. 22 (n) 4 6 0 3

Jan. 22 (d) 5 0 4 2

Jan. 21 (n) 7 0 8 1

Jan. 21 (d) 6 5 0 2



Jan. 21 2 9 29 42 19

Jan. 17 3 15 28 32 10

Jan. 14 2 5 38 39 3

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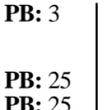


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Next jackpot \$152 million

Jan. 18 13 14 19 31 38

Jan. 15 7 8 9 24 29



Jan. 21 8 23 33 45 52

Next jackpot \$62 million

Jan. 17 1 10 26 31 51

Jan. 14 4 23 26 62 69



Phil Attinger/News-Sun

A breeze fills the flags of RAMS Pathfinder Club of Avon Park as their marching band crests the hill past New Mount Olive AME Church on South Delaney Avenue. The parade for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day follows a street many in the Southside community would like to see renamed for the the civil rights leader. The Avon Park City Council is expected to hear community input on the matter at the next regular meeting.

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Forward and Back  
with the iPhone

The Huffington Post is onto something.

In a recent report, the website listed seven things that the iPhone, first released to the public only seven years ago, has made obsolete — though there are surely plenty more than seven.

Up first, says the website: roadmaps. Thanks to Google Maps, which anyone can use on his or her cellphone, nobody uses paper maps anymore.

I can't begin to imagine how much stress this is saving vacationing families.

Pre-Google-Maps horror stories were legend when I was a kid in the '70s: Neighbors who thought they were heading east to the beach unwittingly headed west and had no idea of their error until they hit Indianapolis.

I remember being lost for hours in our station wagon, several maps sprawled across the dashboard and front seat, my father grumbling to my mother, "I knew we should have hung a Louie at Breezewood!"

Yeah, good riddance to paper maps.

That brings us to another item made obsolete by iPhone innovation: the alarm clock. Every cell phone has an alarm app now. I use mine all the time — particularly on the road.

Though the website didn't mention this one, the wristwatch has also been made obsolete. Since I always have my cell phone nearby, clearly displaying the time and date, I stopped wearing watches years ago.

In fact, the only time I missed having a watch was last week. I was out of the country on business and deactivated my cellphone for the week. Lacking a clock of any kind, I was perpetually late, or way too early, for the bus I took from my hotel to my client's office.

Cellphone technology has also made obsolete most cameras and music devices, such as the iPod, which made CDs obsolete just a few years ago. Many phones can store thousands of songs and come with high-resolution cameras — which, in my opinion, are making modesty, compassion and good judgment obsolete.

Hey, just because your cellphone has a camera doesn't mean you have to use it — you don't have to take "selfies" while drinking adult beverages without your shirt on. And you know who

Guest  
Column

Tom Purcell

you are, seemingly-90-year-old Geraldo Rivera.

The selfie is enabling human nature to display its ugliness at never-before-imagined depths — such as the lady who included in her selfie a distraught suicide victim about to plunge from a bridge, or the coy student who selfied himself as his pregnant teacher was having contractions in the background.

Our attention spans have also been made obsolete by iPhone innovation, says the website, and isn't that the truth. Why, that reminds me of, um — oh, never mind, I can't remember what I was going to say.

One thing I can remember is that it's impossible to have a serious, face-to-face conversation with anyone under age 30 without him or her obsessively pressing both thumbs against a small keypad while making intermittent eye contact with you. That is because, says the website, another victim of the iPhone is table manners.

How much longer will it be before entire extended families gather for Thanksgiving dinner — three or four generations sitting side by side — and nobody is talking, but each is texting someone at somebody else's Thanksgiving table in some faraway city or state?

How did we so quickly descend from the invention of the typewriter keyboard, a grand 19th-century advance that efficiently transfers thoughts to paper using multiple fingers, to bastardizing the English language using only our thumbs?

That's the odd thing about human invention. For every step we take forward, we seem to take a few backward at the same time.

As much of a visionary as Apple founder Steve Jobs was, I wonder if he doubted his own inventions at times — which he surely might have, had he still been alive when Geraldo Rivera tweeted his selfie.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL  
Time to restore civil rights of former offenders

More than 1 million Floridians convicted of felonies remain second-class citizens long after completing their sentences. They're unable to vote, serve on a jury or hold public office.

Florida is one of just three states that lack a simple, automatic path to civil rights restoration for former offenders. In 2011, Gov. Rick Scott and his Cabinet imposed new restrictions making it even more difficult for ex-felons to restore their rights.

The rules force individuals to wait as long as 13 years after completing their

sentences to get a hearing on having their rights restored. Even then, they have a less than 1 percent chance of having their rights restored based on current patterns, according to the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition.

The coalition and clergy members gathered Friday outside the Florida Attorney General's Tampa office to

bring attention to the issue. With the nation just marking the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, it's worth noting that black voters are disproportionately disenfranchised in Florida.

Nearly one-quarter of the state's black voting-age population was barred from casting ballots in 2010 due to a felony conviction, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Sentencing Project. The Legislature's black caucus cancelled a meeting with Scott on Wednesday, King's actual birthday, due to the governor's opposition to rights restoration and other caucus priorities.

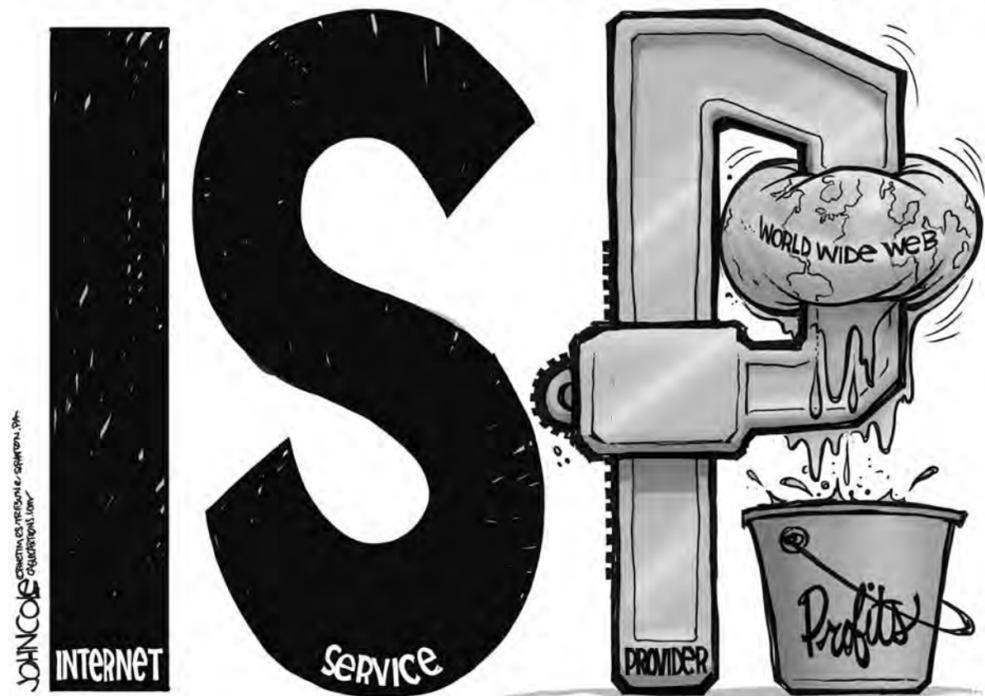
Reintegrating former

felons into society helps them become productive members rather than repeat offenders. Scott has made some progress on the issue, signing a measure in 2011 that broke the link between rights restoration and eligibility for business and professional licenses.

Florida is responsible for about one quarter of the ex-felons across the U.S. who are barred from voting. It's time for the state to join most of the nation in making restoration of civil rights automatic for former offenders.

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<http://www.gainesville.com>

## NewsItem: Federal court throws out 'net neutrality doctrine.



## TODAY'S LETTERS

Commissioners need to  
study Agenda 21

Editor:

I read in Highlands Today (1/22/14) that the county commissioners were discussing the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan and that Mark Hill had received approval on amendments to the county's 2030 Comprehensive Plan that would keep planning at the county level.

Dale Phlug, in the audience, asked if this was not part of "Agenda 21". It appears that the commissioners are not aware of Agenda 21.

For their information, Agenda 21 is a United Nations program to attain "one world" government. This will be carried out under different names, one of which is "Sustainable Development". This program has many names — "community visioning", "historic preservation" or "orderly development".

Almost every community in the country is today carrying out some of this Agenda 21 policy, unwittingly.

Mr. Phlug is right in bringing this up and my advice to the county commissioners is, "if you have a computer, look up Agenda 21 and find out how your county will be taken away from you, with your help".

Dick Ford  
Sebring

Lying to Congress should be  
impeachable

Editor:

In her column of Dec. 22, Laura Ware says that she is thinking about sending President Obama a copy of the Constitution. She doesn't believe he knows what is in it. She says that she wants someone to "explain the hard parts to him."

One is reminded that letter writers in our local papers have referred to Obama as a "community activist." Does Ware know that Barack Obama was a professor of Constitutional Law before being elected to the Senate?

Ware doesn't tell us her problem with Obama and gives us no clue what she thinks is in the Constitution. We deserve more than knee-jerk condemnation of Democrats.

Has Laura Ware erased the Bush Administration from her mind?

In John Dean's book, "Worse Than Watergate," one heading is "deceiving Congress - An Impeachable Offense." On Oct. 3, 2002, George W. Bush told Congressional leaders that Saddam Hussein was well on the way toward building nuclear weapons. In another briefing, many members of the Senate were told that Saddam Hussein already had the ability to hit the east coast of the United States with drones armed with biological and chemical weapons. Senator Bill Nelson has verified the dire warning given to Senators on drones. Yet none of this was true.

What is the Constitutional status of a president lying to Congress about such grave matters? One of the framers of the Constitution, James Iredell, said that lying to Congress would be impeachable. To exercise its duty to declare war or not declare war, Congress needs facts. What did his contemporaries think of these views? George Washington appointed James Iredell to the Supreme Court.

Barack Obama has tried to deal with the situation at Guantanamo, one sign that he does know what is in the Constitution. Unfortunately, Republicans such as Mitch McConnell have blindly opposed these efforts.

Dale Gillis  
Sebring

Several help with success of  
Sebring parade

Editor:

First, I really would like to "thank" the following businesses for their support and unselfish donations for the MLK Parade of Sebring. These businesses never took a second breath in their giving. This is bringing a dream to reality when businesses such as these can feel a need and just say "yes" for a very good cause. Dr. King would be proud to know that his legacy is being carried with great impact in honoring his memory:

Alan Jay Network - Sebring (for providing the vehicle carrying the Grand Marshall of Sebring); Frames and Images - Sebring (contribution of recognition plaque and valuable frame art work at no cost, which could have easily priced out at \$200 or more); Ridge Florist - Sebring, serving all of Highlands County (donation of the personalized sash and beautiful flowers for the Grand Marshall - Sebring); GPI Signs - Avon Park (signs and personal sign image of Dr. King delivering his speech in Washington, DC)

Also, to the law enforcement team of the Sebring Police Department (this is the first time I've ever seen in a city of Highlands County so many police officers in attendance of a MLK event), from beginning to end there was an officer at every turn and every stop, even safely heading the parade, leaving no room for a disturbance, accidents or incidents. Highlands County deputies were instrumental ensuring that information was shared about motorcyclist.

Shirley Johnson  
Highlands County Citizens With a  
Voice

## Letters policy

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# Agenda 21 brought back to front burner

By **BARRY FOSTER**

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Highlands Tea Party member Dale Pflug Tuesday continued to press Highlands County commissioners to pass a resolution rejecting local items that radiate from the United Nations Agenda 21.

The Agenda 21 program refers to an action plan of the United Nations regarding sustainable development. While some believe that the product of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development simply is an action agenda to solve the problems of

today; others contend it promotes the reinvention of government through the support of, and appointments to, regional boards that “act like Soviet councils.”

Pflug had made the original request at the final county commission night meeting in November of last year.

He reiterated his request for an inventory on property related to conservation easements and again asked commissioners to pass a resolution on the issue.

Pflug also thanked the commission for instructing staff to determine what other counties are doing

and noted he had been contacted by some county workers to make certain they were compiling the information he had requested.

In his presentation Tuesday, he noted that several jokes had been made about the issue during the county’s discussion of urban growth areas and “voluntary visioning” sessions as part of a mandated countywide land use management plan.

“I understand it, but it really is not a laughing matter,” Pflug told the board.

He noted that the issue, often cloaked by the word “sustainabili-

ty”, generally has been done through central planning projects. Pflug told commissioners that such initiatives were traps to limiting what citizens may do through restrictive ordinances and land use provisions and often were accompanied by generous, monetary grants to do the work.

“Don’t take the cheese,” Pflug told commissioners. “These things are dangerous – they provide pathways to decisions that are not accountable to the citizenry.”

He noted that many other counties across in the United States are facing the same challenges, and

should commissioners decide to reject such initiatives, they would receive significant local citizen support.

“I have sent you a draft resolution based on my own studies. It is very representative of what I found in looking at other counties across the country that are implementing that,” he said.

Despite being given a draft resolution that would ban Agenda 21 related activities in the county, commissioners took no action on his request.

## Gun enthusiasts to organize

By **BARRY FOSTER**

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The inaugural meeting of the Heartland Gun Club has been set for this Sunday at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agri-Civic Center. The effort is being put forward by the father and son team of Darrell and Luke Roach.

The Sebring residents said their idea is to bring together shooters of Highlands County as a single strong voice on gun issues locally, statewide and on a national level. In addition to upholding their Second Amendment rights, the Roaches also want to promote gun safety and safe shooting practices.

“We have been thinking of this for quite a while,” said father Darrell Roach. “Highlands County does not have a gun club so we decided to start one ourselves.”

In an effort to spread the word about the organiza-

tional meeting, Roach and his son have been distributing flyers. Those are available at both of the county’s local gun stores and also were handed out at the recent gun show held at the Highlands County Fairgrounds.

Additionally, they have started a Facebook group simply titled “Heartland Gun Club.”

Even in the early going, Roach said they have received a “tremendous amount” of feedback both in the emails listed on the flyer as well as those wanting to join the Facebook group.

“We’re trying to bring together the shooting community in the heartland of Florida,” said Luke Roach. “There are a lot of shooters here, but really, a lot of them don’t know each other.”

The younger Roach said early interest comes from a wide variety of individuals

ranging from hunters, to competition shooters, to casual gun owners and collectors.

Both the Roaches have been longtime shooters and firearms enthusiasts, having started at an early age. Reportedly, the two engage in some competitions, but more recently have concentrated on target practice.

“I started when I was 2 and my dad started when he was 8,” Luke Roach said.

He described the Sunday session as “an organizational meeting,” with introductions, the vision of the club and other start-up topics.

“We’ll talk about how the club is going to be run and we’re working on a mission statement,” he said.

Sunday’s session will be held in Conference Room 2 at the county’s Ag-Center commencing at 10 a.m.

Those wanting additional information may contact the Roaches at [moredog@moredog.com](mailto:moredog@moredog.com).

## Town’s latest mural



Rod Lewis/News-Sun

Dedication of Lake Placid’s newest mural, ‘Celebrate Lake Placid’, will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at Walgreen’s, corner of Eucalyptus and U.S. 27. The celebration will continue until 2 p.m. and will include an appearance by Keith Goodson. This is Goodson’s 12th mural he has painted in the town of Lake Placid.

## Latino groups to launch massive voter registration

By **LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ**

AP Hispanic Affairs Writer

MIAMI — Fewer than half of adult Latino citizens voted in the 2012 presidential elections, according to the U.S. Census, and that has prompted two national Latino organizations to step up voter registration efforts this year, months ahead of the 2014 elections.

National Council of La Raza and Mi Familia Vota Education Fund were set Thursday to launch a new campaign to register more than 250,000 voters. Traditionally voter registration drives get going in the spring and summer before the election. By starting in January, the groups hope to top their 2012 campaign of more than 180,000 registered voters.

“You have parties and campaigns that are trying to get their specific candidates elected. We look at voter registration and engagement another way. We look at it as a way for Latinos to have their voices heard on issues they care about,” said Clarissa Martinez De Castro, who heads up NCLR’s immigration and civic engagement campaigns. “Voter registration is not the end game. It’s one piece of the puzzle.”

Americans tend to register to vote and to turn out in higher numbers during presidential elections, but Martinez De Castro said the potential for Congress to take up immigration reform — combined with Latinos’

frustration over the current gridlock — creates an additional emotional, as well as practical, incentive to vote.

“In 2012 they went to the polls with the economy in their minds and immigration in their hearts,” she said.

About 13.7 million, or just under 60 percent, of the nation’s 23.3 million adult Latino citizens were registered in 2012, but at least 2 million those didn’t vote, according to the U.S. Census. Advocates say the number is much higher, as people often report voting even if they didn’t.

De Castro said the campaign will focus on those adults who have yet to register, as well as the estimated 50,000 Latino citizens who turn 18 each month. NCLR and the union-backed Mi Familia plan to start their campaign with millions of mailers in Colorado, Nevada, Arizona and Texas, adding in Florida and California in

the spring.

She noted that role Latino support played in Nevada U.S. Senator Harry Reid’s re-election, during his tough 2010 race.

The early efforts of the two organizations are part of a broader strategy to increase the political engagement of the nation’s fast-growing and diverse Hispanic communities.

## Natural gas locomotives may prove cheaper, cleaner

By **JOSH FUNK**

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The diesel-burning locomotive, the workhorse of American railroads since World War II, will soon begin burning natural gas — a potentially historic shift that could cut fuel costs, reduce pollution and strengthen the advantage railroads hold over trucks in long-haul shipping.

Rail companies want to take advantage of booming natural gas production that has cut the price of the fuel by as much as 50 percent. So they are preparing to experiment with redesigned engines capable of burning both diesel and liquefied natural gas.

Natural gas “may revolutionize the industry much like the transition from steam to diesel,” said Jessica Taylor, a spokeswoman for General Electric’s locomotive division, one of several companies that will test new natural gas equipment later this year.

Any changes are sure to happen slowly. A full-scale shift to natural gas would require expensive new infrastructure across the nation’s 140,000-mile freight-rail system, including scores of fueling stations.

The change has been made possible by hydraulic fracturing drilling techniques, which have allowed U.S. drillers to tap into vast deposits of natural gas. The boom has created such abundance that prices dropped to an average of \$3.73 per million British thermal units last year — less than one-third of their 2008 peak.

Over the past couple of years, cheap gas has inspired many utilities to turn away from coal, a move that hurt railroads’ profits. And natural gas is becoming more widely used in transportation. More than 100,000 buses, trucks and other vehicles already run on it, although that figure represents only about 3 percent of the transportation sector.

The savings could be considerable. The nation’s biggest freight railroad, Union Pacific, spent more than \$3.6 billion on fuel in 2012, about a quarter of total expenses.

