

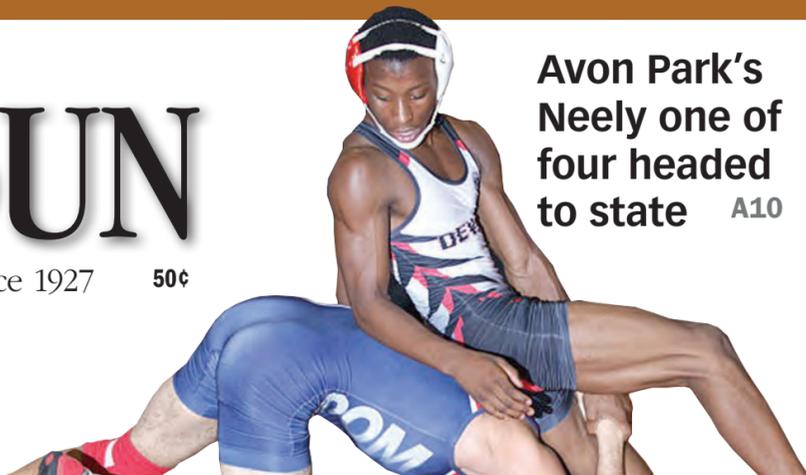
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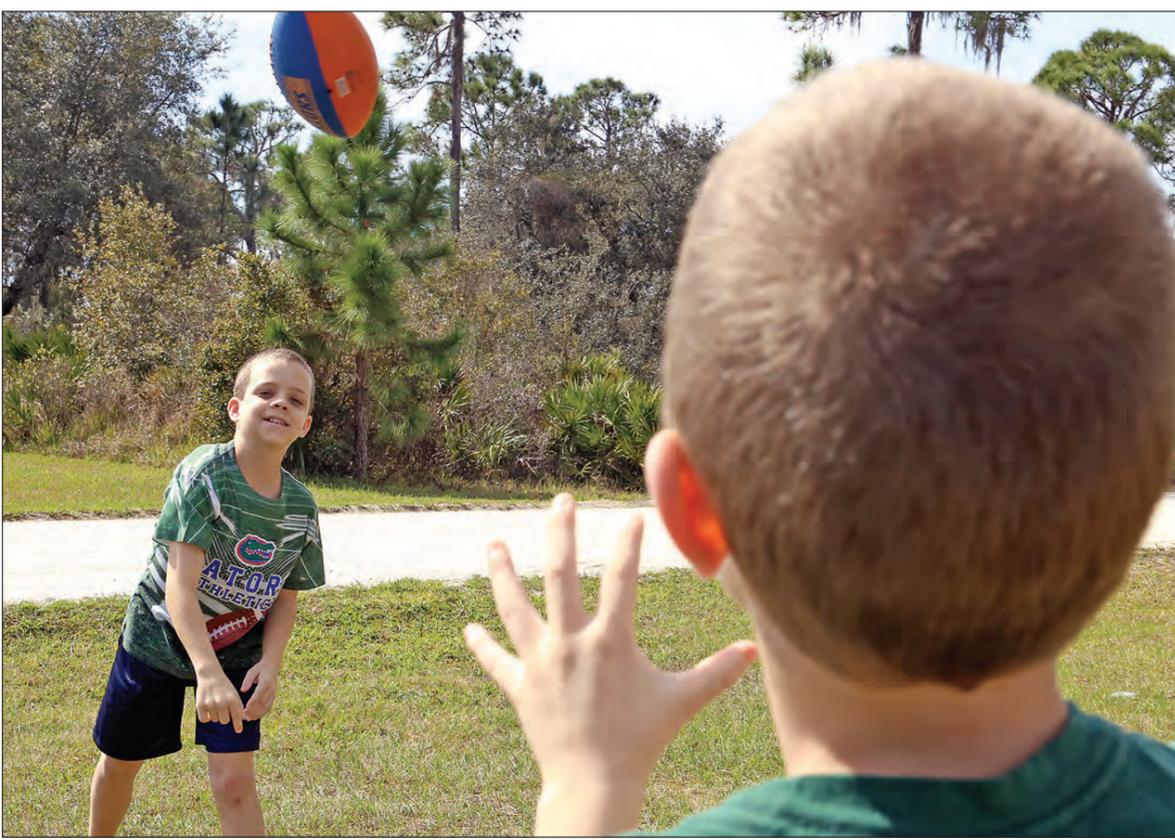


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A born fighter

Zac Taylor battles pain every day due to an incurable disease, but the 12-year-old doesn't let that stop him from being a regular kid



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Zac Taylor throws a football to his brother, Jakob. Taylor remains active and athletic despite battling painful tumors. Thursday's Soup Up the Arts fundraiser at Sebring High School will help his family with their medical bills.

Soup Up The Arts to benefit Taylor, others

BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR Staff Writer

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Soup Up The Arts
WHEN: Thursday, 4-7 p.m.
WHERE: Sebring High School cafeteria
DETAILS: \$10 gets you a one-of-a-kind bowl made by a SHS art student and all the soup you want to fill it with from several local restaurants. Proceeds benefit Zac Taylor, Mary Goldburne and art scholarships

SEBRING — A bonafide sports fanatic, Hill-Gustat Middle School sixth-grader Zac Taylor is a fighter, his mother says. And he has to fight his body every day.

Though the 12-year-old was born with neurofibromatosis, the incurable disease began taking a real toll on Zac's body over the past several years.

Zac's mother, Stephanie, describes her son as a lover of baseball and all sports, a hard-working student and a fighter.

"He's in constant pain every day. The pain can be anywhere from light to severe, but through all of that he still is a good kid," Taylor said.

Taylor remains very active in school and his extracurricular activities despite his constant pain and doctor visits.

"He's very, very active in his schooling. Last year he had a 3.8 GPA and that's with missing 30 days of school. He hasn't missed that many this year, so we are happy about that and he's still doing great," Taylor said.

Taylor said her son is open and honest to all about his condition. Zac speaks openly about his struggles and his life to anyone who is

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City rejects Anderson's settlement

Says no to offer to split Deleon's attorney fees

BY PHIL ATTINGER Staff Writer



ANDERSON



DELEON

AVON PARK — Councilman Garrett Anderson's attorney made an offer for payment on legal fees that the Avon Park City Council rejected Monday.

The offer was to pay half of the legal costs incurred by City Manager Julian Deleon in defense of an ethics complaint lodged by Anderson. Deleon is seeking full

reimbursement of legal fees, ranging from \$8,500 to \$10,000, according to statements he's made over the last six months. The matter has since been forwarded by the Florida Commission on Ethics to the Division of Administrative Hearings

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Avon Park to discuss MLK Blvd. March 31

BY PHIL ATTINGER Staff Writer

AVON PARK — The Avon Park City Council has set a special meeting at 6 p.m. March 31 to discuss possible routes to rename in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The meeting will take place in the council chambers at 123 E. Pine St. City Manager Julian

Deleon said he has received several proposals for streets since the city rejected the proposals of South Delaney Avenue or Main Street at its Jan. 27 meeting.

One such proposal that came in that week was to rename the route created by Cornell Street, South Lake Avenue, Lake Tulane Drive and South Verona

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CANDIDATE PROFILE

Modernization the platform for Tedstone campaign

BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR Staff Writer

good standing.

"I'm very happy with the way the city is (financially) and I intend to help keep it that way," Tedstone said.

An avid volunteer and concerned citizen, Tedstone promises to be a council member that will be accountable and accessible to all of the city citizens.

Though finance is her biggest attribute, Tedstone puts a few other things at the forefront of her campaign and one in

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Nadine Tedstone is campaigning for a seat on the Sebring City Council.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Lewis ready to take second shot at earning political seat

BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR Staff Writer

bring resident, Lewis

is decided that a second chance to make a difference in the community presented itself with the 2014 Sebring elections.

Lewis knows the ins and outs of elections after putting in nearly a year's worth of work for her campaign for the school board, but has been pleased by the less hectic work of the small city election.

"The school board was really grueling. This election is much more

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun

MaryAnn Lewis is a candidate for the upcoming Sebring City Council election.



A T-storm possible in the afternoon. High 82 Low 62 Details on A12



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FBLA LEARNS ABOUT HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT



Courtesy photo

Last week the Avon Park High School Future Business Leaders of America members visited the Olive Garden in Sebring. Members learned about hospitality management and kitchen organization first hand from the manager. FBLA members attending were Jacob Schlosser (back row, from left), Koy McGrath, Toryana Jones, and Kenny McGrath; Erin Bonini (front row, from left), Madison Hargrove, Jocelyn Jackson and Jordan Jackson.

Only one location of 25 fails HCSO alcohol sales check

Special to the News-Sun

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office's Crime Suppression Team conducted alcohol sales compliance checks at 25 locations within the county on Feb. 7.

"These compliance checks are part of our ongoing strategy to help reduce underage drinking and access to alcohol. The Sheriff's Office working with the Drug Free Highlands initiative has been conducting periodic compliance checks on vendors for several years now," HCSO Public Information Officer Nell Hays wrote in a press release.

"We are happy to report in 24 of the 25 stores visited clerks checked ID and refused to sell alcohol to an underage per-

son. That represents a 96 percent compliance rate. Over the time we have been conducting these checks, the rate of compliance has improved."

The stores in compliance during with the law regarding sales of alcoholic beverages these recent checks are listed below:

Avon Park: Citgo, 1310 U.S. 27 North; Circle K, 998 U.S. 27 North; I Maze, 4 U.S. 27 North; Taylor's Food Mart, 3 U.S. 27 North; 7 Days, 107 U.S. 27 South; Citgo, 901 U.S. 27 South; Sunoco, 999 US 27 South.

Sebring: Shell, 6229 US 27 North; Citgo Express, 3650 US 27 North; Marathon, 3901 US 27 North; Shell, 1035 US 27 North; Circle K, 2101 Hammock Rd.; Hill's Market, 3000

Sparta Rd.; Marathon, 2912 US 27 South; Circle K, 3030 U.S. 27; Mobile Mart, 3303 Kenilworth Blvd.; Little Froggies, 4212 Kenilworth Blvd.; L&M Grocery, 1411 Kenilworth Blvd.; L&S Foods, 3008 Kenilworth Blvd.; Saunak's Corner, 306 Ridgeway Drive; Shell, 629 Ridgeway Drive; Jay's Discount Beverage, 2801 S.R. 17; Marathon, 3390 S.R. 17; Raceway, 5100 U.S. 27 South.

One location was not in compliance and the clerk was cited and an affidavit for the sale of an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21, which is a misdemeanor offense, was forwarded to the State Attorney's Office. This location was the Sunoco Gas Station at 4200 U.S. 27 North in Sebring.

Love will be in the air in Sebring this weekend

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Love is in the air as Downtown Sebring celebrates Valentine's Day with several ways to show and share your love. From a Wine Walk to art to shopping, there is something for everyone this holiday weekend.

FEB. 14: VALENTINE'S DAY WINE WALK

Grab your loved one and head to Downtown Sebring for a Valentine's Day Wine Walk from 5-8 p.m. Stop by Galleria 301 and pick up your wine glass, then stroll the historic streets of Downtown Sebring's famous circle to receive complimentary wine tastings from local merchants. For details, visit www.DestinationDowntownSebring.com.

FEB. 14-15: COUPLES ART UNCORKED

Looking for a one-of-a-kind date night? Join the Highlands Art League for a fun, couples painting class where instructors lead you through a step-by-step painting process over wine. Classes start at 6 p.m.; \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members. Call 385-5312 or visit www.HighlandsArtLeague.org.

Feb. 14: Corks & Kiln Valentine's Day Edition Downtown Sebring' paint your own pottery studio – Making Masterpieces – will help you create an adorable mug set to commemorate Valentine's Day. Bring your

own wine. Cheese, crackers, and chocolate-covered strawberries included. \$40 per couple. Must be 21 years old and older. Limited to 12 couples. Call 402-9044.

FEB. 14: HIGHWAYMEN EXHIBIT

Join the Highlands Art League every second Friday from 5-8 p.m. for the monthly Art Reception at the Yellow House Gallery & Gift Shop. February will showcase a Highwaymen exhibit featuring Roy McLendon Free to the public; light refreshments will be served. Details at www.HighlandsArtLeague.org or call 385-5312.

FEB. 14: STUDENT ART SHOW

Stop by the Lazy Painter/Flower Box & Design Shop from 5-8 p.m. dur-

ing the monthly Downtown Sebring Wine Walk to enjoy a student art show. Call 449-0822.

FEB. 15: DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY SIDEWALK SALE

Bargain shoppers and browsers, stop by Downtown Sebring from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the local monthly sidewalk sales. For space or more information, call 382-2649 or visit www.DestinationDowntownSebring.com.

FEB. 16: ARTY PARTY SUNDAY AFTERNOON BRUNCH

Join The Lazy Painter at the Flower Box for a Sunday afternoon brunch and arty party class at 1:30 p.m. Class is \$35 per person. Call 449-0822 or email Anne@AnneWatsonStudio.com to register.

LOTTERY

MEGA MONEY

Friday, Feb. 7
1-10-34-42 PB-12
Feb. 11 Jackpot: \$800,000

MEGA MILLIONS

Friday, Feb. 7
11-21-23-35-64 PB-10 X-3
Feb. 11 Jackpot: \$122 million

LOTTO

Saturday, Feb. 8
12-16-26-34-42-47 X-5
Wednesday's Jackpot: \$8 million

POWERBALL

Saturday, Feb. 8
24-25-34-37-54 PB-29 X-2
Today's Jackpot: \$284 million

CASH 3

Monday, Feb. 10
Day: 9-2-7 Night: 6-6-8
Sunday, Feb. 9
Day: 1-8-5 Night: 5-8-6
Saturday, Feb. 8
Day: 3-7-7 Night: 6-7-4

PLAY 4

Monday, Feb. 10
Day: 9-0-4-1 Night: 2-2-0-1
Sunday, Feb. 9
Day: 2-3-4-5 Night: 7-8-8-9
Saturday, Feb. 8
Day: 4-7-3-9 Night: 5-4-5-2

FANTASY 5

Monday, Feb. 10
4-11-22-29-32
Sunday, Feb. 9
1-11-13-16-25
Saturday, Feb. 8
9-16-21-25-27

Road closure set for next week

SEBRING – Highlands County Road and Bridge Department will close South George Boulevard at the intersection of West George Boulevard to State Road 66 for road repairs. The closing will begin Monday, Feb. 17 through Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.; access for local traffic only.

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

Chamber lunch is Thursday

SEBRING – The monthly Sebring Chamber of Commerce Luncheon will be held at the Island View Restaurant, Sun 'N Lake, at 11:45 p.m. Thursday. The sponsor will be Azure College.

Gator Club offers scholarship

SEBRING – The Highlands Gator Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to qualified Highlands County students who plan to attend the University of Florida in 2014. Applications are available now in the Counseling Office at the high schools in Highlands County and the Financial Aid Office at South Florida State College.

Applications must be submitted by April 5. Scholarships will be awarded in May.

For further information, contact the scholarship chairman, Tony McMillan, at 381-9737.

Beef's gives back for Relay For Life

LAKE PLACID – Beef O'Brady's in Lake Placid will give back a portion of the proceeds when you dine there today and mention Relay For Life. Beef's is working with Lake Country Elementary School to raise money for the American Cancer Society's event, which will be on April 4.

Dine at Beef's from 6-9 p.m. to help with this cause.

Washington County, Pa. reunion is Thursday

SEBRING – The annual Washington County, Pa.-Florida Reunion will be held Thursday at Homer's Original Smorgasbord in Plaza Square.

The Manatee Room will be open at 10 a.m. for fellowship, followed by lunch at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$10, which includes the tip.

Bring a stamped, self-addressed legal size envelope for the 2015 mailing. For further information, contact Jean Bannister at (330) 416-9669.

Brown bag lunch storytelling planned

LAKE PLACID – Join Donna Wilson to enjoy her storytelling program "Family Quilt Stories" at noon Thursday in the Lake Placid Memorial Library conference room. Wilson has been telling stories professionally for more than 12 years. Whether it is a personal story, family story, old fable, scary story, or a mountainous tall tale, Wilson's performances are lively and animated. She is sometimes called

SNAPSHOTS

LOCAL NEWS

The Meigsican Storyteller because she is from Meigs County, Ohio.

Wilson is a member of the Ohio Order for the Preservation of Storytelling (OOPS). She coordinated the 2008-2009 conferences for the regional events. She is a member of the West Virginia Storytelling Guild, Storytellers of Central Ohio, and the National Storytelling Network.

Bring lunch and enjoy an hour of superbly told lifetime stories based on Wilson's family stories and traditions. For more information contact the Lake Placid Memorial Library at 699-3705.

Club looks at diseases of African violets

SEBRING – Is something bugging you – or your African violets? Thursday's meeting of the Heartland African Violet Society will focus on the types of disorders, diseases and bugs that may attack African violets.

Come and learn about them and how to prevent and/or treat your plants to keep them healthy and blooming.

Meetings are held at 2:30 p.m. every second Thursday of the month in the activities room at Highlands Ridge (Fairway Vista Drive, off Powerline Road). Guests are welcome to attend.

For directions or information, call 385-5765 or email Shirley.b@junoc.com

PEO Group to meet Thursday

LAKE PLACID – The Highlands PEO Group will meet for a Valentine's Day luncheon at the home of Linda Brown at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Active members who are visiting or living in Florida are invited.

PEO is an organization that supports women's education. For more information, call 273-9935.

Retired Educators meet

SEBRING – The Highlands County Retired Educators Association will be meeting Thursday. The meeting will be held at Beef O'Brady's in Sebring and will begin at 11 a.m.

