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Sebring police seeking home invasion suspect



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The Sebring Police Department with assistance from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office question a potential suspect Tuesday at Water's Edge Apartments in Sebring. The suspect was released due to a lack of evidence.

Manhunt turns up empty after early morning incident at Fountainhead Condominiums in Sebring

BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Staff Writer

SEBRING — A home invasion Tuesday morning at Fountainhead Condominiums left Sebring Police Department, assisted by Highlands County Sheriff's Office, in search of a suspect following the early morning incident.

SPD's Commander Steve Carr said the incident happened at 6:34 a.m.

"The home invasion involved a

female victim. There were no injuries. The suspect was a male and he did have a weapon. He fled from the scene and the K-9 unit initiated a track," said Carr.

The SPD and HCSO's track ended at Water's Edge Apartments across from the Southgate Publix where SPD questioned neighbors and briefly took one man into custody before releasing him without making an arrest.

"They terminated the search without locating a suspect," Carr

said Tuesday afternoon.

The suspect is described as a white male with a stocky build. At the time of the incident, the suspect was shirtless, unshaven and wore blue jeans.

Anyone with any information regarding the suspect's whereabouts or any information that may aid in the investigation may contact Carr at the SPD at 471-5108.

Samantha Gholar can be reached at samantha.gholar@newssun.com or 385-6155 ext. 526.

City sinks Southside drainage plans

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — In a reversal of recommendations from a of Southside citizens task force, the City Council voted to handle stormwater with a retention pond and not underground piping.

Mayor Sharon Schuler said she was "confused" why the Citizens Advisory Task Force for a Community Development Block Grant application would choose to allocate \$140,000 more on drainage by piping stormwater from Delaney Avenue two

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Samantha Gholar/News Sun

Artist Adam Walls puts a few finishing touches on his 'Father and Son' sculpture Monday morning at Rotary Park. The piece is part of a year long outdoor sculpture exhibition hosted by Polk Museum of Art. Walls' piece will be on display at Rotary Park for one year.

Sculpture installed at Rotary Park

BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Staff Writer

SEBRING — North Carolina artist Adam Walls stood back and admired his one-of-a-kind sculpture "Father and Son" Monday morning after Sebring Public Works employees unloaded the life-size toy tank onto a

concrete slab in Rotary Park at the foot of the City Pier.

"So much of my art now symbolizes my hope to start a family one day soon," Walls said as he looked on while Polk Museum of the Arts Curator Adam Justice bolted the white,

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Deleon gets lawsuit fee protection

Councilman pushes for increase in pay

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — Council members had very little discussion Monday night before approving lawsuit protection for City Manager Julian Deleon as an amendment to his upcoming contract renewal.

Deleon's contract is set to end Sept. 12, he said. Another part of the amendment was to extend his contract not for three more years, but for five.

The measure passed 4-1, with Councilman Garrett Anderson dissenting.

Anderson may face paying the legal fees on an ethics complaint he filed against Deleon, which was later dismissed. Anderson alleged that Deleon had used his position to investigate his business for possible code violations, and that it was retaliation for voting against granting Deleon a time extension to sell his house in Lake Placid and move to Avon Park as required by the city charter.

An investigation by the Florida Commission on Ethics dismissed the complaint in September 2013 under the statement that Anderson presented no probable cause to prove Deleon had done what he claimed.

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Boom Booms Owner Steve Marabel (from left), Action Target Range Design Associate Jeremy Hebbon and Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Director Vicki Pontius meet Tuesday to discuss the possibility of opening a shooting range at the old BMX track in Avon Park.

Two groups show interest in proposed shooting range in AP

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — Highlands County Community Programs/Administrative Project Manager Chris Benson said Tuesday that only two letters of interest about turning an abandoned clay pit and BMX track north of Avon Park into a shooting range were submitted to the county after being solicited earlier this month.

The first came from Boom Boom's LLC, doing business as AimRight Indoor Shooting Range & Tactical Training Center.

The company offered to put up a handgun range,

rifle and shotgun ranges as well as archery facilities. The proposal also offered supervised instruction and gun safety courses.

A similar proposal was submitted by the Heartland Gun Club. They also proposed a shooting and archery range, offering their members as qualified instructors.

Both applicants indicated they have petitions. Boom Boom's also indicated they have a binder in place with a National Rifle Association-affiliated insurance company for the site.

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Wallen receives top honors at Military Ball

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Bud Wallen, local representative for ESGR and Lake Placid Elks representative to the Veterans Council, was named the Veteran of the Year during the eighth annual Highlands County Military Ball held Saturday at the Island View Restaurant.

Unable to be present to receive his award, Wallen will be presented the award at the next Veteran Council meeting on March 18.

Wallen has served for several years on the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve), encouraging the employers to honor their Guard or Reservists with a position when they return should they be called up for active duty. Wallen has been a speaker at many of the local businesses and organizations, paving the way for these veterans to keep their job when they return.

Kathy Rapp, coming from a huge military family, is an avid supporter of the veterans. She and her committee of Republican Women Network have worked several years in a row, to raise money for the Veterans Assistance Fund and holding a Salute to Veterans program at the Sebring Elks. She has helped raise more than \$17,000 for the veterans served by the Veterans Assistance Fund. Rapp was also the recipient of the 2013 Non-Veteran of the Year Award, presented at last year's Military Ball.

The Unit of the Year award goes to Bruce E. Simpson AmVets Post 21

and their Ladies Auxiliary. The AmVets Ladies' Auxiliary adopted a family last year, seeing to each holiday and birthday during the year, as well as Mother's Day. They also adopted several families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, ensuring there are meals for the holidays. Among the busiest of the veteran organizations, the AmVets hold a function almost every day, including card games, darts, corn-hole games, line dancing, karaoke, and Monday Madness. Most of the proceeds from these events go to assist other veterans from Highlands County. Accepting the award was Joan Mix, representative for the Women's Auxiliary, and Jo Adamson, representative for AmVets.

The Military Ball began with an opening ceremony by Rick Ingler.

Jack Richie, an Army veteran, explained the symbolic elements of the POW/MIA table. The Blessing of the Meal was provided by Barry Foster, with WWOJ, a huge supporter of local veterans.

Billy Jewett, USMC 'China Marine', presided over the ceremonial toasts and the military cake cutting ceremony. Jewett was assisted by Elizabeth Waddell, USN CPO, (Ret). After the cake was sliced, the oldest veteran present, Robert Pye, 93, was presented his slice of cake by Waddell. Jewett sliced another piece of cake, handing it to Pye, who in turn served it to the youngest veteran present, Yolanda Cantu, representing the passing of knowledge from the



Courtesy photo

Rick Ingler presents a plaque to Kathy Rapp for her work in raising money for the Veterans Assistance Fund and holding a Salute to Veterans program at the Sebring Elks.



Courtesy photo

Elizabeth Waddell, USN CPO (Ret) assists Billy Jewett, USMC 'China Marine' with the military cake cutting ceremony.

older generation to the younger.

The entertainment for the evening was Bob Weed, a local DJ providing music and entertainment for the evening. There were more than 180 people in attendance, and 13 corporate sponsors helped support the Military Ball.

All proceeds from the event will be added to the Veterans Assistance

Fund for the Veterans Council of Highlands County, Inc.

The Veteran Assistance Fund

The proceeds are set aside for veterans from Highlands County, who are full-time residents, having resided in the county for at least one year, and have found themselves in a financial crisis. This is a one-time grant, up to \$350.

Student 'care mob' invades HAL March 1

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — More than 75 Sebring High School International Baccalaureate (IB) students will invade the Highlands Art League (HAL) on Saturday to host the community's first organized "care mob."

Like groups that organize a flash mob to promote awareness of an issue or a cash mob — as these students did last year to promote Mae Lee's Deli — the goal of the care mob is to promote community caring, awareness of HAL and the importance of art and culture in our local community.

The students will spend the day cleaning, painting and landscaping HAL's Art Village.

Some supplies, such as a portion of the paint and mulch needed, as well as new irrigation and preparatory labor, have been donated by Marmar Construction, Edgewood Landscape, Scosta Supply/Porter Paints and Palmer Ace Hardware.

The students are still in need of:

- Additional paint and mulch
- Painting supplies (brushes, drop cloths, painters tape, paint pans, rollers)
- Yard tools (rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, buckets)
- Financial donations for supplies

Anyone interested in supporting these students with their care mob and helping to clean up the Highlands Art League, please call the HAL office at 385-5312, email Info@HighlandsArtLeague.org or drop off your donation at HAL no later than noon Friday at 1989 Lakeview Drive in downtown Sebring's Cultural Center.

NRAC meets today

SEBRING — The Natural Resources Advisory Commission will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. today at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center (Conference Room 3), 4509 George Blvd.

Iowa residents gathering today

SEBRING — The annual gathering of Iowa residents present and past will be held today at Homer's Restaurant. Registration and fellowship will be at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and fellowship at 1:30 p.m. Call 735-0038.

Square dance set Thursday

LAKE PLACID — The Pine Ridge Promenaders will be hosting a square dance on Thursday with Larry Chatos cueing early rounds starting at 7 p.m. and Mike Doughty calling tips starting at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and visitors are always welcome. Square dance attire is optional. The Mardi Gras-themed dance will be held at

Sunshine RV Resort located on State Road 70, 1,000 yards east of U.S. 27, south of Lake Placid.

Identity theft seminar planned

LAKE PLACID — Theresa Ronnebaum from the Office of the Attorney General in Orlando will give a free seminar "Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft" at 2 p.m. Thursday at Southern Lifestyle ALE, 1297 US 27 North.

Ronnebaum is a Victim Services Program Specialist with the Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs in the Florida Office of the Attorney General, specializing in the area of Identity Theft.

This seminar is hosted by Lake Placid Health Care, Southern Lifestyle ALF and Lake Placid Noon Rotary. Refreshments will be served. Call 465-0568.

Leitzel to speak to Democrats

SEBRING — The speaker at the Monday meeting of the Highlands County Democratic Party is Dr.

SNAPSHOTS

LOCAL NEWS

Thomas C. Leitzel, president of SFSC.

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at party headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway, beside Ruby Tuesday. The public is welcome to attend.

Gospel music at Homer's

SEBRING — "So Loved," featuring Bill and Judy Williams, will be singing southern gospel music at Homer's Smorgasbord, 1000 Sebring Square, at 6 p.m. on Friday. A love offering will be taken.

Free financial seminar set

SEBRING — Travis Hill, Edward Jones financial advisor in Sebring, is hosting a free 35-minute educational seminar to discuss timely market topics and potential solutions to help investors stay on track toward their financial goals.

The seminar will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Sebring

Public Library, 319 W Center Ave.

Woman's Club sponsors Dessert Card Party

SEBRING — The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring's dessert card and board game party will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Gamers may bring a lunch, but dessert and beverages will be provided as part of the \$3 admission. The winner at each table will receive a

monetary prize.

The general public, both men and women, are encouraged to join the fun. Call Marjorie Blanda at 402-0654 or Bobbie Harrell at 471-0904 to reserve a table.

Correction

In a story on page A7 Friday, the trainer of the mustang "Desert Rose" was misidentified. Suzanne Parks from Bit of Hope Ranch trained the horse while Wolfe's Born to Ride is her owner.

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Saturday, Feb. 22
4-5-14-33-39-46 X-3
Today's Jackpot:
\$14 million

POWERBALL

Saturday, Feb. 22
2-3-13-14-54 PB-4 X-5
Saturday's Jackpot:
\$50 million

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Tuesday, Feb. 25
8-19-20-22 PB-22
Tuesday's Jackpot: \$500,000

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Friday, Feb. 21
23-29-32-45-46 PB-15 X-5
Next Jackpot: \$195 million

CASH 3

Saturday, Feb. 22
Day: 0-1-0 Night: 3-0-5
Sunday, Feb. 23
Day: 4-6-0 Night: 2-3-0
Monday, Feb. 24
Day: 6-5-5 Night: 5-8-3

PLAY 4

Saturday, Feb. 22
Day: 2-5-5-7 Night: 1-1-9-1
Sunday, Feb. 23
Day: 3-0-0-7 Night: 5-2-5-5
Monday, Feb. 24
Day: 6-6-4-4 Night: 9-4-3-0

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SFSC students paint mural at AP Housing Authority's Veterans' Veranda

Feds ask court to dismiss snake suit

Associated Press

MIAMI — The U.S. government has asked a judge to dismiss a lawsuit that seeks to overturn a nationwide ban on four giant snake species.

Attorneys for Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service say the United States Association of Reptile Keepers has not sufficiently explained why importing the snakes into the U.S. or transporting them across state lines was vital to research and conservation activities among its members.

In a motion Friday in federal court in Washington, D.C., the government dismissed the association's claims that snake sales funded those activities.

"Not only are these interests entirely economic, they are also totally unrelated to the environment: they involve the breeding and selling of captive snakes as part of the pet industry," the motion states.

The North Carolina-based association says the ban has cost reptile breeders, handlers, hobbyists and vendors tens of millions of dollars.