But even under the most optimistic scenario, there’s no way all of that diesel will be replaced. Railroads and locomotive makers are looking primarily at ways to retrofit existing machines to burn a mix of diesel and natural gas because that will be the quickest and easiest way to adopt the new technology.

Locomotive makers have not yet set the prices of their retrofit kits, but railroads expect they will be cheaper than a new locomotive costing roughly \$2 million.

Using both diesel and natural gas also offers some advantages over using natural gas alone. The diesel

can provide the spark needed to ignite natural gas without redesigning locomotive engines, and the diesel helps provide horsepower.

Railroads are planning to use liquefied natural gas, which is not as readily available as other forms of gas because it must be cooled to minus 260 degrees. That step adds to the price, but the amount varies based on how the process is done.

“It’s so early in this that we’re still working to understand the potential savings,” said Louis Renjel, vice president of strategic infrastructure at CSX railroad.

The projected cost comparisons do not include the millions of dollars railroads would have to spend on a network of natural gas fueling stations along their tracks. That expense won’t be clear until after the tests, when railroads decide whether to build their own liquefaction facilities or just store fuels.

Locomotive makers say natural-gas engines could also significantly reduce emissions compared with diesel locomotives, but the potential cost savings is the biggest reason the rail industry is eager to make the change.

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## Unique art will help decorate downtown Sebring

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ever, Hinote and Wohl fell in love with a sixth piece during their visit to the Polk Museum. Hinote will be requesting the approval of the sixth piece at the CRA's Feb. 10 meeting.

Pieces will be meticulously placed throughout open areas in downtown Sebring and the CRA district. Hinote and Wohl presented the Sebring council with a photo and description of each of the six selected sculptures.

Council approached unanimously the placement of one sculpture in Circle Park, one in Rotary Park, one at the Yellow House in the Highlands Art League Village, two (one at entrance, second at rear) of Centennial Park at the entrance to downtown and the last at the front of the Art League Village on the lawn.

The selected pieces are unique and beautiful addi-



Courtesy photo

**They aren't slices of a red grapefruit, instead 'Slices of Heaven' by artist Craig Gray of Key West is an outdoor sculpture that will soon find its way to Sebring for display in the downtown area.**

tions to the city. The selected pieces are: "Winged Glory" by artist Jack Howard-Potter of New York; "Father and Son" by artist Adam Walls of Hope Mills, N.C.; "Bealtaine" by artist Aisling Millar of Greenville, N.C.; "The Three Graces" by artist Hanna Jubran of Grimesland, N.C.; "Iron Horses" by artist Karyn Adamek of Lutz; and "Slices of Heaven" by artist Craig Gray of Key West.

CRA members and council members are excited to bring more art to the city of Sebring and are anticipating the arrival of the sculptures in late February. Sculptures will be on display no later than March 7.

Each sculpture will be secured on a concrete slab according to artists' standards and will be accompanied by a plaque with details about the artist and the work.

The 14th Annual Florida Outdoor Sculpture Competition will run from March 8, 2014 – Jan. 25, 2015.

"I'm excited. I love trees and nature, but it's something people can look at besides trees and flowers. Those are great, but these sculptures are better and add so much to the area. People are going to love them," Hinote said.

## Logo includes symbols of Sebring's mark

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along with six new re-designs were given to the council for consideration.

Each councilman, with the exception of Griffin, stated that the first re-design was his favorite. Griffin also thought adding the city's establishment date would be a great addition to the logo, however, no other members

supported his idea.

The new Sebring logo is less busier and has an almost corporate feel to it. The subtle hint to the Sebring races is depicted with a checkered flag in the background of the "S" while the sun looks similar to the county's biggest money maker, citrus.

"The City on the Circle" is displayed just below the word Sebring.

Councilman John Clark made the motion to approve design number one as the city's new logo. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1. Griffin cast the dissenting vote.

The Public Works Department's two new trucks will be the first city vehicles to feature the newly designed logo for the city.



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## Saffold 'sees needs and takes steps'

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E.O. Douglas, but also at Lake Placid High School. He remains active to this day.

Sebring Mayor George Hensley said, "Robert Saffold is a guy who has a heart for helping young people. He sees needs and takes steps to help kids. He is a true person of care and has exemplified that by trying to do the best for our youth."

From organizing golf tournaments through the Sunshine State Golf Association, to leading the Florida Sportsmen Association, to creating a youth activities center in Washington Heights, to being a leader in forming a

Little League for black children, to offering opportunities for new experiences to minority children — like riding a train or visiting a larger city — to educating the young about Martin Luther King Jr. and Black history, Saffold has made his mark.

Not the least of his efforts is reviving the Juneteenth celebration, begun in Texas in 1865 to memorialize the end of slavery. Saffold's recent words regarding that ceremony serve as his credo: "This celebration helps us to understand that the strength of this country has much to do with unity, brotherhood, and friendship."

We thank Saffold for his service.



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## Ex-BP engineer asks judge to recuse himself

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A former BP engineer convicted of obstructing a Justice Department probe of the company's 2010 Gulf oil spill has asked a judge to disqualify himself from the case.

In a court filing late Wednesday, Kurt Mix's lawyers say they learned last week that U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval Jr. and his law clerk assigned to the case filed civil claims in April 2013 for compensatory and punitive damages against BP.

Duval had disclosed in 2012 that his family owns a beachfront vacation home in Grand Isle and was entitled to seek compensation from BP. He said then that he didn't see any reason to disqualify himself from the case. Duval hadn't changed his position before Tuesday, when he instructed Mix's lawyers to put their recusal request in writing.

Defense attorneys argue Duval must disqualify himself before ruling on their request for a new trial for

Mix, who was convicted last month of obstruction of justice for deleting text messages to and from a BP supervisor.

Mix and the public shouldn't be "left to wonder" whether Duval already had "chosen up sides in factual disputes that the prosecution made central to Mr. Mix's case" and decided to punish Mix if he got the chance, defense lawyers argued.

"Even if the court is not actually biased against Mr. Mix or the arguments he advanced at trial (or biased in favor of the arguments the prosecution advanced at trial), the mere fact that a reasonable observer might question the court's impartiality suffices to trigger" Duval's recusal, they wrote.

Mix, 52, of Katy, Texas, faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. His sentencing is scheduled for March 26.

After the verdict, Mix's lawyers asked Duval to throw out the jury's verdict and order a new trial, citing allegations of juror misconduct.

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The cast of 'On Golden Pond' put on a special performance to benefit Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit. This is the final weekend for the play at Highlands Little Theatre.

## Cancer Benefit gets help 'On Golden Pond'

By NEIL SIMPSON

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING – Norman Thayer Jr. celebrated his 80th birthday at his cabin in Maine along with his wife, Ethel; daughter, Chelsea; her fiancé, Billy; and his son, Billy. Also attending were Charlie the mailman and 200 Tanglewood residents.

The entire group was invited into the Thayer's rustic cabin on Golden Pond where the actors brought this well-known story back to life with style and humor. The play, written by Ernest Thompson in 1979, was turned into a hit

movie in 1981 featuring an all-star cast that included Henry Fonda, Katharine Hepburn, Jane Fonda and Dabney Coleman.

The Highlands Little Theater production certainly did justice to the great writing with its caustic dialogue between Norman and the rest of the cast. Peter Pollard, as Norman, won the hearts of the audience with his well-paced delivery and his excellent acting skills. Peter also directed and got great performances from his on and off stage wife, Tammie (Ethel), Todd Coleman (Charlie), Erika Weaver-Coleman (Chelsea),

Joshua McGhee (Bill Ray) and Mark Reyes (Billy Ray).

This special presentation of the play was staged for the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit. It was the third annual collaboration between Highlands Little Theater and Tanglewood. Thanks to Vanessa Logsdon, Peter Pollard and the entire cast and crew for making this wonderful evening possible.

Sadly, this is the final week for the play. Call the box office at 382-2525 for tickets.

## System does not ask for personal information

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then we have had problems a couple of times," Cordero said.

According to Cassidian officials, the Geocast system combines phone and GIS data to rapidly deliver incident-related information or instruction to target audiences.

It has the ability to get calls out more quickly as well as gather critical feedback, such as the physical status of recipients, to help ensure the best outcome. Cordero said the new system also helps the sheriff's

office more accurately track who has, and who has not, received the messages.

"The key is we don't ask them for any information," Cordero said. "When they press the key they simply hear an announcement. We would never ask for any kind of information on that kind of call."

In the past, the reverse 9-1-1 system employed the playback of an announcement recorded by one of the sheriff's staff.

"People are used to hearing a person talk. Now the system generates the

voice," he explained.

The calls as currently staged have at times resulted in a whole new set of problems for the sheriff's dispatchers. In a recent incident, there were a flurry of calls following a reverse 9-1-1 operation with people calling to confirm whether or not the calls actually were from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

"Because they thought it was a scam, a lot of them called dispatch to complain about it," Hays said. "And they usually were in a rush anyway."

## Car in Tuesday's incident left running

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officials have charged him with fleeing and eluding law enforcement and several traffic infractions.

"The guy saw an opportunity and took advantage of it," said Donna Wood, Polk sheriff's spokesperson. "That's a lesson learned."

She said Polk County hasn't seen an increase of auto theft from cars left unlocked and running. Hays said Highlands County deputies hear about unlocked and running cars being stolen in larger markets, like Tampa, but auto theft appears to be decreasing in Highlands County.

"We have more burglaries (of items) from vehicles than auto theft," Hays said.

Hays warns residents to keep their cars locked, whether in parking lots or home driveways, and make sure that all wallets, purses, sunglasses and personal electronics — cell phones, tablet computers, GPS navigators or music players — aren't left in the car or are stored securely and well out of sight.

In an unrelated case, another man, George

Masprominas, reported his red Mazda RX8 stolen at 4:30 a.m. Monday from the 7-Eleven store at 7011 Cypress Gardens Road in Winter Haven.

Wood said the Polk Sheriff's Office is investigating that case with a pos-

sible two suspects. There is no indication of what direction the car went, she said.

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## Community Briefs

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Latter-day Saints at 6 p.m. today. Cost is \$5 per plate if tickets are purchased in advance or \$7 paid for at the door. Side dishes and drink are included in the price.

To buy tickets in advance, call (813) 368-4411 or (503) 798-8778. This will be the only fundraiser the troupe will have for 2014. The public is invited.

The church is in the vicinity of Walmart at 3235 Grand Prix Drive.

### Rousch to speak at Historical Society luncheon

SEBRING – John Rousch, pilot and aerospace teacher at Lake Placid High School, will be the speaker at Sebring Historical Society's quarterly luncheon meeting at noon Saturday at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center at Lake Jackson. The public is invited to attend this covered dish event. Bring a dish to share and \$2 per person to cover the cost of beverage and table service.

Rousch will discuss the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles program that introduces area high school students to aviation, teaching them the principles of aircraft design, maintenance and repair.

With cooperation from Sebring Airport Executive Director Mike Willingham and the Sebring Airport Authority, area students have been provided with hangar space at the Sebring Airport to pursue their classes, workshops and projects. Then, after 25 years of working in makeshift surroundings, the local EAA Chapter received a substantial donation that enabled them to build a new youth aviation education center that opened in August 2013.

Several local pilots and aviation enthusiasts have donated their time and efforts to mentor the students in their endeavors. In addition to Rousch, Bob Wood, a pilot and retired U.S. Army Colonel; Dr. Ron Owen, a pilot who had an aviation business in Avon Park; Phil Lockwood, pioneer in designing and building ultra-light aircraft and owner of Lockwood Aviation at Sebring airport; and several others have contributed to EAA youth programs.

For further information, call 471-2522.

### Dance Club hosts Buddy Canova

SEBRING - The Highlands Social Dance Club will host the music of the talented Buddy Canova 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. Call 386-0855, or visit [www.highlands-danceclub.org/](http://www.highlands-danceclub.org/).

### Casino Night benefits agencies

AVON PARK – Reflections on Silver Lake is hosting a Casino Night tonight to raise funds to benefit the New Testament Mission in Sebring and the Church Service Center in Avon Park. Choose from poker, blackjack, craps, roulette, the big wheel, over and under and more.

Pay at the door (\$5) and receive \$2,000 in chips. Gaming will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lots of great prizes including restaurant gift certificates, games of golf, oil changes, haircuts, Reflections hats, shirts and more! Prize drawings will be between 8:30 and 9 p.m.

The public is welcome.

### Music at Under the Oaks Opry

SEBRING – Country / bluegrass / blues / gospel music will be played 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 allowed or served.

The venue is at 3501 Beck Ave. Call 253-0771 or look for Under The Oaks Opry on Facebook.

### Lefkowitz to be SNO's featured reader

SEBRING – Sebring's award-winning author Sunny Serafino will have Art Lefkowitz as her featured reader at Sunday's Scribes Night Out. Lefkowitz has promised to read his latest work – a tale of love, hate, lawyers, and divorce.

The SNO meeting, for well-known and unknown

authors, will meet at Brewster's Coffee house at 6 p.m.

Scribes Night Out (SNO), an informal gathering of local writers and would-be writers, has been reading portions of their published and unpublished poems, plays, fiction, non-fiction, and other kinds of literary efforts.

Following Lefkowitz's whacky story, an "open mike" session will take place to offer encouragement and enthusiastic applause.

Brewster's Coffee House is just south of the Home Depot on U.S. 27. For more information contact Lefkowitz at 385-1554.

### Lakeside Villages plans sale

LAKE PLACID – Lakeside Villages, down County Road 621 East from U.S. 27 to south on Holmes Avenue, North and South Clubhouses will have its annual community rummage sales from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. All are welcome.

### DWC has membership meeting

SEBRING – Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County (DWC) will hold its first annual membership meeting on Saturday at the Democratic Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Pkwy. Meet and greet begins at 9:45 a.m.

Membership applications will be available for those who wish to become a member. Call Velma Lumpkin at 471-2672 for information.

### Sebring Village plans dance

SEBRING – Sebring Village will host a country western dance featuring music by Longshot from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday. The clubhouse is one mile behind Walmart, off Schumacher Road.

Cost is \$5 per person. BYOB; ice is provided. Seating is limited. For tickets, call 385-7075.



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Avon Park Depot Museum held its annual open house last weekend and displayed the art/photography of Avon Park resident Curtis Nelson.

## Tickets going fast for Faith, Family and Friends concert

*News-Sun staff reports*

SEBRING – Tickets are going fast for next week’s second annual Faith, Family and Friends concert’s two shows at the Circle Theatre in downtown Sebring.

This year, the Wacaster Family will host two nights filled with Christian country music acts with a side of barbecue on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. The event was moved indoors for 2014 to ensure the best experience for everyone in attendance.

Last year, almost 500 tickets were sold and many of those ticket-holders sat outside, braving the cold temperatures of the evening.

Each show will hold an Artist Circle seating area as well as general seating for guests. The Circle Theater holds just more than 250 people.

The event, billed as a “Night at the Opry,” will feature three Christian country stars as well as the Wacaster Family.

Dennis Agajanian is an acclaimed guitarist who has played numerous times with Billy and Franklin Graham Crusaders and international USO shows.

The Jayc Harold Band, recently named Inspirational Christian Country’s Top 5 group for 2013, will also perform on stage at Circle Theatre, as will Bill Mullis, two-time nominee for Music Evangelist of the Year and winner in 2007.

The first show will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for guests. The Saturday, Feb. 1 show will begin at 6 p.m. with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Barbecue plates will be available for purchase for \$7 at each event.

For more information or to reserve tickets call (205) 535-6773. The general admission seating tickets are \$10 and Artist Circle seating, which gets patrons up close and personal with performers, is being sold for \$15.

## Reception set to honor Debbie Kendrick

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING – A reception and celebration honoring the late Debbie Kendrick will be held from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the Highlands Museum of the Arts (MoTA), 351 W. Center Ave. in Downtown Sebring (behind the Sebring Public Library). Admission is free; open to Kendrick’s friends and family.

Kendrick, age 62 of Sebring, passed away on Oct. 22, 2013 in Altamonte Springs after a long illness. She is survived by a son, James Kendrick Jr., his wife Kristen, and grandson Trent, all of Orlando.

Debbie Kendrick served

on several area boards and was very involved with the local community. She was on the board of directors for the Children’s Home Society Rose Keller Division, which serves Highlands, Desoto, Hardee, and Polk counties. She co-chaired a campaign for an emergency shelter for women and children to be built in Sebring, and was instrumental in getting a gift from the Buck Foundation, which made the project possible. Kendrick also served on the board of directors for the Highlands Art League (HAL), and was the director of the Highlands MoTA

from 2008-2013. Kendrick was instrumental in assisting HAL in furthering its mission “to encourage emerging and evolving artists of all ages and to positively impact our community through the celebration and exploration of the arts.”

The Kendrick family requests that donations be made to MoTA in her name in lieu of any other sign of condolence as it was a project very dear to her heart. Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible contribution in Kendrick’s honor may call 385-5312 or visit [www.HighlandsArtLeague.org](http://www.HighlandsArtLeague.org).

### Open house showcases museum, Nelson’s work



Historical Society of Avon Park board member Thetis Casey (middle photo) visits with Quinton Varnes, Depot Museum representative. Jim Deal, museum representative, (bottom photo) enjoys a look back in time with Peggy Caraberis, museum historian, during the Historical Society of Avon Park Museum’s open house last week.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 282010CA000347XXAMX  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
ALEJANDRO MORALES, ET AL.  
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 13, 2014, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Highlands, on February 18, 2014, at 11:00 AM, at Basement of courthouse in Jury Assembly Room - 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 for the following described property:  
LOT 17, BLOCK 25, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES, SECTION 3, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 6, IN 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 sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.  
DATED: January 13, 2014.

By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk of the Court

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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 10th day of January, 2014.

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

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January 17, 24, 2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION  
Please take notice that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 4th day of February, 2014, at the City Council Chambers, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. Resolution No. 2014-03 will be presented to the City Council for adoption. A copy of the proposed Resolution can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Resolution. The proposed Resolution is entitled as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA DISSOLVING THE HARDER HALL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, TERMINATING THE HARDER HALL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN 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 OF, 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 24, 2014.  
/s/ Kathy Haley  
Kathy Haley, City Clerk

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GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; LEEANNE MOUNCE, ALBERT ARBELO AND DIANE ARBELO, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 12th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:  
Lot 8, Block 206, Leisure Lakes, Section 3, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 6, at Page 25, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, located - 931 Amaranth Street, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

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

Dated at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 7th day of January, 2014.