Items on the agenda include a short legislative update and a presentation by Vanessa Logsdon from the Highlands Little Theater. Entertainment will be provided by the Sounds of Sebring.

Lunch will be ordered off the menu.

All retired educators and support personnel are invited to attend. For more information contact Tinka Howe at 699-2353 or Betty Hurlbut at 465-5722.

Promenaders plan square dance

SEBRING – The Pine Ridge Promenaders invite all to a sweetheart of a square dance on Thursday. Jennie Martin will cue early rounds starting at 7 p.m. Mike Doughty will begin calling tips at 7:30 p.m.

Visitors are warmly welcomed and square dance attire is not required.

For more information, call 243-1226.

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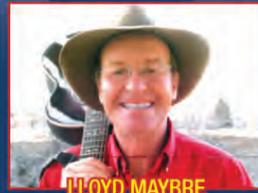
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2014 FAIR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEB 7th

HEARTLAND BROADCASTING DAY

5pm-12 Mid.	Midway	Reithoffer Shows ~ Arm band \$22
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Exhibit Buildings & Highlands Today Center Open
5-11pm	Pavilion	Beer Garden Sponsored by Budweiser
5-10pm	Small Animal Barn	Poultry & Rabbit Display
7pm	Highlands Today Center	Jr. Miss Highlands County 2014 Beauty Pageant
7pm, 9pm	Stage	Mark Yuziuk - Master Hypnotist Show Sponsored by Heacock Ins.
6pm, 8pm	Exhibit Stage	The Bengal Tigers Encounter Sponsored by Glades Electric

SATURDAY, FEB 8th

AGERO & MID FLORIDA CREDIT UNION DAY

1pm-12 Mid.	Midway	Reithoffer Shows ~ Arm Band \$22
1-10pm	Independent Midway	Exhibit Buildings & Highlands Today Center Open
1-10pm	Small Animal Barn	Poultry & Rabbit Display
1-10pm	Livestock Barn	Market Swine Display
1-11pm	Pavilion	Beer Garden Sponsored by Budweiser
3-6pm	Small Animal Barn	Rabbit Judging & Showmanship
7pm	Highlands Today Center	Miss Highlands County 2014 Beauty Pageant
7pm, 9pm	Stage	Mark Yuziuk - Master Hypnotist Show Sponsored by Heacock Ins.
3pm, 6pm, 8pm	Portable Stage	Cammie Lester - "Disney Idol Winner"
2pm, 6pm, 8pm	Exhibit Arena	The Bengal Tigers Encounter Sponsored by Glades Electric

SUNDAY, FEB. 9th

CREATIVE PRINTING DAY

Senior Citizen Day - Admitted for \$4.00 w/ ID

1-9pm	Midway	Reithoffer Shows ~ Arm Band \$22
1-9pm	Independent Midway	Exhibit Buildings & Highlands Today Center Open
1-9pm	Livestock Barn	Swine, Steer, Commercial Heifer Display
1-9pm	Small Animal Barn	Poultry & Rabbit Display
1-9pm	Pavilion	Beer Garden Sponsored by Budweiser
3pm	Livestock Pavilion	Market Swine Show & Showmanship
7pm, 9pm	Stage	Mark Yuziuk - Master Hypnotist Show Sponsored by Heacock Ins.
6pm, 8pm	Exhibit Arena	The Bengal Tigers Encounter Sponsored by Glades Electric

MONDAY, FEB. 10th

ALAN JAY AUTOMOTIVE & HIGHLANDS TODAY DAY

5-11pm	Midway	Reithoffer Shows ~ Arm Band \$22
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Exhibit Buildings & Highlands Today Center Open
5-10pm	Livestock Barn	Swine, Steer, Commercial Heifer Display
5-10pm	Small Animal Barn	Poultry & Rabbit Display
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Chainsaw Carving Show
5-11pm	Pavilion	Beer Garden Sponsored by Budweiser
5:30pm	Livestock Pavilion	Pee Wee Show
6:30pm-8pm	Livestock Pavilion	Commercial Heifer Show
7pm, 9pm	Stage	Mark Yuziuk - Master Hypnotist Show Sponsored by Heacock Ins.
7pm	Highlands Today Center	Little Miss Highlands County 2014 Beauty Pageant
6pm, 8pm	Exhibit Arena	The Bengal Tigers Encounter Sponsored by Glades Electric

TUESDAY, FEB. 11th

DUKE ENERGY DAY

5-11pm	Midway	Reithoffer Shows ~ Arm Band \$22
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Exhibit Buildings & Highlands Today Center Open
5-10pm	Livestock Barn	Swine, Steer, Commercial Heifer Display
5-10pm	Small Animal Barn	Poultry & Rabbit Display
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Chainsaw Carving Show
5-11pm	Pavilion	Beer Garden Sponsored by Budweiser

7pm, 9pm
5:30pm
6:30pm
5:30pm, 8:30pm
6pm, 8pm

Stage
Livestock Pavilion
Livestock Pavilion
Exhibit Arena
Portable Stage

Mark Yuziuk - Master Hypnotist Show Sponsored by Heacock Ins.
Pee Wee Show Large Animals
Market Steer Show & Showmanship
The Bengal Tigers Encounter Sponsored by Glades Electric
Avon Park High School Chorus

WEDNESDAY, FEB 12th NEWS SUN DAY

Military & Veterans Day - Admitted for \$4.00 w/ Military ID

5pm-11	Midway	Reithoffer Shows ~ Arm Band \$22
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Exhibit Buildings & Highlands Today Center Open
5-10pm	Livestock Barn	Swine, Steer, Commercial Heifer Display
5-10pm	Small Animal Barn	Poultry & Rabbit Display
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Chainsaw Carving Show
5-11pm	Pavilion	Beer Garden Sponsored by Budweiser
6pm, 8pm	Pavilion Stage	The Florida Bluegrass Express
7pm, 9pm	Stage	Mark Yuziuk - Master Hypnotist Show Sponsored by Heacock Ins.
6pm, 8pm	Exhibit Arena	The Bengal Tigers Encounter Sponsored by Glades Electric
6-8pm	Highlands Today Center	Cooking Contest Sponsored by the Palms of Sebring
6pm	Livestock Pavilion	Commercial Heifer Show & Showmanship Follows

THURSDAY, FEB. 13th COCA COLA DAY

Students Day - Admitted with Food Can from 5-7pm

5pm-11pm	Midway	Reithoffer Shows ~ Arm Band \$22
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Exhibit Buildings & Highlands Today Center Open
5-10pm	Small Animal Barn	Poultry & Rabbit Display
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Chainsaw Carving Show
5-11pm	Pavilion	Beer Garden Sponsored by Budweiser
7pm, 9pm	Stage	Mark Yuziuk - Master Hypnotist Show Sponsored by Heacock Ins.
6pm, 8pm	Exhibit Stage	The Bengal Tigers Encounter Sponsored by Glades Electric
6pm, 8pm	Portable Stage	The Florida Bluegrass Express
6:30pm	Livestock Pavilion	Jr. Livestock Auction Sponsored by Heartland National Bank

FRIDAY, FEB 14th

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK & COHAN RADIO DAY

5pm-12 Mid.	Midway	Reithoffer Shows ~ Arm Band \$22
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Exhibit Buildings & Highlands Today Center Open
5-10pm	Livestock Barn	Swine, Steer, Commercial Heifer Display
5-10pm	Small Animal Barn	Poultry & Rabbit Display
5-10pm	Independent Midway	Chainsaw Carving Show
5-11pm	Pavilion	Beer Garden Sponsored by Budweiser
6pm, 8pm	Pavilion	J.J. McCoy & Chillbillies
7pm, 9pm	Stage	Mark Yuziuk - Master Hypnotist Show Sponsored by Heacock Ins.
6pm, 8pm	Exhibit Stage	The Bengal Tigers Encounter Sponsored by Glades Electric

SATURDAY, FEB. 15th HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER DAY

1pm-12 Mid.	Midnight Midway	Reithoffer Shows ~ Arm Band \$22
1-10pm	Independent Midway	Exhibit Buildings & Highlands Today Center Open
1-7pm	Small Animal Barn	Poultry & Rabbit Display
1-10pm	Livestock Barn	Commercial Heifer Display
1-10pm	Independent Midway	Chainsaw Carving Show
1-11pm	Pavilion	Beer Garden Sponsored by Budweiser
5pm, 7pm	Stage	Mark Yuziuk - Master Hypnotist Show Sponsored by Heacock Ins.
2pm, 6pm, 8pm	Exhibit Arena	The Bengal Tigers Encounter Sponsored by Glades Electric
6pm, 8pm	Portable Stage	California Toe Jam Band



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OUR VIEW

Why does it still matter?

Coverage of the Sochi Olympics includes Russian attitudes towards homosexuality and treatment of the gay and lesbian competing athletes. Much has been made of overt discrimination, like Russia's law banning "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations."

Western commentators point to Russian hypocrisies, like the veneration of composer Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) during the opening ceremony — despite his being a gay man almost driven to suicide by social rejection.

It would be nice if we Americans could wag our fingers at the Russians, feeling superior and tsk-tsking their homophobia. The frustrating fact is we cannot, having homophobic issues of our own.

Take the case of Michael Sam, All-American defensive end at the University of Missouri, who came out as gay this week just as the National Football league gets ready for the draft.

Response to the young athlete's announcement has been feverish — from commentators worrying about dissension in the locker room, to those concerned the subject draws away from the sport, to those who believe Sam will never be selected by a pro team, just because he is gay.

While many people speak out on his behalf, and a lively ongoing discussion is helping us to work through the issue — for yet another time — it is a shame Sam's honesty brought on such a over-excited reaction. It's not as if Sam admitted he had cholera and played anyway, infecting the whole team. In any case, homosexuality is neither contagious nor a disease.

Why is the news of one person's sexual orientation such a big deal anyway? Who cares? And why do people care when they do? One's sexual orientation is inborn and only one thread in the weave of an individual's life.

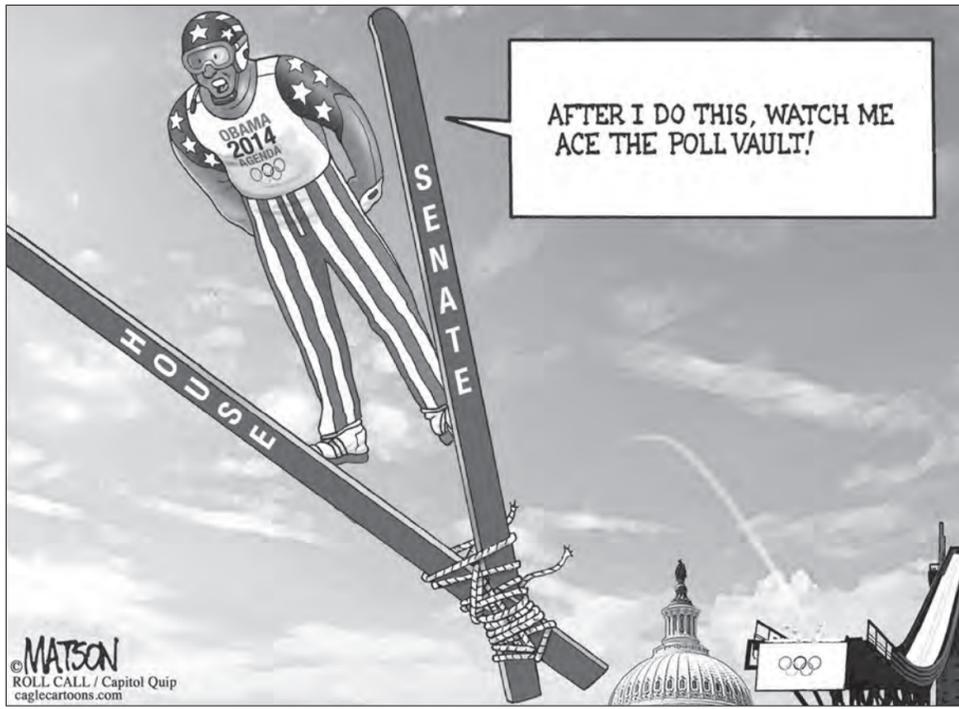
Why aren't we focusing on Sam's impressive achievements as a gifted athlete and hard-working college student building a better life?

The kerfuffle is especially paradoxical at this time, because our country is making progress in assuring all Americans have equal protection under the law. For example, the federal government last week announced expanding recognition of gay rights in federal legal matters, like providing survivor benefits and prison visiting rights to same-sex couples.

Thirteen states now recognize same-sex marriages — while 33 states do not, including Florida.

Which brings us to Highlands County. If we take away anything from this tempest in a teacup, let it benefit our own homosexual sons and daughters. Let us open our hearts and our minds and look for the truly important character traits in people, like persistence, courage or generosity.

We may feel superior to Russia, where prejudice against homosexuals has led to criminal sanctions, but we share a similar history, and still have work to do.



Separate 'marriage' and state

The problem with our debate about same-sex marriage is in many ways language. The term "marriage" is a religious one. All the dictates as to what a marriage is and who gets to be in a marriage (and how many) are bible-based. We have a religious idea that's sanctioned by the state in the form of regulations (sorry first cousins in 23 states and siblings in all of them), tax breaks and legal privileges. Then this state-sanction union is acknowledged by private industries, such as your health insurance provider.

Gay marriage is not the first time religion and the law have been at odds in the solemnization of matrimony. Utah was not allowed to become a state until they stopped practicing plural marriage. Yes, for all you purists out there, the federal "gubmint" told the Mormons marriage was between one man and one woman and dangled statehood over their heads. Mormons (for the most part) complied.

What about secularists? What about people who don't belong to any religion and yet want to be married? What about women who want to be wives but think being submissive to their husbands is as antiquated as Aramaic? Why is their marriage stuck using a religious term with all of its baggage? Why does a couple married by Thai Elvis in a drive-thru ceremony have the same word for their union as two people married in a Roman Catholic church?

Marriage vows — the "til death do we part" ones — are wholly optional. If my agreement with my spouse is totally different than a Mus-



GUEST COLUMN

Tina Dupuy

lim or a Christian couple's agreement — we don't have a different expression for that?

We don't. The term civil union has been seen as a second-class marriage — a consolation prize to same sex couples. And if you boil down the gay marriage debate and disregard those blinded by irrational hatred of those different (or sometimes too much alike) from themselves — it comes down to the word "marriage" and it meaning something sacred (read: religious).

So what to do about this? If it's part of your religion to discriminate against other people's civil rights then how to we resolve this?

Oklahoma lawmaker Mike Turner has floated the idea his state should no longer marry anyone. That's right. In order to thwart the federal decree that states can't discriminate against gay couples Oklahoma's conservative caucus has come up with the idea to just not have any marriages.

"(My constituents are) willing to have that discussion about whether marriage needs to be regulated by the state at all," Turner told News9.com.

I reached out to Turner to ask some follow up questions. Mostly: "Really?" and "Seriously?" His aide said he was no longer talking about this topic. But I think it's a great idea. It's the same idea 1960s business owners in Tennessee had as a way to thwart desegregating lunch counters: Serve no one.

How'd that work out? Marriage equality is inevitable. But even when all Americans have the freedom to marry whomever they choose, we'll still be limited by language.

Straight religious (and yes even die hard conservative) Oklahomans are going to want their religious ceremony known as marriage. Let them have it. Get the state out of regulating "marriage." Make all current and future wedded alliances into civil unions.

Let religious people have "marriage." Let them explain away the slavery overtones in the bible and justify why harems are not "traditional." Let them keep their church sanctioned unions. It's part of religious liberty to be able to be prejudiced. It's the secular state which doesn't have that luxury. The state should get out of the marriage business and sign off on all civil unions regardless of gender, race, creed, religion, nationality or reproductive ability.

The state should end all "marriage." Let the church have the word and let everyone else have the right.

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Mario Valle

Black History month a time for reflection

For the past 88 years, we have taken the month of February to remember the rich and diverse history of African-Americans as we celebrate Black History Month. The achievements of African-Americans touch every community and are found in every field of study, including science and technology. This is a time to remember the sacrifices and hard work of individuals who helped build a better and more tolerant life, both present and future, for all of us.

As we acknowledge the many African-American men and women who have helped the United States grow culturally, countless civil rights pioneers in Florida have been equally as important and should be reflected upon as agents of change in our own state.

For the last two years, the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame has honored individual Floridians who made great sacrifices and helped foster equality for all in our state.

These heroes, such as pioneering educator Mary McLeod Bethune, civil rights leaders C.K. Steele and Harry T. and Harriette Moore, were recognized for their unyielding commitment to equality, diversity and human dignity.

Governor Rick Scott recently selected three new inductees for the Hall of Fame: Dr. Robert Hayling, James Johnson and Asa Randolph. Each of these men was chosen for his commitment to advocating for equality and justice throughout Florida.

Today's African Americans have much to celebrate and build upon as they honor those who have gone before them. Black History Month gives us the opportunity to recognize the many ways African-Americans have enriched Florida's communities, culture and history.

Mario Valle is chairman of the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

YOUR VIEWS

Silence in the face of evil

An open letter to all members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We, the membership of the VFW must demand that the corrupt kangaroo court system of dealing without disabled veterans be stopped. The denial of millions of disabled claims is criminal and should be investigated and due process should be afforded to our disabled veterans.

I have made the state of Florida's governor, the state of California governor, the state of Texas senator and have made charges in the news media against the Veterans Administration, the VFW on charges that they stole trillions of dollars out of the pockets of our disabled veterans.

Silence in the face of evil is evil. The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do

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To give an American flag and a 21-gun salute at death is not enough. Give our disabled veterans their disabled benefits and death benefits. No means testing.

A complete list of VFW accredited service officers,

one for every state, are noted in our VFW magazine, page 28, who act as both judge and jury, no due process, should be investigated by the federal government and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for theft of both tax dollars and co-pays out of the pockets of disabled veterans.