Courtesy photo/

Students from South Florida State College worked with the Avon Park Housing Authority to create a mural that honors Highlands County veterans. Pictured left to right: Steve Mullins, Casey Mullins, Alexandra Ibanez, Kristina Mullins, Omar Montelongo and Cathy Futral.

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — SFSC art students, veterans, community leaders and residents unveiled an artistic tribute to Highlands County veterans at the Avon Park Housing Authority (APHA) Veterans' Veranda dedication on Feb. 20.

Cathy Futral, chair of the SFSC Art Department, helped design the mural that is now displayed permanently behind the APHA's Delaney Heights Community Center. The SFSC art students who volunteered their time paint-

ing the project were Liz Carroll, Molly Haney, Alexandra Ibanez, Omar Montelongo, Casey Mullins, Kristina Mullins, Steve Mullins, and Ashley Sims.

"The mural stands as an acknowledgment of what generations of American veterans have done for our country," said Futral. "We're acknowledging their presence in the community and creating something for their families and community members to be proud of and reminded of each day."

"It was a privilege to be a part

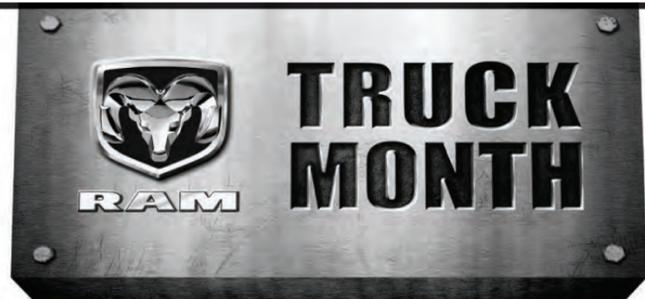
of this profound experience," said Carroll, an SFSC student majoring in fine arts. "Being from the Vietnam era, I was emotionally involved in those wars. Quite a few of my friends have died serving our country or have been affected emotionally or physically as a result. It's important for us to honor and take care of those who have given their lives in order for us to be free."

The new painting salutes those who served our country in the past and present. The mural reads, "Freedom is not free.

Without your sacrifice, the cause would be lost. But you carried onward, no matter the cost."

The mural was inspired by the Fallen Soldier Battle Cross (a helmet, rifle, set of dog tags, and a pair of boots) and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"We appreciate the college's generosity for painting this beautiful mural with a purpose of recognizing the value of our veterans and their service to our country," said Larry Shoeman, executive director of the APHA.



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OUR VIEW

Elections should be held in November

When it comes to elections the News-Sun is all about getting electors to the polls, armed with useful information.

This is why we support the proposal to change Sebring's city election from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, to the second Tuesday in November. In fact, we think all of Highlands County's elections should be held in November.

We agree with other proponents that combining the city and national elections will bring more voters to the polls because they are already paying attention to the issues and candidates.

After the dismal turnout in Sebring's last city election, anything that gets people to the polls is a good idea.

Opponents of changing the date worry that candidates for city council will be lost among the large number of people running for state and federal offices in a general election. Electoral ballots can become complicated, crowded, confusing and long. In national elections, candidates are listed by the level of the desired office. Municipal candidates are typically pushed down near the bottom of the ballot where they can be overlooked.

The city's election date is established by its charter, but the city council may change it. The council may not change structural elements of the charter, like the term of an elected office, without a binding referendum amending the city charter.

In fact, Sebring has shifted the date of its municipal election over the years. Elections were held in December before being moved to the current date.

Municipalities pay for and run their own elections. This means the city qualifies the candidates. The county's Election Supervisor administers the election. That means the supervisor is responsible for creating the ballot, providing poll workers and voting machines, counting absentee ballots, providing a canvassing board.

Election Supervisor Penny Ogg told the News-Sun cities save a little money by holding their elections in November because they don't have to pay for ballots — which the county has to buy anyway — or pay for poll watchers, who are already in place.

The amount saved, however, is small. No one we have spoken to considers saving money to be the deciding factor. The primary issue is the best way to get people to vote.

We think the bigger the crowd and the greater the discussion the higher voter turnout will be.



YOUR VIEWS

Thank you Duke Energy — not!

How lucky can we get? We should sing our praises from the roof tops! We now have the honor of having our electricity supplied by Duke Energy.

How many had sticker shock when they opened their electric bill this month? All of us!

When Duke took over from Progress Energy I knew we would be in for an increase in our rate, I just didn't expect this much. Our electricity is still supplied by the same generators, the same distribution system, the same overhead wires, the same meters, most of the same employees and the same vehicles but with a different logo. The only difference is the increase in the price we have to pay for the electricity we were getting from Progress Energy.

Energy charge — The first 1000 Kilowatt Hour up \$.216 — Above 1000 KWH up \$.343

Fuel charge- The first 1000 KWH up \$.684 — Above 1000 KWH up \$.684

Plus they added one extra week to this billing cycle that pushed many of us over the minimum usage. My own bill for February 2012 was \$98.84, then \$103.25 in 2013 this month it went to a whopping \$220.58! I don't remember the snow and ice storms, do you?

The effect on the local economy will be devastating. Every business will have to increase their prices to cover this additional expense as will every home owner.

They too will have to tighten the money belt, cut back on luxury items, entertainment, clothes, dining out all because Duke wants to get back the money it spent to buy progress.

Where was the Florida Public Service Commission? Are they not supposed to protect the citizens of Florida from excessive costs? "The Florida Public Service Commission regulates investor-owned



Courtesy photo

The Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit drive made a sizable donation — \$65,100 — after this year's event came to a close last week. Present for the check passing are (standing from left) Gary JnPierre (Hometown America), Lee Ann Hinskey (ACS — Relay for Life Specialist), Jean Lund (ACS — Highland Unit Chair), Leesa Skipper (Newsom Eye), Debbie Rogers (Hometown America), Cathy Albritton (Florida Hospital), Doug Gentry (Bill Jarrett Ford), William Allbritton (Heartland National Bank), Nita Ball (Heartland National Bank), Wini Quesenbury (Heartland National Bank), Alan Holmes (Edward Jones); (seated from left) Tom Stadler, coordinator of ticket sales; Larry Conrad, Benefit treasurer; Judy Weyrauch, coordinator of food; Cindy Gallenberger, lasagna dinner coordinator; Terry Athorn, chair of the 'Ride for the Cure'; and Shirley Kabet, chair of 'A Walk in the Park'.

electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater utilities". "The Florida Public Service Commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate". So we now know that we can thank our Republican governor for the increase in rates.

How did Duke justify this increase to the commission? Did they "promise" to upgrade the existing power plants? Don't hold your breath waiting.

I'm from New York City and I can remember a certain ethnic group that would lend you money at 100 percent daily interest. Is it possible they now own Duke Energy?

SANDY OLESKY
Sebring

Can the sheep stop hearing and following the Shepherd?

I read with interest the response of Gerald Webber to Kevin's Comments. Webber should have quoted John 10:27 before he quoted verses 28 and 29. Who is the "they"? "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow me." The "hear" and "follow" indicate continuous action. Can the sheep stop hearing and following the Shepherd? The same principle is true in John 5:24. Jesus indeed does teach security but not unconditional se-

curity as taught in Calvinism.

It does not take the wisdom of Solomon or a PhD to know if there are hundreds of warnings of apostasy, falling away is possible. You cannot fall away from something you never possessed or leave a place or position you have never been!

FRANK PARKER
Sebring

Tanglewood residents raise \$65,100 for cancer research

Seventeen events were held as part of this year's fundraising efforts by the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit.

On Feb. 18, a Benefit Bash — sponsored by Drs. Thakkar, Patel and Avalos, Florida Hospital Heartland Division and Hometown America — was held in the Tanglewood clubhouse. This event brought the year's total raised to \$65,100. More than \$495,000 has been donated for cancer research during the benefit's 15-year history.

Major prizes were donated by Alan J. Holmes of Edward Jones, Hometown America, Drs. Thakkar, Patel and Avalos, Florida Hospital, Gary and Gerry Humphrey and Sevigny Associates Eye Care.

Door prizes were con-

tributed by: Almighty Ink, Beef O'Brady's, Big T Tire, Blue Lagoon Saloon, Bob Evans Restaurant, Chili's, Cody's Roadhouse, Dot's Restaurant, Dutcher's Diner, Evolutions of Beauty, Fairmount Cafe, Finishing Touch Hair, Flames Waterside Restaurant and Bar, Gyro Plus, Halo's Hair Designs (Lois Brown), Heartland Granary, Hibachi Buffet, Highlands Today, Homer's Original Smorgasbord, Lake Placid Health Care Center, Lakeshore 8 Theaters, Malibu Tan, Miller's Central Air, Mobility Express, Morguard Investments (Ontario), Olive Garden, Outback Steakhouse, Papa John's Pizza, Pizzanos, Red Lobster, Sebring Square Barber Shop, Spring Lake Golf Resort, Thai House, Today's Creations (Jodi and Annette), Turner Furniture and Wells Motor Company.

Special thanks is extended to Bob Weed, Positive Medical Transport, Boner Outfitters, the Tanglewood residents who donated prizes and the multitude of volunteers who made each of this year's events successful.

Tanglewood is indebted to the News-Sun for the excellent coverage of this year's Cancer Benefit events.

TANGLEWOOD RESIDENTS' CANCER BENEFIT
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SCULPTURE

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blue and orange fabricat-ed steel tank to the slab.

Walls, newly engaged, said that his work has al-ways been inspired by something nearly every person at every age can relate to — cartoons.

“All the cartoons I loved as a kid, that’s where my inspiration has always come from, just like this,” Walls said pausing then pulling out an old G.I. Joe wallet from his back pocket. “Now I find that it’s more for the kids I hope to have one day.”

“Father and Son” stands nearly 5 feet tall and is hand-painted by walls. The main piece, the big tank, was finished just after Walls’ completion of graduate school eight years ago.

“I knew then I didn’t want to leave it like that. I didn’t want this piece to be alone,” Walls said.

So he added a tiny version of the big tanks that now sits on its “shoulder.”

The smaller tank, the son, was completed and installed last summer.

“I added the smaller piece not quite a year ago, so it is very new. It completes it,” Walls said.

“Father and Son” was

an idea Walls dreamed up years ago while at an art exhibit in Minnesota. Dur-ing a break for weather, Walls decided to go catch a film to kill time. The film just happened to turn out to be a huge favorite for children and adults.

“I went to see ‘Find-ing Nemo.’ You know how the clown fish are orange, black and white? Some-thing just struck me with those colors and how the fish are camouflaged in a coral reef. I decided I wanted to make a series of pieces with colorful cam-ouflage from cartoon type inspiration,” Walls said.

The piece may have been sparked by a Disney movie and Walls’ love of cartoons, but “Father and Son” holds a personal val-ue just as much as any-thing else.

“I have no military back-ground, but the piece re-minds me of my dad and I. We are both big, thick guys. We’re both kind of built like tanks,” said Walls.

Walls said that “Father and Son” is one of his fa-vorite pieces of the nearly 50 sculptures he has creat-ed over the past 15 years.

Justice admired the piece after it had been bolted and was happy with the end result.

“Pieces like these are

important. Outdoor art is needed, it energizes the place, anyplace. I’m glad we got it here it looks great,” Justice said.

Justice is one of three Polk employees who helps select pieces and in-stalls them throughout Polk County. Justice was thrilled when Highlands County jumped on board with the year-long out-door sculpture exhibition.

“I was pleasantly sur-prised,” Justice said. “We were looking to ex-pand the exhibition fur-ther throughout Polk any-way; this just worked out great.”

Walls added a few touches of fresh white paint to his sculpture be-fore he and fiancé Chris-tina Stone loaded up their truck and headed back to Polk County to pick up a second piece for instal-lation in one of the other participating cities.

“It’s important for me to build things kids can en-gage with. I used to make things specifically for kids to climb on and play on. It doesn’t really bother me that much,” Walls said. “I know there is a liability is-sue that adults and cities worry about, but some-one could just as easily get hurt on a park bench out here. That doesn’t mean we should stop putting

them out. I want my art to be seen and for it to be ad-mired. That’s why I make it.”

“Father and Son” will be on display at Rotary Park behind Jack Stroup Civ-ic Center on Lake Jackson for the next year.

Community Redevel-opment Agency (CRA) Exec-utive Director Robin Hi-note, CRA board member Mark Gose, and members Gene Brenner and Casey Wohl chose “Father and Son” and the other sculp-tures that the city will be receiving.

The City of Sebring will receive its second of the five outdoor sculptures on Tuesday, March 4.



Samantha Gholar/News Sun

‘Father and Son’, a fabricated steel toy tank sculpture, is bolted down by Polk Museum of the Arts curator Adam Justice Monday morning in Rotary Park. ‘Father and Son,’ created by artist Adam Walls, is the first of five sculptures that will be placed in Sebring for a year.

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CITY

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or more blocks to an exist-ing retention pond versus putting the pond in a city-owned lot near where the water collects.

“I realize some of the task force have land around the lot,” Schuler said. “I hope they know they can get more light(ing).”

Avon Park City Council members agreed, and voted 4-0 in favor of the retention pond plan, as well as allocating \$125,000 of funds from the South-side Community Redevel-opment Agency District as a local match for the \$750,000 state grant.