Bob Germaine  
Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
As Deputy Clerk  
January 17, 24, 2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000968  
DIVISION:  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DAVID L. MCILMURRAY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 08, 2014 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000968 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and DAVID L. MCILMURRAY; EDIT R. MCILMURRAY; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 12th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

STARTING AT THE MEANDER CORNER WHERE THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, INTERSECTS THE WEST SHORELINE OF LAKE CLAY; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 31 FOR A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 580.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 300.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 95 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WESTERLY SHORELINE OF LAKE CLAY; THENCE MEANDER SOUTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY SHORELINE OF SAID LAKE CLAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 14 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 97 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. AND STARTING AT THE MEANDER CORNER WHERE THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, INTERSECTS TO WEST SHORELINE OF LAKE CLAY; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 31 A DISTANCE OF 250 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 580 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SOUTH 1 DEGREE 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SHORELINE OF LAKE CLAY; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT, STARTING AT THE MEANDER CORNER WHERE THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, INTERSECTS THE WEST SHORELINE OF LAKE CLAY; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 31 FOR A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 580.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 300.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR

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A DISTANCE OF 67.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 68.58 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 10.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 67.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 179 ALDERMAN DRIVE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on January 8, 2014.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.  
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In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.  
January 24, 31, 2014

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trative Order No.2.065.  
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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone No. (863)534-4690 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).  
File 11-06888 SLS  
January 17, 24, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2009-CA-001639  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR6, Plaintiff  
vs.  
AUSTIN A. BLAKE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AUSTIN A. BLAKE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY  
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the final judgment/order entered in the above noted case, that I will sell the following property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 27, BLOCK 244, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 18, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 A.M. on February 13, 2014. The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to five percent (5%) of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Court. Final payment must be made on or before 5:00 P.M. on the date of the sale by cash or cashier's check.

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.  
(Court Seal) ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk  
Dated: January 10, 2014  
January 17, 24, 2014

Prepared by:  
Gladstone Law Group, P.A.  
1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300  
Boca Raton, FL 33486

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 Office of the Court Administrator at 863-534-4686, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 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.  
File #13-004453FH  
January 24, 31, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000032  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LINDA L. BARTON AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE  
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on January 9, 2014, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:  
LOTS 15 AND 16, HILLSIDE LAKES ANEX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 13, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 DOUBLEWIDE OAKSTR MOBILE HOME, VIN(S) 32620229LA, TITLE NO. 85034551 AND VIN # 32620229LB, TITLE NO. 85034673.  
and commonly known as: 232 PALMETTO DR, SEBRING, FL 33875; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on February 13, 2014 at 11 a.m.

Any persons claiming an interest in the

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000828-XXAX-MX  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JAMIE D. DAVIDSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMIE D. DAVIDSON; AMANDA B. DAVIDSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMANDA B. DAVIDSON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); RHS INDUSTRIES, INC.; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;  
Defendant(s)

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:  
LOTS 8275 AND 8276, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT 26, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 25, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A  
2475 N Summer Road  
Avon Park, FL 33825  
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 February 13, 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 10th day of January, 2014.

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 17, 24, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000817  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-14  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ORLANDO HERNANDEZ; SONIA ANGELICA HERNANDEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;  
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 9, 2014, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000817, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-14 is Plaintiff and ORLANDO HERNANDEZ; SONIA ANGELICA HERNANDEZ; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; are defendants. I will sell 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, IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA 33870-3867, at 11:00 a.m., on the 13th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth ins aid Final Judgment, to wit:  
LOTS 4328, 4329 AND 4330, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 14, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
Dated this 10th day of January, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of said Court  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
As Deputy Clerk  
This notice is provided pursuant to Adminis-

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A/K/A 208 IBIS AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on January 7, 2014.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
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January 17, 24, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000200  
DIVISION:

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ALEX CAZO, et al,  
Defendants(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 08, 2014 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000200 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and ALEX CAZO, HELGA ESTHER CAZO, JACK M. CLARK, II, JOY CLARK, CITY OF SEBRING; TENANT #1 N/K/A JONATHAN PATTON; and TENANT #3 N/K/A ROBIN HALL are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 25th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 11 AND THE EASTERLY 10 FEET OF LOT 10, IN BLOCK 57, OF SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK 1, PAGE 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 1 1/2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART. THE EASTERLY 10 FEET OF SAID LOT 10, IN BLOCK 57, ALSO DESCRIBED AS BEING A STRIP OF LAND 10 FEET WIDE AND 150 FEET DEEP, LYING WEST OF, ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TO LOT 11, IN BLOCK 57, OF SAID SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF SEBRING.

A/K/A 234 ROSE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on January 8, 2014.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
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2-F11029013

**\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act**  
In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.  
January 24, 31, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 13-521

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
Jeanne M. Dunn a/k/a Jeanne  
Ann Dunn a/k/a Jeannie M. Dunn a/k/a  
Jeanne Marie Dunn,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Jeanne M. Dunn a/k/a Jeanne Ann Dunn a/k/a Jeannie M. Dunn a/k/a Jeanne Marie Dunn, deceased, whose date of death was November 26, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands Court, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 17, 2014.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Patricia A. Reed  
4467 Doral Drive  
Avon, OH 44011

Attorney for Personal Representatives:  
CLIFFORD M. ABLES III, P.A.  
551 S. COMMERCE AVE.  
Sebring, Florida 33870  
Telephone: (863) 385-0112  
Fax: (863) 385-1284  
E-Mail: cmables@cmablespa.net  
Secondary E-Mail: craigb@cmablespa.net  
/s/ Brandon S. Craig  
Attorney for Patricia A. Reed  
Florida Bar Number: 0085800  
January 17, 24, 2014

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## 1050 Legals

The Sebring Airport Authority 2012-2013 fiscal year-end audit is now available for review and inspection during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) at its offices at 128 Authority Lane, Sebring, FL 33870.

January 24, 2014  
The Sebring Regional Airport & Industrial Park Community Redevelopment Agency has filed its Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 with the Clerk of Courts, Highlands County, Florida as required by Section 218.32, Florida Statutes. The Annual Financial Report is available for viewing at the Sebring Airport Authority office located at 128 Authority Lane, Sebring, FL 33870 or at the Highlands County Clerk of Courts office, 600 South Commerce Street, Sebring, FL 33870 during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

January 24, 2014  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION**  
ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT THE STORAGE PLACE OF AVON PARK, 395 CR 17A WEST, AVON PARK, FL 33825 WILL BE DISPOSED OF TO AN AUCTIONEER ON FEBRUARY 17, 2014 AT 10:00 AM. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Names and unit numbers are as follows:  
NAME UNIT NUMBER  
Diana Gutierrez 261  
Calvin Crowell II 339  
Sally Giles 350  
DISPOSITION BEING MADE TO SATISFY LANDLORD'S LIEN MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS, UNDER FLORIDA LAW, ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH.  
January 24, 2014

## 1055 Highlands County Legals

HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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

INVITATION TO BID  
CITY OF SEBRING  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
The City of Sebring will receive sealed bids in the City Purchasing Department for:

ITB #14-019: 3514 KENILWORTH BLVD, SEBRING, FL 33870  
SEBRING HIGH SCHOOL LIFT STATION TRASH PUMP INSTALLATION

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

Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 6, 2014, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of any other type of delivery service.

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

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

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
Sebring, Florida  
January 22, 24, 2014

TOWN OF LAKE PLACID  
NOTICE OF TO RESCHEDULE THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The Lake Placid Regular Town Council meeting scheduled for Monday February 10, 2014 has been rescheduled and will be held on Monday February 17, 2014 at 5:30 PM in Town Hall, 311 West Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and 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.

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.

TOWN OF LAKE PLACID  
Eva Cooper Hapeman  
Town Clerk  
January 24, 2014

## 1100 Announcements

# CHECK YOUR AD

Please check your ad on the first day it runs to make sure it is correct. Sometimes instructions over the phone are misunderstood and an error can occur. If this happens to you, please call us the first day your ad appears and we will be happy to fix it as soon as we can. If We can assist you, please call us:

**314-9876**  
**News-Sun Classified**

## 2000 Employment

## 2100 Help Wanted

A CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is looking for an experienced fun loving teacher. Please call 863-402-2408 for more information.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AIDE, good with Kids. H/S degree and background check required. Tues.-Fri. 10-4. \$7.75/hr. Apply at, 219 N. Ridgewood Dr. Sebring.



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863-385-9100

ROYAL CARE of Avon Park currently has a FT Environmental Services Directors position available. The applicant must demonstrate knowledge in electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling system, must have experience in working in a SNF also must have supervisory experience. Salary based on experience. Apply in person at Royal Care of Avon Park, 1213 W Stratford Rd., Avon Park, FL (863) 453-6674. EOE, M/F, DFWP.

## 2300 Work Wanted

GENTLEMAN / SITTER CAREGIVER looking for position. Experienced with References. 863-658-4837

## 3000 Financial

## 4000 Real Estate

## 5000 Mobile Homes

## 5050 Mobile Homes For Sale

**PALM HARBOR FACTORY LIQUIDATION SALE**  
6 models to choose from  
1200 sq. ft. up to 2400 sq. ft.  
12K OFF!  
John Lyons @ 800-622-2832 ext 210 for details

## CITY OF SEBRING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Sebring is recruiting for the following position(s):  
**Assistant Golf Pro** Closes: 01/24/14

For an application contact the City of Sebring, (863) 471-5100 or visit us on our website at [www.mysebring.com](http://www.mysebring.com)  
**Drug Free Work place, EOE, Vet Pref.**

## CITY OF SEBRING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Sebring is recruiting for the following position(s):  
**Fire Lieutenant** Closes: 01/31/14

For an application contact the City of Sebring, (863) 471-5100 or visit us on our website at [www.mysebring.com](http://www.mysebring.com)  
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## RECEPTIONIST

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No phone calls please. EOE

TREASURE AWAITS!  
In the....

# Classifieds!

## 6000 Rentals

## 6050 Duplexes for Rent

SEBRING - Duplex 2BR/1BA, screen porch, carport, A/C, appl's incl., near mall & hospital. W/D hookup. No pets/smoke. Move In Special \$550/mo. 1931 Fernway St. 305-490-5399

SPRING LAKE 2BR/2BA/ Central Air/Heat, Washer Dryer Hook Up, Dishwasher, Fridge w/ice maker, Range & Cable incl. in rent. 863-381-8069.

## 6200 Unfurnished Apartments

BEAUTIFUL APTS  
SEBRING- 2BR/1BA, tile floors, screen back porch, beautiful landscaping. 3106 Miracle Way. \$595/mo. 863-446-1822

LAKE PLACID - 1 & 2 BR, APTS. RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE, FORECLOSURES WELCOME THORNBURY APARTMENTS  
TTY 800-955-8771  
863-465-4526



## AVON PARK RENT SUBSIDIZED

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TTY 800-955-8771  
**On-Line Applications!**  
[www.AvonParkHA.org](http://www.AvonParkHA.org)

SEBRING \* DINNER LAKE AREA 1 BR/ 1 BA Apartments for Rent. Large rooms, Fresh paint & Tile, Includes water. \$400/mo. Call Gary Johnson @ 863-381-1861

## 6300 Unfurnished Houses

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**On-line Applications**  
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## 6300 Unfurnished Houses

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Newer Home. 3BR/2BA/2CG. W/D Hoop up, Tile, Screened porch. Behind Walmart. 1st./security. \$875 mo. 863-617-6231

SEBRING \* Woodlawn Elementary\*  
Area 3BR, 1BA, Refurbished, Fenced in yard, New A/C/Heat, New paint. Section 8 approved. \$200.00 Walmart Gift Card!!  
863-646-2330

SPRING LAKE - 3BR, 2BA, 2CG, CHA, patio, ceramic tiled living, dining, kit., bath & halls, SS appliances, refrigerator w/ water on door, micro., W/D hook up. No pets or Smokers. 863-835-0061

## 7000 Merchandise

## 7300 Miscellaneous

CHAIR \* CATNAPPER \* ELECTRIC LIFT CHAIR. Extra Large Size, Faux Leather - Chestnut Color. Like New! \$700. 863-382-4057

## 7310 Bargain Buys

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RUBBER BED MAT for a short bed pickup Ford F150, (63" wide X 66" long 5/16" thick), in very good condition. \$25. 863-453-7027

SCHWINN TRICYCLE (3 wheel) Adult Bike. Good Condition. \$250. 863-385-7520 or 863-414-4180

## 7320 Garage & Yard Sales

LARGE YARD SALE  
Annual Yard Sale  
MARANATHA VILLAGE  
Sat. Jan. 25 8am-12 noon  
Multi family village YARD SALE  
Arbuckle Creek Road, 2 miles east of SR-17 North, Sebring  
Household, tools, clothing, crafts & MUCH MORE!

AVON PARK - Multi Family Sale!  
2603 W. Rochester Rd. Sat - Sun  
8am - ? Baby clothes, small furniture, shoes. Something for everyone!

# SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

# 863-385-6155

# www.newssun.com

## 7320 Garage & Yard Sales

AVON PARK Victory Tabernacle Church \* RUMMAGE SALE \*1008 Peel St., (off US27 across from Clock Restaurant ) Sat. Jan 25, 7am-? Household Items, Clothing.. Great Prices! Lots of Misc.

LAKE PLACID \*LEISURE LAKES\* HOA ANNUAL GARAGE SALE. Fri & Sat, Jan 24 & 25 8am-1 pm, at Leisure Lakes Fire Department 3022 Miller Ave., Lake Placid.

LAKE PLACID Come one, come all to the Worlds Greatest Garage Sale! Fri. - Sat. 8 - 3pm. 1538 Cedar Brook St.

SEBRING \* CLUBHOUSE SALE \*  
Hammock Estates 2840 John L St. (off Hammock Rd) Sat. Jan 25, 7am - 11am.

SEBRING \* HUGH SALE \* 1702 Theon Ct. (1 mi. N. of Downtown Cir. on 17) Fri & Sat, Jan. 24 & 25, 8am-? Old clocks, Pocket watches, Old pocket knives, duck decoys, Chainsaws, Handsaws, Hand tools, Tool chest full of Craftsman tools, Lamps, Lawn mower & More!

SEBRING \* MOVING SALE \*  
725 Lin Rd., Spring Lake, Fri & Sat, Jan 24/25, 8am-1pm. Facial table, facial equipment, Professional hair clippers & capes by Fred, Antique mirrors (60 + yrs. Old beautiful 2 Lg./2 Sm.), China, Crystal, Clothes, Pressure washer, Toys & Books for children. Follow Signs !!

SEBRING \* Thunderbird Hill Cir. \*  
Off Thunderbird Road  
Sat., Jan 25th, 8am - 12pm  
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!  
14 HOMES!

SEBRING \*ANNUAL TOWN & COUNTRY M.H. PARK SALE\*  
Sat. Jan 25, 8am - 1pm. Park at gate & use Golf carts if needed. Clubhouse has lunch, bake sale and items to sell. Follow map to sales in park located at end of Cooper Rd, behind Coker Fuel.

SEBRING \*ESTATE SALE \*  
4525 Higson Ave, Harder Hall Area. Fri & Sat, Jan 24 & 25, 8 am-? Furn., Household items, Clothes, Toys, Sm. Appliances. Too Much To List!

SEBRING MULTI-FAMILY Sale!  
Sat. 8 - 1pm. 1801 Queen Ave. Toys, Books, Clothes, Furn., etc.

SEBRING SAT. 8 - 2pm.  
4614 Granada Blvd. Baby items, bedding, furn., scrubs, lots for everyone! Emptying Out House Sale!

SEBRING \*ESTATE SALE\* at St. Agnes Episcopal Church 3840 Lakeview Dr., Fri. 1/24, 8am- 3pm & Sat. 1/25 8am-1pm. Johnson Bros. Dishes, Milk glass, Crystal, Silver, Bunnykins, English bone china & Much More! A Must See!!

SEBRING \*MULTI FAMILY SALE\*  
1609 Covair Ave., (behind Walmart)  
Fri & Sat, Jan 24 & 25. Tools, Welder, Collectibles, Household Items & Much More!

LAKE PLACID Estate Sale! Fri. - Sat. 8 - 4pm. 844 CR 621 Unit B-11. Furn., kitchen & household goods. Everything Must Go!

SEBRING 4804 Leucadendra Dr,( Sun \*N Lake Estates ) Fri & Sat, Jan. 24 & 25, 8am - ? Leather Dual Reclining Couch & Reclining Chair, Adult Clothes, Household Items & Much More!

TAG SALES, ESTATE SALES, LIQUIDATIONS. Certified Appraiser 45 + Years of experience, Fees based on Sales. We do it all! Call Stan at 863-414-5284

## 7520 Pets & Supplies

# NOTICE

Florida statute 585.195 states that all dogs and cats sold in Florida must be at least eight weeks old, have an official health certificate and proper shots and be free of intestinal and external parasites.

## 7560 Medical Supplies & Equipment

BED - ERGONOMATIC QUEEN Size (2 units). Dual Massage & Wave Action, can be separated. Like New! Linens included. Original cost \$7000. Selling for \$2500. Firm! 517-582-1120 or 517-582-1121

## 8000 Recreation

## 9000 Transportation

## 9220 Utility Trailers

FLAT TRAILER 4FT X 8FT, With Hitch / Lights / 15 in. Tires. Used 2 times. \$185. 863-382-6741

UTILITY TRAILER for sale 6' x 12' single axle TSC utility box on front 863-257-0319 or 937-408-0244 \$800.00

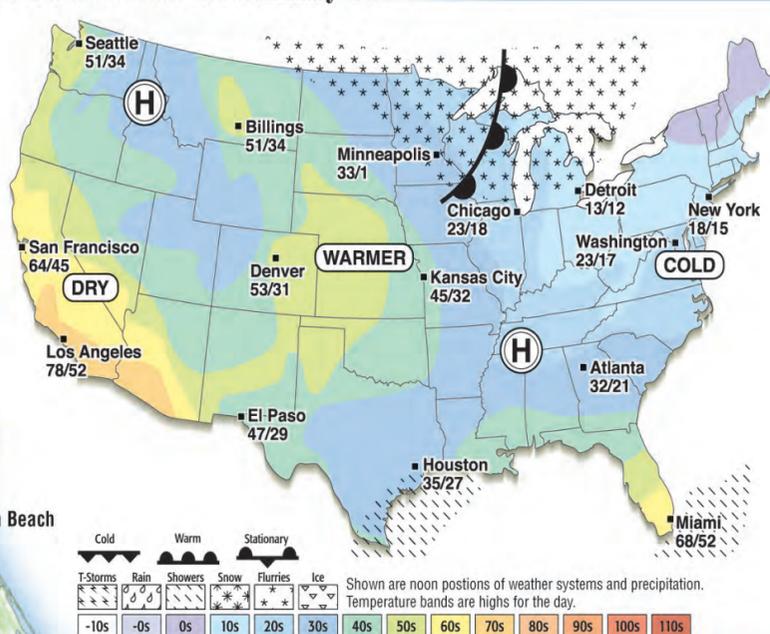
## 9450 Automotive for Sale

1977 FORD Ranchero GT Pickup, 351 Windsor Engine, Automatic, & pwr steering. Collector Reducing Inventory. Sacrifice at \$3850. or make offer. **Must See & Drive!** 863-414-0732 or 863-465-9100

Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

| TODAY                   | SATURDAY                            | SUNDAY                              | MONDAY                    | TUESDAY                          |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                         |                                     |                                     |                           |                                  |
| Times of clouds and sun | Partly sunny; nice in the afternoon | Mostly cloudy with showers possible | Rain and drizzle possible | Mostly cloudy, a shower possible |
| 60° / 36°               | 66° / 48°                           | 73° / 55°                           | 78° / 57°                 | 71° / 47°                        |
| Winds: NNE at 8-16 mph  | Winds: W at 6-12 mph                | Winds: WSW at 3-6 mph               | Winds: SW at 6-12 mph     | Winds: N at 6-12 mph             |

National Forecast for January 24



Almanac

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

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| High Sunday    | 72° |
| Low Sunday     | 37° |
| High Monday    | 77° |
| Low Monday     | 42° |
| High Tuesday   | 74° |
| Low Tuesday    | 39° |
| High Wednesday | 62° |
| Low Wednesday  | 27° |

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

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Relative humidity        | 26% |
| Expected air temperature | 60° |
| Makes it feel like       | 61° |

**Barometer**

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Monday    | 30.04 |
| Tuesday   | 30.01 |
| Wednesday | 30.19 |

**Precipitation**

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Monday        | 0.00" |
| Tuesday       | 0.17" |
| Wednesday     | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 1.21" |
| Year to date  | 1.21" |

**Tides**  
Readings at St. Petersburg

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| High | 8:17 a.m.  |
| Low  | 2:09 a.m.  |
| High | 7:25 p.m.  |
| Low  | 12:42 p.m. |

Readings at Palm Beach

|      |           |
|------|-----------|
| High | 1:59 a.m. |
| Low  | 7:45 a.m. |
| High | 2:05 p.m. |
| Low  | 8:19 p.m. |

Regional Summary

Times of clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy and chilly tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow; pleasant in the afternoon. Sunday: showers possible. Monday: chance for a bit of rain or drizzle.