Billie E. Jewett Sebring

Hypocrite, thy name is Republican

When President Obama was fairly elected by a majority of voters in 2008 and again in 2012, Republicans refused to accept the outcome and vowed they would not pass any legislation that Obama proposed.

In order to get even the smallest kind of progress, President Obama has used Executive Orders, especially when it came to raising the minimum wage.

The use of Executive Order is provided for in the Constitution. President Roosevelt used it to allow African Americans to work in defense plants.

Abraham Lincoln used it to enact The Emancipation Proclamation, and Harry Truman used it to integrate the Armed Forces.

Ronald Reagan proclaimed 233 Executive Orders, H.W. Bush instituted 166 Executive Orders, W. decreed 174 Executive Orders. How imperial! How dictatorial! (But not a peep from the Republicans)

President Obama has only declared 147 Executive Orders, the smallest number in 150 years. All of a sudden, the racist Obama Derangement Machine has decided that he is a dictator and using Executive Orders is an impeachable offense. Hypocrite, thy name is Republican.

Millie Grime Sebring



WASHINGTON IS MISS HIGHLANDS COUNTY 2014



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Breana Washington is crowned Miss Highlands County on Saturday evening at the Highlands County Fairgrounds in Sebring. Charley Korzep earned first runner-up; Taylor Crutchfield received second runner-up; Simone Waldron was third runner-up; and Juliette Perez received fourth runner-up.

LEAPHART IS LITTLE MISS HIGHLANDS COUNTY 2014



Courtesy Photo by Mountain Top Productions

Maci Leaphart of Sebring was crowned Little Miss Highlands County on Monday at the Highlands County Fair. The other 16 contestants all tied for first runner-up.

Circle Theatre looks for volunteers as it seeks to expand its programs

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – With six months of operations solidly in the books, Kevin Roberts, chief executive officer of the Champion for Children Foundation, is pleased to report that the initial feedback on the Circle Theatre and its many community events is good. Over the past six months, the Theatre has hosted everything from children's plays to weddings.

According to Roberts, the Circle Theatre, at 202 Circle Park Drive, is quickly achieving its goal of bringing a more diverse selection of events and opportunities to downtown Sebring.

One of the crowning achievements during the past six months has been not one, but two plays presented in conjunction with Simple-Acts United's after-school program and youth theatrical production company, housed

within the Circle Theatre. The theatre staged both "The Nutcracker" and "The Big Bad Musical", which featured a wide array of talented children from all over Highlands County. The Circle Theatre is also pleased to announce that it will be staging "Willie Wonka Junior" on April 4-5.

As interest in the children's art programs continue to grow, the Circle Theatre is excited to announce that a show choir and jazz band are slated to be added to the line up of children's programs in the near future.

The theatre is currently soliciting local volunteers to help with these initiatives as well as other opportunities within the Circle Theatre. If you feel as though you have a talent or skill that would be well suited for working with the talented group of children, contact the Circle Theatre office at 382-1029, direct at 381-

0417 or visit the website at www.circletheatreofsebring.org/.

The Circle Theatre currently provides an after-school arts program open to all children that offers many varieties of instruction in the arts, including guitar lessons, piano lessons, creative crafts and more. The Circle Theatre has partnered with Simple-Acts United to provide these services for our youth. The theatre is also home to the Sweet Shoppe, a wonderfully quaint place for family fun with ice cream, chocolates, candies and treats. The Circle Theatre is available to rent for private events, as is The Sweet Shoppe, which provides a nice venue for children's birthday parties. For more on volunteer opportunities or any of the offerings at the Champion for Children Circle Theatre, call Brenda Weldon at 382-1029 or 381-0417.

Missing child found in shallow grave north in Crescent City

ORLANDO (AP) — The body of a toddler discovered missing in central Florida this week has been found buried in a shallow grave.

Sanford Police Chief Cecil Smith said Tuesday that the body of 2-year-old Tariji Gordon was found in Crescent City, which is located about an hour north of Sanford.

The child's mother, 32-year-old Rachel Fryer, was arrested earlier Tuesday and was being held without bond on a charge of aggravated child neglect. Investigators said Fryer never reported her daughter missing. A check performed Monday at Fryer's home at the request of child welfare officials revealed the child was missing.



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Man charged in loud music killing takes stand

DEREK KINNER
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — The man charged with fatally shooting a teen following an argument over loud music took the witness stand Tuesday, explaining the events that led up to the fateful encounter outside a Jacksonville convenience store.

Michael Dunn's explanation promised to be the most compelling testimony for the defense on the second day of its presentation.

Dunn is charged with first-degree murder. He has pleaded not guilty and says he acted in self-defense when he fatally shot 17-year-old Jordan Davis of Marietta, Ga., outside a Jacksonville convenience store in 2012.

According to authorities, an argument began after the 47-year-old Dunn told Davis and his friends to turn the music down they were listening to in an SUV outside the store. One of Davis' friends lowered the volume, but Davis then told him to turn it back up.

Officials say Dunn became enraged and he and Davis began arguing. Dunn, who had a concealed weapons permit, pulled a 9 mm handgun from the glove compartment of his car, according to an affidavit, and fired shots into the SUV. Nine bullet holes were found in the car.

Prosecutors rested their case Monday.

Before Dunn took the stand, Circuit Judge Russell Healey rejected a defense request to have a family counselor or testify about how the stress Dunn suffered during the encounter explains his actions.

Dunn's defense attorney wanted John Abuso to testify that the stress of a threatening situation could explain why Dunn left the scene of the shooting and returned with his fiancée to their hotel room where they ordered pizza.

They drove from Jacksonville back to where Dunn lives on Florida's Space Coast the next morning.

"All I'm testifying to is that what Mike did is very consistent with acute stress syndrome," said Abuso out of the presence of jurors.

The judge said Abuso couldn't testify because the defense hadn't presented any prior evidence that Dunn was under stress.



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Zac Taylor enjoys a relaxing Saturday morning playing video games in his bedroom with his brother Jakob.

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interested in listening. Though his small body is crowded with tumors, Zac remains a high-spirited boy with typical boy hobbies; though he is far from typical.

"It looks like a chicken nugget," Zac said after seeing one of his tumors that had been removed from his body during his last surgery.

"I don't know that any other kid wants to actually see that, but Zac did. He's interested in it," Taylor said.

With Zac's condition, he isn't currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments though Taylor said that step could be coming down the road.

"The tumors feed on everything. So every shot, every medicine, they attach to it. Even if they are removed, they can grow back and turn into cancer," Taylor said.

"He's had two (tumors) removed from his brain. He has surgery on (Thursday). They will be cutting some sensory nerves."

The Taylors are hopeful for the upcoming surgery in Orlando. The tumor on Zac's optic nerve has caused him much pain recently.

Zac works as the bat boy for the South Florida State College baseball team and is active in a few other organizations throughout the county. That fact is why the Sebring High School Art Club has chosen Zac as one of this year's beneficiaries of the annual "Soup Up the Arts" fundraiser.

"It is good that they help people. It's cool," said Zac Saturday morning at his home.

'It looks like a chicken nugget.'

Zac Taylor
age 12, describing one of the tumors he recently had removed

Zac and younger brother, Jakob, tossed a University of Florida football around in the yard for a few minutes this weekend and talked about his upcoming event and surgery.

"I'm excited about it (Soup Up). My bowl is blue and orange," said Zac.

Zac explained that a nerve would be cut from his head during his upcoming surgery. Though his illness began to physically weigh on him during the day Saturday, Zac smiled, told his mom he was fine and continued on trying to enjoy his day

with his family.

Zac and his family will be one half of the special honored guests during the event. The event will feature soups, breads and desserts from local restaurants including: Panera, Chicanes, Mae Lee's, Zeno's, Ruby Tuesday, Publix, Cang Tong, Olive Garden and more. Other donations include: Alan Jay, Dr. Hulen, Florida Hospital, Lake Placid Health Care and many more.

Guests will have the opportunity to pick out a hand made, one-of-a-kind ceramic bowl created by Sebring art students. The bowl will be filled with one of several different types of soups to chose from. Live music and entertainment will also take place throughout the event.

Tickets to the event can be purchased from Sebring High School art students or at the high school. Tickets can also be purchased at the door (SHS cafeteria) for \$10. Soup Up the Arts will take place from 4-7 p.m. Thursday.

The proceeds raised from Soup Up will go to benefit Taylor, Mary Goldburne and art scholarship recipients.

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Archaeologist Hardman to speak to KVAHC on Feb. 20

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — "Learning from the Past to Influence the Future: Applying Archaeology to Solve Modern Dilemmas" will be presented by Jay Hardman, naturalist, archaeologist, and Certified Permaculture Designer and Implementer, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 in Building G, Room 101, at the South Florida State College Highlands Campus.

The presentation is part of The Kissimmee

Valley Archaeological and Historic Conservancy's (KVAHC) Speaker Series. The public is invited at no cost.

Hardman will present a program on the prehistory of anthropogenic soil, Terra Preta, and production using biochar (agricultural charcoal) in pre-Columbian America. The ancient practice, adapted through the use of more modern technology and broad scale practices, presents enormous potential for real-world

solutions. Through petrochemical-free horticultural practices, with attendant the sequestration of the carbon residue in soils for millenia, multiple modern issues can be addressed. An introduction to permaculture (permanent culture/agriculture) and examples of user friendly, low-tech options for the backyard farmer will be offered. Group discussion will follow.

Call Anne Reynolds at 840-3995 for details.

Sheriff launches human trafficking prevention initiative

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Florida's Attorney General Pam Bondi has spearheaded an educational and prevention initiative against Human Trafficking. In a press release on the Attorney General's website, Attorney General Bondi was quoted saying, "January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and we must all do our part to raise awareness about this horrific crime and to find ways we can combat it."

In coordination with this initiative, Sheriff Susan Benton is launching a local effort to educate the public on the local impact of this crime. In the coming weeks, deputies will be making personal visits to local pediatrician offices, hospital emergency rooms, shopping malls and other places frequented by youth, distributing posters and other materials designed to bring awareness of the ways they may become victims of human trafficking.

"Human traffickers recruit victims through various means, especially social media. They prey on our youth who are vulnerable and seek attention and approval. We need to use every tool at our disposal to keep our children safe from these predators," Benton said.

Information on Human Trafficking prevention can be found on the Attorney General's website, www.myfloridalegal.com. Some of the tips for parents listed there include the following:

- Talk to your children about sex trafficking and sexual abuse
- Restrict use of the computer to areas of the house where other family members are present
- Know your child's screen names and passwords so you can know who they have been communicating with online
- Use the parental control settings on your computer to check Internet history and to control the sites your children have access to
- Let your children know they can talk to you about anything that makes them uncomfortable
- In addition to tips, the site also has a pledge that the child can sign

as a reminder of their commitment to online safety.

Some of the signs that a person may be a victim of sex trafficking are unexplained signs of physical and sexual violence, behaviors indicating fear, anxiety or depression, evidence of controlling relationships or unexplained possession of expensive clothing, jewelry or other items.

If you suspect that a child is a victim of Human Trafficking call the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873), as this is considered a form of child abuse.

Depending upon the nature of the case, this phone call may initiate the process for investigation from both DCF and the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit.

"The most important thing is that we become aware of this threat to our children and that we are willing to make the call and get assistance for these unsuspecting victims," Benton said.

For more information on this subject or to schedule a presentation on Human Trafficking, contact Nell Hays, CPS at 402-7369.



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Susan Benton
sheriff

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LEGAL

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for review.

City Attorney Gerald Buhr advised council members that they could take no action on the offer of partial settlement, but Buhr also said he likes “clean” directives from the council.

“I don’t like to set a precedent that we are willing to settle,” Councilman Parke Sutherland said. “We have a lot of pending litigation that is likely (to be) unfounded. There are numerous stones, daggers, bullets, whatever you would call them, sent at this city.”

He moved to reject the offer and it was approved unanimously, with Anderson abstaining, since it pertained to litigation involving him.

In his defense, Anderson said during discussions that the offer from his attorney was a counter-offer to Deleon’s attorney’s request for full payment. After the meeting, Anderson said he didn’t see why those legal negotiations had to be played out in a public forum.

Although Buhr said the Florida Commission on Ethics can compel a to pay legal fees, Anderson said that is contingent on proving that his ethics complaint was filed “ma-

liciously,” which he contends it wasn’t.

Anderson’s made a complaint March 12, 2013, alleging Deleon had Anderson Arms Inc. ammunition manufacturing business investigated as retaliation for questioning why Deleon should be allowed to live in Lake Placid while serving as Avon Park city manager.

Anderson said both the county building inspector and city fire department inspector visited his business shortly after his criti-

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*Parke Sutherland
city councilman*

cism, and that both men told him they were instructed to find something wrong.

When questioned by the Ethics Commission, both men denied being sent by Deleon or telling Anderson their jobs were threatened. Deleon also said he couldn’t direct a county official.

Deleon told the News-Sun he received complaints of Anderson’s business being a hazard with

improper wiring for manufacturing. Anderson has said inspectors and an investigation by the city found nothing wrong.

Based on probable cause that some testimony in the Ethics Commission were false, the Ethics Commission forwarded the case to the Division of Administrative Hearings in December.

In an email on Tuesday, Deleon said the case was investigated and rejected twice. It is now scheduled to be heard sometime in March by an administrative judge in the Avon Park Council chambers. He said his attorneys’ fees are already \$10,000, and he believes a hearing could raise the total to \$20,000.

The City Council agreed in September — 4-0, with Anderson abstaining — to cover Deleon’s legal bill if the Ethics Commission did not compel Anderson to pay. At that time, Anderson said he believes Avon Park has seen more lawsuits in Deleon’s two years as city manager than in the last 20, and didn’t believe city taxpayers should pay Deleon’s legal bill.

Buhr said the city was obligated under Florida law to provide an attorney or pay for one to defend a public official who incurs legal fees from an investigation if he or she is then cleared of those allegations.

TESDSTONE

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particular.

“Modernization,” Tedstone said. “We have to roll with the times and step up. Everybody else is doing it and we have to do it or our city will die. I hate to say that, but we are on the right way.”

Tedstone said Tuesday morning that she was pleased with the current council’s decision at the last council meeting to allocate \$30,000 in funds to be used for the upgrade of the city’s Website.

“It’s just important. Thousands of people will visit the Website and they can easily get an answer right there instead of having to call someone wait on hold to get an answer. It’s saving money and time. We have to appeal and have to be presentable with our best foot forward,” Tedstone said.

A November election is also one of the things Tedstone would like to see done if she is elected a member of the council.

“I think it should be held in November with the general population voting.

I was surprised that it got voted down when it came up a few months back at the council meetings,” Tedstone said.

A self-proclaimed conservative, Tedstone also knows the importance of managing the money that comes into the city.

Harder Hall is an issue that Tedstone, like all candidates and current council members, are passionate about.

“I want Harder Hall sold,” said Tedstone. “I need to see tax money coming in for that not going out. Last year, they spent \$255,000 on that paying the principal on a loan that the city didn’t even get. Next year, it will be more and the year after that it will be nearly \$300,000. “Something needs to be done and if you want it sold you need to at least keep it up. If I’m trying to sell my house I’m not going to let the grass grow this high and have beer cans all over the yard, I’m going to go out there and clean up the yard.”

Tedstone will be in attendance at the News Sun’s Candidate Forum on Monday, Feb. 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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Curls and dimples: Shirley Temple dies

HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

Any kid who ever tap-danced at a talent show or put on a curly wig and auditioned for “Annie” can only dream of being as beloved — or as important — as Shirley Temple.

Temple, who died Monday night at 85, sang, danced, sobbed and grinned her way into the hearts of Depression-era moviegoers and remains the ultimate child star decades later. Other pre-teens, from Macaulay Culkin to Miley Cyrus, have been as famous in their time. But none of them helped shape their time the way she did.

Dimpled, precocious and oh-so-adorable, she was America’s top box office star during Hollywood’s golden age, and her image was free of the scandals that have plagued Cyrus, Lindsay Lohan and so many other child stars — parental feuds, or drug and alcohol addiction.

Temple remains such a symbol of innocence that kids still know the drink named for her: a sweet, nonalcoholic cocktail of ginger ale and grenadine, topped with a maraschino cherry.

Her hit movies — which included “Bright Eyes” (1934), “Curly Top” (1935), “Dimples” (1936), “Poor Little Rich Girl” (1936) and “Heidi” (1937)



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Shirley Temple Black, shown above at the Academy Awards in 2011, went from being a child film star (top photo) to a diplomatic career serving the United States in the United Nations and as an ambassador.

— featured sentimental themes and musical subplots, with stories of resilience that a struggling American public strongly identified with. She kept

children singing “On the Good Ship Lollipop” for generations.

She was also a tribute to the economic and inspirational power of movies, credited with helping to save 20th Century Fox from bankruptcy and praised by President Franklin D. Roosevelt himself as a bright spirit during a gloomy time.

She was “just absolutely marvelous, greatest in the world,” director Allan Dwan told filmmaker-author Peter Bogdanovich in his book “Who the Devil Made It: Conversations With Legendary Film Directors.”

“With Shirley, you’d just tell her once and she’d remember the rest of her life,” said Dwan, who directed her in “Heidi” and “Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.” “Whatever it was she was supposed to do — she’d do it.”

LEWIS

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pleasant and I can focus and concentrate on my platform,” Lewis said Tuesday.

The lifelong educator knows the importance of learning in every aspect of life and cites the youth as her main wild card when it comes to her campaign as well as her platform if elected to the council.