Deputy Mayor Brenda Giles abstained because she owns property in the area to be redeveloped: Delaney Avenue from East Green Street to Fred Con-ner Street and Hal McRae Boulevard from Verona Avenue to South Carolina Avenue.

The Task Force had orig-inally recommended that contract engineer Carl Cool design a plan for stormwater drains at a low point in Delaney Avenue, just north of Hal McRae Boulevard, and bury pipe to carry water to a reten-tion pond on former rail-

road property off South Atlantic Avenue.

Southside residents had said they didn’t want a re-tention pond on a low spot along Delaney Ave-nue between East Green Street and Hal McRae Boulevard, calling it “ugly” and worrying it would sti-ple commercial develop-ment.

They preferred to have the city-owned lot be made into a pedestrian park.

Cool said told the City Council that the Task Force held a “spirited” meeting: “Nobody held ideas back.”

Right now, he said, a culvert under the road sends stormwater onto private property, which must be corrected. The re-tention pond on the old railroad bed never fills up, he said, but getting wa-ter there would require burying 8-inch reinforced concrete pipe 9 feet under Delaney Avenue for the entire route, crossing and digging up Hal McRae Boulevard.

He didn’t recommend that, given the sandy soil of the area, because it would mean digging out the entire street and dis-turbing water and sewer mains and telecommuni-cation lines.

“When you dig deep holes in an urban area, all

sorts of things can fall in with you,” Cool said.

He said that he could design a retention pond that would be attractive and only 3-4 feet deep, with a gentle slope and a 6-foot-tall chain link fence for safety. He said he could position it away from any adjacent build-ings.

Resident Patricia John-son said the retention pond sounded like the most feasible solution. Councilman Terry Heston asked if retention pond fences are always chain link, and Cool said that’s the norm. Councilman Garrett Anderson also asked about landscaping the pond.

Schuler said that by saving \$140,000, the city could do a nicer fence.

“I’d rather not waste for something we don’t need,” she said.

The city could take ei-ther direction, as long as they decided that night, Cool said: He must have plans to the Florida De-partment of Economic Opportunity by March 12.

Task Force member Gerald Snell told the City Council that although he voted in favor of the pip-ing recommendation, he had reconsidered his decision after visiting and in-specting the low area on Delaney.

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DELEON

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In his proposal for the contract amendment, Deleon cited a \$12,000 legal cost for the ethics complaint as well as four other lawsuits — two from former city employees that are still pending — and said his salary would not cover such expenses.

The clause now included in his contract asks the city to provide an attorney for any legal actions against him based on allegations related to performance of his duties, particularly if the city's insurance company doesn't provide an attorney.

When asked Monday why he couldn't represent Deleon, City Attorney Gerald Buhr said it could be a conflict of interest, since Buhr represents the Avon Park City Council, and not staff. If the case involved a conflict between Deleon and the city, Buhr said he would be the city's attorney.

The proposed contract amendment also would have Deleon reimburse legal expenses to the city if the representing counsel or city attorney find that paying attorney's fees don't serve a public purpose, if his actions violated the Avon Park City

Charter or if his actions were sufficient to justify being fired without severance pay or benefits.

Councilman Parke Sutherland suggested that the City Council could consider raising Deleon's salary. Sutherland stated that Deleon is paid \$93,000 per year plus benefits, which he thought was low when compared to salaries of Highlands

County government department heads or the administrators of the city of Sebring, the Sun 'N Lake Special Improvement District or the Spring Lake Special Improvement District.

"Julian handles more and is responsible for more," Sutherland said. "It's my personal opinion that Julian has low pay."

Sutherland acknowledged that raising Deleon's pay could cause issues with employees, since the city has a salary freeze, but argued that collective bargaining each year could adjust for that. Anderson asked if the City Council had the power to adjust any employee salaries other than Deleon's, but other council members said that was Deleon's responsibility.

Council members asked Deleon to put the item on the agenda for a future city meeting.



DELEON

Man jailed, charged with battery on pregnant teen

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — A man arrested last week remains in jail on charges of aggravated battery on a pregnant woman, false imprisonment of that woman and cruelty towards a child.

According to Highlands County Sheriff's Office records, Michael Rivera, 33, of Avon Park has been in jail since Feb. 18 lieu of \$40,000 total bond.

The name and address of the victim was not included in reports, although reports did state that she was under 18 and that she and Rivera once had an intimate relationship, residing together as a family in October 2013, but are now friends. Reports also said she had told him in December 2013 that she is pregnant. The victim's age was a factor in a charge of child cruelty.

According to reports, the two got into an argument that escalated into a fight between 9:30 a.m. and 10:07 a.m. Feb. 18. During

the fight, Rivera is accused of slapping the left side of her face three times and then punching her once in the right ribs near her stomach and then once in the lower back.

Reports also said he threw her down on the ground, where her head struck a wall and her right arm grazed a bedroom door, which had jagged holes in it.

Deputies reported scratches on her right arm and a bruise on the right side of her head, above her ear.

Rivera then allegedly didn't let the woman leave the residence by blocking the door and grabbing her arm as she tried to pass him, reports said.

When questioned by deputies, Rivera admitted to the argument and the escalation, which included him being punched in the mouth. He also admitted to the being involved with the woman before now and knowing that she is now pregnant, but denied any further involvement in the matter.



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OBITUARIES

ANNE 'ANNIE' AYDELOTTE

Anne (Annie) Aydelotte Age 90, of Portage, Ind., entered heaven Feb. 18, 2014. She was born in River Rouge, Mich., on Aug. 2, 1923 the daughter of Eli and Mary (Tzitz) Lazar. Growing up, she lived in River Rouge, Mich., East Chicago, Ind., Hobart, Ind., Beaver Falls, Penn., and Gary, Ind., moving often due to her Dad's search for work during the Great Depression and her mother's untimely death when Anne was 12.

Anne is survived by the love of her life, Chester Maris Aydelotte. Blessed with 57 years of marriage, they made their home in Portage. After retiring they enjoyed 20 years of being snowbirds with a home in Sebring, eventually staying there full time, returning to Portage to be near family.

Anne is also survived by her children; Kathy (Mike) Bloomquist of Gleason, Wisc., Candace (John) Kilmut of Istanbul, Turkey, Denise (Ed) Wodesky of Las Vegas, N.V., Lori (Tim) Larson of Portage, Ind., Michael (Chaya) Aydelotte of Demotte, Ind., daughter-in-law, Joann Aydelotte of Garner, Iowa; grandchildren, Jim (Darlene) Aydelotte, Scott (Michele) Aydelotte of Iowa, Julie (Jamie Belant of Wisc., Eric Bloomquist of Alaska, Travis Larson of Indian; great grandchildren, Salida Aydelotte, Derek Burgener, Cameron, Mackenzie and Cadence Belant, Noah, Hannah, Jessie and Kaycee Bloomquist; brother, Paul Lazar of Bartlett, Ill., brother-in-law and wife Elmer and Billie Aydelotte of Sebring; special friends Julie and Felix Ban-

non plus a host of extended relatives, step grandchildren, friends and her loving family of caregivers at Miller's in Portage.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eli and Mary Lazar, brothers Eli and Nick; sisters, Victoria and Vicky (Mickey) Sliker; son, Terry Aydelotte and sister-in-law Grace Lazar.

Anne had many jobs but made her career at the EJ & E Railroad as a yard clerk, retiring with thirty years of service in 1983. Anne was a wonderful, loving, protective mom, grandma and great grandma. Affectionately called "Granny Annie" by many. She was a feisty, full



AYDELOTTE

of fun, friendly, caring and generous person. Blessed with the gift of gab, she made friends wherever she went. She loved playing bingo, cards, crosswords, watching game shows, mysteries and the Cubs. She was a fantastic cook and especially enjoyed country music. Annie's family was her greatest joy. She will be greatly missed and forever loved.

A celebration of Anne's life will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Evangelical Covenant Church of Portage, 5051 Central Ave. Portage, Ind., with Pastor Michale Broadnax officiating. Visit with the family at 3 p.m. until time of celebration at 4 p.m. Supper at church following service. Memorials in Anne's name may be given to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements were handled through Rees Funeral Home, Olson Chapel, 5341 Central Ave, Portage, IN 46368. Call 219-762-3013 or online at www.reesfuneralhomes.com

DONALD W. SWANSON

Donald W. Swanson, age 83, passed away Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, in Sebring.

Swanson was born in McKeesport, Penn., to Charles and Minnie (Lickman) Swanson. He was a stationary engineer for a gas company, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, served in the United State Army during the Korean War, was a life member of the VFW, a member of the American Legion and the Masons and had been a resident of Avon Park

since 1986, coming from Pittsburgh, Penn.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Swanson of Avon Park; daughter Suzanne Swanson of Las Vegas; son Christopher Scott Swanson of Las Vegas; step-children Robert Puharic of Pennsylvania, Rob-in Dannahower of Vero Beach and Lynn Blalock of Sebring; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were entrusted to:

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ALBERT BYTRON NEWBERRY

Albert Byron Newberry, age 81, passed away Monday, Feb. 24, 2014 in Sebring.

Newberry was born in Medulla to James Albert and Eva Mae (Hicks) Newberry. He was the owner/operator of Cyclone Pump and Welding of Avon Park, Director of Peace River Electric for 23 years and Director of Florida Electric in Tallahassee for 15 years. He was a member and music director of New Life Baptist Church in Ft. Meade for many years, he attended schools in Medulla and Mulberry, he loved to fish and hunt, he worked in the phosphate mines as a welder; he served in the United States Army during the Korean War and had been a resident of Ft. Meade since 1970 coming from Lakeland.

Newberry is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marjorie B.

Newberry; sisters JoAnn Still (Tom) of Lakeland, Florida and Teresa Bridges (Cecil) of Lakeland; brothers Van Newberry (Judy) of Winter Haven, Von Newberry (Joy) of Lakeland and Frank Newberry (Rita) of Lakeland and many nieces and nephews.

Newberry was preceded in death by his parents, sons Steven and Jamie Newberry; and brothers Joe, Leslie and Gilbert Newberry. Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. with funeral service beginning at 2 p.m. at the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park with Rev. Joe Parrish and Missionary Robert Heath officiating. Burial will follow in Bougainvillea Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice: 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, Florida 33870.

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Country Club Utilities gives new proposal to water district

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — Officials of the Southwest Florida Water Management District say it may be a while before they can analyze and respond to the latest proposal from Country Club Utilities.

The system, which serves the Country Club of Sebring, met a Feb. 17 deadline by turning in its latest proposal to concerns about excessive water use at the sprawling housing development.

The response from Andreyev Engineering Inc. included a revised water conservation plan as well as responses to a number of issues raised by the district.

In her response to SWFWMD, AEI Senior Project Geologist Vivian Bielski told district officials the utility's previous plan had spelled out such things as proposed water audits and how the utility is bound by the conditions of their current

permit to perform audits annually. However, she indicated the utility would perform the surveys more often, if necessary, based on their monthly system analysis.

Bielski also told SWFWMD officials that maintenance, customer education and awareness programs also were included in the plan.

The response is the latest one in a decade-old battle, with officials of the water management district charging that Country Club Utilities has consistently been out of compliance by exceeding its permitted water use quantities.

Country Club Utilities owner and operator Greg Harris has countered that he has attempted and encourage water conservation measures among his customers.

Harris has complained that his company has no enforcement ability and cannot penalize homeowners for over-use. He also contends

the company is slowed due to the lack of personnel.

There have been ongoing negotiations for nearly two years, with the City of Sebring looking at the possibility of either interconnecting or purchasing the utility

"We have looked at the system. We have looked at the water and wastewater treatment plants plus their lift stations," said Sebring Utilities Director Bob Boggus.

"Based on our observations, the plants are not in real good shape. If the city should acquire the system, we think it would be more cost efficient for us just to go ahead and connect to our municipal system."

Should that occur, one of the shocks to the system might be the price. While Country Club Utilities is charging 69 cents per 1,000 gallons, the City of Sebring rate would be \$3.30 the same amount.

"That's the outside-the-city rate," Boggus said.

SHOOTING

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Reportedly, the Heartland Gun Club has not yet registered as a not-for-profit organization although they told county officials that would be their intent.

Because the only purpose suggested for the use of the old clay pit was a shooting range, staff members say that is the only use that will be suggested to the county commission.

"Because there was no interest in any other use,

we will bring that use back to the board," Benson said.

But, Benson said, commissioners could very well decide to do something else regardless of staff recommendation.

Despite the fact that one entity is a business and the other a not for profit, Highlands County Attorney Ross Macbeth has indicated he believes the issue should be put out to a competitive bid.

This was the first time the county has called for a "letter of interest" process.

Although the peri-

od of consideration was only 10 days, the rules for such advertisements are much looser than the more formal "Request for Proposals" bidding process.

"Because this is a different kind of process, we don't have to necessarily advertise for a specific period of time," Benson said.

Benson said the plan is to post it as a legal advertisement, but that county commissioners still are free to take action on a pending proposal.