**Readings at St. Petersburg**

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| High | 8:17 a.m.  |
| Low  | 2:09 a.m.  |
| High | 7:25 p.m.  |
| Low  | 12:42 p.m. |

**Readings at Palm Beach**

|      |           |
|------|-----------|
| High | 1:59 a.m. |
| Low  | 7:45 a.m. |
| High | 2:05 p.m. |
| Low  | 8:19 p.m. |

Farm Report

Clouds and sun today. Winds north-northeast 8-16 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 40% and good drying conditions. Partly cloudy and chilly tonight.

Weather History

Snowstorms hit the Pacific Northwest and New England on Jan. 24, 1935. Winthrop, Wash., received 52 inches of snow in 24 hours, and Portland, Maine, had 23.2 inches.

Sun and Moon

|          | Today      | Saturday  |
|----------|------------|-----------|
| Sunrise  | 7:13 a.m.  | 7:13 a.m. |
| Sunset   | 6:03 p.m.  | 6:04 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 12:47 a.m. | 1:46 a.m. |
| Moonset  | 12:15 p.m. | 1:02 p.m. |

Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

| City          | Today    | Sat.     | Sun.     |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cape Coral    | 64/40/pc | 67/51/pc | 74/58/sh |
| Clearwater    | 55/37/pc | 63/56/pc | 70/58/sh |
| Coral Springs | 67/50/pc | 70/50/pc | 72/56/pc |
| Daytona Beach | 51/34/pc | 62/47/pc | 65/50/sh |
| Ft. Laud. Bch | 68/52/pc | 71/52/pc | 72/57/pc |
| Fort Myers    | 64/42/pc | 68/51/pc | 74/58/sh |
| Gainesville   | 47/23/pc | 60/38/pc | 63/47/c  |
| Hollywood     | 68/51/pc | 72/51/pc | 72/56/pc |
| Homestead AFB | 69/50/pc | 72/51/pc | 72/57/pc |
| Jacksonville  | 43/23/pc | 61/35/pc | 61/43/pc |
| Key West      | 68/59/pc | 69/61/pc | 72/63/pc |

World Cities

| City         | Today    | Sat.     | Sun.     |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Acapulco     | 89/71/pc | 90/72/pc | 89/70/s  |
| Athens       | 62/55/sh | 60/48/pc | 54/45/c  |
| Beirut       | 68/54/pc | 70/62/pc | 72/58/c  |
| Berlin       | 26/14/c  | 24/14/s  | 21/14/s  |
| Bermuda      | 68/56/c  | 63/59/c  | 70/65/pc |
| Calgary      | 46/35/pc | 54/23/pc | 31/3/s   |
| Dublin       | 50/42/r  | 45/37/sh | 52/36/r  |
| Edmonton     | 38/30/pc | 42/10/pc | 20/1/sn  |
| Freeport     | 68/59/pc | 69/60/pc | 71/57/pc |
| Geneva       | 38/22/c  | 38/34/r  | 40/34/c  |
| Havana       | 73/57/pc | 74/55/s  | 78/56/s  |
| Hong Kong    | 67/61/s  | 70/60/s  | 70/59/s  |
| Jerusalem    | 60/45/s  | 65/50/s  | 65/46/s  |
| Johannesburg | 84/61/pc | 87/57/s  | 80/57/pc |
| Kiev         | 13/1/c   | 10/4/c   | 13/7/c   |

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Lake Jackson    | 78.36' |
| Lake Okeechobee | 13.90' |
| Normal          | 14.51' |

UV Index Today

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## Phillips to rep LP at State

By DAN HOEHNE

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Qualifying for sectionals is one thing, as 20 Highlands County girls weightlifters did.

But taking that next step toward competing at the State Finals is a whole other ballgame, as most of those girls found out at Wednesday's State Qualifier in Charlotte.

Of the 20, one is moving on in the form of Lake Placid's Bethany Phillips in

the 199 class.

Phillips upped her qualifying total of 270 by five pounds to place third with a 145 bench and 130 clean-and-jerk, becoming just the second Lady Dragon in the program's history to reach state – joining Taquesha Hawthorne who qualified four years ago.

While it is usually big news around here to hear of someone breaking the 300 barrier between their bench and clean combined, at this

sectional meet, that number was quite common as every weight-class winner from 129 and up topped the mark.

And even in the two lowest weight classes, 101 and 110, the winners put up totals of 290.

And in the Unlimited class, the winner topped 400 pounds, with the second- and third-place finishers totaled 390 and 385, which made the task quite tough for Sebring standout Angela

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Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files

Bethany Phillips qualified for the State Finals at Wednesday's sectional meet in Charlotte.

## Dragons head to title match

By DAN HOEHNE

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FROSTPROOF – Faris Brannen Stadium felt like the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field Wednesday night.

But the Green Dragons felt just as at home as the Green Bay Packers would in the icy conditions as they put the chill on McKeel to take the District 10-2A semifinal match 4-1.

In facing the Wildcats, top-seed Lake Placid was facing a team that had played the night before and were at least relatively accustomed to the conditions after topping a game

**Lake Placid** Avon Park squad, 2-0.

**4** But the Dragons heated up pretty quickly as Diego Mireles

**1** scored off an Osvaldo Orduna cross barely three minutes into the contest.

Orduna, a senior co-captain, would provide the assist on three of Lake Placid's goals on the night.

"His ability to assist his teammates to score says a lot about his willingness to do everything it takes to win," head coach James Ashley said. "It's unselfish and necessary for our success."

The early lead vanished in a hurry as a miscommunication between goalie and defender allowed a McKeel shot to take a high bounce into the net and knot things up.

But Orduna was soon the catalyst again as he sent a pass toward the front right of the Wildcat goal.

As the keeper came out in a full slide to try to corral the ball, Carlos Santana



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**Above:** Carlos Santana deftly lofts this shot over the sliding McKeel goalie for Lake Placid's second score in Wednesday's 4-1 win over the Wildcats. **Below:** Alfredo Aguillon gets his work in before the match, which would pay off as the sophomore keeper held off McKeel.

beat him to it and pooched and arching shot that went over the goalie and into the back, left corner of the net.

"That goal would have made a highlight reel on any field at any level," Ashley said. "He showcased his skill at a very important moment of the game."

McKeel would continue to battle, but with the lead back in their hands, the Green Dragons had the momentum back on their side and made the most of it.

Yoyi Gomez would add another score before intermission to push the lead to 3-1, and would tally another goal in the second half to provide for the final

See LP, B4



## Lake Placid Softball standings tighten

Special to the News-Sun  
LAKE PLACID –

Howard Carney has led a double life.

Growing up in Missouri a rabid St. Louis Cardinals fan, he attended Drury College and became a teacher and elementary principal for 16 years.

He left that job to take over his father's family farm and cultivate cotton and soybeans in place of young minds.

He enjoyed both occupations, but longed for the warmth of winters in sunny Florida.

He still rents the land for farming, but resides in Lake Placid and has been the softball league's treasurer for a number of years.

"I cherish most the sunshine and the camaraderie of men reliving their child-

hood by playing softball," Carney observed on Monday as his Yates Insurance team won a 16-15 nail-biter over Schooni's Restaurant.

Manager Doran Quigg had four hits for Yates, while Carney, Cliff Bluml (two doubles, triple), Bill Gallagher (two doubles), Darrell Richards, and Mike Wiltgen had three hits each.

For Schooni's, "Wild Bill" DeStefano had four hits, while Norm Grubbs slugged a double, triple, and home run.

In another one-run thriller, Central Security overcame a 12-run deficit to hand Seminole Tire its first loss of the year 22-21 in extra innings. Central owner Dana Hurlbut knocked in the game winning RBI, one of his four

hits.

Also in the Four Hit Club were Ross Anderson (double), Joe Hedges (home run, double), JC Brown and Woody Hoffman (double).

For Seminole Tire, Skip Raller, Bob Roth, Ed Engler and Bill Card each had five hits.

The 'Noles turned three double plays, but late defensive lapses contributed to the comeback by The Securitymen.

In Wednesday action, Central Security (3-3) won its third straight by topping Yates Insurance (3-3) 20-19.

Dick Cook, Dana Hurlbut, Joe Hedges (triple), and Ian McCuaig notched five hits each.

For Yates, Bill Gallagher (three doubles) had five hits, while Richard Rucker

(double) and John McCallum had four apiece.

The double play combination of Rucker and Mike Wiltgen registered three twin-killings in the loss.

Schooni's (2-4) completed the rare feat of all four games of the week being decided by one run with a 16-15 win over Seminole Tire (4-2). "Wild Bill" DeStefano, Kyle Saunders, and Jim Lorne had four hits each, with Saunders plating the game winning RBI.

Lorne made two acrobatic catches in right field to thwart 'Nole rallies.

For Seminole Tire, Bob Roth and Ed Engler had four hits, and a sextet of 'Nole hitters knocked out three each in the loss.

For further league information, visit [lpsoftball.com](http://lpsoftball.com).

## 28 degrees – Florida bass fishing in January

In the 70's and 80's, I was a member of the Bulldog BassMasters in Stow, Ohio.

Stow is about 40 miles south of Lake Erie, so as you might imagine, we were used to long, cold winters – often lasting what seemed like years – but eventually, they would come to an end.

Every year we scheduled our first tournament for the last Sunday of March and in most cases, with the exception of a little skim ice or a few snow flurries, we were able to begin our bass fishing tournament year without a hitch.

Snowmobile suits, insulated boots and gloves, ski-masks and hand-warmers were nearly as important as rods and reels and although a few fish were usually brought to the weigh-in, catching our limit or even having a fish to weigh in was considered a great day.

But we were prepared for it, and after a long winter of cleaning our reels, repairing our rods, sharpening our hooks and sorting our tackle, just getting back out on the water was a big deal.

Last Sunday when my partner Paul Tardiff and I launched my Ranger at the Windy Point boat ramp, the temperature was 28 degrees and I couldn't help but think back to those cold first tournaments in Ohio.

The Lake Placid Team Trail was holding its fifth tournament of the 2013-2014 season and I wondered if anyone else was going to show up.

Somehow we got there early, around 5:30 a.m. and the only other anglers ahead of us were Steve Dubois and Nick DeSanta.

First light is around 7 a.m. so we all had about an hour and a half to wait in the freezing cold weather for the tournament to begin.

Little by little, the boats began to show up and surprisingly, by 6:30 a.m., there were 15 boats in the water, with fishermen bundled up and trying to stay warm.

We were boat six but I had no plans of traveling far.

Hard enough to be on the water when it's that cold, even worse running across the lake at 50+ mph.

Paul and I only traveled a short distance up the west shoreline and pulled into a spot that I'd caught some fish a few weeks ago.

We worked the area from 4' to 1', with spinnerbaits and worms and never got a hit.

The sun started to come up and with no wind, the temperature warmed into the 30's and we decided to brave the elements and run across the lake to a canal on the east shore.

Paul laid down in the bottom of the boat and after the 20 minute run, I was nearly



**Fishin' Around...**

Don Norton

frozen.

We fished the canal in and out and again, no takers.

From there we moved to the north end of the lake where we saw Norman Lee and a few others and we flipped the reeds for an hour or so.

Again, no takers.

By now, the sun was up and the temperatures had risen to the mid 40's and aside from not catching any fish, it was actually pretty comfortable out there.

But where were the fish?

Had they gone out into the deeper water or just deeper back into the reeds and lily pads?

Paul mentioned that not only had we not had a hit, but we'd not seen any birds, and there had not been any surface activity from baitfish since we'd started.

Running over to the west wall, we finished out the day flipping and pitching every color and every plastic bait and jig in our tackle boxes, only to come up empty handed.

We finally resigned ourselves to giving up and heading back in.

The team of Bennett/Moore won the event with five fish weighing in at 13.43 pounds.

They won \$567 for their bag of fish.

Finishing in second place was the team of Pearson/Arnold with four bass weighing 10.39 lbs, earning them \$378.

And big bass of the day, a 5.89 pounder was caught by Bennett/Moore and earned them an additional \$135.

Out of 15 boats and 30 fishermen, only two boats weighed in a five-fish limit. A total of 33 bass reached the scales and all 33 were released alive.

This was one of the toughest, most frustrating tournaments I've ever fished.

The good news is, it's only going to get better.

### Sebring BassMasters

The next meeting for the club will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at REDS II.

The next tournament will be held on Lake Josephine on Sunday, Feb. 2.

The club is actively seeking new members.

For more information, check out their facebook

See BASS, B3

# THE SCOREBOARD



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### NFL Playoffs

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 19

Denver 26, New England 16  
Seattle 23, San Francisco 17

#### PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 26

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

#### SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 2

At East Rutherford, N.J.  
Denver vs. Seattle, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

### NBA

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

|              | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Toronto      | 21 | 20 | .512 | —   |
| Brooklyn     | 18 | 22 | .450 | 2.5 |
| New York     | 15 | 27 | .357 | 6.5 |
| Boston       | 15 | 29 | .341 | 7.5 |
| Philadelphia | 14 | 28 | .333 | 7.5 |

##### Southeast Division

|            | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   |
|------------|----|----|------|------|
| Miami      | 30 | 12 | .714 | —    |
| Atlanta    | 22 | 19 | .537 | 7.5  |
| Washington | 20 | 21 | .488 | 9.5  |
| Charlotte  | 19 | 25 | .432 | 12   |
| Orlando    | 11 | 32 | .256 | 19.5 |

##### Central Division

|           | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| Indiana   | 33 | 8  | .805 | —    |
| Chicago   | 21 | 20 | .512 | 12   |
| Detroit   | 17 | 25 | .405 | 16.5 |
| Cleveland | 15 | 27 | .357 | 18.5 |
| Milwaukee | 8  | 33 | .195 | 25   |

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

|             | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|
| San Antonio | 32 | 10 | .762 | —    |
| Houston     | 29 | 15 | .659 | 4    |
| Dallas      | 25 | 19 | .568 | 8    |
| Memphis     | 20 | 20 | .500 | 11   |
| New Orleans | 16 | 25 | .390 | 15.5 |

##### Northwest Division

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| Oklahoma City | 33 | 10 | .767 | —    |
| Portland      | 31 | 11 | .738 | 1.5  |
| Denver        | 20 | 20 | .500 | 11.5 |
| Minnesota     | 20 | 21 | .488 | 12   |
| Utah          | 14 | 29 | .326 | 19   |

##### Pacific Division

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| L.A. Clippers | 29 | 15 | .659 | —    |
| Golden State  | 26 | 17 | .605 | 2.5  |
| Phoenix       | 24 | 17 | .585 | 3.5  |
| L.A. Lakers   | 16 | 26 | .381 | 12   |
| Sacramento    | 15 | 26 | .366 | 12.5 |

#### Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 112, Orlando 109  
Boston 113, Washington 111, OT  
Chicago 98, Cleveland 87  
Charlotte 95, L.A. Clippers 91  
Toronto 93, Dallas 85  
Philadelphia 110, New York 106  
Houston 119, Sacramento 98  
Milwaukee 104, Detroit 101  
Oklahoma City 111, San Antonio 105  
Phoenix 124, Indiana 100

#### Thursday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Miami, late  
Denver at Portland, late

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

### Major League Soccer

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

|           | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Boston    | 31 | 15 | 3  | 65  | 141 | 109 |
| Tampa Bay | 29 | 16 | 5  | 63  | 146 | 123 |
| Montreal  | 27 | 18 | 5  | 59  | 127 | 125 |
| Toronto   | 27 | 20 | 5  | 59  | 150 | 156 |
| Detroit   | 22 | 18 | 10 | 54  | 127 | 138 |
| Ottawa    | 22 | 19 | 9  | 53  | 141 | 151 |
| Florida   | 20 | 23 | 7  | 47  | 120 | 151 |
| Buffalo   | 13 | 28 | 7  | 33  | 89  | 137 |

##### Metropolitan Division

|                | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Pittsburgh     | 35 | 13 | 2  | 72  | 162 | 121 |
| N.Y. Rangers   | 27 | 22 | 3  | 57  | 131 | 133 |
| Philadelphia   | 25 | 20 | 6  | 56  | 139 | 147 |
| Columbus       | 25 | 20 | 4  | 54  | 143 | 138 |
| New Jersey     | 21 | 19 | 11 | 53  | 122 | 124 |
| Washington     | 22 | 20 | 8  | 52  | 142 | 152 |
| Carolina       | 21 | 19 | 9  | 51  | 120 | 139 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 21 | 24 | 7  | 49  | 147 | 169 |

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Central Division

|           | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Chicago   | 32 | 8  | 12 | 76  | 188 | 144 |
| St. Louis | 33 | 11 | 5  | 71  | 171 | 115 |
| Colorado  | 31 | 13 | 5  | 67  | 144 | 127 |
| Minnesota | 27 | 20 | 5  | 59  | 125 | 129 |

### BOXING

#### FRIDAY

9 p.m. Kendall Holt vs. Javier Molina . . . . . ESPN2

#### SATURDAY

9 p.m. Lamont Peterson vs. Dierry Jean . . . . . SHOW  
9:45 p.m. Juan Carlos Burgos vs. Mikey Garcia. . . . . HBO