“I think young people really need to get more involved in the government. That’s one of the big reasons why I’m running. Maturity and experience are important, but youth and vitality are very needed. That balance is needed and that’s what I’m hoping to do on the council, bring in the younger generations and get them involved in the government. They are the

future,” Lewis said.

Though a part of her goals as a potential council member are based around the youth, Lewis has a keen ear to what the older community wants and needs as well.

“My motto is TLC: Time, Listen and Commitment,” said Lewis. “I have the time. Unlike a lot of the other candidates, I’m unencumbered. I don’t own a business, though I used to, so I have all the time to dedicate to the council. I have to have something mentally stimulating to keep me going. The council would be great and I can help out the city that I’m comfortable in, that I love at the same time.”

Lewis stated that she adds another dimension to the council, one that hasn’t been a part of the Sebring council in quite some time.

“I have a background in

education, so I bring that. I have the maternal side that may be needed and I get out and I listen to the residents,” Lewis said.

Though she wouldn’t divulge her entire feelings about the issue that is Harder Hall, Lewis shared her insight into what she’s gotten from residents.

“I want to be the voice for the people and a great deal of people, a lot of people, want something done with Harder Hall. I was shocked by how many people want to see it taken over by the Seminole, they want a casino. I was really surprised by that but it’s something I’ll really have to think about that once I get on council,” Lewis said.

Lewis will be in attendance at the News Sun’s Candidate Forum on Monday, Feb. 17 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Jack Stroup Civic Center on Lake Jackson.

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Avenue after King.

Deputy Mayor Brenda Giles had made that suggestion — minus Cornell Street — at the Jan. 27 meeting, but it was defeated 3-2, with only Councilman Terry Heston in agreement.

Mayor Sharon Schuler said Monday that several people in the city have sent suggestions to her for a street to be named after King. Since the city hasn’t yet passed an ordinance on procedures for renaming streets, she wanted to be sure the meeting to pick a street for King didn’t come before that.

Fortunately, the Avon Park City Council will have three regular meetings — on Feb. 24, March 10 and March 24 — to address the new renaming rules before the special meeting.

Councilman Garrett Anderson recommended Deleon gather all options into a list and make sure those are available to the public and press in time to inform the public for the meeting.

Schuler, in turn, recommended all council mem-

bers give Deleon any options that they hear, so he can work them up into proposals.

Giles thanked Schuler for picking a weekday, since she expected that would bring more public participation than on a Saturday.

City Attorney Gerald Buhr asked if he would need to attend, and Schuler said, “Yes. Check your calendar.”

The issue of renaming a street for King dates back to 2003 when Highlands County was working to change duplicate or non-contiguous road names for the emergency 911 system. Delaney Avenue had, and still has unconnected sections both north and south of Main Street.

At the time, the county was changing Highlands Avenue in the Sebring area to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, so Avon Park residents asked the City Council to rename Delaney Avenue for King.

It was changed for two weeks. On Jan. 27, 2003, Giles — then Brenda Gray — moved to rename South Delaney Avenue and all of South Atlantic Avenue as “Martin Luther King Boulevard.” It passed 4-1 with then-Mayor Tom

Macklin dissenting. Schuler was deputy mayor at the time.

Two weeks later, on Feb. 10, 2003, the council voted 3-2 to change it back after opposition from Delaney family members and other citizens. Giles and Macklin dissented.

In the most recent attempt to have a street named for King, members of Avon Park Community Awareness Inc. said the group and other community members would only accept Delaney Avenue or Main Street as options.

Family members of former Mayor Edgar A. DeLaney Sr. opposed the change, as did several other community members and the city council.

Other options have included Hal McRae Boulevard, but it was named for a local hero who broke into major league baseball at age 23 by signing with the Cincinnati Reds on July 11, 1968. His family members and other community members have balked at changing the name on that street, also.

Schuler has said she wants to rename a street for King, but also has said she doesn’t want to dishonor anyone who already has a street named for them.

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SPORTS

Four-ward to State

Avon Park, Sebring each send two wrestlers to FHSAA State Finals

BY DAN HOEHNE
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Highlands County's annual trip to the Lakeland Center for the FHSAA Wrestling Finals continues as two Avon Park Red Devils and two Sebring Blue Streaks grappled their way to top-four finishes at their respective regionals to qualify.

At the Region 3-2A Tournament at Charlotte High School, Sebring saw Casey Ricker and Luis Sanchez punch their ticket by taking fourth and

third, respectively, in the 170- and 285-pound weight classes.

Ricker was on the fast track and secured his state-bound status by winning his first two matches before dropping the next two and settling for fourth.

Sanchez wound up wrestling five matches, winning his first two, losing his third, but winning the final two to claim third place and reserve a spot for his first trip to State.

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Courtesy photo

Avon Park's Dre Neely won the 113-pound weight class at the Region 3-1A tournament at Berkely Prep and will be headed to the Lakeland Center this weekend for the FHSAA State Finals.

Lady Streaks rally late to top Terriers

BY DAN HOEHNE
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SEBRING — The Lady Blue Streaks of the softball diamond hadn't been tested in more than a week, but came through when they needed to Monday night, edging visiting Moore Haven 9-7 to remain undefeated on the young season.

After squeaking past Port Charlotte by a 3-2 score at the DeSoto pre-season tournament at the end of January, Sebring had rolled through three opponents last week.

The ladies in blue trounced Frostproof on the road 12-1 on Tuesday, Feb. 4, then rolled past Ridge by an 11-1 count two days later.

Then on Friday, Feb. 7, the offense exploded again for two touchdowns and a field goal in a 17-7 win over LaBelle.

But things weren't coming quite so easy Monday with the Lady Terriers in town.



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Amber Hicks makes an underhand flip of the ball to record an out at first in Sebring's 9-7 win over Moore Haven Monday night.

The Streaks did load the bases with one out in the second, but couldn't push a run across and then saw

things unravel a bit in the top of the fourth.

Consecutive bunt singles by Alaina Lee and

Skyler Burke were followed by an errant pickoff attempt that moved Lee to third.

A walk loaded the bases and Jacqueline Phares cleared them with a double deep to right.

Olivia Everett was retired when Mattie Coe snared her soft liner to third, and Sebring got out of it when a single to center saw Kara Faircloth fire to third to nail Phares.

Still, the 3-0 deficit was an unfamiliar position for the Streaks.

"We're not a young team, with mostly seniors and juniors," head coach Joe Sinness said. "And we have five or six players, but we also have a lot of inexperience."

Which would make this first time trailing a good test for the team.

Things held at 3-0 until the bottom of the fifth, when the Blue Streak bats and batting eyes began to awaken.

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Streaks make it three in a row

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Three up, three down.

No, it's not the softball Streaks completing a scoreless inning, it is the ladies of Sebring's tennis team that has won its' first three matches of the season after Monday's 6-1 win over visiting Hardee.

No. 1 singles player Nisha Patel, one of few returning starters for this season, seems to be back in the groove after dropping her first match of the season in the opener and has won two in a row.

Monday Patel cruised past Lady Wildcat Susana Ocegueda 6-1, 6-0.

Micaela DeVane had a rough start at No. 2 singles, dropping the opening set of her match against Caroline Dur-

rance by a 6-3 score, but

bounced back to win the next two, 6-4, 6-0, to get the win.

No. 3 saw a straight-set, 6-1, 6-4 win for Alaina Keith over Abby Clark, before Sarah Beth Rogers found herself in a slugfest at No. 4 with Cheyenne Pohl.

The first set for the pair went to a tie-breaker with Rogers taking it 7-6 (7-5).

Pohl then powered back to take a 6-2 win in the second.

But Rogers rejoined the battle and the two battled evenly throughout before the final went 7-5 for Rogers.

In a similarly heated match at No. 5 singles, Amanda Rios came up short in the Streaks only loss on the day.

Rios eked out a tough, 7-6 win in the opener

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Olympian has local cheering section

Grandparents to cheer skier Ashley Caldwell from afar

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

LAKE PLACID — Even as a toddler, Ashley Caldwell was a daredevil.

"She wouldn't stay in her crib," said grandmother Margaret Caldwell. "She would flip off the back of the sofa. (It) gave us a heart attack."

Her grandfather, Joe Caldwell, remembers his granddaughter doing flips out of swings.

This Friday, they'll watch her flip over snow in freestyle aerials at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.

Ashley, 20, was the youngest member of the 2010 US Olympic Team for all sports. She placed 10th in the Olympic Women's Aerials in Vancouver, was the 2010 Federation Internationale de Ski Freestyle "Rookie of the Year," won two Nor-Am Events, a Silver Medal in the 2009 Nor-Am Grand Prix and placed 10th, 11th and 13th in her

first three FIS World Cup competitions.

Although her parents, Mark and Leslie Caldwell, introduced her to skiing at age 3, she started in gymnastics at age 4, Margaret said.

Mark said Ashley reached the rank of Level 9 gymnast, just the rank from which Olympic teams are picked. At age 12, she watched television coverage of freestyle aerial competitions during the Turin 2006 Winter Olympics, and decided to do that, Mark said.

She tried out at age 13, and was in Lake Placid, N.Y., by age 14 to train.

After just three years, she made the U.S. Olympic ski team in 2009, competing alongside the people she'd seen on the screen, Mark said.

Mark works in real estate development and their family of six has moved all over the country — to Virginia, New York, South Carolina, and



Courtesy of skiashtley.com

Seen here at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, Ashley Caldwell, then 16, was the youngest member of the 2010 US Olympic Team for all sports. She had tried out at age 13 after spending nine years in gymnastics. After three years, she had made the team. She came in 10th in the 2010 Winter Olympic women's aerials competition.

now Texas. Ashley has been in school in Virginia and New York and now hails from Utah, Margaret said.

When asked how well Ashley took to traveling

to and from training and competitions alone, Mark said she was no different than any adult.

"At 14, I would drop her off at Dulles (International Airport) in Washington,

D.C.) and send her off, the same as I would (anyone)," Mark said.

She finished high school at 15 and college by age 20, and has presence, he said. Once at a ball for skiing athletes, she drew the short straw to give a speech. In front of 500 people — including big names in her sport — she spoke for 20 minutes and got a standing ovation, Mark said.

According to teamusa.org, the U.S. team is looking to Ashley's innovative style to bring points in women's aerials.

Margaret said Ashley had just healed from a knee injury and surgery in January 2013 when she injured her other knee, but healed quickly.

"They are in such good shape to start with," Margaret said.

Margaret and Mark both said Ashley's two younger sisters — Lindsey, 18, and Jordan, 17 — played soccer in school, though their interests lie outside sports.

The youngest, 8-year-old Jack, is a "top-ranked"

tennis player, Mark said.

Ashley's siblings don't seem to have any jealousy, Margaret said: "They realize she's worked hard."

"All the kids know (to) work really hard and anything can happen," Mark said.

Mark and Leslie are scheduled to be in Sochi, Russia, to see their daughter compete Friday, but Margaret said they would have to stay in the stands. Each athlete was issued a phone upon arrival and told to call home, she said. They may text family members, but not visit, and certainly not give long-distance interviews.

They are to concentrate on their sports, she said.

Mark told his mother that Ashley said there aren't security issues at Sochi.

"Just hype by the networks," he said.

"She doesn't need to worry. She needs to focus," Margaret said.

When asked if they would have loved to watch Ashley in Sochi, Joe said

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COMING UP

High School Baseball

Thursday – Avon Park hosts Bill Jarrett Ford Early Bird Tournament, vs. DeSoto, 7:30 p.m.; Lake Placid at Bill Jarrett Ford Early Bird Tournament, vs. Hardee, 5 p.m.; Sebring at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

College Baseball

Today – SFSC vs. Seminole State, 6 p.m.
Friday – SFSC vs. College of Central Florida, 2 p.m.
Saturday – SFSC vs. Sante Fe, Noon

Boys Basketball

Thursday – Avon Park hosts Regional Quarterfinal, vs. Tampa Catholic, 7 p.m.; Sebring hosts Regional Quarterfinal, vs. Cape Coral, 7 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

WEDNESDAY

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

■ Syracuse at Pittsburgh	7 p.m. ESPN
■ South Florida at Connecticut	7 p.m. ESPN2
■ Boston College at Georgia Tech	7 p.m. SUN
■ Kentucky at Auburn	8 p.m. WTTA
■ Duke at North Carolina	9 p.m. ESPN
■ Stanford at Washington	9 p.m. ESPN2
■ Georgia at Mississippi State	9 p.m. SUN

OLYMPICS

■ Hockey – Czech Republic vs. Sweden	Noon USA
■ Nordic Combined	3 p.m. NBC
■ Curling	5 p.m. CNBC
■ Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating, Snowboarding	8 p.m. NBC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

■ Oklahoma at Florida	6 p.m. SUN
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THURSDAY

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

■ College Basketball	
■ Louisville at Temple	7 p.m. ESPN
■ Arkansas at Missouri	7 p.m. ESPN2
■ Minnesota at Wisconsin	9 p.m. ESPN
■ Colorado at UCLA	9 p.m. ESPN2

GOLF

■ EuroPGA – Africa Open	9 a.m. GOLF
■ LPGA – ISPS Handa Australian Open	1 p.m. GOLF
■ PGA – Northern Trust Open	5 p.m. GOLF

NBA

■ Brooklyn at Chicago	8 p.m. TNT
■ Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers	10:30 p.m. TNT

OLYMPICS

■ Hockey – Canada vs. Norway	Noon USA
■ Biathlon, Luge	3 p.m. NBC
■ Curling	5 p.m. CNBC
■ Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Speed Skating, Skeleton	8 p.m. NBC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

■ Mississippi at Kentucky	7 p.m. SUN
■ Charlotte at Louisiana Tech	9 p.m. SUN

SCOREBOARD

National Basketball Association				Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.											
EASTERN CONFERENCE				Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.											
Atlantic				Charlotte at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.											
	W	L	Pct	GB	San Antonio at Boston, 7:30 p.m.										
Toronto	27	24	.529	—	Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.										
Brooklyn	23	26	.469	3	Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.										
New York	20	31	.392	7	Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.										
Boston	19	34	.358	9	Washington at Houston, 8 p.m.										
Philadelphia	15	38	.283	13	New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.										
Southeast				Philadelphia at Utah, 9 p.m.											
	W	L	Pct	GB	Miami at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.										
Miami	35	14	.714	—	Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.										
Atlanta	25	24	.510	10											
Washington	25	25	.500	10½											
Charlotte	22	29	.431	14											
Orlando	16	37	.302	21											
Central				National Hockey League											
	W	L	Pct	GB	EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Indiana	40	11	.784	—	Atlantic										
Chicago	25	25	.500	14½	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Detroit	22	29	.431	18	Boston	57	37	16	4	78	176	125			
Cleveland	18	33	.353	22	Tampa Bay	58	33	20	5	71	168	145			
Milwaukee	9	42	.176	31	Montreal	59	32	21	6	70	148	142			
WESTERN CONFERENCE				Metropolitan											
	W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
San Antonio	37	15	.712	—	Boston	57	37	16	4	78	176	125			
Houston	35	17	.673	2	Tampa Bay	58	33	20	5	71	168	145			
Dallas	31	21	.596	6	Montreal	59	32	21	6	70	148	142			
Memphis	27	23	.540	9	Toronto	60	32	22	6	70	178	182			
New Orleans	22	29	.431	14½	Detroit	58	26	20	12	64	151	163			
Northwest				Central											
	W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Oklahoma City	41	12	.774	—	Ottawa	59	26	22	11	63	169	191			
Portland	36	15	.706	4	Florida	58	22	29	7	51	139	183			
Denver	24	26	.480	15½	Buffalo	57	15	34	8	38	110	172			
Minnesota	24	28	.462	16½	Pacific										
Utah	17	33	.340	22½	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Pacific				Central											
	W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
L.A. Clippers	36	18	.667	—	St. Louis	57	39	12	6	84	196	135			
Phoenix	30	20	.600	4	Chicago	60	35	11	14	84	207	163			
Golden State	31	21	.596	4	Colorado	58	37	16	5	79	174	153			
L.A. Lakers	18	33	.353	16½	Minnesota	59	31	21	7	69	145	147			
Sacramento	17	34	.333	17½	Dallas	58	27	21	10	64	164	164			
Monday's Games				WESTERN CONFERENCE											
Indiana 119, Denver 80				Central											
Toronto 108, New Orleans 101				GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Detroit 109, San Antonio 100				St. Louis	60	41	14	5	87	196	147				
Houston 107, Minnesota 89				San Jose	59	37	16	6	80	175	142				
Boston 102, Milwaukee 86				Los Angeles	59	31	22	6	68	139	128				
Golden State 123, Philadelphia 80				Phoenix	58	27	21	10	64	163	169				
Tuesday's Games				Vancouver	60	27	24	9	63	146	160				
Sacramento at Cleveland, late				Calgary	58	22	29	7	51	137	179				
Dallas at Charlotte, late				Edmonton	60	20	33	7	47	153	199				
Atlanta at Chicago, late				NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.											
Washington at Memphis, late				Monday's Games											
Miami at Phoenix, late				No games scheduled											
Oklahoma City at Portland, late				Tuesday's Games											
Utah at L.A. Lakers, late				No games scheduled											
Wednesday's Games				Wednesday's Games											
Memphis at Orlando, 7 p.m.				No games scheduled											
Winter Olympic Medals Table				Belarus 1 0 0 1											
At Sochi, Russia				Poland 1 0 0 1											
(5 of 8 events Tuesday)				Slovakia 1 0 0 1											
(23 of 26 total events)				South Korea 1 0 0 1											
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Norway	4	3	4	11	Sweden 0 3 1 4										
Canada	4	3	2	9	Czech Republic 0 2 1 3										
Netherlands	3	2	3	8	Slovenia 0 1 2 3										
United States	2	1	3	6	Italy 0 1 1 2										
Germany	2	0	0	2	China 0 1 0 1										
Russia	1	3	3	7	Finland 0 1 0 1										
Austria	1	2	0	3	Britain 0 0 1 1										
France	1	0	1	2	Ukraine 0 0 1 1										
Olympic Records				Feb. 13, 2010.											
At Sochi, Russia				Women											
Through Feb. 11				Speedskating											
OLYMPIC RECORDS				500-Lee Sang Hwa, South Korea, 37.28, Feb. 11, 2014. (Old Record: 37.30, Catriona le May Doan, Canada, Feb. 13, 2002).											
Speedskating				500-Lee Sang Hwa, South Korea, 1:14.70, Feb. 8, 2014 (Old Record: 6:14.60, Kramer, Vancouver, Canada, Feb. 14, 2002).											
Men															
5,000-Sven Kramer, Netherlands, 6:10.76, Feb. 8, 2014 (Old Record: 6:14.60, Kramer, Vancouver, Canada, Feb. 14, 2002).															