"This really is more prevalent in areas where

there were municipalities or counties that owned marinas," Benson said of the Letter of Interest route. "They generally solicit letters of interest from entities wanting to lease or rent space to put in a gas station, concession stand or restaurant. The idea is to determine the highest and best use."

There is an indoor range in Highlands County, however many shooters and archers drive to destinations in Okeechobee, Polk or Manatee counties to shoot at a public, outdoor facility.



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SPORTS

Lady Streaks serve up Heartland Conference Tournament sweep

BY DAN HOEHNE
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SEBRING – There may be a whole lot of new faces on the Sebring girls varsity tennis squad this season, but the results look awfully familiar as a strong season continued this past weekend.

Hosting the Heartland Conference Tournament Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22, the Lady Streaks took the title in all five singles slots, as well as both doubles brackets.

And this, with just two returning varsity players.

“It’s the first time in a few years that we’ve had to replace so many players,” head coach Janie Hollinger said. “I’ve had to do a lot of shuffling, my No. 5 singles player last year is playing No. 2, but the girls have all responded and are playing well.”

Returning No. 1 singles player, Nisha Patel, cruised through Friday’s preliminary rounds to reach Saturday’s singles title match, where she met a familiar face in Lake Placid’s Hannah Waller.

Both are four-year varsity starters and have squared off numerous times throughout their high school careers.

Patel powered through the first set, getting a 6-1 win, but Waller kicked it up a notch in the second set, and stood at the verge of tying it after taking the seventh game and closing the gap to 4-3.

But Patel prevailed in the next two to secure the match win and tournament title.



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Above: Alaina Keith reaches to return this shot Saturday against Hardee’s Rachael Shattler in the No. 3 singles title match of the Heartland Conference Tournament. Below: Nisha Patel hammers a shot back over the net during her run to the No. 1 singles title.

That No. 5 singles player from a year ago that was moved up to No. 2 is Micaela DeVane, who has shown she is more than capable of holding that spot.

After winning her Friday matches, DeVane faced Hardee’s Caroline Durrance Saturday morning in the finale.

Durrance did net a couple of first-set wins, but wouldn’t have nearly enough as DeVane took it 6-2, before getting a 6-1 win in the second to grab firm hold of the title.

And looking at the scores of the Nos 3-5 singles matches, one might not suspect that Alaina Keith, Sarah Beth Rogers



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TUDOR tests draw record numbers

BY BARRY FOSTER
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – More than 70 cars from the TUDOR United Sports Car Championship and the Continental Tire Sports-Car Challenge tried the track at the Sebring International Raceway last week at the annual winter test.

“This was the first time at Sebring for a lot of the cars, especially the Daytona Prototypes,” said J.J. O’Malley, Director of Communications for the International Motor Sports Association.

The schedule was an informal one, with open sessions alternating for the TUDOR and Continental series competitors.

Most impressive was the sheer number of vehicles slated to try the historic 3.74-mile circuit.

Sebastian Bourdais set fast times both Thursday and Friday piloting the Action Express Daytona prototype Corvette around the 17-turn airport circuit at 152.480, an average of just shy of 120 miles per hour.

They bested the Oak Racing Nissan/Morgan P2 car that made the circuit at 153.230

In the GT division, Porsche North America swept the field clocking a 159.395 with Patrick Pilet at the wheel of the 911 RSR.

Sébastien Bourda-

is drove the Rolex 24 At Daytona-winning machine to the top of the time chart on Friday for the second consecutive day at the Sebring International Raceway winter test. — See more at: <http://www.imsa.com/articles/corvette-dp-closes-out-sebring-test-top#sthash.B9u54jwN.dpuf>

The schedule showed 41 cars from the TUDOR series and 30 teams competing in the Continental Series in the paddock.

Among the prototype competitors joining Oak Racing and the Action Express Racing Corvette DP, were the Ganas Racing Telcel/Target Ford EcoBoost Riley, the Muscle Milk Pickett Racing Nissan/ORECA and the Extreme Speed Motorsports Honda Performance Development ARX-03b among others.

Joining Porsche North America in the paddock was full slate of GT including American entrants Corette Racing and the new SRT Viper GTS-rs of SRT Motorsports.

German marques included the new Audi R8 fielded by a number of teams including Sebring stalwarts Flying Lizard Motorsports and the BMW Z4 GTE of BMW Team RLL.

Indeed there also was a passel of Porsches in-

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LADY PANTHERS START TO GROWL



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files

Kala Thompson and the Lady Panthers struggled to start the season, but appear to be coming together in their latest stretch of games. With 10 new faces on the 16-player roster, some adjustment time could be understood, and things did start out rough as South Florida dropped its’ first 10 contests.

But they’ve gone 3-3 in their last six, including a twin-bill sweep of Broward last week and a split with Santa Fe on Saturday, Feb. 22. The Panthers were on the road Tuesday at Palm Beach State, but will start a four-date homestand Saturday, March 1, with a doubleheader tilt against Miami Dade.

Special STARS honored Saturday at SFSC baseball game

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – This year, Special STARS celebrates 10 years of service in Highlands County and the group kicked off their celebration by being honored at a South Florida State College baseball game on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Approximately 70 special athletes, volunteers and their caregivers started their day with a tailgating party near the field before the game.

They then cheered the Panther baseball team to victory against Dundalk Community College.

The Panthers won 4-0 in the first game of their double header and took the second game by a 3-1 score.

Special STARS Coordinator Cindy Marshall and special athlete Raymond “Mac” Smith represented Special STARS in throwing out the first pitch of the game. Smith got the honor of throwing out the pitch.

Before making the

throw, SFSC Baseball Coach Rick Hitt presented Smith with an official Panther baseball cap. Marshall also received an SFSC T-shirt.

After making the throw to the catcher, Smith shook hands with every Panther baseball player and coach and wished them good luck during the game.

Marshall selected Smith, of Sebring, for the honor of throwing out the first pitch because he has overcome all obstacles to compete in sports.

“Mac has the ‘I Can’ attitude when it comes to playing sports,” Marshall said. “Although he has some physical disabilities, he never lets that slow him down or stop him from participating. I am so proud of him.”

Smith has been a part of Special STARS and Special Olympics for more than 35 years.

At age 58, he participates in softball, horseshoes, bowling, tennis,

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Courtesy photo

Raymond “Mac” Smith, of Sebring, prepares to throw in the first pitch of the baseball game at South Florida State College against Dundalk Community College on Saturday, Feb. 22. SFSC Baseball Coach Rick Hitt, along with his team, watched as Smith made the throw.

COMING UP

High School Baseball
Thursday – Sebring vs. Haines City, 7 p.m.
Friday – Avon Park vs. Frostproof, 7 p.m.;
Lake Placid at DeSoto, 7 p.m.; Sebring vs.
Berkeley Prep, 7 p.m.

College Baseball
Today – SFSC at State College of Florida,
6 p.m.
Friday – SFSC vs. State College of Florida,
6 p.m.

High School Softball
Thursday – Avon Park vs. Fort Meade,

SPORTS ON TV

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College Basketball			
Georgia Tech at Notre Dame	7 p.m.	ESPN2	
Miami at Virginia	7 p.m.	SUN	
Texas A&M at LSU	8 p.m.	WTTA	
California at Arizona	9 p.m.	ESPN2	
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New Orleans at Dallas	8 p.m.	ESPN	
Houston at L.A. Clippers	10:30 p.m.	ESPN	
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College Basketball			
Arkansas at Kentucky	7 p.m.	ESPN	
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Iowa at Indiana	9 p.m.	ESPN	
Temple at Louisville	9 p.m.	ESPN2	
Golf			
EuroPGA – Tshwane Open	9 a.m.	GOLF	
PGA – Honda Classic	2 p.m.	GOLF	
MLB Preseason			
Chicago Cubs at Arizona	3 p.m.	WGN	
NBA			
New York at Miami	8 p.m.	TNT	
Brooklyn at Denver	10:30 p.m.	TNT	
NHL			
Tampa Bay at Nashville	8 p.m.	SUN	

SCOREBOARD

National Basketball Association																					
EASTERN CONFERENCE																					
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB																	
Toronto	31	25	.554	—	Columbus	58	29	24	5	63	170	161									
Brooklyn	26	28	.481	4	Washington	59	27	23	9	63	171	175									
New York	21	36	.368	10½	Carolina	57	26	22	9	61	144	158									
Boston	19	39	.328	13	New Jersey	59	24	22	13	61	135	146									
Philadelphia	15	42	.263	16½	N.Y. Islanders	60	22	30	8	52	164	200									
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB	WESTERN CONFERENCE																
Miami	40	14	.741	—	Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA									
Washington	28	28	.500	13	Chicago	60	35	11	14	84	207	163									
Charlotte	27	30	.474	14½	Colorado	58	37	16	5	79	174	153									
Atlanta	26	29	.473	14½	Minnesota	59	31	21	7	69	145	147									
Orlando	17	41	.293	25	Dallas	58	27	21	10	64	164	164									
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Winnipeg	60	28	26	6	62	168	175									
Indiana	42	13	.764	—	Nashville	59	25	24	10	60	146	180									
Chicago	29	26	.527	13	Pacific	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA									
Detroit	23	34	.404	20	Anaheim	60	41	14	5	87	196	147									
Cleveland	22	35	.386	21	San Jose	59	37	12	6	80	175	142									
Milwaukee	11	45	.196	31½	Los Angeles	59	31	22	6	68	139	128									
WESTERN CONFERENCE																					
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB	Phoenix	58	27	21	10	64	163	169									
San Antonio	40	16	.714	—	Vancouver	60	27	24	9	63	146	160									
Houston	38	18	.679	2	Calgary	58	22	29	7	51	137	179									
Dallas	35	23	.603	6	Edmonton	60	20	33	7	47	153	199									
Memphis	31	24	.564	8½	NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.																
New Orleans	23	33	.411	17	Monday's Games			No games scheduled													
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB	Tuesday's Games			Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.													
Oklahoma City	43	14	.754	—	Wednesday's Games			Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.													
Portland	38	18	.679	4½				Detroit at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.													
Minnesota	27	29	.482	15½				Los Angeles at Colorado, 10 p.m.													
Denver	25	30	.455	17				St. Louis at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.													
Utah	20	36	.357	22½	Spring Training Glance																
Pacific											All Times EST										
W	L	Pct	GB	AMERICAN LEAGUE																	
L.A. Clippers	39	20	.661	—				W	L	Pct											
Golden State	35	22	.614	3				Baltimore	0	0	.000										
Phoenix	33	22	.600	4				Boston	0	0	.000										
Sacramento	20	36	.357	17½				Chicago	0	0	.000										
L.A. Lakers	19	37	.339	18½				Cleveland	0	0	.000										
Monday's Games																					
Milwaukee	130	Philadelphia	110				Detroit	0	0	.000											
Golden State	104	Detroit	96				Houston	0	0	.000											
Dallas	110	New York	108				Kansas City	0	0	.000											
L.A. Clippers	123	New Orleans	110				Los Angeles	0	0	.000											
Utah	110	Boston	98				Los Angeles	0	0	.000											
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Orlando at Washington, late																					
Toronto at Cleveland, late																					
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Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.																					
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.																					
Brooklyn at Portland, 10 p.m.																					
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.																					
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Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.																					
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.																					
New York at Miami, 8 p.m.																					
Brooklyn at Denver, 10:30 p.m.																					

Monday's College Basketball Scores										
EAST										
Mount St. Mary's 88, Bryant 73										
Wagner 67, Fairleigh Dickinson 64										
SOUTH										
Alcorn St. 64, Alabama A&M 56										
Delaware St. 59, Morgan St. 56										
Elon 78, Furman 49										
Hampton 104, Md.-Eastern Shore 89										
Lindenwood (Ill.) 79, Campbellsville 76										
MVSU 75, Prairie View 69										
Norfolk St. 66, Howard 60										
Southern U. 87, Alabama St. 64										
Syracuse 57, Maryland 55										
The Citadel 81, Samford 71										
MIDWEST										
E. Illinois 84, Chicago St. 62										
Kansas 83, Oklahoma 75										
SOUTHWEST										
Oklahoma St. 76, TCU 54										
Texas Southern 65, Ark.-Pine Bluff 55										
FAR WEST										
Portland St. 87, E. Washington 76										



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. “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

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SPORTS

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.

Sebring Elks Golf Tournament

The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, March 3, beginning at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$34, which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund.

To sign up contact Jack McLaughlin at jacknjudy33872@gmail.com or leave a message on (863) 471-3295.

Check in not later than 7:40 a.m. by the Pro Shop.

Art League golf tournament

SEBRING – The 4th Annual Highlands Art League (HAL) Golf Classic, sponsored by Barben Fruit Company, will be held on Saturday, March 8, at Pincrest Golf Club in Avon Park.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start will be at 8:30 a.m.

Additional sponsors include a \$2,000 Hole-In-One sponsored by Cohan Radio Group and a \$250 Closest to the Pin sponsored by Alan Jay Automotive.

The tournament is a four-person scramble. Entry is \$60 per person made payable to the Highlands Art League.

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

Individuals welcome. There will be a 50/50, other contests, a great day of golf, raffle prizes, muligans and fun for a good cause – to support art education in our community.