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### SATURDAY

Noon Florida State at Duke . . . . . ESPN  
Noon Virginia Commonwealth at LaSalle . . . . . ESPN2  
1 p.m. Syracuse at Miami . . . . . CBS  
1:30 p.m. Georgia at Kentucky . . . . . 38  
2 p.m. West Virginia at Oklahoma State . . . . . ESPN2  
3 p.m. Notre Dame at Wake Forest . . . . . 44  
4 p.m. South Carolina at Missouri . . . . . 38  
4 p.m. Tennessee at Florida . . . . . ESPN  
4 p.m. Western Kentucky at La.-Lafayette . . . . . ESPN2  
6 p.m. Pittsburgh at Maryland . . . . . ESPN2  
7 p.m. Michigan at Michigan State . . . . . ESPN  
8 p.m. LSU at Alabama . . . . . ESPN2  
10 p.m. BYU at Gonzaga . . . . . ESPN2

### GOLF

#### FRIDAY

11:30 a.m. LPGA - Pure Silk Bahamas Classic. . . . . GOLF  
3 p.m. PGA - Farmers Insurance Open. . . . . GOLF

#### SATURDAY

10:30 a.m. EuroPGA - Qatar Masters . . . . . GOLF  
1 p.m. PGA - Farmers Insurance Open. . . . . GOLF  
3 p.m. PGA - Farmers Insurance Open . . . . . CBS  
3 p.m. LPGA - Pure Silk Bahamas Classic. . . . . GOLF

### NBA

#### FRIDAY

8 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Chicago . . . . . ESPN

### NHL

#### SATURDAY

7 p.m. Colorado at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

### RUGBY

#### SATURDAY

4 p.m. USA Sevens . . . . . NBC

### SKIING

#### SATURDAY

2 p.m. Visa Freestyle International . . . . . NBC  
3 p.m. USSA Freestyle World Cup . . . . . NBC

### TENNIS

#### FRIDAY

2 p.m. Australian Open - Men's Semifinal. . . . . ESPN2

#### SATURDAY

9 a.m. Australian Open - Women's Final . . . . . ESPN2

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### SATURDAY

Noon Florida International at UAB. . . . . SUN  
2 p.m. Kansas at Kansas State . . . . . SUN

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

|           |    |    |   |    |     |     |
|-----------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|
| Dallas    | 22 | 20 | 8 | 52 | 141 | 152 |
| Nashville | 22 | 22 | 7 | 51 | 125 | 152 |
| Winnipeg  | 23 | 23 | 5 | 51 | 144 | 152 |

##### Pacific Division

|             | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Anaheim     | 37 | 10 | 5  | 79  | 177 | 129 |
| San Jose    | 32 | 12 | 6  | 70  | 161 | 123 |
| Los Angeles | 29 | 16 | 6  | 64  | 131 | 108 |
| Vancouver   | 26 | 16 | 9  | 61  | 129 | 128 |
| Phoenix     | 23 | 18 | 9  | 55  | 143 | 152 |
| Calgary     | 17 | 27 | 7  | 41  | 114 | 161 |
| Edmonton    | 15 | 31 | 6  | 36  | 132 | 183 |

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

##### Wednesday's Games

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.  
Phoenix at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

##### Thursday's Games

Carolina at Buffalo, late  
St. Louis at N.Y. Rangers, late  
Philadelphia at Columbus, late  
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, late  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, late  
Chicago at Minnesota, late  
Toronto at Dallas, late  
Nashville at Vancouver, late  
Los Angeles at Anaheim, late  
Winnipeg at San Jose, late

##### Friday's Games

Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Ottawa at Carolina, p.p.d., schedule conflict  
Montreal at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Colorado at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Phoenix at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

**TODAY:** Boys Basketball at Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Kathleen, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY:** Wrestling at Polk County Invitational, George Jenkins, 10 a.m.

**MONDAY:** Boys Basketball at Ridge, 6/7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY:** Girls Basketball hosts District 9-4A Tournament, vs. Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.



Lake Placid

**TODAY:** Boys Basketball at Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at District 10-2A Tournament title game, Frostproof, vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY:** Boys Basketball vs. Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY:** Girls Basketball at District 9-4A Tournament, Avon Park, vs. Avon Park, 7:30 p.m.



Sebring

**TODAY:** Boys Basketball vs. Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY:** Wrestling at Polk County Invitational, George Jenkins, 10 a.m.; Boys Basketball at Tenoroc, 6/7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY:** Boys Basketball vs. Lake Region, 6/7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY:** Girls Basketball host District 11-5A Tournament, vs. DeSoto, 7 p.m.

# SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

## Avon Park Dixie Baseball

AVON PARK - Avon Park Dixie Youth Baseball sign-ups will be at Durrah Martin Baseball Complex behind The Clock Restaurant on Saturday's, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

There will also be sign-ups at Top Shop on 12 N. Anoka Ave, Avon Park.

The fee is \$70 per player, additional player is \$5 off.

If you have any questions please contact Bob Ford 863-214-6267.

## AP Softball sign-ups

AVON PARK - AP Softball will be holding registration for girls aged 4-15 on Saturday, Jan. 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.

Those desiring an entry form may contact race director Chet Brojek at [cbrojek@comcast.net](mailto: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 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](http://friendsofhighlandshammock.org) for more information.

## 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 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](mailto:cbrojek@comcast.net) or by calling him at 863-712-3524 or 385-4736.

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.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 by contacting Brojek.

## GOLS Indoor Soccer

AVON PARK - Registration for GOLS Indoor Soccer League is Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m.-Noon at First Baptist Church of Avon Park.

Sign-ups will take place in the Family Life Center (old Avon Park Recreation Center across from the tennis courts downtown Avon Park.)

The GOLS Indoor Soccer League is a co-ed league for 13- to 18-year olds.

Registration is \$12 and is limited to the first 40 players to sign up.

Each team plays one game a week at 6:30 p.m. (either Tuesday or Thursday) from Feb. 11 to Apr. 17, concluding with a tournament.

GOLS (Goals Of Life and Soccer) is in its 11th year as a ministry of First Baptist Church of Avon Park.

Participants learn soccer and team skills from certified coaches.

For more information, contact Coach Severn at 452-1250 or Coach Virkler at 385-3235.

## Valentine's Tennis Tournament



## Golf Hammock

Last Monday, Jan. 20, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am Points.

In A group Fred Latshaw took first with +6, Ike Richards took second with +4, and Jim Gulick came in third with +3.

In B group Jack Schell was in first with +4, Les Campbell's Even was enough for second, and Danny Geier took third with -1.

In C group Paul (Taff) Brown took first with +5, second belonged to Bob Trier at +3, with Joe Hyzny's Even good enough for third.

In D group, Dick Botelho was in first with Even, and there was a tie for second between David Mulligan and Gary Reinhart at -1.

In E group Bryce Mitchell's +2 took first, John Robertson took second with even.

F group was won by Victor Hnattzenko with +3, Billy Parr and Jin Daigneault tied for second at +1.

G group was won by Delbert Nelson with +6, Mark Flora took second with +1, and Bob Morrison was third with -2.

H group saw Billy Ringo in first place with +8, Ray Lihatainen in second +7, and third was taken by Ginny McVey's +4.

I group was won by Bob Hughes with +6, followed by Ken Spencer's +5 taking second, with a tie for third between Bill Alesi and Janet Regan at +4.

J group saw Mark Kinch in first with +10, followed by Bill Wouderberg in second with +4, and Jerry Edwards in third with +3.

K group was won by Charlie Strong's +4, Bob Colandrea in second with +3, and a tie at +1 between Ron Geoque and Jim Ruscher for third.

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

Please arrive early due to a big field

of players.

For more information, call Pete at 382-1280.

## Lake June West

The Monday Ladies teed off on Jan. 20 and needed a match of cards to determine a winner between dueling 35s.

Donna Palmatier, Kathy Armstrong, Eva Huffman and Beryll Hansen wound up taking top honors while Margaret Schultz, Joann McGill, Chris Heath and Barbara Cash settled for second.

Just a shot back, at 36 for third, were Wanda Jones, Verna Knishka, Pat Asmus and Jan Mann.

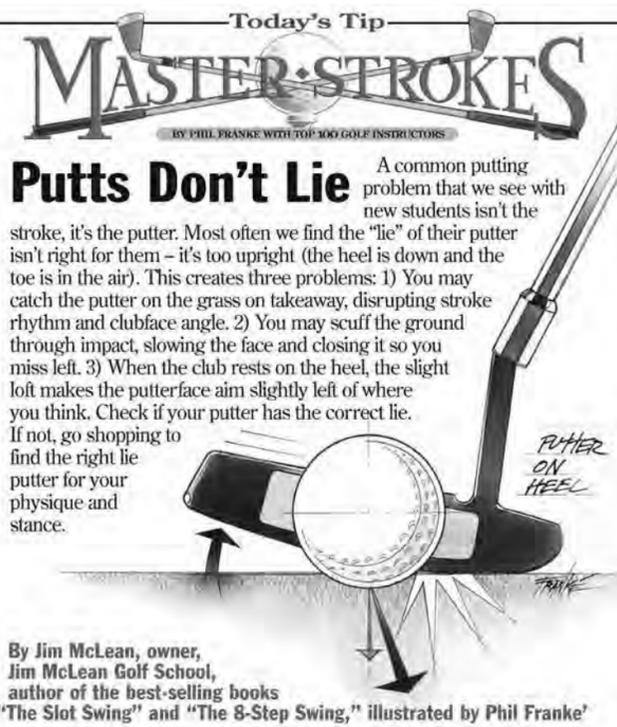
In closest to the pin, Cash got to 8-feet, 6-inches from No. 2, Doris W to 4-feet, 3-inches from No. 4 and McGill to 3-feet, 10-inches from No. 8.

A Mixed Scramble was played on Thursday, Jan. 16, with the Ames, Andy and Karen, teaming with the Stewarts and Helen Mellon to card a 51 for the win.

The Little's, Ralph and Beth, the Swartz's, Joe and Joyce, teamed with Charlotte Mathew for a 52 and second place, while Doyan Eades joined the Freeman's, Rick and Wendy, and the Heath's, Larry and Chris, for a 53 and third.

Beth Little had the closest of the closest to the pins, hitting to just 1-foot, 10-inches from No. 2.

Helen Mellon was nearly as close, getting to 2-feet, 3 1/2-inches from No.



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

8, while Rod Martin got to 13-feet, 8-inches from No. 4.

A Men's Best Ball event was played on Wednesday, Jan. 15, and saw a Hole-In-One recorded by Ron West on No. 4.

As for the teams, Sonny Shelton, Ingersoll, Joe Swartz and Angelo Iorlano won with a 40, while Dick Denhart, Berard, Ward Shaw and Fred Neer won a match of cards to take second with a 42.

Settling for third with their 42 were Claude Cash, Charles Henson, Red Martini and Al Welch.

In closest to the pin, obviously West hit his on No. 4 right into the cup, while John Byron had the two other close ones.

Byron hit to 7-feet, 3-inches on No. 8 and to 5-feet, 3-inches on No. 2.

## SpringLake

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held a Two Man Team (Flighted) Best Ball contest in which only the best net score on each hole counted.

This was played on the Panther Trail golf course under beautiful golfing conditions.

In A Flight, the winners were Jan Hard and John Starks, with a combined best ball score of 60 strokes.

This included one bogey, eight net birds, an eagle 2 on No. 2, and a net double eagle 2 on par 5 No. 13 where Mr. Starks scored a 3 with 1 handicap stroke.

Second place went to Kirby Gann and Charlie Scoven with a net 64 and third to Ken Kirby and Edd Vowels, who scored 65.

Les Greenlee and Gerry Esty took first place in B Flight, also with a net 60 strokes.

This included two bogeys, eight birdies, and two net eagles - Mr. Esty's birdie with a stroke on No. 5 and Mr. Greenlee's birdie with a stroke on No. 8.

Bob Hinde and Ed Beauchim came in second with 64 strokes, while Jim Hearn and Gene Hearn (no relation-one is Canadian) took third with 65 strokes.

The C Flight was won by Leon Van and Steve Hall with 59 strokes, followed closely by Jay Payne and Charlie Keniston with a net 61.

Third place went to Bob Berg and Ray McKenzie with a net 62.

In this flight, Jerry Terrell and

George Thomas did some great "ham and egg" play with a net 63 when shooting a net 77 and a net 79.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association completed a two-day Pick Your Partner contest on a cold, windy Cougar Trail golf course.

Day 2 was formatted - with four flights of 6 teams each - as Alternate Shot on the Front and Two Man Net Score on the Back Nine.

Winning team of the A Flight was Pat Jaskowski and Gordon Reid with 165 net strokes - 62 on Tuesday and 103 on Thursday.

Second place went to Joe Austin and Gerry Esty with 170 strokes - 59 and 111.

Third place was taken by Gary Behrendt and Jan Hard with 171, including 64 on Tuesday and 107 strokes on Thursday.

The B Flight was won by Les Greenlee and Jim Hearn with scores of 62 and 100, totaling 162 strokes.

Looks like the cold weather suited our new Canadian friends greatly.

There was a tie for second at 164 strokes, between Edd Vowels and Bill Kingshott (62 plus 102) and the team of Bob Hinde and Pat Shatney (64 and 100).

Close behind in fourth at 165 was Jon Brower and Tom Bates.

In the C Flight, Will David and Charlie Keniston took first with 59, 111 equaling 170 strokes.

Second place went to Richie Eastep and Larry Miesner, who scored 171 strokes (61 and 110).

Third place was won by Ed Clay and John Schroeder with 177 strokes.

D Flight winners were Ed Beauchim and Dave Hall, with 153 net strokes - 55 and 98.

Ken Rohr and Larry Colclasure took second place with 169 strokes (60 and 109).

Third place was won by Leon Van and Bob Frederick with 172 strokes.

# Bass tournament pushes through 'warm' winter days

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page at Sebring BassMasters or stop by REDS.

## REDS Big Bass tournament

The next Big Bass Tournament will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Lake June in Lake Placid.

Only 15 boats will be allowed to participate, a maximum of two fishermen

per boat.

This could be a pretty exciting tournament and 10 teams have already signed up.

The cost is \$25 per fisherman and the entry fee must be paid prior to 5 p.m. on the Friday before the tournament.

No entry fees will be accepted the morning of the tournament or at the boat ramp.

Take off times will be

determined by when each boat registers.

Only artificial baits may be used in this tournament.

## Winter in Florida

Over the past couple of weeks I have met so many folks from up north that come down to Florida every year to get out of the weather and enjoy a little Florida sunshine.

Those that I've met

haven't been nearly as critical of the weather as the local fishermen have been and most still appreciate the "warm" weather we have here during January.

Many have come down year after year and they know that if we're going to see any cold weather, it's usually from mid-December through January.

And they also know that as each day passes; as each day grows longer; the weath-

er will improve.

And with it, so will the fishing.

So to our winter visitors, as well as those of us who live here year round, hang in there!

The best is yet to come.

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 REDS FISHING facebook page or his website at theamericanfisherman.com. or stop by the store to see him anytime.

# Unified Sports Car Series to hit track at Daytona

By JENNA FRYER  
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — The rules are set, the classes — as cluttered as they may be — decided and the future of North American road racing is finally here.

Some 15 months after the merger of the Grand-AM and American Le Mans Series, the consolidated product will at last hit the track Saturday for the prestigious Rolex 24 at Daytona.

The inaugural event for the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship will mark the first time sports cars in North America have been unified since 1997.

There are 67 cars across four classes scheduled to take the green flag for the twice-around-the-clock endurance race.

While everyone is eager to see the unified series in action, even the most seasoned teams and drivers aren't sure what to expect.

"This sport is ready to put on a great show for a huge audience and we are very excited for what is next with the United SportsCar Championship," said Michael Shank, team owner of the 2012 winning team. "There are so many unknowns with the new rules and all the new classes, it is little bit like the first time for us."

Shank will be back with

his 2012 winning lineup of Justin Wilson, racing for the first time since he was injured in the IndyCar season finale in October, AJ Allmendinger, John Pew and Oswaldo Negri Jr. in the Prototype (P) class.

The class is comprised of the former Daytona Prototype class from Grand-AM, as well as the P2 class and the DeltaWing from ALMS.

The overall race winner will likely come from the P class, which also includes two entries from defending race winner Chip Ganassi Racing.

Ganassi has new faces for

both of his lineups: He's paired Indy Lights champion and Rolex newcomer Sage Karam with Scott Pruett, Memo Rojas and Jamie McMurray.

Pruett last year tied Hurley Haywood's mark of five overall Rolex victories and is looking for the record this year.

"There's something magical about Daytona, and I love coming to race in the Rolex 24," Pruett said. "Especially with the coming together of both series, it will be the best of the best."

The second Ganassi entry has an entirely new look as

holdover Scott Dixon has three new teammates.

Among them are Marino Franchitti, who slides into the spot once held by older brother, Dario, who was forced to retire from racing in November because of injuries suffered in an IndyCar crash at Houston.

Also in the lineup is Indianapolis 500 winner Tony Kanaan, who got Franchitti's IndyCar seat with Ganassi, and Kyle Larson, who replaced Juan Pablo Montoya in Ganassi's NASCAR's side of the organization.

But Ganassi made an off-season switch to Ford and,

like the Shank team, is using the new Ford EcoBoost turbo DP engines.

Although powerful, reliability could be a question.

It makes the potential favorite Wayne Taylor's Velocity Worldwide Corvette entry, also from the P class.

Taylor came out of a four-year retirement to join the lineup for a chance to drive with sons Ricky and Jordan, as well as longtime teammate Max Angelelli.

The team finished second at the Rolex to Ganassi last season without Wayne Taylor, but Angelelli and Jordan Taylor won five races — including the final three of the season — to win the 2013 Grand-AM driver championship.

Almost half of the 67-car field is the GT class, which

features the Aston Martins, Audis, Ferraris and Porsches.

The class includes defending race winner Alex Job Racing, which will be in a Porsche after winning in an Audi last year, Dempsey Racing, which features actor Patrick Dempsey and was fourth at the 24 Hours of Le Mans to just miss a podium finish.

Dempsey announced earlier this month he'll compete in the full United SportsCar season.

"I think I'm getting much more competitive, much more consistent lap times," Dempsey said. "I'm improving the more seat time I get, with the more experience I get. So when I show up at the track, I know that I have a shot at winning if everything goes right."

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# LP all set for major match

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margin and send Lake Placid to the district title game against Mulberry tonight at 7 p.m.

The win keeps the Dragons unbeaten on the season in district play and reaching the tournament championship match assures them of a spot in the state playoffs.

A district title would then allow them a home date in the regional quarterfinal opener, while a loss would

We owe them our best game on Friday night.

**James Ashley**

Lake Placid head coach send them on the road.

And in Mulberry, they will be facing a team that tested them during the season.

The Panthers lost a close match, 3-2, at home on Monday, Dec. 2, but managed to tie Lake Placid in

the Dragon's lair 17 days later.

"Mulberry has ruled our district since my first year at Lake Placid," Ashley said. "They knocked us out of the first round last year. We owe them our best game Friday night."