Valentine's Tennis Tournament

SEBRING – The 20th Annual Valentine's Tennis Tournament will begin Saturday, Feb. 15, on the Thakkar Tennis Center clay courts in the Country Club of Sebring.

Registrations are being taken by the Highlands County Tennis Association for players of all ages and levels of play for this fun event.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and consolation-round winners of A, B and C divisions.

Registration fee includes fun, competitive matches, T-shirts, morning and lunch refreshments and an evening dinner Sunday at Chicanes.

Registration fee is \$30 for HCTA members, \$40 for non members.

Student registration fee is \$15.

Celebrate Valentine's weekend with your sweetheart, or for those who do not have a mixed doubles partner, the committee will find your match for the event.

Matches begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, with Finals on Sunday, Feb. 16, beginning at 1 p.m.

The awards banquet at Chicanes begins at 6 p.m. Sunday.

To register, or for more information, call Laurie at 452-5899, or Lynda at 471-0389.

American Legion golf tourney

SEBRING – American Legion Post 25 is hosting a golf outing Sebring Golf Club on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Check in begins at 7:15 a.m., with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

You may contact the Post at 465-0975 for further information.

AP Rotary Golf Tourney set

AVON PARK – The 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 or by calling him at 863-712-

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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.

Blue Streak Tennis Camp

SEBRING – The Sebring High School girls tennis team will be hosting their 2nd Annual Tennis Camp on Saturday, March 8.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Thakkar Tennis Center located in the Country Club of Sebring.

The camp is open to girls and boys ages 4 to 18. Instruction will be available for all levels of play.

Lunch will be provided and all participants will receive a camp t-shirt.

Cost is \$25 per student with family discounts available.

Pre-registration is encouraged.

For registration and/or more information call Coach Hollinger at 471-5513.

SFSC hosts Panther 5K

AVON PARK – On your mark, get set, go!

Registration for the 5th annual Panther 5K Run/Walk is now available online at www.southflorida.edu/panther5k.

This annual family event will take place on Saturday, March 1, and benefits the South Florida State College (SFSC) Athletic Department.

The Panther 5K Run/Walk will take participants on a path through the beautiful SFSC Highlands Campus and along College Drive.

Participants can choose to run the 5K as a race or to take a more leisurely, family-friendly walk – four-legged friends and strollers are welcome.

“This event helps us to promote health among our community and raise funds to help support SFSC athletics,” said Rick Hitt, SFSC athletic director and head baseball coach.

Heartland Trail Association February Activities

Saturday, Feb. 15

Activity: Bike Ride, approx. 14 miles

Location: Auburndale TECO Trail on Denton Ave., in Auburndale.

Description: Bicycle this scenic trail to Polk City (Van Fleet Trailhead) where we will take a snack break before turning back toward the starting point.

Helmets required for anyone under age 16.

Lunch will be at Peebles BBQ restaurant on Dixie

Friday, Feb. 21

Activity: Trail Care
Location: Green Swamp East, Lakeland, FL Meet at Rock Ridge Rd. gate.

“We will earmark a portion of the raised funds to go toward the Panther Fieldhouse fundraising effort, which is our effort to supply the softball, baseball and future cross country team with a dressing facility located down on the athletic complex grounds. Other funds raised will be earmarked for things that may arise during the year outside of our normal budget.”

The entry fee for the SFSC Panther 5K Run/Walk is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students with a current I.D., and \$15 for children ages 6-12. Children under the age of 6 are admitted free with a completed form, but do not receive a shirt.

The first 200 registered runners receive a goody bag and an official Panther 5K dri-fit shirt for adults and students.

Children receive a T-shirt.

The entry fee remains the same through race day.

Sizes cannot be guaranteed for those who enter on or after Feb. 9.

Registration is 7 -7:45 a.m. on race day and the race begins at 8 a.m.

Scrambled eggs and fruit will be available to participants after the race.

A special awards ceremony will follow the race.

Awards will be given to the first three finishers in each age (6 and up) and gender category as well as Overall and Masters.

The annual Panther 5K race is sponsored by the SFSC Foundation, Inc. and the Jarrett Family Foundation.

Entry forms are available online at www.southflorida.edu/panther5k.

For information about the SFSC Panther 5K Run/Walk or to become a sponsor, call the SFSC Foundation at 863-453-3133.

Art League golf tournament

SEBRING – The 4

NASCAR THIS WEEK

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves



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Tony is again transitioning from the open-wheel ranks.

What's your favorite storyline heading into Speedweeks?

GODSPEAK: Got to go with "Smoke" on this one. Tony Stewart has not raced since August, and he needs a Daytona 500 win.

KEN'S CALL: I'm eager to see the hoopla surrounding the return of the No. 3. I enjoy balancing acts.

Complete this sentence: If Morgan Shepherd makes the Daytona 500 at age 72 ...

GODSPEAK: ... Then having an AARP card will become vogue in stock-car racing.

KEN'S CALL: ... First I'll put a bow on his antenna to make sure he finds the car, then I'm buying my Uncle Ed a firesuit.

ONLINE EXTRAS

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FEEDBACK

Do you have questions or comments about NASCAR This Week? Contact Godwin Kelly at godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com or Ken Willis at ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

FINAL 2013 CUP POINTS

- Jimmie Johnson -
- Matt Kenseth -19
- Kevin Harvick -34
- Kyle Busch -55
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. -56
- Jeff Gordon -82
- Clint Bowyer -83
- Joey Logano -96
- Greg Biffle -98
- Kurt Busch -110
- Ryan Newman -133
- Kasey Kahne -136
- Carl Edwards -137

Up to speed?

NASCAR's Cinderella team of 2014 just might be the No. 47 JTG Daugherty Chevrolet wheeled by AJ Allmendinger. Team owners Brad Daugherty and the Geschickters (Tad and Jodi) have made some dramatic changes since we last saw them in 2013.

Bobby Labonte was replaced by Allmendinger, who comes into the '14 season with the desire to prove himself a worthy Sprint Cup competitor.

And, the team switched manufacturers. The No. 47 was truly a one-car operation at Toyota. Now, it has an equipment and technical alliance with mighty Richard Childress Racing and Chevrolet.

Does that sound familiar? It should. The No. 78 Furniture Row Racing team buddied up with Childress in '13, and its driver, Kurt Busch, made the Chase. Busch now has a sweet ride with Stewart-Haas Racing, while the No. 78 is considered one of the Cup Series' elite teams.

"I'm really excited about this," Allmendinger told NASCAR This Week in a phone interview. "This is not a one-year thing. It's a multi-year agreement, so together, hopefully, we can build this into something really strong."

"I love the ownership group. They are great people. It's a fun group. The guys on the race team are passionate about the sport. It's great to be back full time."

Allmendinger has worked his way back from a NASCAR suspension in 2012 — when he lost his ride at Team Penske — to being a player in the sport's marquee series.

"We are super excited to be working with Childress and his team manager Mike Dillon," Jodi Geschickter told NASCAR This Week by phone. "We have a long history with them. Mike drove for us in 1999."

Geschickter said Allmendinger is a perfect fit for this team.

"He's a driven guy, he's got a chip on his shoulder, and he's got something to prove," she said. "He gets after it every lap. He's got a great personality. AJ's a team motivator and team player."

Now, where's that glass slipper?

DREAM STILL ALIVE

Roush Fenway Racing driver Greg Biffle, 44, has not given up on the dream of becoming the first driver to win all three NASCAR national series championships. Only the Cup Series title has eluded him. "I think the goal of any driver is to win a Sprint Cup title," Biffle said. "We've come very close a few times. I feel like this year we're really aligned well. Maybe the new format will play into our hands a little bit."

STEP IN, NOT BUILD

Ryan Newman is excited to join Richard Childress Racing and become part of an established team, the No. 31 Chevrolet. "I feel like it's a unique situation for me; first time in my career I've been put together with an organization, a team, that's already established," Newman said. "When I started at Penske we built a team, and when I went to Stewart-Haas we brought an existing team over and pieced together a bunch of guys."



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We'll ask again this summer, but as of now, AJ Allmendinger says he's ready to roll with his new seat in the No. 47 Chevrolet.

GODWIN'S SPRINT UNLIMITED PICKS



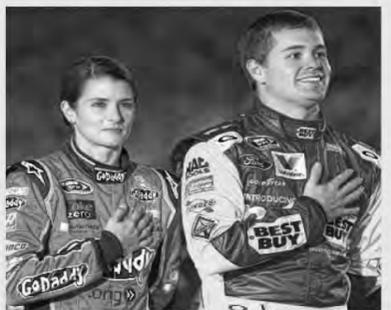
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Winner: Kurt Busch
Rest of the top five: Kevin Harvick, Joey Logano, Denny Hamlin, Ryan Newman
Dark horse: Jamie McMurray

Disappointment: Jimmie Johnson
First one out: Ricky Stenhouse Jr.
Don't be surprised if: Busch shows how hungry he is and wants to prove Gene Haas made the right choice.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



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Still pledging allegiance to each other. Any odds that Valentine's Day will bring news?

Entering Speedweeks, what is this year's hottest talking point?

You're tempted to state the obvious and go with the new Chase format, but that news came out a couple of weeks ahead of the Daytona arrival and has already been talked out (for now). Maybe it'll be the new driver lineup at Stewart-Haas. Or maybe all the lineup changes. No, come to think of it, it'll probably still be the Chase changes, which, for better or worse, is a far different topic than last year's hottest chatter (the Danica Patrick-Ricky Stenhouse courtship).

What if Ricky were to pop the question Friday on Valentine's Day?

Yikes, that changes everything, unless by "the question" you mean: "Hey, Danica, any chance you'll draft with me next week?"

They say Tony Stewart is ready to roll. True?

Of course. Come on, he's not pushing the car, he's driving it. I know the modern marketers do everything to push drivers as athletes, but let's be honest: If you fit through the window, you can race. Well, assuming you have some talent and guts. And maybe a sponsor.



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FEUD OF THE WEEK



JEFF GORDON CLINT BOWYER

Jeff Gordon vs. Clint Bowyer: Feud lives. Two years ago, Bowyer wrecked Gordon at Martinsville. Then, Bowyer's "spin" at Richmond could've cost Gordon a place in the 2013 Chase.
Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Ironically, both drivers are extremely likable. Gordon just doesn't like Bowyer all that much."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

- SPRINT CUP:** The Sprint Unlimited
SITE: Daytona International Speedway
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.). Saturday, race (Fox Sports 1, coverage starts at 8:10 p.m., green flag at 8:29 p.m.)
- CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS:** NextEra Energy Resources 250
SITE: Daytona International Speedway
SCHEDULE: Feb. 21, race (Fox Sports 1, 7:30 p.m.)
- NATIONWIDE:** DRIVE4COPD 300
SITE: Daytona International Speedway
SCHEDULE: Feb. 22, race (ESPN, coverage starts at noon, green flag at 1:34 p.m.)



PRESEASON DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

JIMMIE JOHNSON Who were you expecting ... Dave Blaney? 1	KYLE BUSCH Will he remain only Busch in top 10? 2	KASEY KAHNE A trendy preseason pick 3	MATT KENSETH Middle name is Roy 4	GREG BIFFLE Aiming higher than "fastest Ford" 5	RYAN NEWMAN Mr. Hunch likes Newman-Childress 6	CARL EDWARDS Suspiciously eyeing Subway rolls 7	JUNIOR EARNHARDT Thinks Sochi is a Japanese appetizer 8	KEVIN HARVICK Can't wait for team huddles 9	BRAD KESELOWSKI He'll love the retro Lite colors 10
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PRESEASON CHATTER

Keselowski, Logano reflect, look ahead

During the recent NASCAR Media Tour in the Charlotte area, Team Penske drivers Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano sat behind microphones and oozed preseason confidence. Here's a sample:

Brad Keselowski: "First off, I want to say I get goose bumps at the start of every season because it's a new opportunity ..."

"We think we're where we need to be to go out and run for another champi-

onship. I feel like we're reloaded and one of the key areas was the pit crew. Going back from 2012 to 2014 we have two of six from that same cast on the pit crew, so a lot of changes over the last few years.

"We retired a few people and we're finally getting into a situation where we're reloaded."

Joey Logano: "It (2013) was one of those years, you didn't want it to end. You wanted to keep going and keep

that ball rolling. Over this offseason, that's what we've been doing is keeping the momentum going.

"It's the same guys and we're able to build off of a lot. If you look at last year coming into the season, the No. 22 team in general couldn't have had more changes throughout the team, and now that we've built that chemistry up between each other we're able to build off that and keep going.

"We're looking for a year that we try to win this championship."



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Team Penske's talent: Logano and Keselowski.

STATE

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class, Delroy Blake proved even more dominant, winning all of his matches by pins or technical falls.

This marks a return trip to Lakeland for both Devils.

Neely made it last year as a freshman and placed fifth, while Blake also reached the medal stand a year ago as a junior, taking fourth.

"They are both region champs, so they should get pretty good draws at State," Avon Park head

coach Blake Germaine said.

So now they are all now off to the extravaganza that is the state wrestling finals at the Lakeland Center.

The preliminary rounds get underway Friday at 10 a.m., with matches continuing throughout the day.

Action continues Saturday, beginning at 9:30 a.m., with wrestle-back rounds followed by matches for spots on the podium.

Up in Tampa, at Berkeley Prep, the Red Devils took to the mats in the Region 3-1A tournament and came away with two regional champions.

Dre Neely would power through the 113-pound bracket, winning his first three matches by techs and falls, before prevailing in the title match by an 8-4 count.

Up in the 195 weight



Courtesy photo

Blue Streak Luis Sanchez had a busy weekend at the Region 3-2A at Charlotte, wrestling five matches and claiming third place to stamp his ticket to the state finals Friday at the Lakeland Center.

SKIER

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said no.

"I'll watch her on TV," Margaret said. "I can't stand to watch her (jump) in person." NBC is scheduled to

broadcast Freestyle Skiing Ladies' Aerials Qualifications at 8:45 a.m. ET Friday. The finals are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. ET.

absolutely, but Margaret



Courtesy of Margaret Caldwell

Above: "She learned to stand up front," said father, Mark Caldwell of his daughter, Ashley Caldwell. Her family was able to see and photograph her clearly in a televised image from NBC Sports as she marched in the front of the U.S. Olympic Team beside Nordic Combined skier Todd Lodwick during the opening ceremonies of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. Ashley is now in her second Olympics as a freestyle aerial skier, having competed in Vancouver in 2010 at age 16, coming in 10th in her event.

Courtesy of skiashtley.com

Right: Olympian Ashley Caldwell sticks a landing in the Women's Freestyle Aerials at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, where she finished 10th in her competition. Now 20, Caldwell is competing in her event alongside Emily Cook, 34, a 16-year veteran, two-time Olympian and fellow 2010 teammate.



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

That's Emily Gilbert going airborne on her race toward home in Monday's win for the Lady Blue Streaks.

STREAKS

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Kalea Tanner lead of the frame by drawing a walk and made the dash to third on Brooke Saunders single to right.

As the throw went to try to get Tanner, Saunders alertly kept going to put runners on second and third.

Faircloth was relatively robbed when he shot back up the middle was snared by starting pitcher Everett to tossed to first for the initial out of the inning.

But during Amber Hicks' ensuing at bat, a pitch got away and Tanner sprinted home to get Sebring on the board.

Hicks would draw a walk and Allison Hoffner lofted a fly deep enough to right to bring Saunders in from third.

Another pitch soon got away and the score evened up when Hicks made like a bread truck and hauled buns home.

Morgan Anderson then belted a double into the right-center field gap, but

would be left stranded, leaving it a 3-3 game.

But it wouldn't stay there long as the Streaks were now in gear.

Starting pitcher Chelsea Bassett reached on an error and Emily Gilbert put runners on first and second with a bunt single.

Tanner walked to load the bases and one out later, Faircloth got one through the middle for a two-run single to put Sebring on top.

Hicks drew another walk and Tanner would come in on a Hoffner ground-out to third.

Anderson followed with a two-RBI double and Bassett would later round out the scoring with a single to score Hicks and put the lead now at a commanding 9-3.

But a tough Terrier squad would take a bite out of the margin and make things interesting in their last at-bat.

A single and two straight walks loaded the bases before a fly to center scored one and had runners on second and third.

Back-to-back RBI sin-

gles followed to make it 9-6.

A fly to right got the second out, but another single made it a 9-7 game and had runners on the corners.

The bags were soon full when the next batter was plunked, but Bassett got out of it on a grounder to third that finished it off.

"The best part about this game was them getting behind and still having the confidence to come back," Sinness said.

"After a couple times through the order, they started having better at bats, drawing walks and swinging at better pitches.

"It's a tough district this year, with Lemon Bay a strong team, DeSoto and Hardee, who we split with last year and they only lost one player," he continued. "We've got a mix of some experience and very good athletes, but we're going to have to grow up fast."