Proceeds benefit HAL, which provides art classes, programs and workshops to youth and adult students, as well as art exhibits in the Highlands Museum of the Arts (MoTA).

An application and

entry form can be obtained online at www.HighlandsArtLeague.org, by emailing Manager@HighlandsArtLeague.org, by calling Barb Hall at (863) 452-0512 or the Clubhouse at (863) 453-7555. Deadline for entry is Thursday, March 6. \$100 hole sponsorships are available.

Run the Track

SEBRING – The Fifth Annual Run the Track event will take off on Saturday, March 8.

Presented by the Sebring Hall of Fame and Gold's Gym, runners will begin checking in at the main gate of the Sebring International Raceway.

The green flag drops at 7:45 a.m. when runners will take to the 3.74-mile course.

Pre-registration is \$25 for adults and includes a long-sleeve, Tec dri-fit shirt.

For the Kids Fun Run, it is \$15 for children 10 and under, and includes a short sleeve cotton T-shirt.

Pre-registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 27, shirts are not guaranteed after this date.

Race day registration is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children.

For more information, call Toni Feo at (863) 655-1442, ext. 205, or email tfeo@sebringraceway.com.

All proceeds go to the Sebring Hall of Fame.

LP Project Graduation

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid High School Project Graduation 2014 Golf Tournament will tee off on Saturday, March 29, at the Placid Lakes Golf Course.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. before a shotgun start kicks off play at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$60 per person, \$240 per team, and includes greens fee, cart and meal.

There will be a 50/50 drawing, a raffle, straightest drive and closest to the pin contests and a \$2,000 Hole in One prize sponsored by Cohan Radio Group.

For more information, contact Charlotte McQuillen at 633-8450.

Eagles looking for coaches

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

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

If you have any ques-

tions, you may contact Cliff Howell at 863-253-7070, or Melissa Lane at 863-381-9325.

Wings of Faith Golf

SEBRING – The Wings of Faith Christian Worship Center will be hosting their 4th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 26, at Sun 'N Lake.

Format is a four-person scramble with handicapped flights.

Entry fee is \$65 per person, which includes greens fee, golf cart and lunch.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. the day of the tournament, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Please submit entries by Thursday, April 24.

Make checks payable to Wings of Faith CWC Scholarship Fund.

All proceeds go to benefit college-bound senior graduates for the class of 2014.

For questions, call Alvin Walters at 381-5706 or 381-6578.

Samaritan's Touch Golf Tournament

SEBRING – It's Just What the Doctor Ordered!

Samaritan's Touch Care Center (STCC) presents the 2014 Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 1, at the Sun N' Lake Golf Club of Sebring.

All proceeds will benefit STCC, a faith-based, non-profit healthcare center, providing free comprehensive medical care to our uninsured, financially struggling neighbors in Highlands County.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Four person-teams will be flighted by handicap. Entry fee includes continental breakfast, fabulous prizes, refreshments on the course, lunch and awards following play.

There will be a \$2,000 hole-in-one sponsored by Cohan Radio Group.

Entry fee is \$260 per team or \$350 for team and hole sponsorship.

Download entry form at www.samaritanstouch.org.

For additional information, please contact Heather Stephenson at (863) 471-1870 ext. 210 or (863) 214-0340, or by email at ops.director@samaritanstouch.org.

For every \$1 dollar collected during this golf tournament, STCC is able to provide patients with over \$10, in health care services.

Here's how far your support will go – \$100 hole sponsorship will provide a patient with \$1,000 in health care services, a \$260 team will provide a patient with \$2,600 in health care services and a \$350 team and hole sponsorship will provide a patient with \$3,500 in health care services.

Lake Placid planning Olympic parade

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Parades are being planned for the Adirondack Mountain villages of Lake Placid and Saranac Lake to honor local Olympic athletes after they return home. Kelly Morgan of the

Women's Civic Chamber says she's been reaching out to the athletes and figures the Saranac Lake festivities will be at the end of March.

Some of the athletes are attending World Cup events in Norway, while

others have been invited to visit the White House.

Lake Placid Mayor Craig Randall also says it's too early to set a concrete date for the Olympic village's event.

Both towns also hosted parades four years

ago after the Vancouver Games.

Among the athletes to be feted is Lake Placid native Andrew Weibrecht (WHY-brekt), who captured a skiing silver with a stunning performance in the super-G.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

SOCIAL PRESENCE

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves



News-Journal/DAVID MASSEY

They should've had extra umbrellas delivered overnight.

Jinxed? Should Daytona 500 move back to an earlier date?

GODSPEAK: There's no jinx. I don't care about the day, I care about the starting time. Don't go prime time with the start. Let's keep that early afternoon green flag.

KEN'S CALL: It would be nice to have all of Speedweeks (including Rolex 24) back together, but anything that ends with Junior winning isn't "jinxed."

Can Junior now coast to the Chase?

GODSPEAK: Junior fans are going to have a big time this year because Earnhardt wants to lead laps, win and be among the Final Four come Homestead.

KEN'S CALL: Yes, he can, but no, he won't. Hendrick Motorsports didn't become the '27 Yankees by coasting.

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

CUP POINTS

- Earnhardt Jr. ---
- Hamlin -5
- Keselowski -6
- Gordon -8
- Johnson -8
- Kenseth -10
- Stenhouse Jr. -11
- Biffle -11
- Dillon -12
- Mears -14
- Logano -14
- Harvick -17
- McMurray -18
- B. Labonte -19
- Sorenson -20
- Edwards -20
- Ambrose -22
- Kyle Busch -22
- T. Labonte -24
- Kurt Busch -24

The day after Dale Earnhardt Jr. won Sunday's Daytona 500 — following a marathon rain delay — the driver shed light on his after-celebration time. "Got about an hour's sleep," said the 39-year-old driver, who didn't look any worse for wear Monday morning.

The annual Daytona 500 Champion's Breakfast — at the Daytona International Speedway's Ticket and Track Tours Building — launched Earnhardt on a weeklong media tour. Second stop: New York City, where he was going to do several interviews and appear on the "Late Show With David Letterman."

And, Junior revealed that in the excitement of winning his second Daytona 500 — 10 years after nabbing his first — he opened a Twitter account, at the urging of teammate Jimmie Johnson. You can now follow NASCAR's most popular driver at @DaleJr. "People must've been waiting on that because I got like 200,000 followers in an hour," he said.

'THE KING' AND 'SMOKE'

One of the primary storylines of Speedweeks was a comment made by Richard Petty, days before racing started, about Danica Patrick. The King said Patrick could only win a NASCAR race if "everybody else stayed home."

Patrick was very diplomatic when asked about Petty's comments.

When "The King" got to Daytona, he said he would stand by his original comments about Patrick.

The controversy was about to disappear until Patrick's car owner, Tony Stewart, weighed in late in the game.

"I told her she should challenge Richard to a heads-up race," Stewart said. "He drove in an era when he had cars that were superior to what everybody else was running a lot. I think he forgets that NASCAR has changed a lot since he was a driver, and how hard it really is now."

And, of course, "Smoke" being "Smoke," he took one more jab.

It was then suggested if Danica ever won a race that she should ask Petty to autograph the checkered flag. Stewart, however, had another suggestion.

"If I were her, I'd take it over and cram it up his (bleep) ... If it were me. That's just me," Stewart said.

News-Journal/NIGEL COOK

With his Sunday win in the "Great American Race," Junior gave the entire sport a big lift.

GODWIN'S PHOENIX PICKS



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Winner: Brad Keselowski
Rest of the top five: Jimmie Johnson, Kurt Busch, Carl Edwards, Clint Bowyer
Dark horse: Brian Vickers

Disappointment: Kyle Larson
First one out: Aric Almirola
Don't be surprised if: Keselowski starts the season with a sizzle, like he did in 2013.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



AP/JOHN RAOUX

A nice chariot ride to Victory Lane for team owner Rick Hendrick after the Daytona 500.

Has Junior ever been that happy?

It's hard to imagine, but thinking back, he was blown away at least two other times at Daytona — after winning the 2001 July race and after winning the 2004 Daytona 500. But such exuberance is natural at Daytona, and not just because it's the biggest event on the calendar.

OK, what's the other reason?

The survival factor. It's one thing to win an athletic competition, but it's taken up several notches when that competition involves hours of mental and physical stress brought on by the knowledge that, without warning, you could be upside-down or headlong into a wall. When victory and personal safety arrive simultaneously, it's time to spray champagne and scream like a madman.

Is this a good sign for Junior?

It's a great, great win for Junior. But if you think it's some sort of signal of big things to come this year, think again. The Daytona 500 means nothing in terms of how a race team will perform this week at Phoenix and beyond. Sorry.



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FEUD OF THE WEEK



TONY STEWART



RICHARD PETTY

Tony Stewart vs. Richard Petty: "The King" dissed Danica Patrick, and her car owner, Stewart fired back at Petty several days later, saying Patrick should win a race and "give" Petty the trophy.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: Stewart is old-school, but Petty is ancient-school and speaks his mind. This makes for good headlines, and that's about as far as it goes.

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: The Profit on CNBC 500K

SITE: Phoenix International Raceway
SCHEDULE: Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 6:30 p.m.). Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 2, 2 p.m.). Sunday, race (Fox, coverage starts at 2 p.m., green flag at 3:15 p.m.)

NATIONWIDE: Blue Jeans Go Green 200

SITE: Phoenix International Raceway
SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (ABC, coverage starts at 3:30, green flag at 4:00 p.m.)



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

DENNY HAMLIN Finally lost a race 1	JUNIOR EARNHARDT Sure took spotlight off that No. 3 2	JIMMIE JOHNSON History shows he'll shake it off 3	BRAD KESELOWSKI Better without burden of defending champ 4	JEFF GORDON So close to his 4th 500 5	KEVIN HARVICK Wins this week at Phoenix 6	MATT KENSETH Don't get between him and Logano 7	CLINT BOWYER Hometown pop. (Emporia, Kan.): 24,916 8	KASEY KAHNE He'll have lots of better weeks 9	GREG BIFFLE 8th at Daytona OK for a Roush car 10
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DAYTONA REWIND

50 Cent professes respect for speed, even in a Camry

Rapper, actor and entrepreneur 50 Cent has thrown his hat into the NASCAR ring as a sponsor of Swan Racing, a two-car operation featuring rookie drivers Cole Whitt and Parker Kligerman. Curtis Jackson (50's given name) is sponsoring the race team through his SMS Audio brand.

THE NASCAR EXPERIENCE

"I experienced NASCAR before I knew what I was experiencing. The toys I was given as a kid had an attachment to racing. Those toy cars had numbers on the side of them.

"My first visit to Daytona last year, well, it's an entirely different experience. People at home need to get out and see a race because it's a whole different energy and feeling

when you actually see and feel the cars go by. This makes sense on the business end because NASCAR has 70 million loyal fans and this is a great crossover for me.

"The people I've had my photograph taken with (at Daytona) say, 'My kids are gonna fall out when they see this photograph.' I felt like I'm in the right place."

UP TO SPEED

"People see race driving as easy, but actually it isn't. Once you reach a top speed in your vehicle, you haven't stayed at that top speed.

"I got to ride around Daytona at 135 mph in a street car. I've seen 125 mph on my dashboard, but for just like two

seconds. When the adrenaline started to pump, something told me to slow down and 'You don't know what you're doing, boy.' And I went back to driving like I should be driving.

"We all have that little thing in us where we push the limits from time to time. We were running around (Daytona) at 135 mph, and I didn't even know a Camry could do that."

WHAT SMS STANDS FOR

"Studio Master Sound. I've developed a team to make the vision of SMS come together. The products we've released have beat out major companies in Consumer Reports."



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Lake Placid's Hannah Waller swats this serve netward Saturday, and would put together a strong weekend to take second in both No. 1 singles and doubles during the Heartland Conference Tournament.

TENNIS

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and Ashley Castelli are virtual varsity newcomers.

Combined, the trio lost just four games during Saturday's title matches.

Keith won the No. 3 championship over Lake Placid's Rachael Shattler 6-1, 6-1, while Rogers had the same pair of scores in the No. 4 title match over another Lady Wildcat, Abby Clark.

Castelli then cruised to the No. 5 win over Lady Dragon Camille Shattler without losing a game.

It was then onto the doubles finales, where the Streaks were both, as was Lake Placid.

Keith and Castelli proved a formidable duo in getting a 6-1, 6-0 win in the No. 2 match over Rachael Shattler and Abigail Campbell.

And while Patel and DeVane raced to a 6-0 win in the first set of their match with Waller and Clair LeBlanc, the Lady Dragon pair pushed them to the brink in the second.

It nearly was forced into a third set as Waller and LeBlanc battled the Streaks to a stand-off and the set moved into a tie-breaker.

DeVane and Patel prevailed, however, for a hard-earned 7-6 (7-4) win to complete the tournament sweep for the Streaks.

Sebring totaled 21 points overall for the weekend, with Lake Placid finishing second as a team with 11.

Hardee tallied seven points and Okeechobee three.

With this weekend of strong performances behind them, it is back to the regular season schedule.