"Our goal this year was to get to the championship game and bring it home," he continued. "As the cards have fallen, we will be ready to play and what better way to do it than to play the team that has had our number."



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

The Red Devils gave it their all Tuesday night, but McKeel would upend them, 2-0, in the opening round of the District 10-2A tournament Tuesday at Frostproof.

# LeBron leads USA Basketball team roster; no Kobe

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**  
*Associated Press*

With LeBron James sticking around and some of the NBA's best players joining him, the U.S. basketball team could be better than ever.

"The roster itself is the strongest roster we've ever had," USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said.

Even without Kobe Bryant, who had said the 2012 London Olympics was his last international competition, it's a formidable group.

James and 10 others from the 2012 U.S. Olympic team are remaining in the national team pool, joined by a group of newcomers hoping for their first chance at gold.

USA Basketball selected 28 players Thursday to choose from for the World Cup of Basketball this summer in Spain and the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Carmelo Anthony was also chosen, giving him and James a chance to play in a fourth Olympics and win a third gold medal.

They won't play this summer, but might still put on the red, white and blue one more time down the road.

"We really do want to give some of the younger players an opportunity in Spain this summer, but they want to remain there and stay in the mix for being on our roster in Rio," Colangelo said on a conference call.

Also selected from the 2012 gold medalists were: Kevin Durant, Chris Paul, Kevin Love, Deron Williams, James Harden, Russell Westbrook, Anthony Davis, Tyson Chandler and Andre Iguodala.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski is back to lead the Americans, as he has

done since 2005.

The other players picked were: Chicago's Derrick Rose, Houston's Dwight Howard, the Clippers' Blake Griffin, Indiana's Paul George; Stephen Curry, David Lee and Klay Thompson of Golden State; LaMarcus Aldridge and Damian Lillard of Portland; Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins, Kyrie Irving of Cleveland; San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard; Washington's Bradley Beal; Atlanta's Kyle Korver; Detroit's Andre Drummond; Denver's Kenneth Faried; and Utah's Gordon Hayward.

It's an experienced, star-filled group — it includes the NBA's top 10 scorers — and the Americans stressed it will be "fluid," meaning more players could be added over the next three years.

And unlike recent U.S. teams, it's big.

The Americans have been undersized up front, but have plenty of post players to choose from with Howard, Chandler, Cousins, Davis and Aldridge.

"Those are more big guys than we've had before," said Krzyzewski, noting he had James and Anthony on the floor as his two big men late in the 2012 gold-medal game.

"We do have a few more options now."

Half of the 28 players have already won gold in either the Olympics or world basketball championships, which was renamed for this year's event.

James, Anthony, Paul and Williams all have played for the last two Olympic gold-medal winners.

Howard missed his chance to join them when he had to pull out of the 2012 London Games because of injury.

So did Rose and Griffin

— the latter after he had made the final 12-man roster.

Durant and Love were the first to announce their return last summer and are expected to play in Spain.

They, along with Iguodala, Westbrook and Chandler, won gold in both 2010 and 2012.

The Americans will have to trim the roster to 12 before heading to Spain.

If they defend their world title, they will automatically clinch a spot for Rio.

If not, they would have to play in an Olympic qualifying tournament in 2015.

As in 2010, when they won the worlds for the first time since 1994, the Americans will likely feature a younger roster.

But it's a deep one, with the potential to bring players such as Aldridge, George and Cousins, who have been among the NBA's best this season.

Then James, who began his Olympic career with a bronze in 2004, could make his way back.

He and Anthony have already tied David Robinson for the most among U.S. players with their three Olympic appearances.

"LeBron has an incredible opportunity to do it a fourth time and the mere fact that his name is on the roster indicates his desire and interest in continuing to have that opportunity in front of him," Colangelo said.

Krzyzewski saw James on Wednesday when Duke played at Miami, and said the NBA's MVP was excited to remain involved.

"For him to do it a fourth time would be just another star or asterisk next to his name and his career, and it appears that's exactly what he wants to try," Colangelo said.

# Tanaka says Yanks wanted him most

By **JIM ARMSTRONG**  
*Associated Press*

**TOKYO** — Masahiro Tanaka says he chose to play for the New York Yankees because they appreciated him the most among the many teams in the majors who were chasing the prized signature of the star Japanese pitcher.

"They gave me the highest evaluation and are a world-famous team," Tanaka said at a press conference in Japan on Thursday after agreeing to a \$155 million, seven-year deal with the Yankees.

Tanaka said he was "relieved" the deal was done and looked forward to standing on the mound at Yankee Stadium.

When asked what his goal will be, Tanaka's response was direct: "To become World Champions."

In addition to the personal deal with Tanaka, the Yankees must pay a \$20 million fee to his Japanese team, the Rakuten Eagles.

His agreement calls for \$22 million in each of the first six seasons and \$23 million in 2020, and it allows him to terminate the deal after the 2017 season and become a free agent.

Asked to deliver a message to Yankee fans in English, Tanaka said he plans to let his performance on the field do the talking.

"I don't speak English so I'll just have to win the trust and confidence of the fans with my performance on the field," the 25-year-old right-hander said.

Big league teams had until Friday to reach an agreement with Tanaka, who was 24-0 with a 1.27 ERA last year as the Eagles won the Japan Series title.

The Arizona Diamondbacks, Chicago Cubs and White Sox, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Houston Astros all said they were among the failed bidders.

Tanaka said he consulted with 2013 Rakuten teammate Takashi Saito and Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish about life in the major leagues before deciding on the Yankees.

"Everything will be new and challenging," Tanaka said. "But I have to rely on the ability that got me this far."

Tanaka was 99-35 with a 2.30 ERA in seven seasons with the Eagles, striking out 1,238 in 1315 innings.

Yankees official has tracked him since 2007, scouting 15 of his games.

The Tanaka deal caps an offseason in which the Yankees added catcher Brian McCann and outfielders Jacoby Ellsbury and Carlos Beltran. The four big deals totaled \$438 million.

"We're going to do what we've got to do to win," Yankees co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We had to make sure we had enough pitching to go together with our new lineup."

Tanaka receives the highest contract for an international free agent and the fifth largest deal for a pitcher, trailing only those of the Los Angeles Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw (\$215 million), Detroit's Justin Verlander (\$180 million), Seattle's Felix Hernandez (\$175 million) and the Yankees' C.C. Sabathia (\$161 million under his original agreement with New York).

Tanaka replaces the retired Andy Pettitte in the Yankees rotation, and joins Sabathia, Hiroki Kuroda and Ivan Nova.

# Marlins president a castaway on new 'Survivor'

*Associated Press*

**MIAMI (AP)** — Miami Marlins President David Samson is among 18 castaways on the new season of "Survivor," which begins Feb. 26 on CBS.

The cast also includes a high-stakes poker player, an ex-NFL cheerleader, a nuclear engineer and former NBA All-Star Cliff Robinson.

In a biography released by the network, Samson lists as his claim to fame getting the government in Miami to "contribute over \$350 million to a new baseball park during the recession."

I always win, because people underestimate me.

**David Samson**

Marlins President Critics called the financing plan a taxpayer rip-off, and a backlash against the deal resulted in the recall of the county mayor.

As for while he thinks he'll win, Samson said, "I always win, because people underestimate me."

The new season of "Survivor" takes place in

Cagayan, a province in the Philippines.

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## Healthy Living

# Are fish oils your only choice?

Dear Pharmacist: I'm taking a prescription drug version of fish oils for my heart and cholesterol. I want a plant-derived option because I'm a vegetarian, plus I get "fish burp." Are there plant-derived essential fatty acids, or do you have to get it from fish? — H.B., Plano, Texas

Answer: Fish burp often happens if you have a deficiency of probiotics and digestive enzymes, however people assume the burp happens from rancid oil. Fish oils aren't usually rancid nowadays. They are the gold standard supplement for people seeking essential fatty acids.

I've been a fan of essential fatty acids, and fish oil in particular for many years, however, I respect your desire to find a vegetarian source.

Depending on the oil, you won't get as high a concentration of EPA and DHA from a non-fish oil supplement, but you will get other benefits. I personally take plant-derived essential fatty acids, and cook with some too! I put other oils on my face too. I'm not fat phobic; I think good 'fats' are crucial to feeling well. Oils lube the joints, and help with regularity; they plump the skin and support heart health.

Here are my favorite oils and how you can take them,



**Dear Pharmacist**

*Suzy Cohen*

then you can decide what's right for you. Not all of them have EPA/DHA in them, these are just my personal favorite oils:

- Coconut oil – I love applying this to my skin, and cooking with it. I also put this in my smoothies.

Coconut oil helps my brain; it's known to support brain health.

- Chia seed oil – I love chia seed oil as a supplement (Chia Omega by Essential Formula's is the newest kid on the block, sold at health food stores nationwide).

Chia seed oil provides your body with "alpha linolenic acid." Then, your body converts that to some EPA and DHA, which are the two primary ingredients in fish oil. Chia seeds also provide quercetin and antioxidants to support general cellular health.

- Grape seed oil – I love cooking with grape seed oil because it has a mild flavor, so I use it in my pesto sauce

recipe, in salad dressings and in place of olive oil.

- Moringa – A superfood used to combat malnutrition for centuries. The name "moringa" means "reddish brown" likely referring to the seed color. One popular brand is made by "Organic India" and I like this one because they use organic moringa, plus it comes in a powder for my smoothies and softgels for supplementation.

- Argan oil – It comes from a nut, common to Morocco, and it's used cosmetically. I use it on my skin for fine lines and elbows/heels. I sometimes spray "Morrocoan Oil" on my hair for lightweight shine.

- Flaxseed Oil – It provides a natural source of estrogen, which is thought to knock out bad estrogen from your cells. Like chia seed oil, it provides the precursor to EPA and DHA, which translates to protection to the colon, breast, prostate, skin, heart and joints.

*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.*

## Common sense vindicated

When I was a resident I was privileged to spend several months with Lipmann Kessl FRCS at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (RNOH) in London. He was a very experienced shoulder surgeon who trained many of the current British shoulder surgeons. He was at the end of his career and accepted only baffling cases from other shoulder surgeons. He was the Sherlock Holmes of diagnosing. He could look at a shoulder, move it or ask the patient to, and then would announce the correct diagnosis. Even the senior doctors were baffled until he explained, and then it was so obvious. Another thing Mr. Kessel taught us was that if a rotator cuff repair took more than a sling to protect it, it would probably not hold as it healed.

Many in the over-50 age group, almost everybody in Sebring it seems, get stiff with any shoulder injury, not just rotator cuff problems. Putting these two things together I have been doing passive/active assist motion at about 10 days after rotator cuff surgery to get people back to golf and other activities faster.

Recently, the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (JBJS) published a Level one (the best evidence) study that showed that small and medium tears had good results with this protocol. Healing of the tears was the same.

Unlike spinal nerves, nerves in the hand and forearm will regenerate. After a two-week delay, they regrow at the rate of about one inch a month. In severe carpal tunnel, some of the fibers of the nerve are destroyed and have to regrow. Traditionally, this group has had a very poor return of sensation after surgery.

Research shows that if a nerve is not delivering infor-

mation to the brain, the area for analyzing the data transfers to another job. If the data resumes, the brain must be stimulated to send the "analyzers" back to their original job. This is simpler than it sounds.

For example, if your hand is numb, you use your eyes to see and manipulate an object. If the object cannot be seen, such as marbles buried in rice, your brain will look for other sources of information and discover the data from your hand. Using these techniques, we are see-



**Guest Column**

*Dr. Diana Carr*

ing better-than-predicted results for function in severe carpal tunnel. Most patients get near normal for their age group.

Next time, wide awake surgery that even nervous people will love.

*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. Dr. Carr's long list of achievements include being the area's only Orthopaedic Surgeon certified as a hand specialist. For more information, visit <http://hand-shoulder-specialist.com> or call 382-7777.*

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## HEALTH SNAPSHOTS

### Good Shepherd Hospice needs volunteers

SEBRING – Good Shepherd Hospice needs volunteers to support its mission to provide exceptional end-of-life care. Attend a free, 90-minute orientation session to learn more about the fulfilling experience of volunteering with Good Shepherd Hospice. Hospice needs volunteers at all levels – from providing companionship for a hospice patient to supplying office help to facilitating a children's grief support group to supporting families at the Somers Hospice House. The organization is in need of specialty and professional volunteers, such as clowns and licensed hairstylists, massage therapists and nail technicians.

A volunteer orientation session is scheduled for

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Good Shepherd Hospice office, 1110 Hammock Road. Volunteers wanting to work with patients and families will receive additional training. All training is free, and volunteers do not need any type of prior experience. Contact Regina Merrick at (863) 551-3943 or email [merrickr@chaptershealth.org](mailto:merrickr@chaptershealth.org) for more information or to register.

### 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).  
- Tuesday – 7:30 a.m.,

health fair, Lake Josephine RV Park (Sebring); 10 a.m., Music and Motion, Change of Pace (Sebring).

- Thursday – 8:30 a.m., Music and Motion, New Concepts (Sebring).

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

Comprehensive Homecare Community Outreach Events

- Monday – 1 p.m., Crown Pointe Caregivers Support Group, Sebring.

- Tuesday – 12:30 p.m., Groves of Victoria Park, behind Sebring Diner.

- Wednesday – 1 p.m., Doctor's Panel at Tanglewood, off U.S. 27, Sebring.

Each site is hosting the events using Comprehensive Homecare and is open to the public.

## Cape Kingdom helps celebrate mural

*Special to the News-Sun*

CORAL SPRINGS — Cape Kingdom USA, a leading global developer of natural, scientifically-proven, clinically-tested and FDA-approved ancient Buchu herb-based supplements under the Buchulife brand, is sponsoring "Celebrate Lake Placid" Saturday. The daylong event starts at 10 a.m. with a Walgreens mural dedication followed by a town celebration, which includes fun activities for the whole family such as clown performances, face painting, live music, balloon art, games, local goods, and free hotdogs.

"We are happy to support the town of Lake Placid and to partner with Walgreens in providing the community with this family-oriented event," says Stephen Bernhardt, president of Cape Kingdom USA.

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# Religion

## Snapshots

### 'Pearls and Lace' theme for Ladies Day

SEBRING – The Sebring Parkway Church of Christ is holding its annual Ladies Day from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. The theme this year is "Pearls and Lace." The speaker is Alisa Leonard of Valdosta, Ga.

Registration and a continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

The Sebring Parkway church of Christ is at 3800 Sebring Parkway. For information, call 385-7443.

### Sunridge Baptist offers class on writing a memoir

SEBRING – Sunridge Baptist Church is offering a free, one-session class on how to write a memoir. The class will be presented by award-winning author Sunny Serafino. The event takes place at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Bring pen and paper and find out how to save family history. The class is easy, fulfilling and fun.

The church is at 3704 Valerie

Blvd.

### L.D.S. Sarasota Stake Conference is this week

SARASOTA – The Sarasota Stake 2014 Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in Sarasota at the Stake Center on Saturday and Sunday.

The Saturday session will be from 7-9 p.m. Children from 12 years old and up may attend the adult session.

The Sunday session will be broadcast via satellite at the Sebring chapel (3235 Grand Prix Drive) from 10 a.m. to noon.

### First Presbyterian hosts Tailgate Party

SEBRING – Sad because you don't get to party for your favorite team? Miss going to the tailgate lot hours before game time? Getting tired of watching others have all the fun? Now's the time to make up for all that.

The First Presbyterian Church of Sebring is holding a tailgate party from 3-5 p.m. Sunday for everyone and every winning and losing team

– pro, college, high school or whoever. The church will provide food (brats and sauerkraut, hot dogs, meatballs, beans, chili, mac n' cheese, and more), music and decorations.

Dress to support your favorite team and school. Find those old pom-poms and pennants. Come ready to celebrate the team you have supported for years.

Price is \$7 per adult, \$4 for age 12 and under. There will also be a bake sale by the youth group.

Park in the lot by the church sign on Lakeview Drive. Proceeds are to support the annual church retreat. For information call 385-0107. The church is at 319 Poinsettia Ave.

### Women's Club host annual sale

LAKE PLACID – The Women's Club of Saint James Catholic Church will host its annual Trash and Treasure Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The members will be on hand to welcome friends and the public in the social hall at 3800 Placid View Drive.

# Sparta Road Baptist offers Christian Life course

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING – The Sparta Road Baptist Church will host the Christian Life and Witness course, a four-part study designed to help Christians re-ignite their faith and share it with others.

Facilitators for the course will be Evangelist Roger Jaudon and his wife, Dorothy. Interested individuals should send their name, address and phone number, together with a suggested donation of \$7 check or money order payable to Sparta Road Baptist Church. This small donation will help offset the expense of the course. Receipt of the name and donation will guarantee a seat, together with the large packet of study materials.

Seating is limited.

The course will be presented over two evenings beginning promptly at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 and again on Tuesday, Feb. 18. A light supper will be served each evening between the sessions. There will be two, 90-

minute sessions each evening.

This is a serious, in-depth study. Millions of Christians across the country and around the world have taken the Christian Life and Witness course.

Originally developed to train volunteer counselors at Billy Graham Crusades, this fully updated, contemporary edition is widely used today as basic training for many evangelism initiatives and church outreach strategies. This course helps believers grasp the foundational principles of personal faith, learn how to live an abundant and victorious Christian life, and move from being hearers to doers. From being spectators in personal evangelism to ready participants.

Enroll now for this powerful learning opportunity and leadership. Send your name, address and telephone number, with the suggested donation of \$7, to Sparta Road Baptist Church, 4400 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875.

# PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

## ANGLICAN

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

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

## BAPTIST

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

♦ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catylist class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.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-lowship.org](mailto:office@apfel-lowship.org); Web site, [www.apfellowship.org](http://www.apfellowship.org).

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

Wednesday - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 5:45 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. To watch services online, go to the website at [www.fbcap.net](http://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](http://www.fbcpl.com). Email: [information@fbcpl.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@stcath.com); website, [www.stcath.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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. (Trinch 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 (Dioceses 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 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/](http://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

# Christian fellowship ministers to oil, gas workers

By PETER SMITH

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH — As about two dozen people finished their buffet lunches in a basement dining room at Tambellini's restaurant in Bridgeville recently, Ron Handley stood and recounted a life story far more dramatic than the modest series of notecards he was holding would suggest.

Handley recently retired after decades of work in directional drilling for oil, gas, potash and steam. From the Canadian wilderness to the Arabian desert to Japan and Texas, he was a first-hand witness and participant in some of the dramatic breakthroughs in drilling,

scooping, steaming and hydraulic fracturing. Such extraction technologies have stoked North America's oil and gas resurgence — and drawn industry veterans like himself to the booming production fields of southwestern Pennsylvania.

But Handley's story was more about life direction than drill direction — a testimony of how the Alberta, Canada, native repeatedly drifted from and returned to his Christian faith, with plenty of wild living and brushes with death in between, before finally making a firm commitment to Jesus Christ.