Not too fast, however, as the Lady Streaks have a 10-day layoff before they next take the field, when they host Clewiston on Thursday, Feb. 20.

TENNIS

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against Madison Burnett, but couldn't get over the hump in 6-4 and 6-3 losses.

But she got a bit of atonement as she and doubles partner Keith

took an 8-4 win at No. 2, after Patel and DeVane made quick work in an 8-1 win at No. 1.

The girls looked to keep

their team record unblemished Tuesday, when they faced DeSoto, and travel to play new district foe Lemon Bay on Thursday.

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A thunderstorm in the afternoon	Clouds breaking, breezy and cooler	Partly sunny	Sunny to partly cloudy	Nice with a full day of sunshine
82° / 62°	68° / 43°	70° / 51°	74° / 51°	77° / 55°
Winds: SSW at 8-16 mph	Winds: WNW at 10-20 mph	Winds: WSW at 3-6 mph	Winds: N at 6-12 mph	Winds: E at 3-6 mph



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Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	80°
Low Friday	58°
High Saturday	82°
Low Saturday	59°
High Sunday	78°
Low Sunday	50°
High Monday	N.A.
Low Monday	N.A.

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	79%
Expected air temperature	75°
Makes it feel like	79°

Barometer

Saturday	30.08
Sunday	30.07
Monday	N.A.

Precipitation

Saturday	0.02"
Sunday	0.01"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	0.80"
Year to date	3.75"

Regional Summary

A shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Rain and a thunderstorm this evening followed by a shower or thunderstorm late. Cooler tomorrow. Friday: partly sunny. Saturday and Sunday: partly cloudy.



Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds south-southwest 8-16 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average humidity 70%.

Weather History

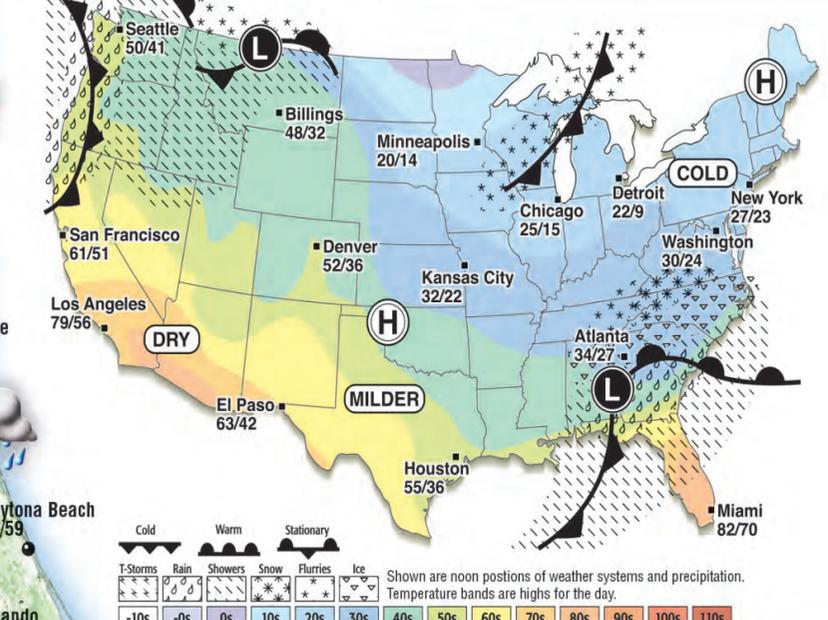
On Feb. 12, 1899, an Atlantic coast blizzard pulled extremely cold air southward, causing a low of 8 below zero in Dallas, Savannah, Ga., received 2 inches of snow.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	7:04 a.m.	7:03 a.m.
Sunset	6:17 p.m.	6:18 p.m.
Moonrise	4:34 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
Moonset	5:15 a.m.	5:55 a.m.



National Forecast for February 12



National Summary

A major winter storm will focus on the Southeast today with significant ice buildup from sleet and freezing rain impacting central South Carolina and northern Georgia. This can lead to power outages and a plethora of travel disruptions in cities such as Atlanta, Augusta and Charlotte. Accumulating snowfall will be seen on the northern part of this storm across much of Tennessee, western North Carolina and into Virginia. Meanwhile, heavy rain will fall from the South Carolina coast into Alabama.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	57/37/s	65/40/s	67/41/s	Los Angeles	79/56/s	82/54/s	80/55/s
Atlanta	34/27/r	47/29/pc	54/33/s	Louisville	36/21/pc	40/31/pc	44/22/pc
Baltimore	30/23/pc	34/21/sn	40/23/sf	Memphis	38/25/pc	51/37/s	54/31/pc
Birmingham	40/27/r	50/32/pc	59/32/pc	Milwaukee	23/16/sn	32/18/sn	22/77/sf
Boston	26/23/s	34/30/sn	38/28/sn	Minneapolis	20/14/sn	29/22/sn	13/1/pc
Charlotte	30/25/sn	43/26/sf	42/30/pc	Nashville	39/22/sn	47/31/pc	51/27/pc
Cheyenne	46/40/pc	53/34/c	50/41/c	New Orleans	50/34/r	55/41/s	66/50/s
Chicago	25/15/pc	34/21/sn	26/6/sf	New York City	27/23/pc	35/30/sn	40/30/pc
Cleveland	29/9/pc	33/22/c	33/10/sn	Norfolk	38/35/sn	42/32/r	53/35/pc
Columbus	30/17/pc	34/25/pc	38/15/sf	Oklahoma City	42/28/s	57/33/s	60/35/s
Dallas	48/32/s	63/42/s	65/43/s	Philadelphia	27/23/pc	35/28/sn	40/27/pc
Denver	52/36/pc	60/35/pc	61/40/c	Phoenix	78/55/s	82/55/s	83/55/s
Detroit	22/9/pc	29/22/c	31/8/sf	Pittsburgh	30/17/pc	34/22/c	37/16/sn
Harrisburg	24/16/pc	35/24/sn	40/25/sn	Portland, ME	22/14/s	34/25/sn	38/22/pc
Honolulu	82/68/pc	80/69/sh	77/70/sh	Portland, OR	52/43/r	54/42/r	52/38/r
Houston	55/38/pc	62/43/s	71/50/pc	Raleigh	31/20/sn	38/28/sn	49/32/pc
Indianapolis	28/14/pc	35/26/pc	33/12/sf	Rochester	27/13/s	32/20/c	34/15/sn
Jackson, MS	42/26/r	54/34/s	64/37/s	St. Louis	34/22/pc	46/30/pc	41/21/pc
Kansas City	32/22/pc	44/31/pc	41/23/pc	San Francisco	61/51/c	61/51/c	61/50/c
Lexington	34/19/c	38/29/pc	39/20/sf	Seattle	50/41/r	51/42/r	47/37/r
Little Rock	42/26/pc	56/34/s	60/32/s	Wash., DC	30/24/pc	34/29/sn	37/29/sf

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	89/72/pc	88/71/pc	88/73/pc	London	46/39/r	46/37/sh	46/41/r
Athens	66/52/pc	63/52/pc	64/50/s	Montreal	14/12/s	25/16/pc	30/14/sn
Beirut	70/60/s	73/57/s	69/56/r	Moscow	34/28/c	35/29/c	35/25/r
Berlin	42/33/pc	45/36/pc	41/33/c	Nice	62/45/s	60/48/sh	63/47/pc
Bermuda	69/64/s	71/66/pc	70/63/pc	Ottawa	18/9/s	23/7/c	28/14/sn
Calgary	41/13/sn	34/16/c	33/14/sn	Quebec	9/5/s	25/12/c	29/14/sn
Cardiff	46/33/r	43/35/pc	45/36/pc	Rio de Janeiro	92/78/pc	93/77/pc	88/75/s
Edmonton	10/2/sn	36/17/sn	31/21/c	Seoul	39/25/s	41/27/c	41/28/pc
Freeport	79/72/s	76/60/pc	72/62/pc	Singapore	88/76/c	88/76/pc	86/76/t
Geneva	45/33/pc	46/40/sh	49/43/sh	Sydney	82/66/c	85/66/pc	80/67/r
Havana	85/62/r	78/55/t	78/53/s	Toronto	20/11/c	26/17/c	33/6/sn
Hong Kong	55/51/r	57/50/r	61/56/c	Vancouver	48/42/r	47/39/r	46/37/r
Jerusalem	67/48/s	66/47/s	62/45/s	Vienna	47/31/c	48/35/c	50/40/c
Johannesburg	84/52/s	80/57/sh	79/52/pc	Warsaw	39/28/c	38/31/c	38/29/sn
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TASTE TERMINOLOGY

There are five basic taste categories the taste buds perceive:

Sweetness is recognized by the presence of sugar. It is very predominant in desserts, but also creates great contrast with salty and sour.

Sourness can be added through a variety of acidic foods, such as vinegars and citrus fruits.

Salt enhances flavor, intensifies sweetness and suppresses bitterness.

Bitterness may be found in a variety of foods, including chocolate and coffee. When not in balance, bitter can be offensive, but in very small quantities it adds richness and depth.

Umami is described as a savory, often mouth-watering taste perceived when eating meat, fish, cheeses like parmesan and bleu and certain vegetables such as asparagus.

COFFEE TOFFEE HEATH CUPCAKES

Makes about 24 cupcakes

- Coffee increases the bitterness of the chocolate for richer, deeper flavor

- Toffee adds rich buttery notes and caramelized sugar flavors

CUPCAKES

- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons instant coffee
- 1 package (16.2 ounces) Devil's Food cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil

GANACHE

- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons instant coffee
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 package (8 ounces) English toffee bits

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line muffin pan with baking cups.

In a small bowl, combine water and instant coffee; stir to dissolve.

In a large bowl, combine cake mix, coffee, eggs and oil. Beat with electric mixer on low

speed for 30 seconds, scraping bowl frequently. Then, beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Fill baking cups 2/3 full with batter.

Bake 16 to 18 minutes or until toothpick, inserted into the center, comes out clean. Cool cupcakes in pan 5 minutes. Remove from pan and place on cooling grid to cool completely.

For ganache, combine cream and instant coffee in small saucepan; stir to dissolve. Warm over medium heat until cream begins to steam; do not boil. Remove from heat and add chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Cool slightly.

Place 1/2 cup ganache in disposable decorating bag. Using the handle of a wooden spoon, create a small hole in the center of each cupcake; pipe in ganache. Dip tops of cupcakes in remaining ganache; lightly shake off excess. Immediately dip cupcake in toffee bits.



Coffee Toffee Heath Cupcakes

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SWEET AND SALTY CARAMEL CASHEW BROWNIES

Makes 15 brownies

- Caramel gets its flavor from browning sugar, butter and cream; it adds a rich, mouth-filling flavor
- Cashews add nutty, roasted flavor notes
- Salt reduces sweetness and increases the bitterness of the chocolate and butter in the caramel, creating a richer flavor

- 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate (squares or chips)
- 12 tablespoons (1-1/2 sticks) butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon coarse sea salt
- 1-1/3 cups granulated sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup cashews, chopped plus additional for garnish
- 15 soft caramel candies

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare 9-inch x 9-inch pan with parchment paper.

In a large saucepan, melt chocolate and butter over low heat, stirring to combine. Cool slightly.

In a small bowl, stir together flour, cocoa powder and salt. Add sugar, eggs and vanilla to chocolate mixture. Stir until well combined. Add flour mixture; stir until just incorporated. Stir in cashews. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 24 to 28 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out nearly clean.

While brownies bake, unwrap caramel candies and roll each one out until it is 1/8 inch in thickness. Cut with medium sized Leaf Cut-Outs cutter.

Remove brownies from oven and immediately top with caramel cut outs, arranging in 3 rows of five. Position a cashew on each caramel. Return to oven for 1 minute. Remove from oven. Cool on cooling grid until just barely warm. Cut into 1-1/2-inch x 3-inch rectangles and serve warm or at room temperature.



Sweet and Salty Caramel Cashew Brownies



Frozen Greek Yogurt Pops with Pistachios and Raspberries

FROZEN GREEK YOGURT POPS WITH PISTACHIOS AND RASPBERRIES

Makes 8 pops

- Greek yogurt adds sour cultured notes and creamy texture
- Sourness is balanced by the sweet honey, which contributes floral notes
- Raspberries add fruity flavor, which is also slightly floral

- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 cup, plus 4 teaspoons honey, divided
- 1 teaspoon Wilton Clear Imitation Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 cup raspberries
- 3 tablespoons chopped pistachios, divided
- 4 Wilton 8-inch Cookie Sticks, cut in half

In medium bowl, whisk together yogurt, cream, 1/4 cup honey and vanilla until smooth.

Place one whole raspberry in the bottom of each Wilton Round Brownie Pops Mold cavity. Cut the remaining raspberries into quarters.

To assemble pops, spoon 1-1/2 teaspoon yogurt mixture over raspberry in mold cavity; lightly tap mold against

work surface to level. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon pistachios over yogurt and then 1/4 teaspoon honey over pistachios. Repeat, layering yogurt, pistachios and honey, as listed above, lightly tapping mold to level. Add a quartered piece of raspberry; top with remaining yogurt mixture and lightly tap to level. Insert sticks about 2/3 into pop; freeze at least 3 hours or overnight.



Pear and Brie Honey Tartlets

PEAR AND BRIE HONEY TARTLETS

Makes about 2 dozen tartlets

- Brie has creamy texture and is a soft-ripened cheese with mild flavor
- Honey adds sweetness and balances the cheese flavor
- Pear also adds sweetness
- Cardamom adds a slight bitter note

- 1 sheet (1/2 of a 17.3-ounce box), puff pastry, thawed
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons honey, divided
- 1-1/2 cups diced, peeled firm ripe pear
- 1/2 4-ounce wheel, brie, cut into 1/4-inch pieces

Preheat oven to 400°F. Prepare a 24-cavity mini muffin pan with vegetable pan spray.

On a lightly floured surface, unfold puff pastry; roll out to about 12 inches x 8 inches. Cut into 24 squares, about 2 inches x 2 inches. Press each square into a prepared pan cavity.

In a small bowl, stir together cardamom, salt and 2 tablespoons of the

honey. Add pears; toss to coat. Add 1 heaping teaspoon pear mixture to each pastry tartlet.

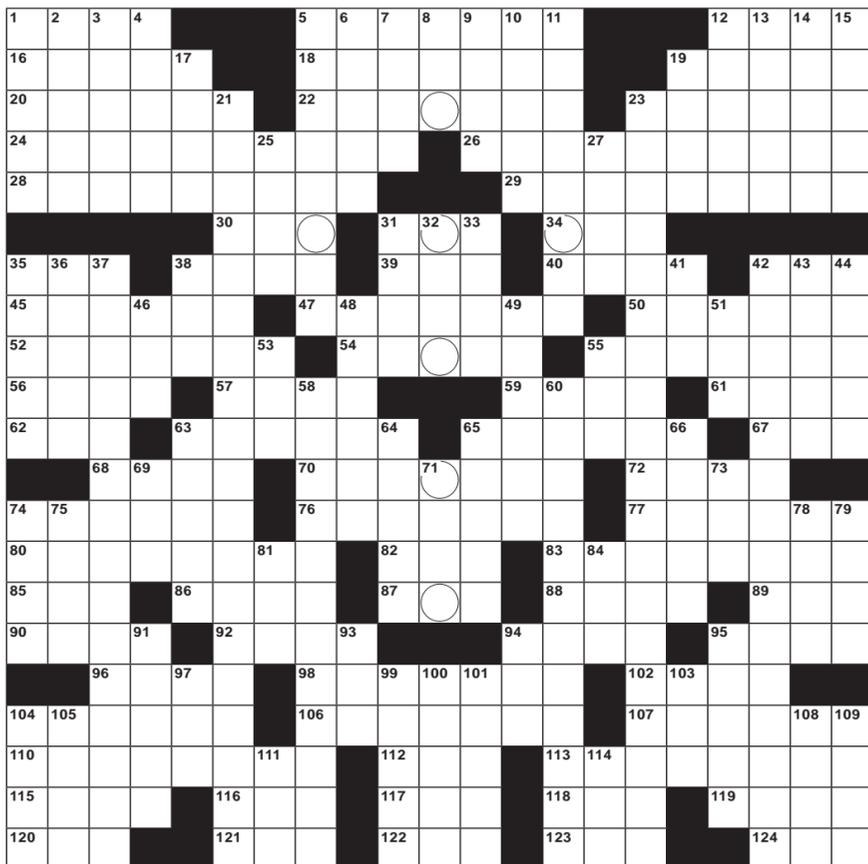
Bake 13 to 16 minutes or until puff pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Immediately top with pieces of brie. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Remove to cooling grid. Drizzle remaining honey over tartlets and serve immediately.

TOIL AND TROUBLE

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Girlfriend staying as guest deserves more respect



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby: Last August my husband and I allowed our son's 17-year-old girlfriend, "Lindsay," to move into our home from out of state because she needs to live here for a year to establish residency for school. She's a wonderful girl, mature, social and helpful.

My problem is my other sons (ages 18 and 14) are very angry that we have allowed a "stranger" to move in. My 18-year-old is a college student who lives on campus an hour away, but comes home on weekends. He and his younger brother feel I show favoritism to Lindsay and make frequent comments about the non-family member. They worry that I'm spending money on her even though they know her mom sends her money.

I'll admit it has been nice to have a girl around. My boys sleep half the day away on weekends, but she gets up and is happy to run errands with me. I still include my sons in many activities without Lindsay, as I always have, and I did not anticipate this hostility. I feel bad for her because they make little attempt to hide it. My son loves his girlfriend, and I want her to feel comfortable and welcome without alienating my other sons. Help!