Lake Placid gets back to the courts Thursday as they host DeSoto, while Sebring welcomed George Jenkins to town Tuesday and will play host to new district rival Lemon Bay on Thursday.

The Manta Rays swept the Lady Streaks on the road Thursday, Feb. 13, for their first and only loss of the season thus far.

"They are very, very good team, the sort of team we usually don't see until after districts," Hollinger said. "But that's good for us, to face that kind of competition during the season to better prepare us."

TUDOR

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cluding those put on the track by Team Falken Tire, Rum Bum Racing and Dempsy Racing.

They were challenged by Aston Martin V12 Van-

tage and Ferrari F 458 Italias among others in town for the test and tune session.

Also trying the historic circuit were competitors from the Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge in both the Grand Sport and Street Tuner divisions.

In addition to drivers

testing the track, teams got a feel for the pit and paddock facilities at the Sebring raceway, which will be significantly different than the Daytona International Speedway where the series opened in January.

Dozens of fans lined the general admission

area of the track, watching the sessions from the viewing mounds located at the esses all the way down to the famous Hairpin turn.

Many others got a view up the front stretch to watch fueling, tire and driver changes being practiced by the teams.

STARS

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swimming, bicycling, billiards, golf and basketball.

In essence, he has done every sport offered by Special STARS and he is not afraid to try anything new.

"If you have never seen

him catch a softball with one hand and throw the ball with that same hand or witnessed his one-arm serve in tennis, you have not seen a true champion on play sports." Marshall said.

Marshall, along with a group of athletes, volunteers and family members, organized Special STARS in 2004.

She has been the coor-

dinator ever since.

She also served as the Special Olympics Coordinator in Highlands County prior to Special STARS.

She has worked with people with disabilities in sports and recreational programs for 24 years.

Special STARS (Sports Training And Recreational Services) is a program that offers 12 different sports and eight recre-

ational activities for more than 400 children and adults with mental and physical disabilities in Highlands, Hardee and Okeechobee counties.

The athletes will be starting their softball season in March.

To learn more about Special STARS, call Marshall at 452-1295, ext. 124.

Gators step to top of AP rankings

TERESA M. WALKER
Associated Press

The Gators (25-2) moved up one place Monday, replacing Syracuse (25-2), which lost twice last week and dropped to fourth.

Wichita State (29-0) and Arizona (25-2) both moved up one place to second and third.

Florida, the fifth school to hold the No. 1 spot this season, received 47 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel.

The Gators were ranked No. 1 for eight weeks in 2007. Wichita State was No. 1 on 14 ballots with Arizona receiving the other four first-place votes.

Head coach Billy Donovan called the rankings a revolving door before his Gators took over the top spot, and he said being No. 1 is an honor and compliment.

"But let's be honest right now: The only reason we have garnered No. 1 and we would have never, ever been No. 1 if it had not been for the

teams in front of us losing," Donovan said.

To Donovan, a lot of teams could be considered the nation's best right now with undefeated Wichita State having a strong argument.

Donovan also said he's impressed by Syracuse winning 25 straight games along with what Arizona did before Brandon Ashley's foot injury.

"It's not like all of a sudden Florida is No. 1 or you get a ranking and we're the best team in the country," Donovan said. "We've been given a number, and that's about the extent of it."

These Gators have won a school record 19 straight games coming off

a 75-71 win at Mississippi where they shut down Marshall Henderson in the second half.

They can clinch at least a share of the Southeastern Conference title on Tuesday night with a win at Vanderbilt before having a chance to wrap up the championship against LSU on Saturday.

Playing at Memorial Gym means dealing with the unique layout with the benches on the end lines.

Even though Vanderbilt is playing short-handed with only seven scholarship players and even used a couple walk-ons, the Gators with their new ranking will be tested quickly.

Florida senior forward Will Yeguete thinks the Gators will handle the challenge well.

"Our lives aren't really changing," Yeguete said. "We're No. 1. That's a really good accomplishment. But I think Coach D will use that to motivate us. We've been No. 2 before. We know what it is to be ranked really high. We know you just take one game at a time."

Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall told The Associated Press that being ranked No. 2 means the Shockers are being recognized for an outstanding season so far, and they plan to keep pushing to see how high they can go.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Fog in the a.m.; increasing clouds	Cooler with spotty showers	Partly sunny	Periods of clouds and sun	Pleasant with periods of sun
79° / 60°	69° / 50°	74° / 55°	79° / 57°	81° / 60°
Winds: WSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: NW at 6-12 mph	Winds: NE at 4-8 mph	Winds: NNE at 3-6 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph

Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	88°
Low Friday	60°
High Saturday	88°
Low Saturday	59°
High Sunday	88°
Low Sunday	56°
High Monday	84°
Low Monday	55°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	52%
Expected air temperature	78°
Makes it feel like	76°

Barometer

Saturday	30.06
Sunday	29.98
Monday	29.97

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	1.73"
Year to date	4.68"

Regional Summary

Patchy fog in the morning; increasing clouds today. Mostly cloudy tonight with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm. Variable cloudiness tomorrow with a couple of showers; cooler. Friday, Saturday and Sunday: partly sunny.

Farm Report

Fog in the morning; increasing clouds today. Winds west-southwest 6-12 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and fair drying conditions.

Weather History

A dam in Buffalo Creek, W.Va., gave way on Feb. 26, 1972, after rain and melting snow increased the water level. It killed 125 people.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	6:52 a.m.	6:52 a.m.
Sunset	6:26 p.m.	6:26 p.m.
Moonrise	4:25 a.m.	5:16 a.m.
Moonset	3:50 p.m.	4:56 p.m.

Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	80/65/pc	73/54/sh	76/59/pc
Clearwater	74/58/r	63/50/sh	69/56/s
Coral Springs	84/71/pc	78/59/sh	76/64/sh
Daytona Beach	70/54/r	63/45/c	67/51/s
Fl. Laud. Bch	83/71/pc	79/60/sh	75/66/t
Fort Myers	81/66/pc	75/55/sh	77/60/pc
Gainesville	68/44/r	61/36/c	67/43/s
Hollywood	84/70/pc	79/60/sh	76/64/t
Homestead AFB	82/70/pc	80/61/sh	75/63/t
Jacksonville	62/45/r	60/36/pc	64/45/s
Key West	80/73/pc	79/67/sh	76/68/t

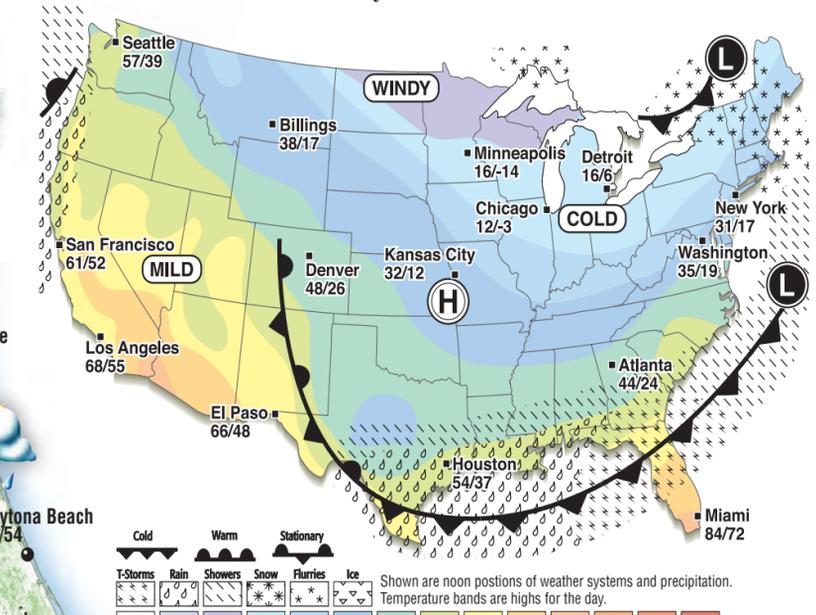
U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	62/40/pc	63/40/pc	61/41/s
Atlanta	44/24/r	51/27/s	53/38/s
Baltimore	34/14/sn	37/13/s	28/20/s
Birmingham	40/21/r	49/25/s	57/43/pc
Boston	29/15/sn	28/14/sf	23/14/s
Charlotte	50/25/pc	52/21/s	46/31/s
Cheyenne	40/22/s	47/30/c	44/18/pc
Chicago	12/-3/pc	5/-12/pc	14/8/sn
Cleveland	16/8/c	15/1/sf	19/14/s
Columbus	18/10/pc	18/3/pc	24/18/s
Dallas	40/28/sh	56/43/c	72/45/pc
Denver	48/26/s	55/33/pc	53/24/pc
Detroit	16/6/c	12/-4/sf	15/11/pc
Harrisburg	28/10/sn	29/9/pc	21/14/s
Honolulu	77/65/s	79/68/pc	81/70/s
Houston	54/37/r	58/37/c	70/50/pc
Indianapolis	18/4/s	15/-3/s	26/19/pc
Jackson, MS	42/24/sh	53/28/pc	62/48/t
Kansas City	32/12/s	25/16/s	31/12/sn
Lexington	26/13/s	27/5/s	38/25/pc
Little Rock	38/24/pc	51/26/s	55/42/r

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	91/70/pc	88/72/pc	88/67/pc
Athens	58/44/pc	61/47/pc	59/45/c
Beirut	63/54/sh	62/52/pc	65/54/s
Berlin	52/38/pc	47/37/c	47/35/c
Bermuda	71/66/pc	71/60/r	64/60/sh
Calgary	28/9/s	19/-3/c	5/-18/c
Dublin	47/11/pc	45/37/pc	46/34/pc
Edmonton	15/-5/s	12/-14/pc	-2/-19/c
Freeport	78/72/pc	77/66/sh	72/64/sh
Geneva	46/31/r	46/32/pc	47/36/r
Havana	87/64/s	86/65/t	85/64/t
Hong Kong	76/65/pc	74/66/pc	73/67/c
Jerusalem	56/42/pc	56/41/s	59/47/s
Johannesburg	78/54/t	73/55/pc	80/56/pc
Kiev	34/23/c	37/26/c	40/28/c

National Forecast for February 26



National Summary

Nuisance snow will spread across the Northeast today as a weak disturbance slides out to sea. Most of the snow will end in the morning across Pennsylvania and New York. However, heavier squalls may impact portions of northern New England. Farther south, heavy rain and thunderstorms will soak folks across Florida and southern Georgia. Less intense rain will impact the Gulf Coast. Beneficial rain will spread across California as a disturbance approaches the coast.

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Chicken Pozole

CHICKEN POZOLE

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 1/2 cups of chicken, shredded from a store bought (3- to 4-pound) rotisserie chicken
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon oregano
- 3 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 can (4.5 ounces) chopped green chiles
- 1/2 (14.5-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
- 1 can (7 ounces) salsa verde
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) hominy, drained
- 2 cans (14 ounces each) low-sodium chicken broth
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper
- Garnishes (optional)
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 lime, cut into wedges
- 1/2 cup crema or sour cream
- Crushed tortilla chips
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
- Thinly sliced radishes
- 1 avocado, diced

Remove meat from chicken and shred into 1-inch pieces; discard skin and bones. Set aside about 1 1/2 cups of meat for soup; reserve remaining chicken for another use. In large Dutch oven or saucepot set over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook until translucent and fragrant, about 8 minutes. Add garlic and cook for 3 to 4 more minutes. Add oregano, coriander and cumin, and cook until slightly darkened and fragrant, 2 to 3 minutes. Add green chiles, chopped tomatoes, salsa verde and cook until it just comes to a boil, about 2 minutes. Add hominy and chicken broth and return to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer for at least 10 minutes to allow flavors to develop. Season with salt and pepper. Add shredded chicken and cook until heated through, 3 minutes. To serve, divide among 4 bowls and garnish as desired.

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In addition to nutrient-rich staples like tomatoes, corn and beans, Nixon recommends stocking up on ingredients such as canned olives, tuna, artichokes, pumpkin and chiles. These canned foods can elevate the flavors of a dish and breathe new life into some of your favorite recipes.

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PEACHES AND CREAM CHEESECAKE BARS

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
Serves: 36 bars

- 1 cup almonds, finely chopped
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 can (8.75 ounces) peaches, drained
- Pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray 9-by-13-inch pan with non-stick spray. In mixing bowl combine almonds, graham cracker crumbs and butter with fork until combined. Press into bottom of pan. Using handheld or stand mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth and no lumps remain. While mixing, add sweetened condensed milk, eggs, lemon juice, almond extract and flour. Mix until fully combined. Pour over crust. In food processor or blender, puree peaches. Stir in a pinch of salt. Using tablespoon, drop spoonfuls of peach puree over top of cream cheese mixture. Using knife, gently swirl peaches through filling to create marbled look. Bake for 30 minutes or until center is set. Remove from oven and cool to room temperature before transferring to refrigerator to chill throughout. Cut bars and serve chilled.