He seemed to live out the advice of his childhood min-

ister who, seeing him off to college and suspecting what was to come, told him:

"Love God, and let 'er rip."

He did, though not necessarily in that order.

"Events happen that bring you back to your faith," he told participants at the monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Oilfield Christian Fellowship, an international organization with roots in Texas that seeks to minister to workers in the sprawling oil and gas industries. "... I have nothing to do but say thanks to the Lord. That's my story."

It's a story that many of his predominantly male lis-

teners could relate to — including Pittsburgh-area natives and migrants from the oil-producing Gulf and Plains states.

Each monthly meeting features a testimony from someone like Handley, telling of their experiences in the industry and their spiritual journeys. The members share prayer requests, and their lunch talk is a mix of fellowship and professional networking, including helping job seekers with industry training find work prospects.

"People know where you are coming from" within the fellowship, said Kyle Stewart of Castle Shannon, who works in business

development at Rockwater Energy Solutions in Canonsburg, which provides services in hydraulic fracturing and related areas. "You have the same struggles. This industry isn't necessarily always easy."

The work can involve anything from frequent travel and long-term separation from family to outdoor exposure to extreme conditions. "The oilfield is certainly 24/7," said Tom Lopus, chaplain of the Pittsburgh chapter of the fellowship and a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church.

"You're always going to have times you're away from family and friends. It's a

unique way to connect with other people."

The national fellowship was formed in 1991 in Texas and expanded to Oklahoma, Louisiana, North Dakota and other sites experiencing the modern drilling boom. It has reached out to remote "man camps" in drilling boom areas with such things as mobile chapels. It has distributed thousands of a special-edition Bible called "God's Word for the Oil Patch," which includes testimonies from industry workers.

The fellowship reflects the strong evangelical flavor of the Southern states that have long been the base for the oil and gas industry.

# PLACES TO WORSHIP

## EPISCOPAL

♦ **Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Avon Park**, 910 W. Martin St., Avon Park, FL 33825 (U.S. 27 across from Wells Motor Co.). Rev. Canon George Conger. Sunday services: Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday Bible study at 2:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Come and worship with us; we would love to meet you. Church office, 453-5664; fax, 453-4853. Visit us at our website at [redeemeravonpark.com](http://redeemeravonpark.com). Email [redemer1895@aol.com](mailto:redemer1895@aol.com). Call the thrift store for hours open and donation pick up at 664-9668 or 453-5664.

♦ **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, FL 33870. 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](mailto:thewaychurch@hotmail.com). Web site: [www.TheWayChurch.org](http://www.TheWayChurch.org)

## GRACE BRETHREN

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

Holy Eucharist is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Birthday Sunday is the first Sunday of each month after the service. Council meeting is on the first Tuesday of each month. WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of the month with a light lunch. Labyrinth Prayer Garden is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When in need of prayers or to talk to God, come to the Garden. Come and grow with us; we would love to meet you and your family. Don't worry about how you look. Jesus went to the temple in a robe and sandals. Quilting classes every Monday at 6 p.m. Looking for quilters or people willing to learn. Call 840-3303.

♦ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see [christlutheranavonpark.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: [www.ctmforme.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.wearunion.org).

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

nary.

## 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](mailto:covpres@strato.net); Web site: [www.cpc-sebring.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, [springlakepc@embarqmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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, 12:10-1 p.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](http://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. Pastor John A. Bryant. 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 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 compassionate 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](http://sebringemmanuelucc.com).

# Religion

## Avon Park Christian Church - Avon Park

AVON PARK – Pastor Greg Ratliff will preach from Proverbs 15:13 on Sunday. The sermon is “True Happiness” with the theme being “Living Jesus with a Smile”. Wednesday evening will be a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. If one needs a ride, contact the church in advance. Avon Park Christian Church is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wells Fargo Bank). Call 453-5334 or email apcc.2014@yahoo.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.avonparkchristianchurch.com/.

## Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK – Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled “There’s No Lid on This Light.” 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 “Truth”. The key note is from Psalms 119:151, “Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth.” The church is at 154 N. Franklin St.

## Christian Training Church

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

## Church of the Brethren

SEBRING – On Sunday, Pastor David Smalley will preach from Acts 9:1-9. The title of his sermon will be “Encounter Christ with Fasting.” The theme for Sunday’s Bible study will be “Out of Egypt” from Psalm 73.

For information, call 385-1597.

## Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING – Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, “Wounded Yet Wonderful” from Matthew 4:12-5:12 during the service Sunday morning. 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 Lutheran Church

SEBRING – Sunday the church celebrates Third Sunday after Epiphany. Guest Pastor Tony Douches will deliver his sermon titled “So – How’s It Going So Far?”

Friday morning is a new study group, “Malachi: A Love That Never Lets Go”, by Lisa Harper. This is an eight-week study starting today.

L.I.F.T. - Ladies In Faith/Fellowship Together’s study is called “Honest to God: Real Questions Christians Ask”. Friday, Jan. 31 the group will study “God is Real” from Psalm 19:1-14. God has given us ways to know Him.

Se dictaran clases de Biblia en Español comenzando el Domingo 19 de Enero del 2014 y continuando todos los Domingos. Desde las 9:15 am a las 10:30 am.

Thursday is the second of 11 weeks of Beth Moore’s study, “David: Seeking a Heart Like His.”

## Faith Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID – Sunday, Pastor Bill Cole will preach “The Chooser” from the book of Romans. Sunday evening, he will preach “Sheep” from the Gospel of John.

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

## First Baptist Church

AVON PARK – Rev. Jon Beck will

preach from James 3:1-12.

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 – Sunday’s message by Rev. Ron Norton is from Philippians 2: 1-7, “Imitating Christ’s Humility”. Greeting the congregation will be Peggy Plymers. Deacons serving will be Carol Chandler, Franny Goff, Sandra Laufer and Marla Null. Elders at the communion table will be Teresa Williams and Howard Lewis. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave. For information, call 385-0352.

## First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING – Rev. Darrell A. Peer’s sermon on Sunday will be “Keep Your Eyes on the Lord.”

A tailgate party and bake sale fundraiser is planned for 3 p.m. in the grassy parking lot on Lakeview Drive. Cost is \$7 per person, \$4 for children 12 and under.

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

## First Presbyterian Church - Avon Park

SEBRING – On Sunday, Pastor Bob Johnson’s sermon is titled “The Power of the Tongue”, based on selected verses from Proverbs. Special music will be Gene McEndree singing “The Lord’s Prayer”.

The adult Sunday school theme this quarter is the Gospel of Matthew. Sunday’s lesson is titled “Seeking God’s Kingdom and His Righteousness” based on Matthew 6:1-34.

On Wednesday, Johnson will lead Bible study from the book “What is Spiritual Warfare?”.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrand Street). For information, call 453-3242 or check the website, avonparkapchurch.com. Find the church on the Avon Park Chamber of

Commerce website, avonparkchamber.com. Click on the “Chamber for Good” logo or tab.

## First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING – Pastor John A. Bryant will bring the message “Have Faith, Love God, Enjoy Life!” with scripture taken from 1 John 4:7-12.

Wednesday night fellowship dinner and Bible study resumes in the Family Life Center.

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

## Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING – Sunday’s sermon series continues with “What Makes A Great Church”.

The Tuesday Home Bible Study is the series “Messiah: Shadow to Image”. Call 658-2534 for more information and directions.

The church meets at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse. For information, call 385-1671.

## Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING – Pastor Ted Moore’s sermon this week will be “Making a Difference” with scripture from I Thessalonians 2:7-12. The service will include music by Robert Whitman, and Mary VanHooreweghe and Flossi Moore.

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

## Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID – Memorial United Methodist Church is celebrating Missions Sunday. Memorial supports six missions. Locally the church members support Lakeview Christian School, Lake Placid Christian School, and Youth for Christ. Internationally the supported missions are the Nettles Family in Haiti, Homeless and Orphan Outreach, Inc. (H.O.O.I.) in the

Dominican Republic, and the Zirkel family in Costa Rica. Speakers from each will give updates on their work at both worship services. Representatives from all of them will be available from 9:30 to 10:30am in Rob Reynolds Hall with displays from each of their missions and available for questions. Breakfast-style refreshments will be served during this time of fellowship.

Memorial is behind the tower at 500 Kent Ave. Call 465-2422 for more information.

## New Beginnings Church

SEBRING – On Sunday, Pastor Gary Kindle’s sermon is titled “Jesus Begins His Ministry” based on Matthew 4:12-25.

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 will preach Sunday on “Jesus, the Light, Shines in the Darkness” from Isaiah 9:1-4.

New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELS/WELS) is at 3725 Hammock Road.

## Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING – Sunday’s Bible lesson, “Instruction on True Wealth”, is taken from Luke 16.

A representative from Gideon’s International will share with the congregation during the worship service. The Sunday evening service will be the end-of-the-month sing, followed by fellowship time.

The church is at 3267 Country Hill Road. For information, call 382-3552.

## St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING – On Sunday, Pastor Ronald De Genaro Jr.’s message will be “Our Coming King!” Biblical reference is from Isaiah 9:1-4.

# Is your faith seen by others?

Over the last two weeks, we have been discussing faith and works. We have learned that there are two types of faith: a living faith and a dead faith. The last half of James 2 describes a faith accompanied by works as a living faith. However, verses 17 and 26 of the same chapter define a faith without works as “dead.”

Neither faith nor works is more important than the other. They are simply two parts of God’s plan for us to live righteous and godly lives so that we may obtain an eternal life in Heaven with Him. Despite many in the religious world who teach otherwise, the Bible is clear: a living faith will produce life; a dead faith will produce death. Galatians 5:6 puts this concept into complete clarity when it records that what really matters is “faith working through love.”

This brings us to a story about Jesus recorded in Mark 2. Verses 1-5 read, “When He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so

that there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men. Being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’” In this account, we see four men who loved a crippled man very much. Their belief that Jesus could heal their friend was so strong that they went to great lengths to bring him into the presence of the Son of God. Not only did Jesus forgive the sins of the paralytic, but later, in verses 11 and 12, Jesus said, “I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and



**Kevin's Comments**

*Kevin Patterson*

go home. And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this.’”

One of the greatest lessons found in this story is in verse 5 where Jesus saw the faith of the four men. But, how can faith be seen? A dead faith, which consists only of the mental belief in someone or something, cannot be seen. However, a living faith, which consists of belief put into action, can be seen. When Jesus saw the faith of those four men, he rewarded that faith by healing their friend.

Although many will say that faith alone or works alone is all that is necessary to be saved, God through His inspired word teaches something different. The conclusion of the matter is this: “But someone may well say, ‘You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.’” (James 2:18) Do it God’s way: Believe, obey, and show your faith!

*Kevin's Comments is written by Kevin Patterson and presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ assembling at 3800 Sebring Parkway.*

# Nettles featured at 'Missions Fair'

Special to the News-Sun  
LAKE PLACID – A special Missions Sunday will be celebrated Sunday at Memorial United Methodist Church. At both morning services, foreign and home missions that the church supports will be represented, either by the missionaries themselves or by their representatives.

At 9:30 a.m. there will be an opportunity to speak personally with these missionaries in Rob Reynolds Hall next to the Sanctuary, and to see pictures and information about each one in the booths they have prepared in this “Missions Fair.”

Freeman and Shelly Nettles and family, serving the Lord in Haiti with “Youth With A Mission,” will be represented at the Missions Fair by Freeman Nettles’ brother, Ralph. Other mission reports will be given in behalf of: Ray and Lidia Zirkel in Costa Rica, Homeless and Orphan Outreach in the Dominican Republic, Youth for Christ in Highlands County, Lakeview Christian (Primary and



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The family of Freeman and Shelly Nettles are serving in Haiti with ‘Youth With A Mission’ and will be represented at the Jan. 26 Missions Fair at Memorial United Methodist Church.

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The general public is invited to any or all of these mission meetings. Memorial United Methodist Church is at 500 Kent Ave., two blocks east of the tower of the town. Child care and children’s classes and activities are available during both of the morning services.  
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The Calvary Quartet is the opening act in Maranatha Baptist Church's Winter Concert Series. They will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31.

# Calvary Quartet plays at Maranatha Baptist Church

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING – The first concert in the Maranatha Baptist Church Winter Concert series will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 and will feature the Calvary Quartet from Simpsonville, S.C. The group was organized by Terry Snow in 1997 to provide special music for their home church. By popular request, the group recorded the songs they sang for

special music. That recording led to opportunities to sing in other churches and in 2000 the traveling ministry of The Calvary Quartet began. Today they travel 32 weekends per year, and their music is heard on Christian radio stations across the United States and abroad. Future winter concerts will feature Todd Donovan, baritone soloist on Feb. 14, and Eduard Klassen playing

the Paraguayan Harp on March 14. The Maranatha congregation extends a cordial welcome to friends from the community to share in these concerts. The church is in Maranatha Village off Arbutle Creek Road, two miles east of State Road 17 North. For more information, call 382-4301 or 362-8594.

# Gober to speak at Holiness Camp

*Special to the News-Sun*  
AVON PARK – Dr. R. Stephen Gober, vice president of Asbury Seminary's Florida Dunnam Campus in Orlando, will speak at the Avon Park Holiness Camp at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24.

Gober teaches in the area of Spiritual Formation. He has served with Asbury Seminary since May 2010. Before joining the Asbury Seminary administration, Gober and his wife Karoline ministered for 17 years as missionaries with the Methodist Church of Costa Rica. He worked primarily with the Methodist Seminary as a professor, administrator, and during the last eight years as president of the Methodist Seminary. He received a bachelor's degree in Christian Ministries from Asbury University, 1984; a master's degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, 1993; and a doctorate Ministries degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, 2010.

Gober is committed to promoting spiritual transformation and renewal in the life of individuals and in the church by connecting

Asbury Seminary faculty and students as well as church leaders and laity to God's Global Mission.

The Gobers have two children. As a family, they regularly lead mission trips to Costa Rica, which continue to support the development of leaders and the life of the Methodist Church and Seminary of Costa Rica. The 75th Annual Avon Park Holiness Camp Meeting will be held Jan. 30-Feb. 9. Bible study is at 9:15 a.m. and services are 10:30 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Keynote evangelist on Thursday will be Dr. Tom Hermiz, general superintendent, The Churches of Christ in Christian Union and president of Global Wesleyan Alliance, Circleville, Ohio. Other evangelists are Rev. David Engbrecht, senior pastor, Nappanee Missionary Church, Nappanee, Ind.; and Rev. Dave Gallimore, evangelist, Church of the Nazarene, Eatonton, Ga. Bible teacher is Dr. David Case, professor and chair of Christian Ministries, Ohio Christian University,

Circleville, Ohio. Musicians are Burt Kettinger, song leader; Dan Greer, organist; and Evelyn Smiley, pianist.

"Plans are being made to mark 75 years of service and blessings at the Avon Park Holiness Camp," said Rev. Dean Gilkerson, Camp president. "We are praying for our camp family that we might be found faithful in continuing this great ministry in the future. May 'Holiness Unto the Lord' be our standard for the future of our Camp meetings and our lives."

Missionary Day will be Monday, Feb. 3. Missionaries Matthew and Joy Burke, Uganda and Ligia Mejia, South America representing World Gospel Mission and Matt and Stacey Ayers, Haiti and Kris and Sarah Kappler, Central Asia representing One Mission Society will share in the services.

The camp is at 1001 W. Lake Isis Road, (across from Walmart and U.S. 27). Call the Camp office at 453-6831, or visit [www.avonparkcamp.org](http://www.avonparkcamp.org)

# Chicago priest sex abuse victims demand more files

By TAMMY WEBBER and DON BABWIN  
*Associated Press*

CHICAGO — Victims of childhood sexual abuse by priests vowed to keep pushing for more information on how allegations were handled by the Archdiocese of Chicago and other Catholic orders, and are encouraging other victims to come forward.

More than 6,000 pages of internal church documents posted online Tuesday by attorneys showed how officials at the highest level of the nation's third-largest archdiocese tried to contain the scandal, including by moving accused priests from parish to parish while hiding their histories from the public.

But the documents,

released through settlements between attorneys for the archdiocese and victims, cover only 30 of the at least 65 clergy members for whom the archdiocese says it has substantiated claims of child abuse.

St. Paul, Minn., attorney Jeff Anderson said he will push for documents involving the other 35 archdiocese priests.

"This is a great step, but what is settled is far from what we're shooting for," Anderson said Tuesday at a news conference. Archdiocese officials have said they'll review and develop a process to release documents on those 35 other cases.

Angel Santiago, who was abused in the 1980s by one of the 30 priests singled out

in the documents, said the files "represent a lot for us survivors. For some of us it will be answers, for some of us it will be peace of mind ... for all of us, it's a start.

Santiago said he kept silent about the abuse because he feared his father would lose his job as a handyman at the church. When Santiago stopped visiting the priest or attending Mass, his father was fired by the priest, he said.

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# New rules sought to make child car seats safer

By JOAN LOWY  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Child car seats would for the first time have to protect children from death and injury in side-impact crashes under regulations the government proposed Wednesday.

The proposal by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would upgrade standards for child seats for children weighing up to 40 pounds to include a new test that simulates a side crash. The agency estimates the standards will prevent the deaths of about five children and injuries to 64 others each year.

“Car seats are an essential tool for keeping young children safe in vehicles, and they have a proven track record of saving lives,” NHTSA Acting Administrator David Friedman told a gathering of automotive engineers.

Under the proposal, the new tests will simulate a “T-bone” crash, where the front of a vehicle traveling 30 mph strikes the side of a small passenger vehicle traveling at 15 mph. NHTSA’s research has shown “these speeds will cover over 90 percent of the side-impact crashes seen in the real world,” Friedman said.

The tests will position the car seat on a sled, with another sled ramming the side of the sled with the seat, rather than using actual vehicles since the aim isn’t to test the crash worthiness of specific vehicles, NHTSA officials said.

Research shows that

many child deaths and injuries in side-impact crashes involve a car carrying children that is stopped at an intersection, usually at a light or stop sign, officials said. When the car begins to accelerate to go through the intersection, it is struck in the side by a vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed on the cross street.

The side-impact test — the first of its kind — simulates both the acceleration of the struck vehicle and the vehicle’s door crushing inward toward the car seat. Besides using a 12-month-old child dummy already approved under NHTSA standards, the proposed test will also utilize a to-be-developed side-impact dummy representing a 3-year-old child.

“As a father of two, I know the peace of mind this proposed test will give parents,” Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in a statement. The test “will give parents and car-seat makers important new data on how car seats perform in side crashes.”

Congress and safety advocates have long urged NHTSA to adopt tougher standards for car seats to protect against side-impact crashes. Tired of waiting, Congress passed a transportation law in 2012 requiring that the agency issue new regulations by later this year.

But NHTSA engineers have been working on improving side-crash standards since long before the congressional mandate, Friedman noted. He said he expects NHTSA to be the

first government safety agency in the world to adopt standards protecting children from side crashes.