— Mom of Three Sons

Dear Mom: You and your husband are the parents, which means you are supposed to be running this "asylum" — not the inmates. The decision about who should or should not be a guest in your home is not up to your jealous older and younger boys, who appear to be suffering from a form of "sibling" rivalry.

As a guest in your home, Lindsay should be treated with respect, and it's not happening. You should insist upon it, and if your wishes are not complied with, there should be consequences.

Dear Abby: My husband of five years has three children from previous marriages.

Earlier this year he learned some disturbing

information about his youngest child. He opted not to share the information with me so as not to violate her privacy. I found out about it a few weeks ago, and I am deeply hurt that I was excluded.

I feel I have never been included as a true part of the family, and this is just another example. He feels his explanation justifies his actions and that should be the end of it. I am concerned that he will keep other things from me he feels are none of my business in the future. I am not at all comfortable with this situation. Do you think I am overreacting?

— Stepmonster in the South

Dear Stepmonster:

Yes, I do. Your husband decided not to discuss something with you that he felt would violate his daughter's privacy. Much as you might like to, you can't push your way into being accepted. If relationships are going to happen, they must evolve naturally. So calm down and stop personalizing this. It isn't a threat to your marriage unless you make it so.

Dear Abby: In this day and age, with computers and the ability to backspace, cut, paste and delete so easily, why do you still use a P.S.?

Seems to me that P.S. needs to be used only with handwritten letters.

— Candice in Phoenix

Dear Candice:

Mmmm ... not so fast. The majority of my readers communicate with me via the Internet, as you did. They use P.S. to indicate that what they are saying is an afterthought and so do I in some of my responses.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. For an excellent guide to be-

How to save money on meat

In my household, meat is a huge part of our meals weekly. With three kids and a teen that can pack away multiple servings in a matter of seconds without ever gaining a pound you can just imagine the cost.

Below are my top 10 tried and true tips for savings money on meats.



SAVINGS DIVA

Tanya Senseney

LOOK FOR MEATS THAT ARE ON SALE

Recently one of my local grocery stores had chicken breast on sale for \$0.99/lb during a special three-day sale. The normal price is \$2.99-\$3.99/lb making this a frugal find and a savings of \$2-plus. If your grocery budget has a little wiggle room, use it to stock up on the meats that are on sale for the week. Also look for meat that is expiring that day and ask the meat manager if they will mark it down. Usually I will cook it that night or freeze it.

GRIND YOUR MEAT

If pork tenderloin is on sale this week, talk to your butcher and have him grind up or slice the tenderloin into pork chops or ground pork. This will be cheaper than buying sliced pork chops. The same can be said of chuck roast or having a whole loin sliced into individ-

ual steaks. By having the butcher grind or slice it for you, it becomes more economical for you.

BULK UP YOUR MEAT

Add items like rice, oatmeal, beans or oats to your meat. This adds nutrients and fiber to your meal that your family will not notice. Instead of using 2 pounds of meat, use 1 pound and bulk it up.

SLOW COOKERS ARE YOUR FRIEND

Look for slow cooker recipes and cook large portions of meat. From this one meat you can make multiple meals that you can either stick in the freezer for later or into the fridge for meal planning.

6. Shop holiday meats: During the holiday seasons look for meats that are on sale like turkey in November, ham in De-

FROZEN SEAFOOD

I love fresh steamed seafood from the meat department, but did you know that the frozen seafood located in the meat department is the same seafood they serve in the display cases? The same can be said for the frozen bagged chicken breasts that you will find in the meat department.

MEAL PLANNING

Build your meals around the meat instead of the meat being the main focus. If ground turkey or beef is on sale, plan meals that include this instead of meat that is full price. This will build in an extra layer of savings into your budget.

FREEZE YOUR MEAT

If you freeze your meat properly, it will do away with freezer burn and stay fresh longer. Divide the meat up into smaller portions and wrap with plastic wrap, then place into

a two freezer bags. I do not have a fancy food saver, instead I do this. Make sure to write the date you purchased the meat on the bag.

PRICE MATCH FOR THE BEST MEAT PRICE

Look at all your local grocery store ads, even stores that you do not normally shop. Remember you can take any store ad into Walmart and get the same price as the store ad.

LOOK FOR COUPONS AND REBATES ON MEAT

Yes, there are actually meat coupons. Especially from national companies like Purdue, Sanders Farms, Jennie-O, Oscar Meyer and more.

Any time you can find a coupon for meat it can only help to save you money and be a better frugal shopper.

Tanya Senseney has more than 16 years experience saving and teaching others how to reduce their monthly grocery budget and give back to the community. Her focus and passion is to teach others how to never go without. In addition to her workshops, Senseney is a columnist and national speaker. She travels the country to speak at numerous workshops and events to teach, enlighten and engage audiences large and small on how to shop for free. Contact Senseney for more information at Tanya@DivineSavings.com or visit www.DivineSavings.com for more information.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Culinary externships a great tool for young chefs

For the first part of this week I have been Nemours's Children's Hospital in Lake Nona offering support to the culinary team there. I am now able to leave my unit to offer support in other unit because of staff development. I am a firm believer that if you want to be promoted you must develop your replacement.

Ken Weber is my sous chef. He came to us from another account is South Carolina and I am developing him to become an executive chef so while I am gone he will run the kitchen as if it was his and gain experience as the chef.

I also believe in development in the beginnings of a student's culinary career and enjoy having students do their externships with me.

Cayonda Spires-Saffold has just begun her four-month externship for Keiser University's culinary program. Cayonda is already a hard worker and a fast learner and I think that might something to do with her military background.

Before attending Keiser, she was E4 Specialist Cayonda Spires of the 299th Battalion Support Brigade of The United States Army. She was stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas as an 88 M (Truck Operator) and served a deployment in Iraq in 2010.

While completing her externship in our kitchen, Cayonda will work every station, shadow me to see a day in the life of the executive chef in a large kitchen as well as create menus and learn how to manage food costs.

I am hoping that after her externship is complete, she will continue to be a part of our culinary team. Cayonda hopes to finish her career as a dietician and own her own private chef catering service and I think that there is no better place to get started on that path than right where she is right now.

The first thing that the young extern made in my kitchen was a strawberry shortcake for patient services and since strawberries are in season, I thought I would share the recipe with you.

Cheers, Chef.



CHEF'S CORNER

Tim Spain

1. Grease and flour full size sheet pan and set aside.
2. Pour water into mixing bowl. Add cake mix to

bowl. Using cake paddle, mix on medium speed for 1 minute.

3. While mixing on medium speed, add 2nd water gradually to bowl. Stop mixer; scrape down bowl and paddle.

Pour batter into prepared sheet pan. Bake at 350 F in regular oven for 25 minutes (300 F convection oven for 20 minutes). Cool cakes.

4. Cut cake into 60 equal slices (6x10). Reserve for assembly.

5. Wash fresh strawberries. Cut into uniform slices. Prepare Strawberry

Glaze according to recipe. Combine strawberries with glaze.

6. Prepare Crunch Topping according to recipe.

7. Cut each cake slice in half widthwise. Place bottom half on serving dish. Spoon strawberry/glaze mix over cake half.

Place top half of cake over glaze mixture, being careful to place properly so top does not slide off. Top with generous amount of whip topping.

Garnish with Crunch Topping sprinkled lightly over whip topping. Refrigerate until internal tem-

perature reaches 41 F or less. Hold cold for service.

CRUNCH TOPPING

- 1/4 ounce slice, blanched almonds
- 1-1/8 ounce sweetened, shredded coconut
- 2-1/4 ounce Graham cracker crumbs
- 1-1/8 ounce granulated sugar
- 2-1/4 tsp liquid oleo margarine

Toast coconut on sheet pan.

Place almonds, coconut and graham cracker crumbs in mixing bowl. Mix together using cake

paddle.

Melt margarine. Add sugar and margarine to bowl. Mix on No. 2 speed until well blended.

Cover, label and refrigerate until internal temperature reaches 41 F or less. Use as needed.

This may be prepared in advance, but it must be used within 48 hours.

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Pressure cookers get food on table quickly

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Enter the pressure cooker.

A pressure cooker is a special pot with a very tight seal that traps in hot steam. This puts the contents under pressure, cooking the food very quickly.

You can find stovetop pressure cookers and electric pressure cookers.

You can cook almost anything in a pressure cooker, from vegetables to dessert, and the

cooking happens about 70 percent faster than it does using other cooking methods.

If you want a batch of bone broth in a hurry, cook it up in a pressure cooker. It takes about a third of the amount of time that's needed with a regular pot.

The other great thing about pressure cooking is that the food's nutritional value is retained better than with many other cooking methods.

Using a pressure cooker is a pretty simple method of cooking, but whether you use a stove-top or electric model, you must read the instruction manuals so that you can learn how to use this kitchen



DINNER DIVA
Leanne Ely

tool safely and efficiently.

There are some things you'll want to keep in mind for best results, regardless of which type of pressure cooker you use:

- Don't overfill it. Your pressure cooker should never be packed more

than two-thirds full with food. If you mess with this rule, the pressure cooker won't work properly.

• Watch your liquids. You'll have less evaporation when cooking with a pressure cooker. That means you lose less liquid than you would cooking in a regular pot.

As a general rule of thumb, you'll need at least one cup of liquid when pressure cooking, but you should never fill your pot more than half full with liquid.

• Brown meats. Always pat your meat or poultry dry before you season it and then brown in butter or oil.

You can brown your

meat right in the pressure cooker and then deglaze by adding a small bit of liquid, before adding the meat and additional ingredients to the pressure cooker.

• Try inexpensive cuts. Tough cuts of meat work well in the pressure cooker, so save some money on the grocery bill by using these less expensive pieces of meat.

You'll be amazed at how quickly food can be prepared in a pressure cooker. You can cook chicken pieces in about 12 minutes.

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FANCY PANTS BALL



Courtesy photo

The Harmony Classic Quartet perform at the Lake Placid Ballroom 'Fancy Pants Ball' on Feb. 8 during intermission. Paul Hinkle, Mac Brown, Joe Marquart and Stirling Snyder render some beautiful harmony. They are members of the Heartland Harmonizers and will be in a show at 2 p.m. March 14 at Union Congregational Church in Avon Park.



Courtesy photo

Molly Kilroy was the winner of the Ms. Fancy Pants award at the Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers Ball on Saturday. She is shown with her husband, Marshall.

SNAPSHOTS

CLUBS NEWS

Garden Club of Sebring

SEBRING – The Garden Club of Sebring met Jan. 27 at the Jack Stroup Civic Center with 36 members in attendance. The theme was "Cold Protection for Florida Plants". The guest speaker was David Austin, Urban Horticulture & Master Gardner Coordinator, University of Florida IFAS Extension.

After the presentation, the luncheon, a "4th of July" Picnic, was served. The next garden club meeting will be at 10 a.m. Feb. 24 at the Jack Stroup Civic Center downtown. The program will be "The Love of Orchids" and lunch will be served after. The menu will be hot casseroles and green salads.

Upcoming events include the 2014 Annual Card Party and Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 6 at the Jack Stroup Civic Center. Door prizes and silent auction with a donation of \$8.

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LAKE PLACID – Judy O'Boyle opened the meeting asking the members what they had planned for the coming week to help them lose weight.

June Elam gave a very informative program on The Queen of All Fruit, the apple. Apples help lower cholesterol and fight cancer to say nothing of lowering your blood pressure. They also reduce the risk of diabetes and heart disease. With that information, apples became one of the Yes Yes's this week along with whole grain cereal. The No No is fried food.

Karen Goodwin gave roll call and 33 members weighed in. There was another net loss last week, and Faye Nutt was the best loser. For the month of January, the best loser was Linda Pollard and the club lost 43.25 pounds. Elsie Stratton and Linda Pollard had a 10-pound loss; June Elam, Betty Kerpan and Ida Wyland all have lost four weeks in a row; and Susan Caldwell, Phyllis Hieronymus and Linda Hall won a "I Can" charm. New member Gail Shane was welcomed by the club.

The Alphabet contest winners were Penny Herwarth, Dawn Edwards, Barbara Embick and Elaine Orr. The letter next week will be "R". For the "Don't Spill the Beans" contest the white bean team is ahead, but only by 13 beans. Prizes were given to Carolyn Mead, Vi Christian, Barbara Embick, Ethel Emanuel, Betty Kerpan and Ann Harrington. Mary Anderson, creator of the contest, gave a quiz on green beans and told a very sad story how

the green bean became a vegetable.

The club meets at every Monday with weigh in from 3-3:45 p.m., and the meeting starts at 4. The club meets at the Lake Placid Women's Clubhouse on Main Street. Call O'Boyle at 260-0831.

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Under the watchful eye of Judy Weyrauch, the kitchen crew at Tanglewood prepared huge bowls of salad and dished up lasagna for the guests.

Two great nights at Tanglewood

BY NEIL SIMPSON
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – On Feb. 4 and 5, a total of 470 Tanglewood residents attended the lasagna dinners where they enjoyed excellent food followed by superb entertainment. The annual meals, with an Italian theme, are sponsored by Heartland National Bank with all proceeds going to the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit.

The kitchen crews, under the keen eye of Judy Weyrauch, prepared huge bowls of salad and cooked the lasagna to perfection. Cindy Gallenberger's team set the tables before serving the food and clearing the tables which were adorned by special centerpieces created by Donna Condon and her Decorat-

ing Committee to reflect the Italian theme.

Following dinner, Marti Capodiferro, an extremely talented singer from Tomoka Heights in Lake Placid, entertained with style. Marti sang songs made famous by a wide range of artists including Barbra Streisand, the Ronettes, Celine Dion, Dionne Warwick, Lesley Gore and Shirley Bassey. She had the crowd hushed for her fine rendition of "Unchained Melody" then brought Wednesday's group to life with "O Mio Babbino".

Marti's stage manner is captivating. Her every move and each facial expression added to her powerful delivery. She proved to be unflappable, working with a different sound crew each night in unfamiliar surroundings.

Comments about Marti included; "fabulous", "tremendous", "humorous", "fantastic" and "the best evening of entertainment in Tanglewood to date". Those in attendance liked the way she related to the audience but some were disappointed that she didn't have CDs for sale.

At the end of each evening, Marti drew the winning ticket for the 50/50 draw. On Tuesday, Gordon King walked off with \$253 while Bob Flower took home \$264 on Wednesday.

The Tanglewood Residents Cancer Benefit thanks Dudley Burchill of Entertainment Designers Network for "donating" Marti's talent. A big thank you is also extended to Heartland National Bank and Hometown America for their support.

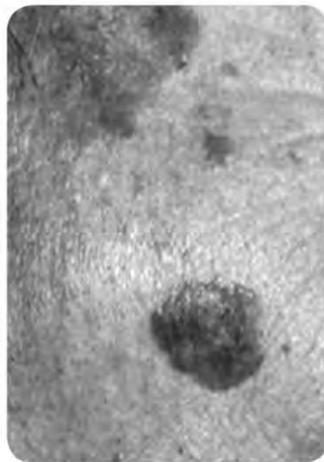


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'Accidental Baker' author visits Rotary

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – Barbara Miachika was the guest speaker at the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club on Feb. 6 at its regularly scheduled meeting. She is the author of the book, "The Accidental Baker", which has been published and can be purchased for less than \$15 through Amazon.com on paperback or downloaded on to a Kindle.

"The Accidental Baker, a cake for every crisis", is a courageous memoir, revealing a near perfect life and marriage gone wrong. A mother, homemaker and social hostess in an ideal house and family in the affluent suburb of West Vancouver, Canada, Miachika's reality became a nightmare when her husband of 30 years lost his income, sank into alcoholism and died.

Widowed, destitute and soon to be homeless, she realized 'no white knight' was going to ride in and save her.



Courtesy photo

Barbara Miachika is 'The Accidental Baker' and spoke to members of the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club last week about her book.

She needed a plan. She turned to her talent for food preparation and baking and found her niche market in the culinary world.

Using only her homemaker experience, she opened 'Cuisine de Barbara', a private cooking school. Soon Bon Appetit Magazine featured her in

an amazing spread of 10 pages, propelling her on to an executive position in San Francisco.

After six years in this corporate world, she was downsized out of her high powered job.

Networking and her own creativity saved her again. She opened FunFrance Travels, a boutique food and wine travel company, plus The Beideman Street Group, her own food consulting business.

In her memoir, "The Accidental Baker", food was the common theme; it flowed like a silky ribbon throughout her life, giving credibility and warmth to every crisis. The lessons learned on the road to success make for great reading and baking. This story sends a powerful message: your dreams are within your reach. It is a memoir with recipes.

For more information on this book, call Miachika at 314-0321 or email her at miachikab@yahoo.com



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Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID – Placid Lakes Social Circle will have its March meeting at 4 p.m. March 13 at the Placid Lakes Country Club. This is a week later due to the members being on the Caribbean cruise from March 2-9.

The Pioneers are surfacing weekly. The latest one is Rusty Eurich, who goes back to when they had the homeowners meeting at the Placid Lakes Country Club before town hall came into existence back in the '70s. Frank Suter built Rusty's house back then on Washington Street, NW. We know you're out there, Frank.

A meeting is coming up Monday, Feb. 17 at town hall for the Placid Lakes Homeowners Association.

The Dalton Gang is working on that dinner train mystery ride out of Fort Myers, and also the dinner/show at the Palm Theatre in Fort Myers featuring "The Music Man Musical". We should have some positive information at the March 13 meeting.

There's some serious repairs being made at the town hall on the outside walls. A great crew of workers are there doing a great job.

Rummage sale is coming up fast. Don't miss it.