CRUST-LESS QUICHE

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Serves: 8

- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/3 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon dried mustard
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, thoroughly drained
- 1/2 (14.5-ounce) can chopped tomatoes, thoroughly drained
- 1/2 cup diced honey-baked/deli ham
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 cups plain crouton

Preheat the oven to 375°F. In large mixing bowl, whisk eggs together with milk, cornstarch and mustard. Stir in scallions, drained mushrooms, tomatoes and ham. Season liberally with salt and pepper. Transfer mixture to 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish. Top with shredded cheese and croutons. Bake until center is set 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool on wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.



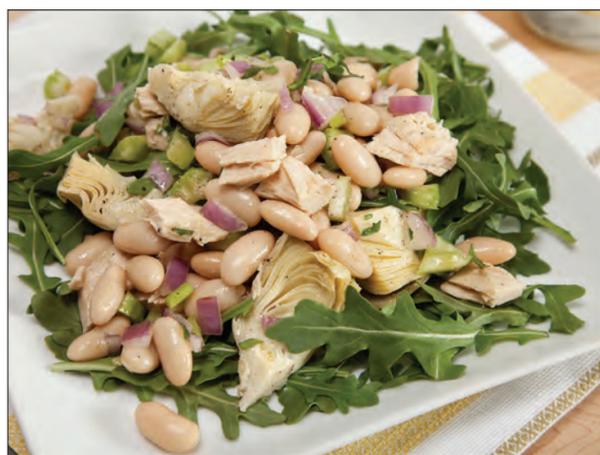
Peaches and Cream Cheesecake Bars



Crust-less Quiche



Slow Cooker Ragù



Artichoke & Bean Salad with Tuna

ARTICHOKE & BEAN SALAD WITH TUNA

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Refrigerate for 45 minutes
Serves: 4

- 2 cups (one 15-ounce can) white northern or cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (15 ounces) artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- 1 rib celery, finely diced
- 2 tablespoons red onion, finely diced
- 1 can (6 ounces) tuna, drained and flaked
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper

Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Toss gently and refrigerate 45 minutes before serving. Serve salad on bed of mixed greens with crusty bread. Or alternatively, serve salad scooped onto hero roll with arugula.

SLOW COOKER RAGÙ

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 6 hours
(depending on heat setting)
Serves: 8 to 10

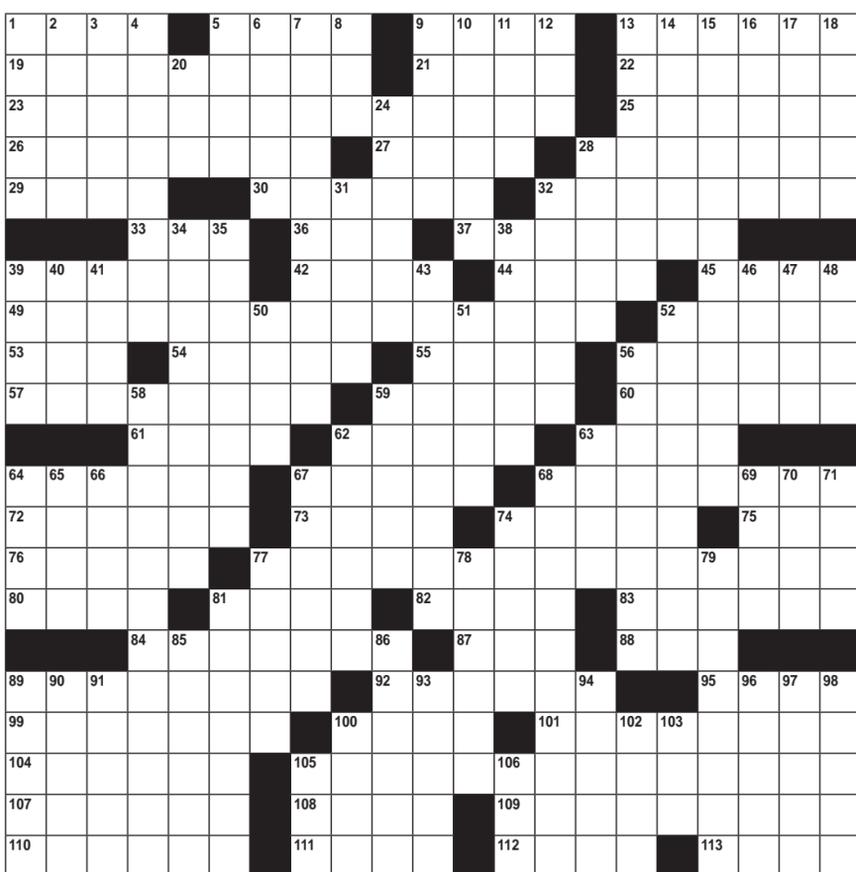
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 celery stalk, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper
- 1/4 cup canned tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 cup low-sodium beef broth (canned)
- 2 cans (28 ounces each) crushed tomatoes
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 pound ground beef sirloin
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) sliced carrots, drained
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- Cooked pasta, such as spaghetti, for serving

Heat oil in large saute pan over medium-high heat. Add onion and celery and saute for 1 minute just to soften. Add garlic and season with salt and pepper, cooking for about 3 minutes. Add tomato paste and thyme and continue cooking for another 2 minutes. Slowly add beef broth to deglaze bottom of pan, stirring with wooden spoon. Season with salt and pepper. Carefully transfer mixture to slow cooker. Stir in canned tomatoes. Mix pork and sirloin together in separate bowl, using your hands, until combined. Stir meat into slow cooker, spreading out evenly and avoiding any large clumps. Cover and cook on high for 4 to 6 hours or on low 8 to 10 hours. During last two hours of cooking, add canned carrots and mushrooms to ragù. Skim accumulated grease from top before serving. Serve over pasta with crusty bread for soaking up sauce.

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Woman worries her gentle friend may be harboring dark side

Dear Abby: I'm incredibly fond of my friend "Russell." He is always supportive, considerate and kind to me. However, I know that he is into S&M and this worries me, as I can't reconcile the two different people — a gentle person with someone wanting to dominate and possibly hurt a woman in bed.



DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

Should I be worried that Russell is hiding a dark side that will eventually come out and ruin our friendship?

— Worried Friend in Australia

Dear Worried: You and Russell must be very close friends if he is describing his sexual practices with you. My experts tell me that acting out on aggressive fantasies does not necessarily mean a person is aggressive.

As long as your relationship remains platonic, what he does in the bedroom shouldn't affect it. But if you're considering taking your friendship with Russell to another level, it's important that you talk further about this. If this isn't something you're interested in exploring — and it isn't for everyone — then draw the line or move on.

Dear Abby: I'm a 14-year-old girl, and my

your grandmother about your feelings. Your mother might accept it if she hears from your grandmother that should there be any "bumps" in her relationship with this man — and there usually are a few — that they could jeopardize her sobriety.

Dear Abby: I have a 19-month-old son, "Nicky." He stays at my in-laws' house most days while my husband and I work. Lately, I've noticed when I go to pick him up that Grandma and Grandpa like to give him "kiss attacks," where they hold him "hostage" and give him several kisses.

Sometimes he lets them, and it's not a problem. Other times he squirms, whines and tells them no. It's painful to watch, especially when they respond with, "I know you're not going to like this, but I'm going to do it anyway."

I think this is a huge violation of my son's boundaries. It teaches him he should just give in because nobody cares that he's uncomfortable. My husband thinks Nicky is too young to understand, and that it's not going to hurt him to have extra affection.

I'm an affectionate person who likes to hug and

kiss my son, too, but if he's not in the mood, I let him be. Who is right?

— Loving Mommy in Colorado

Dear Loving Mommy: You are. Affection is something welcome. If you don't want it, it's not affection. The most significant issues in child development have to do with nurturing and building trust. However well meant, holding a child "hostage" is more a display of power than affection.

If your in-laws stopped "attacking," your son would be more likely to seek their affection when he wants it. A better way to demonstrate their love for him would be to do something creative, like draw a picture showing their affection for him.

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Coupon clipping can be time consuming, but the payoff is worth it in the end. Still, clipping and organizing coupons may not be your cup of tea. Over the next few weeks we will discuss ways and techniques that you can save without clipping coupons.

Grocery, drug, super center stores and more, you can still save on your bottom line by learning to be a savvy shopper. I would love to hear all the ways that you save on the things your family needs. Send an email to Tanya@DivineSavings.com

The biggest chunk of your grocery budget comes from fresh meat and produce. It can be rare to find coupons for just meat and produce, but it can be done. Publix often has coupons in the paper for money off meat, produce, deli, seafood etc ... Until then there are ways to save on meat and produce. Locally Winn-Dixie routinely marks down meat every few days. Thursday and Fridays are great days to find the stickered meat markdowns.

Tonight while shopping Winn-Dixie I came across Hormel Bacon with \$3 off red stickers and I was able to use my Hormel Bacon coupon. There is nothing wrong with the meat; it just needs to be moved so that fresher meat products can be rotated in.

You can save up to 50 percent off the meat and freeze it for up to six months at a time. If you have a fresh food vacuum saver, you can freeze it longer.

Walmart and Target also mark down meat on occasion as well.

Aldi and Save-A-Lot have great prices on meat as well. But if you do not have the time to go from store to store trying to save a buck, then price matching is the way to go. Target and Walmart both price match all other local competitor store ads. You can go to one store and get the prices of

all your favorite stores like Publix, Winn-Dixie, CVS, Walgreens, Aldi, Save-a-lot etc. Simply show the cashier the exact same item in the sales flyer and you will get that price.

You can do this at any register in Walmart, but at Target you will need to go to customer service.

By price matching your produce and meat needs, you will have a great variety of fruit, vegetables and meat to build meals from. By just shopping at one store, you are limited to purchasing the produce and meat items that are on sale.

Another option is your local fresh produce market. The fruits and vegetables mainly come from local farmers and growers. You are helping the community and your local growers as well as getting the freshest products available. If you live near a local grower/farmer consider bartering a service of yours in trade for fresh produce and vegetables.

Stay tuned next week for more ways to save without clipping a coupon.

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 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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ANSWER:

Pork tacos a good way to spice up your Race Week menu



CHEF'S CORNER

Tim Spain

As the Races get closer, it's time to start thinking about what kind of cool food you could make at the Races. I have seen stuff out there that probably had a lot of thought into making it.

I think you could impress your friends with something fun like pork tacos. They are easy to assemble and you can eat them with your hands. But I wouldn't just serve plain old pulled pork taco. I would want to jazz them up a bit with some heat and some kind of "not-what-you're-expecting" spice.

I have a recipe for you that has exactly that in it. It has some heat and some cinnamon. I tried this recipe because I wanted to see what the cinnamon would be like next to the heat from the chipotle peppers. I thought it was pretty good, but what made it over the top was the mango mint mojo that goes on top as a sauce.

The mojo has a little habanero in it so be careful not to overdo and make it too spicy. Remember, you can always have a little fresh chopped habanero on the side for those who are brave.

I would recommend you do all the prep for your tacos before going to the Races and then all you have to do is warm up your pork and assemble them. I would also buy boneless pork so you don't

have to worry about making sure all of the bone is removed when shredding the meat.

I would put the mojo in a squeeze bottle. You might want to have a few backups because this sauce is really good.

If you don't have a chafing dish to keep your pork hot at the event I recommend getting four clay bricks. Set either a grill pan or a large iron skillet over the bricks and place sternos under the skillet or grill pan. Place your pot

of pulled pork on top of that. It so creative and is a nice presentation.

Hope you enjoy this year's Races.

Cheers, Chef.

CHIPOTLE/CINNAMON PORK TACOS

- 1 ounce chipotle pepper paste
- 1/4 ounce Seasoning, Sweet & Smoky Rub, Grill Mates
- 2-1/4 ounce Sugar, Brown, Light
- 40 each Tortilla, Flour, 6"
- 6-2/3 pound Pork, Shoulder, Raw
- 1-1/4 quart Street Food:

Mango Mint Mojo

Prepare Mango Mint Mojo according to recipe.

Blend spice rub and brown sugar. Rub boneless pork shoulder.

Marinate in the refrigerator overnight.

Place pork on a baker's rack in a roasting pan and place in a 325F oven. Baste occasionally with water to prevent scorching and cover with foil if necessary. Cook for 3-4 hours or until fork tender or can be shredded with

the back of a knife.

While still warm, "pull pork" into strips. Do not cut.

To assemble: Slightly warm tortillas on a griddle. Place 2 oz. of pork in the center of each tortilla and serve with 1 oz. of Mojo.

MANGO MINT MOJO SAUCE

- 18 ounce Mango, Fresh, Peeled, Diced
- 8 ounce Banana, Medium, Fresh, Diced
- 8 fl. oz. Juice, Lime
- 2 ounce Mint, Fresh, Chopped

- 1 tbsp. Peppers, Chili, Habanero, Fresh, Seeded, Minced
- 1 tsp. Spice, Cumin, Ground

In a non-stick pan, toast cumin until fragrant.

Place the remainder of ingredients in a food processor and blend until smooth.

Refrigerate until ready to use.