The type of crash the agency plans to simulate “is very complicated,” he said. It is important the agency “make sure we got this rule making right,” he said.

Safety advocates were overjoyed.

“I think this is terrific,” said Joan Claybrook, who was the NHTSA administrator during the Carter administration and later president of Public Citizen. She noted that today’s passenger vehicles have eight air bags, in part to protect adults from side-impact crashes. “We have an absolute moral obligation to protect children as well,” she said.

NHTSA’s estimates of the number of lives that will be saved and injuries prevented by the proposed standards are “very, very conservative,” Claybrook said.

Some manufacturers are already taking steps to improve the protection afforded by their car seats in side-impact crashes. The Dorel Juvenile Group, the world’s largest car-seat maker, has been incorporating small, already-inflated air bags into some of their models to protect children’s heads from injury in side-impact crashes since 2009, said Julie Vallese, a spokeswoman for the Columbus, Ind., company. Another impact-absorbing technology derived from protections found in Indy race cars is built into the sides of the chairs, she said.

# Friends & Neighbors

## Tropical Harbor

### Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID – Queen Peggy Sue Teague held a brief meeting in the clubhouse for the Red Hatters on Jan. 9 and 33 paid their dues before they went to the Olive Garden for their luncheon. We all had a great time.

Sunday evening was the Military Soup and Sandwich Meal, which is chaired by Joan Rau. Tickets were sold in advance and 120 were present for the meal. The soups, ham and beans, and the chicken noodle were so good along with the hot-dogs.

Monday morning coffee was handled by Dick and Lois Hawley and Bob and Sue Heil. The coffee was good and so were the treats. Luetta Kiger was the emcee this morning. She asked for returnees. We were glad to hear from George and Barbara Morse, Barbara Sweed, and Ray Manley. Kitty and Jim Quartier’s grandson is visiting them. There were new residents in the park this morning and they introduced themselves: Jan and Wendel Hamson from Fosston, Minn., that live on Bellewood Court, and Bonnie Young from Pickerel, Wis., and she lives on Beaver Run Street.

The Sunshine Lady, Carol Noel, had thinking of You cards out for us to sign this morning for the following: Betty Post, Glenn Horten, Evelyn Guiney and Phyllis Herritt. Richard Lyke, Sandra Brown’s brother, passed away. No one was present for a birthday and the only wedding anniversary that was present was Charlie and Toni Price.

Would you believe 72 years? We all sang “Happy Anniversary” to them as Marilyn Cromer played the piano.

Rick Knoche announced that the 48th annual Lake Placid Arts and Crafts Country Fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 1 and 2. We always have people from the park participating and the fair is interesting if you enter or not. So go to the Country Fair and enjoy the food and seeing all the exhibits.

If you’re new in the park, you probably don’t realize that we have fresh fruits and vegetables and eggs delivered to the park each Wednesday morning. The little red barn appears at 10:15 a.m. and stays until noon on Bearwood Street. It comes from McCracken Farms.

There are three big dates still coming up this month: the Western and Country Dance on Jan. 25 with the music by Frank E. from 7-10 p.m.; the free Nu-Hope movie, “Grumpy Old Men,” at 3 p.m. Jan. 26 with donations going to Senior Elder Care Service in this region; and the carry-in dinner on Jan. 30, which means a dish to pass and also your own table setting. Please come and have a friendly family dinner.

Ladies Coffee on Jan. 14: Carolyn Reece and Marilyn Cromer made the coffee and Marilyn led the meeting. We had new residents present this morning: Mary Mischer, from Fort Recovery, Ohio and Lena Bowman from Thornville, Ohio. We are happy to hear that Bonnie Allen, a former resident, will be coming back and spending some time with us.

The Sweet Adelines, the Heart of Highland Show Chorus is putting on a show on Feb. 15 at South Florida State College Performing Arts Center. We are proud of the fact that we always have someone from this park singing in that amazing group.

There was a real nice noon carry-in lunch on Jan. 14 with 30 residents. Fred Foland said the grace. It’s a low key, fun get-together.

The Singles Group has a meeting each month and an activity. This month they went to the Golden Corral for an early dinner on Jan. 15. This group may be small, but they enjoyed themselves.

The saying, “If you want a friend, be a friend,” is so true.

*This column is a regular feature of the Friends and Neighbors page that is included in Wednesday’s News-Sun. It was inadvertently missed this week.*

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# Diversions/Puzzles

## 'Ride Along' offers laughs along the way

By JESSICA HERNDON  
AP Film Writer

Joining the ranks of odd-couple police comedies, "Ride Along" delivers laughs over action, with loud-mouthed funnyman Kevin Hart driving the hilarity.

Stepping into the role of rapper-turned-actor Ice Cube's sidekick in this buddy-cop farce, Hart had a lot to live up to. Cube (real name O'Shea Jackson) and Chris Tucker were classic quipsters in the 1995 pot-comedy "Friday" that started it all, and when then-nem-comer Mike Epps dropped in on the sequel, his chemistry with Cube led to a third film.

The formula is always the same: Cube, who is level-headed for the most part, gets into trouble with his ridiculous sidekick. "Ride Along" is no different, and that's OK. It's a blueprint we've come to rely on for nearly 20 years.

With roots in stand-up, Hart continues to make a successful transition from stage to screen, with three films released in the past year and five scheduled through 2015.

In "Ride Along," Hart's rapid banter comes off naturally, as if he's always improvising. Cube's no-nonsense approach, punctuated by his steady straight-face, offers an ideal contrast.

Ben (Hart), who has just been accepted into the Atlanta police academy, is ready to ask his girlfriend Angela (Tika Sumpter) to marry him. But first, he's determined to get the approval of her older brother,



### Movie Review 'Ride Along'

Rating: PG-13

Running time: 100 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)



Courtesy Quantrell Colbert/MCT

Angela (Tika Sumpter, left) and Ben (Kevin Hart) have a heart-to-heart in 'Ride Along.'

er, James (Cube), an Atlanta police officer. But at 5 feet, 4 inches tall, Ben is far from James' biggest fan. He'd pitched his sister with a brawny athlete, "not the mascot," he says. In order to prove he's worthy of asking for Angela's hand, Ben must accompany James on a 24-hour patrol of Atlanta.

Unfortunately, Ben doesn't do a great job of being tough or discrete. He likens police work to his "Call of Duty" video gaming and calls Angela "bouncy butt" after telling her, "You make me think of rainbows because we both love colors."

It's one of many absurdly funny lines Hart delivers while trying to prove himself to James. And their exchange, reminiscent of smooth-talking Will Smith and the foolish Martin Lawrence in "Bad Boys," is consistently amusing.

When James requests a day of "Code 126" cases, cop lingo for an annoying

situation, Ben is put to the test as he attempts to get a crew of loitering bikers away from a storefront and put a drunken grocery store customer in custody.

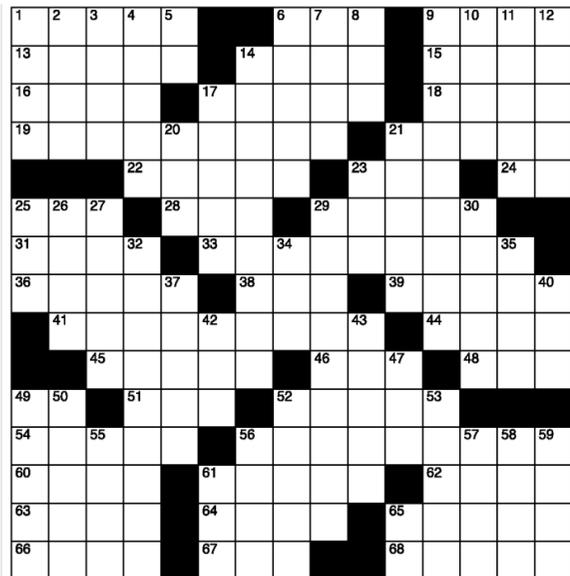
Though primarily a flunky in any physical task — he can't even shoot a shotgun without its recoil hurling him backward — Ben uncovers a number of clues throughout the day, helping James with his hunt for the ruthless and allusive Atlanta kingpin Omar.

Despite failing all of James' tests, Ben refuses to bow down and accuses James of having trust issues. "That's why you don't have a partner," he says, foreshadowing a sequel.

After fellow officers (played by John Leguizamo and Bryan Callen) set up James during a supposed bust, Ben comes to his rescue, which wins him big points with James.

This predictable "Training Day"-goes-slapstick romp, directed by Tim Story ("Think Like a Man"), is far from innovative and reaches an "oh, lord" level when Cube says a few of his signature lyrics, including "Today was a good day" from his 1992 album "The Predator." But since the whole film is full of camp — down to James' black muscle car and the police captain who won't get off his back — moments like these don't feel out of place and Cube and Hart are a welcomed new pair.

*'Ride Along,' a Universal release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for 'sequences of violence, sexual content and brief strong language.' toned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Follow Jessica Herndon on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/SomeKind>*



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- Orange-red chalcony
- The shallowest Great
- Floating ice mountain
- Japanese cervids
- Special Interest Groups
- Divertimentos
- Indian wet nurses
- Flatfishes
- Haitian currency (abbr.)
- Southeast
- One point N of due W
- 10 decibels
- Wild oxes of SE Asia
- Ancient Greek City of SW Italy
- A passing glancing blow
- Marriage announcement
- Tandoor bread
- Organic compound
- Portended
- Alicante's 7th city
- Gulf of, in the Aegean
- Strike
- Hill (Celtic)
- Stuart Little's author White
- Male sheep
- Indian dresses
- Pears
- Tardy arriver
- Smudge of ink
- Youngsters
- About aviation
- Small ornamental ladies' bag
- Unreturnable serves
- Pante and Twi peoples
- Round shape
- Of she
- Beard lichen genus

Solution, B8

### CLUES DOWN

- Strikes lightly
- Fencing sword
- Hooked pericarp
- Entreats
- Edison's Corp.
- Cooks in an oven
- Amounts of time
- Tooth caregiver
- Spellbind
- Solo opera piece
- Audible exhales
- Siddhartha author
- Coach's game area
- Gross revenue
- Toff
- 1896 Italian defeat (alt. sp.)
- Auto fuel
- A woven structure
- Reveal a secret
- Hawaiian geese
- Brings into being
- Displaced liquid
- Frigid Zone
- Newsman Rather
- Prefix for inside
- Short-billed rails
- Sensory receptor
- Egyptian temple —Ombo
- Challenges
- Photograph (slang)
- Declined gradually
- Tilapia nilotica
- One-edge sword
- Wets
- Small coins (French)
- Twine together
- The middle point
- Sea eagle
- Activist Parks
- Humbug
- Atomic #79

# Not asking for bride's hand is poor first step for groom

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, "Chad," proposed two months ago, but he didn't ask my parents for my hand in marriage. My parents are upset about it.



Dear Abby

When I realized that Chad hadn't gone to them, I asked him why. He said he was following what his father had done — proposing first and then speaking to the parents. But Chad still hasn't done it. In fact, he has yet to be around them at all.

How do I get my boyfriend to speak to my parents? They are no longer as angry as they were, but they still would like to talk to him. I spend lots of time with Chad's family, but I can't get him to even go to lunch with mine.

Dad said that if Chad doesn't clear the air with him, he may not bother showing up at our wedding! What do I do, Abby? — Fiancee in a Fix

Dear Fiancee: You appear to be quite young. If I were you, I would take a step backward and see this from your parents' point of view. It appears that Chad wasn't entirely honest with you when he gave his reason for not talking to them. Could he be intimidated?

When a daughter marries, most parents want to know something about the young man — not only where he has been, but also what are his plans for the future, including where the two of you will be living and whether he has a job. That Chad is hiding from them isn't a good sign.

When most couples

become engaged, the parents of the bride and groom usually get together and start to form a relationship. If your father hasn't met your fiancée, it makes it harder for your parents to reach out to his. When the in-laws are friendly, it makes for a more harmonious marriage.

As it stands, it appears Chad is not interested in having any relationship with your family. Frankly, I can't blame your father for being upset about it.

Dear Abby: My wife and I disagree on whether to tell our kids and friends how we met. When my wife and I met, she was underage. She was 16 and I was 21. We fell in love; it was true love. We have been together for 24 years. We have two beautiful children and have made a wonderful life together. I love her as much today as

the first time I met her. How should we answer people when they ask about how we met and fell in love? I know it was wrong and against the law. — Mike in California

Dear Mike: You do not have to quote chapter and verse when someone asks a question. In a case like yours, you could say that you met when you were both quite young without going into the specifics.

For a 21-year-old to see a 16-year-old girl is not against the law, as long as her parents approve and they are not having sex. The laws regarding statutory rape were enacted to prevent predators from preying on minors.

Dear Abby: When I buy a sweater I usually get an extra button in a little clear baggie attached to the garment. Today, I bought a sweater with a piece of matching thread in the tiny plastic bag.

Why do manufacturers

insist on adding something to every article of clothing even if it is just a piece of thread? — Inquisitive in Illinois

Dear Inquisitive: The thread is provided in case the garment needs to be re woven in the event you get a hole in it or a tear. It's a courtesy to the customer, so stop looking a gift horse in the mouth.

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### EXERCISE WORD SEARCH

E P D R R D R T A E B S B F S T S A K H  
Y S T R E T C H I N G Y D D U B E M F S  
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A M A G O E I T E L S S E W B Q T I D D  
W Y I D I L D O I W S H G I T E R P Y D  
I R R J T L Y N V T A P I C N R F C H R  
M U D X A A E C A A E E U P R F A E O R  
Q J H F R R X I G T S P N K T L Y X B W  
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R I U T P S B X L O T A U R K K H R A S  
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S C Y S E G C X E O S P P W S R M S M O  
O Q J S P I W Q X W O D E D N I W E B P  
P P N O H T A R A M M U S C L E S L E S

### WORDS

ADRENALINE PERSPIRATION  
ARMS PILATES  
BUDDY POSTURE  
CALORIES PROTEIN  
CARBOHYDRATES REPETITIONS  
CARDIOVASCULAR RUNNING  
CLASSES SETS  
EUPHORIA SPORTS  
EXERCISE SPOT  
FITNESS SQUAT  
FORM STAIRS  
FREQUENCY STRETCHING  
INJURY WALKING  
LEGS WEIGHT  
LIFTING WINDED  
MARATHON WORKOUT  
MEMBERSHIP YOGA  
MUSCLES

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

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to arithmetic.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 9 = i)

**A. 8 9 6 9 8 3**  
*Clue: Separate*

**B. 18 16 23**  
*Clue: Total*

**C. 12 20 15 26 14 9 5 22**  
*Clue: Quantity that isn't whole*

**D. 22 16 23 1 3 20**  
*Clue: Math value*

Answers: A. Divide B. Sum C. Fraction D. Number

## SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

**Fun By The Numbers**

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

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

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

ANSWER:

# Living

# PROTECTING YOUR DREAMS

Renters insurance safeguards families, assets

## FAMILY FEATURES

There are many reasons people choose to rent over home ownership. Whether saving up for a dream home, you're having difficulty affording one or you simply enjoy commitment-free, hassle-free living, renting certainly has its perks. For those who choose to rent, having adequate protection is a must — and with advances in the industry, finding the right coverage is easier than ever.

### Protecting your assets

For many looking to rent a home or apartment, the thought of renters insurance may seem less important with so many other things to think about. Though not all landlords require it, many do, and for good reason.

"Though you never hope you have to use it, insurance is so valuable to the protection of your family, your belongings, and, overall, your peace of mind," said Kathy McDonald, senior vice president at Assurant Specialty Property. "Many returning to the rental market will be pleased with how the insurance industry has evolved, which makes acquiring the best coverage easier than ever."

### Advancements in the industry

The conveniences brought on by computers, tablets and smartphones have greatly improved the services insurance providers now offer. With easy-to-follow websites, apps and customer service chats, one can check the status of a claim 24 hours a day.

### Keep a home inventory

To evaluate the amount of coverage you need — and assist if you ever need to file a claim — keeping a well-documented list of your possessions is important. A recent survey conducted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) stated 59 percent of consumers do not have a proper listing of their possessions in the event of a fire, robbery or other loss incident.

"All renters and homeowners should develop a home inventory," said McDonald. "Whether it is electronics, furnishings, collectibles, jewelry or clothing, families need to know what they own and how much it's worth."

#### ■ Use tracking tools

Put down the pen and paper and get out your smartphone. Many new apps are available to properly keep track of every item in your home. Some even allow you to track every belonging room-to-room with bar codes, pictures, photos or scans of receipts and descriptions. This helpful tool also can create a back-up file — just in case.

#### ■ Update your list

According to the survey, 59 percent of those who do have a list of their belongings admit they haven't updated the list within the past year. That can fail to account for many gifts and purchases throughout the year. Make a mental note to add to your list after each birthday, the holidays or other similar occasions.

#### ■ Note valuable items

Make sure you get sufficient coverage for expensive belongings such as artwork or collectibles, which may be subject to policy limits. As many policies only cover \$1,000 for jewelry, you may need additional coverage, considering many jewelry items exceed that amount.

#### ■ Consider everything has value

Many items have more value than you think. To better understand this, consider how much it would cost to replace every item in one load of laundry. Sometimes, it's the little items that add up. Jot down everything — clothing, shoes, kitchen gadgets and power tools.

In-depth information on renters insurance is available from providers. For information on renters insurance from Assurant, visit [www.renterssecurity.com](http://www.renterssecurity.com).



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### Did you know?

Through the simple act of listening to the needs of their customers, insurance companies are finding real solutions to increase customer satisfaction. A recent survey conducted by Assurant Specialty Property revealed that many long-time renters didn't know they could transfer policies from one rental unit to another. Instead of beginning a new policy each time they move, the company advises these renters to simply update their address and they can keep the same policy.

## 5 things to look for in a rental property

Along with choosing the best renters insurance coverage to fit your needs, there are other things to consider. Before you sign your name on the line, make sure you take into account these five important items to look for when searching for that perfect apartment or rental home.

#### ■ Affordability

Add up monthly rent, utilities and all other costs to ensure you can afford it with your current budget.

#### ■ Safety

It's important to find out about crime occurring in the neighborhood in which you are interested. Contact the local police department for information and police reports on robberies and other crimes in the area. An evaluation of the property's safety is also essential, such as the lock features on doors and windows and working smoke detectors.

#### ■ Environment

Make sure your fellow residents match your own lifestyle. For example, an older community is typically quieter, while an apartment complex with college students may involve some loud, late nights. Choose an area that fits your personality and your needs.

#### ■ Amenities

Check out the features of the property and determine what is important for your family and lifestyle. Does the facility have a gym, an area for walking your dog or that porch you've always wanted? Keep these ideas in mind as you will likely be living here at least one year.

#### ■ Appliances

One major deciding factor of rentals should be the appliances that are included with the unit. Ensure the stove, oven and refrigerator are all in working order. Other essential devices, such as air conditioning, heating, hot water heaters and, if applicable, washer and dryer units, should be tested beforehand.