Town and Country MHP

By Janet Day

SEBRING – At the February Homeowner's meeting, trustee Toby Chapel encouraged everyone to recycle cardboard, plastics, glass and newspapers. Bins are available within reasonable distance for our use. An audience person informed us that Lowe's does collect styrofoam products for processing. Glass is utilized by the local asphalt plant in Highlands County. Our landfills do get full and we all need to assist with this conservation issue.

Upcoming February activities announced by event chairperson Wendy Johnson include some unique happenings. On Saturday, Feb. 8 a park birthday party was scheduled for all residents. Local singer Lora Patton entertained from 6-9 p.m. with ice cream and cake served. Admission to the party was a bag of kitten or puppy food that was donated to the Humane Society. Men's breakfast out is today, Feb. 12, at Jimmy's. Ladies luncheon is the same day at Sun 'N Lake at 11:30 a.m. Park breakfast is Friday, Feb. 14, and features plain or blueberry pancakes plus usual extras. Feb. 22 brings us a Chili Cook-Off and Slave Auction (hmm). Volunteer chili cooks are sought, plus cornbread bakers. After the judging

at 4:30 p.m., a chili and cornbread supper will be served. Slave auction follows with president Mark Sims in charge. Tuesday, Feb. 25 features a soup and sandwich lunch.

Sign-up for meal events is essential. January's potluck supper was one of the best I've attended with 52 present and delectable dishes available. Lee Niedzielski claimed the 50/50 prize.

Janet Johns' movie selections included "Pursuit of Happiness" on Feb. 5 and "Parental Guidance" set for Feb. 19.

By voice vote, HOA meeting time is changed to 9 a.m. with coffee/donuts served at 8:30. For rising early, in March we will be treated to performers from Heartland Harmonizers Barbershop group giving us a preview of their upcoming concert. Our Richard Eade is a member of this talented group of musicians.

Wendy Johnson informed us there is no active FMO organization presently in this area (District 6). FMO is of great assistance to manufactured homeowners so anyone who can step up and get a group started will be doing a great service. Our park has 65 percent participation in the FMO; congratulations to our members. President Sims recognized Wendy Johnson and Bill Wyse for their efforts in increasing membership at Town and Country.

Congratulations to Bill and Connie Mullen on Cooper Road for their selection as "House of the Month" by our managers. Calvin Williams had successful knee replacement surgery recently. Daphne Ragle and Marilyn White are healing from shoulder injuries. Jerry Niedzielski recovers from eyelid surgery. Gisela Bukantis has kicked her boot cast goodbye and is able to walk slowly/carefully. Now, Betty Geiter has the boot cast with torn ligaments and a broken bone.

Sad news involving park folks, Dan and Kay Wolma. Dan's brother and wife were fatalities of the terrible accident we witnessed on national news on I-94 in Indiana recently. Dan and Kay traveled to Grand Rapids, Mich.

to be with all the family in their time of grief. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Wolma's.

It is with sadness we watch the Lichtle mobile home leaving the park. Bill and Mary have been park residents for several years and their many friends will miss them. Kind thoughts are extended for their future plans.

I recently learned Bud and Barbara Farmer are avid supporters of the Military Sea Services Museum in Sebring. The museum's mission statement is "to preserve the traditions of the U.S. Naval Sea Services to include Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, both past and present."

Various memorabilia has been donated for displays to include a replica of the USS Highlands (APA-119), a Haskell-class attack transport built and used by the US Navy in World War II. She was named after Highlands County

Bud is retired from the U.S. Navy, serving six years active duty, 18 years reserve during WWII, Korea, Viet Nam era. Bud and Barbara volunteer their service at the museum, which is on Roseland Avenue. The hours are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Tours are available or browse yourself. A brick memorial walkway honors service men/women with name and dates served.

February birthdays include Gisela Bukantis, Leo Boisvert, Dan Wolma, Joyce Glassbrook, Daphne Ragle, Bess Wyse, Marie Taylor, Georgie Krueser, Wanda Bogaczyk, Ray and Nancy Dubuque. Best wishes to all and Happy Valentine's Day.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID – This was a busy week for all participating people in the park. First, the Men's Pancake Breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturday. They made pancakes for 123 people. Then it was off to the Country Fair. If you made an entry, did you win? Then, looking to see all the entries from peo-

ple in the park, which is always amazing to see the talent that we have here. Maybe you also volunteered to help in one of the booths in DeVane Park.

Monday morning coffee was made by Marcia Collier and Joanne Fox. Peggy Sue Teague was our smiling emcee. She and all the other tr

avelers were back from their Caribbean cruise. Carole and Jim Gray brought their friend, Dee Benbow, down to the coffee. Jerry and Joan Rau have her sister, Janet, visiting. Carolyn and John Reece brought his brother, Pete, to the coffee meeting.

We welcome new residents: Ray and Barbara Schunk of 322 Belle Field, from Wisconsin; Wayne and Debbie Gilham of 531 of Beechcraft, from Missouri; and Michael and Judith Welling of 333 Belle Field, from New York.

Carol Noel gave her report on people in the park as follows: Lonnie Lipowski and Pat Wahl had surgery, and there were also "thinking of you" cards for Evelyn Guiney and Joe Schweiger. There were sympathy cards for the passing of Wendy Henry's mother, and former residents Cliff Hilton and Ralph Painter, who have also passed away. Peggy Sue read the names of this week's birthdays and we sang Happy Birthday

to Rick Knoche with the help of Marilyn Cromer's playing the piano. We also sang for a 56th Wedding Anniversary to Ken and Marilyn Bigham.

This is my last chance to remind you of the Crazy Card Party Saturday, Feb. 15. You bought your ticket, so don't forget to come and have a fun time. Feb. 16 is the Soup and Sandwich Meal. Lord willing, you bought your ticket for this too, so you can come and enjoy a meal with friends. This is another busy weekend in the park.

Monday, Feb. 17 we pick up our phone directories at the morning coffee. We've all been looking forward to this. That picture directory that we will look at again and again to help restore our memory.

Feb. 18 is the day we all go out to eat. The Mustangs go out to the Cad-dy Shack Bar and Grill for their lunch in Sebring. Bob Reed made the arrangements. The ladies will go to Spring Lake to Michaels with Doris Dornbach and Mary Dixon hosting. Feb. 20 the Red Hats go to the Lake Placid Moose Lodge for lunch. After this, they will be going on a ride to and through the Archbold Ranch.

Feb. 22 is the second dance of the season with '50s/'60s/'70s music. The music will be provided by Larry Musgrove. Tickets

are \$5. Come and dance, or just listen. The following Sunday at 6 p.m. will be the Walking Tacos Meal. You don't know what they are? Buy a ticket and come and find out. This is a fundraiser for Relay for Life.

Feb. 3 was the homeowners meeting. The new board members who took over were president, Louis F. Wackerhauser; vice president, Tom Hoover; treasurer, Tom Slango; membership, Alice Fazio; and member at large, Jim Quartier.

All the members gave their thanks to the residents for voting for them. It is very important that all residents join the HOA if you want to take an active part in this community.

The ladies coffee was made by Marysue Willeke and I treated with pumpkin nut bread. Charlotte Charlton led the meeting. There was a large meeting as everyone was home from the cruise. Judy Muise and Mary Pelfrey were thanked for the great time everyone had on the cruise.

Charlotte went through the activities for the month. She also asked all winners at the Country Fair to stand up and be acknowledged.

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Caffeine common in kids, young adults; mainly soda

Even in preschoolers, study shows

LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nearly 3 out of 4 U.S. children and young adults consume at least some caffeine, mostly from soda, tea and coffee. The rate didn't budge much over a decade, although soda use declined and energy drinks became an increasingly common source, a government analysis finds.

Though even most preschoolers consume some caffeine-containing products, their average was the amount found in half a can of soda, and overall caffeine intake declined in children up to age 11 during the decade.

The analysis is the first to examine recent national trends in caffeine intake among children and young adults and comes amid a U.S. Food and Drug Administration investigation into the safety of caffeine-containing foods and drinks, especially for children and teens.

In an online announcement about the investigation, the FDA notes that caffeine is found in a variety of foods, gum and even some jelly beans and marshmallows.

The probe is partly in response to reports about hospitalizations and even several deaths after consuming highly caffeinated drinks or energy shots. The drinks have not been proven to be a cause in those cases.

The new analysis, by researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shows that at least through 2010, energy drinks were an uncommon source of caffeine for most U.S. youth. The results were published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends against caffeine consumption for children and teens because of potentially harmful effects from the mild stimulant, including increases in heart rate and blood pressure, and worsening anxiety in those with anxiety disorders.

Dr. Stephen Daniels, chairman of the academy's nutrition committee, said caffeine has no nutritional value and there's no good data on what might be a safe amount for kids.

Evidence that even very young children may regularly consume caffeine products raises concerns about possible long-term health effects, so parents should try to limit their kids' intake, said Daniels, head of pediatrics at the University of Colorado's medical school.

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The authors analyzed national health surveys from 1999 through 2010, involving a total of 22,000 from age 2 to 22. The children or their parents answered questions about what they ate or drank the previous day, a common method researchers use to assess Americans' diets.

In 2010, 10 percent of daily caffeine came from energy drinks for 19- to 22-year-olds; 2 percent for 17- to 18-year-olds, and 3 percent for 12- to 16-year-olds. For younger kids, the amount from energy drinks was mostly minimal or none during the study.

The average intake in the study was about 60- to 70 milligrams daily, the amount in a 6-ounce cup of coffee or two sodas, said lead author Amy Branum, a health statistician at the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. For the youngest kids it was much less than that.

Use of energy drinks increased rapidly during the study, even if they didn't amount to a big portion of kids' caffeine intake, and that rise "is a trend researchers are going to keep their eyes on," Branum said.

Soda was the most common source of caffeine throughout the study for older children and teens; for those up to age 5, it was the second most common after tea. Soda intake declined for all ages as many schools stopped selling sugary soft drinks because of obesity concerns.

The American Beverage Association, whose members include makers of soft drinks and energy drinks, maintains that caffeine has been safely added to drinks as a flavor enhancer for more than 100 years.

"In amounts often found in coffee and some energy drinks, caffeine can have a pleasant stimulating or alerting effect," the group's website says.

Maureen Beach, a group spokeswoman, said the study confirms that kids' consumption of caffeine from soft drinks has decreased.



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 CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000508
 Wells Fargo Bank, National Association Plaintiff,
 -vs.-
 Denver G. Pettigrew a/k/a Denver Pettigrew and Lorna A. Pettigrew a/k/a Lorna Pettigrew, Husband and Wife; Placid Lakes Home and Property Owners Association, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devises, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated January 28, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000508 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Denver G. Pettigrew a/k/a Denver Pettigrew and Lorna A. Pettigrew a/k/a Lorna Pettigrew, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, ROBERT W. GERMAINE, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., March 12, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 20, IN BLOCK 65, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000961
 The Bank of New York Mellon formerly known as The Bank of New York as successor Trustee to JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee, FKA Bank One, National Association, as Trustee for certificate holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2002-1 Plaintiff,
 -vs.-
 Faye M. Jerido McFadden a/k/a Faye M. Jerido a/k/a Faye M. McFadden and Simon W. McFadden; City of Sebring, Florida; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION
 CASE NO. 13000535PCAXMX
 IN RE: ESTATE OF JANET G. HORSHAM, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the Estate of JANET G. HORSHAM, deceased, whose date of death was August 1, 2012, file number 13000535PCAXMX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 12, 2014.

Personal Representative:
 JOHN E. HORSHAM
 a/k/a JOHN HORSHAM
 2773 North Pomelo Avenue
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 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 VICTORIA J. ALVAREZ, ESQUIRE
 Florida Bar No. 338591
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 1202 N. Armenia
 Tampa, Florida 33607
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 February 12, 19, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 Case No. 12-1026-GCS
 HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 VICTORIA L. SPARKS, individually, CHERYL F. SPARKS, individually, and GOLF HAMMOCK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Second Amended Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on September 3, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on February 26, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.:

EXHIBIT "A"
 The North 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, less 25 feet off the North side for Road right-of-way and less 25 feet off the East side for Road right-of-way, in Section 24, Township 35 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida.
 Address: 135 Ranchero Drive, Sebring, Florida 33876
 Real Property Tax ID Number: C-24-34-28-010-0000-0170
 -and-
 Lot 17, GOLF HAMMOCK, UNIT 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 30, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Address: 4210 Bogey Blvd, Sebring, Florida 33872
 Real Property Tax ID Number: C-34-34-28-010-0000-0170

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.
 BOB GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 February 5, 12, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 Case No. 2013-CA-000039-GCS
 HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CHERYL L. SPARKS, an individual, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHERYL L. SPARKS, an individual, UNKNOWN TENANT, ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/BELT, INC. d/b/a FLORIDA HOSPITAL HEARTLAND DIVISION, a Florida non-profit corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on October 8, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on February 26, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.:

EXHIBIT "A"

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A portion of Lots 6 and 7, Block M, Lake Jackson Boulevard Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 63, of DeSoto County, Florida (of which Highlands County was formerly a part), and Transcript Book Page 10, of the Public records of Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the most Northerly corner of Lot 7, Block M, of the aforementioned Lake Jackson Boulevard Subdivision; thence run South 43 degrees 57'27" East along the Northeasterly line of said Lot 7, Block M, for a distance of 233.60 feet for the Point of beginning; thence continue South 43 degrees 57'27" East along said line for a distance of 150.02 feet to a point on the present right-of-way line of Lakeview Drive; thence run South 45 degrees 10'39" West along the Northwesterly right-of-way line of Lakeview Drive for a distance of 150.29 feet; thence run North 44 degrees 59'16" West for a distance of 150.00 feet; thence run North 45 degrees 10'29" east for a distance of 152.99 feet to the Point of Beginning. This conveyance does not include any rights or interest in any property on the lake side of Lakeview Drive.

AND
 That portion of Lot 15, lying Southeasterly of Lakeview Drive, Lake Jackson Cove, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 22, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Address: 3530 and 3531 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870.
 Real Property Tax ID Numbers:
 S-23-34-28-020-00M0-0061;
 S-24-28-040-0000-0150
 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.

BOB GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 February 5, 12, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 282013CA000077GCAXMX
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE LXS 2005-9N Plaintiff,
 vs.
 STEVEN AULETTO; DEANNA AULETTO; PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 28, 2014, and entered in Case No. 282013CA000077GCAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE LXS 2005-9N is Plaintiff and STEVEN AULETTO; DEANNA AULETTO; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; 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, AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA 33870-3867, at 11:00 a.m., on the 28th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth ins aid Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 18, BLOCK 66, PLACID LAKES, SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, 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 29th day of January, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk of said Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk
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 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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der 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 12-08283 OWB
 February 5, 12, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-00217 DIVISION:
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN GENERAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2010-1 AMERICAN GENERAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2010-1, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ROBERT A. LUNDY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 04, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-00217 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN GENERAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2010-1 AMERICAN GENERAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2010-1, is the Plaintiff and ROBERT A. LUNDY; JENNIFER LUNDY; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC.; 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 4th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE EAST 100 FEET OF LOT 13, BLOCK R, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ALSO KNOWN AS:
 LOT 13, BLOCK R, SPRING-LAKE VILLAGE III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT A PORTION OF LOT 13, BLOCK R, SPRING-LAKE VILLAGE III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 13; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 13 A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 13; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 13 A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 126.67 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 13; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 97.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
 A/K/A 7533 VALENCIA ROAD, SEBRING, FL 33876
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale
 WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 5, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk

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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.
 February 12, 19, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 14-35
 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES L. SINAY, SR. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of CHARLES L. SINAY, SR., deceased, whose date of death was December 11, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is February 5, 2014.

Personal Representative:
 JoAnn Ruth Sinay
 10945 SW 90th Avenue
 Miami, Florida 33176
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Pamela T. Karlson
 Florida Bar Number: 0017957
 301 Dal Hall Boulevard
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
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 Fax: (863) 465-6022
 E-Mail: pam@karlsonlaw.com
 February 5, 12, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 13-541
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED E. PERALTA Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of MILDRED E. PERALTA, deceased, whose date of death was September 28, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is February 12, 2014.

Personal Representative:
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Leicester, North Carolina 28748

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Attorney for Tracie L. Wilson
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February 12, 19, 2014

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Meredith Dunbar & Latanya Wright that on 02/24/2014 at 11am at Dwight's Mini Storage at 1112 Persimmon Ave. Sebring, FL 33870. The personal property in Unit #45 of Meredith Dunbar & Latanya Wright will be sold or disposed of PURSUANT TO F.S. 83.806(4).

February 12, 19, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: FC 13-286-FCS

THELMA D. PARKER,
Petitioner
and

HENRY G. PARKER,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION
FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
(NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: HENRY G. PARKER
1013 Locuse Dr Apt. C, Conyers, Georgia
30012

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Thelma D. Parker in C/O Laurence A. Steel, whose address is 18 NW 3rd Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475 on or before March 5, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: none. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED: January 16, 2014
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Cyndi Dassinger
Deputy Clerk

January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000331
DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
EMILYE R. STONEROOK, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000331 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA, is the Plaintiff and Emilye R. Stonerook, Tenant #1, Tenant #2, The Unknown Spouse of Emilye R. Stonerook, are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 4th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 10, OF CRESCENT HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 2, 3 AND 4, BLOCK 32, IN TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 14, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID LOTS LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 411 W STATE ST AVON PARK FL 33825-3722

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 23rd day of January, 2014.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
(813)221-4743
NR-002102F01

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 of Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664.

February 5, 12, 2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice of Public Sale of the contents of self-storage unit(s) in default of contract per F.S. 83.801-809. Units will be sold by sealed bid at 10:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014, at Highlands Self Storage Inc. 7825 S. George Blvd. Sebring, FL 33872. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted. Any vehicle within units sold for parts only.
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