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GARDEN PARTY

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The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 69 held its annual fashion show with Great Gatsby Garden Party theme and luncheon on Feb. 12. It was a great success and raised a lot of money for veterans. Nancy Galida was chairman and wishes to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who helped her, kitchen crew, decorators, servers and models. A very special thanks to Red Lobster for donating their delicious garlic rolls, Olive Garden for donating mints, Robbins Nursery and Garden Cafe at McLanes Country Garden for lending plants and wrought iron pieces for the Gatsby Garden Party setting. Thanks to Reggie Lemmen, who played music during the entire luncheon and fashion show. The models looked fantastic in their clothes from Dress Barn and Bon Worth. Wanda Reeves is thanked for all of her help.

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Why you should try to use organic food



DINNER DIVA

Leanne Ely

Around here you see a lot of articles and recipes calling for organic ingredients, you probably wonder why. Sometimes it is difficult to get organic ingredients so my feeling is that you should do your best to use the most naturally grown and prepared organic ingredients in all your dishes that you can reasonably accomplish and forget the rest. As long as you are doing your best that is all anyone can ask.

But, I want to explain why organic is best when you can get it. You might have noticed your grocery starting to carry what they call, "conventionally" grown and "organic" products. Essentially, conven-

tionally means pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, and antibiotics were used.

Organic means that the farmer uses the most natural practices possible using compost, and the science of beneficial insects and or birds to reduce pests. They allow their animals to eat

organic feed and to go outdoors. Rather than antibiotics to fight disease they keep their housing clean, and feed appropriate balanced diets to the animals.

Only products that are completely organic can carry the USDA seal. Non single ingredient products that have most of their ingredients, 95 percent can say Organic, products made with mostly, 70 percent organic, can say Made with organic ingredients. Labels that say "all-natural", "free range" or "hormone-free" may or may not also be organic. These labels are good so that you know what you're buying.

So why buy organic? Here are some reasons that

I believe are true:

- Organic tastes better
- Organic is more nutritious
- Organic has no pesticides
- Organic is best for the environment
- Organic often supports local farmers

Whether or not you can afford to purchase all organic ingredients, remember that one small change helps whether it's just that you want to support a local farmer, or whether you are worried about contaminants in your child's food.

Leanne Ely is a New York Times best-selling author of 'Body Clutter' and the Saving Dinner series. Find out more at www.savingdinner.com.

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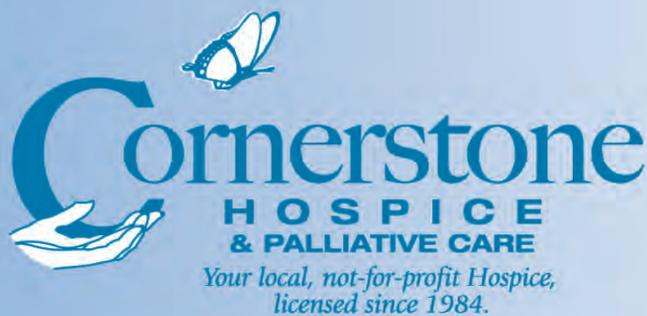


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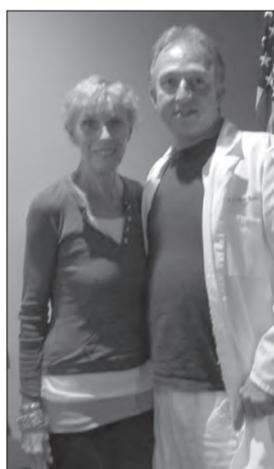
Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Dr. Joni Jones, podiatric physician and surgeon of the foot, and Steve Hise, therapist/consultant, were the guest speakers at the Lake Placid Noon Rotary clubs luncheon held on Feb. 20.

Jones started off with a tap dance entertaining Rotarians. Jones owns Sebring Foot Care and she treats patients for all ankle or foot injuries and sprains. She also treats them for heel spurs, neuromas, ultrasounds and lesions, neuropathies, athletes' foot, bunions and

hammer toes.

Hise then explained the benefits of laser therapy. It is the wave of the future in pain management. It can treat arthritis, bursitis, sports injuries, Achilles tendonitis, occupational injuries, repetitive motion injuries, post-surgical swelling, heel pain, wound bruising and much more. It is a non-surgical treatment with no negative side effects, rapid results and it can speed the healing process. Hise spoke of patients coming into the office that could barely walk and after laser treatments they were



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Dr. Joni Jones and Steve Hise from Sebring Foot Care spoke to members of the Lake Placid Rotary Club last week.

completely healed.

Call (863) 547-5406 for Hise or 382-3228 for Dr. Joni Jones, or visit them at 206 W. Center Ave.

AP Garden Club learns about many propagation methods

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AVON PARK — The February meeting of the Avon Park Founders Garden Club was held at the home of Pam Johnson. Guest speaker was David Austin, the Urban Horticulture Faculty and Master Gardener coordinator with the Highlands County Cooperative Extension Service.

Austin spoke on the various methods of plant propagation, from sowing seeds to root and air layering. He explained the differences in terminate and indeterminate plants. He gave some interesting items of information that included how gardeners who smoke can pass on tobacco mosaic disease to plants by touching them with their bare hands.

During the business meeting, members were informed of the times that the Avon Park Springtime on the Mall Festival will be held and all were asked to set aside time to help at the booth. Herb seeds were handed out to start plants for the sale. A collection was taken up to contribute to the District IX Pennies for Pines program.

President Betty Hannah announced that Florida Arbor Day will be held on the fourth Friday in April and asked members to recommend areas to plant a tree. Rosie Longanecker was appointed to chair this committee.

Hannah asked members to consider heading the committee for the yard tour, tentatively set to held in April.



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Betty Hannah (right), president of the Avon Park Founders Garden Club, presents Martha Williams with a life membership to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Anita Helbig told the group that two more of the mannequins that have been used by the club in the past have been donated to the Highlands Little Theatre. She also asked the group for suggestions for the Yard of the Month award as none had been selected for this month.

Hannah presented a lifetime membership to the Florida Federation of Gardeners Club to Martha Williams. Martha has been the club treasurer for many years and is always willing to help with any project the club undertakes. She is the third member of the club to be honored with this award.

The next meeting of the Founders Garden Club will be held March 13 with a program on planting by the phases of the moon. Anyone interested in attending can call 452-1927.

Orchid Society to celebrate 20 years with show on March 29

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SEBRING — The Orchid Society of Highlands County will hold its eighth annual show, "20 Years of Orchids," at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd. The hours of the show will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Admission is \$3 per person over the age of 12.

This is an American Orchid Society judged show. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the best plants in different categories.

Individuals who have plants they want judged need to bring them to the Ag Center before 4 p.m. Friday, March 29. The plants must be free of disease and have the correct name tag. This is open to the public and for more information go to the Orchid Society website, or

chidsocietyhighlands.org/.

More than 1,000 blooming orchids of various types and sizes will be on display for the public to enjoy. Door prizes will be awarded hourly and there will be an opportunity table with large blooming orchids to be raffled. Also, books on orchid growing will be for sale. People new to orchids and those wanting to know about them will not want to miss this event. Information and applications for membership in the Orchid Society of Highlands County will be available. The Orchid Society holds its meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at the Sebring Civic Center on Center Street behind the Sebring Library.

There will be six growers offering reasonably priced, quality orchids plus educational informa-

tion about orchids. The list of growers is as follows: Awesome Orchids of Lake Placid, Elliott Orchids and Red Hawk Orchids, both of Okeechobee, Odom's Orchids of Fort Pierce, Quest Orchids of Miami, and Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids of Kissimmee. The Ridge Orchid Society of Lakeland and the Orchid Society of Highlands County will also have exhibits. Green Barn Orchid Supplies of Delray will have a large selection of orchid-growing supplies and will present a short educational seminar on both afternoons.

A special treat this year will be a display of orchid-related artwork provided by students of Cracker Trail Elementary School of Sebring.

For additional information regarding the show or the society, contact either Pete Otway at 699-1575 or Lori Coon at 414-3381.



LP WOMAN'S CLUB ADDS MEMBERS

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GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club welcomed two new members at the February meeting, bringing the total to nine for this club year. Pictured are Mary Joy Whelpton (from left) with Terry Daisey and Marilyn Stokes with Paula Pero.

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Reynolds explains importance of soil's pH to Woman's Club

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SEBRING – At the Feb. 10 meeting the women of the GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring enjoyed a salad luncheon with dessert and drinks provided by members of the Community Service Conservation Committee. The meeting proceeded with Sissel Hopper, chairwoman, introducing guest speaker Charlie Reynolds, Master Gardner of the Year in Highlands County.

Reynolds spoke of his journey to become a Master Gardner and then he

spoke about the fact that citrus is not native to Florida, but that it was originally from Asia. He discussed citrus greening and he stated that soil Ph is very important to the success of any grass, shrub or tree.

Reynolds was presented with a monetary gift from the Woman's Club by Sissel Hopper.

The general meeting progressed with committee reports, announcements, and was concluded with the approval of the modified by-laws.

Community Service In-



Courtesy Photo

Sissel Hopper presents Charlie Reynolds with a monetary gift.

ternational Affairs will be the program emphasis for the March meeting. Lunch will be a catered Mexican self-serve taco bar. Reservations are requested.

GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring

SEBRING — A unique fashion show held Feb. 21 by the GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring was a wonderful event for the 100-plus women who attended.

One end of the clubhouse was transformed into a boutique filled with unique jewelry and clothing for all occasions from sizes petite to 3x.

The women found and purchased on site the outfits and accessories of their choice and to their delight they received a 20 percent discount.

After an hour of shopping, a delightful lunch was served consisting of a bountiful vegetable salad topped with grilled chicken or baked salmon, rolls, butter, lemonade, ice tea, or coffee and a selection of cheesecake or chocolate petit oes.

Then the style show began featuring members of the woman's club as models: Bobbie Harrell, Barbara Sherr, Tootie Marschke, Rusty Sherman, Louanne Boudreau and Beverly Smith-Ford.

Lake Placid Garden Club

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Garden Club fundraiser was a great success. The event was held at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge on Feb. 8.

President Alice Stahr welcomed everyone to an afternoon of fashions, door prizes, opportunity table and entertainment by "Elvis," Al Pelski. A delicious lunch was catered by Elks, chef Vince Connel and served by Sandy Lopes and ladies from Potter House.

Models were members, Sue Grady and Celeste Tharp, for Amber Louise & Accessories; Maryel Clare and Sue Wilson, for Bon Worth; Margo Sanders and Patsy Stamm, for Chic Chick Boutique; Polly Moody and Sue Rood, for Dress Barn; David Austin and Shirley Puzey, for Lake Placid Feed & Western Wear.

Cindy Trainor, coordinator. Moderator was Sally Kinsey. Escorting the models were Bill Watson and Jerry Kinsey.

The Garden Club would like to give special thanks

SNAPSHOTS

CLUBS NEWS

L.P. LADY ELK OF THE MONTH



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Shirley Bott, Lake Placid Elks Lodge's new Lady Elk of the Month, has been active for many years and has been a loyal Lady Elk. She has hosted the Paradise Village luncheon since it started, has been the hospitality chairlady and worked in the kitchen with her husband Herman on many occasions. The Botts have taken over the newsletter mailing committee and she has helped with the lodge cleaning. Lady President Vicci Grant said she is also the one who does the 'beautiful' calligraphy for the certificates that are presented.

to everyone who made the event a great success: Lake Placid Elks and the donations by members, local merchants, opportunity prizes and ticket purchasers on making the fashion show spectacular.

TOPS 632

LAKE PLACID — Meetings of TOPS 632 are held at the Women's Club House in Lake Placid every Monday. Weigh in is between 3 and 3:45 p.m., and the meeting starts at 4.

Leader Judy O'Boyle asked how members deal with friends or family when they say, 'Why are you dieting; you're not fat.' or 'You don't have to lose weight.' People need support to change their way of eating so that it is healthier.

Members are healthier and at the TOPS club they find that kind of support that they don't get elsewhere.

There was another net loss of 28.50 pounds. Mary Lou Lilja was the best loser and her name was also drawn for the travel gift. She has to lose three more weeks to earn the prize.

The alphabet contest winners were Team I, Linda Pollard; Team II, Nancy Reed; Team III, Mary Lou Lilja; and the KOPS team, Jean Trahan. Next week the letter will be "T".

Mary Anderson's "Don't Spill The Beans" contest ended with the following being prize winners: Nancy Reed, Joan Dunn, Anna Harrington, Gail Shane, Putt Crandall, Betty Snyder, Donna Raaf, Linda Pollard, Barbara Embick, and Jean Trahan. The Red Bean team lost so they have to put on a skit for the White Bean team. Barbara Huff is in charge.

The No No for the coming week is pie and the Yes's are to drink eight glasses of water a day and eat one tablespoon of peanut butter a couple times a week.

Visit any Monday afternoon or call 260-0831 for more information.

Tanglewood approaches \$500,000 in contributions to cancer research

BY NEIL SIMPSON
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The 2014 Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit concluded last week with a huge party in the Tanglewood clubhouse. Several hundred people came to party with their friends and neighbors, to enjoy lunch and lots of drinks, as well as to take a chance on winning one of 96 prizes.

At the end of the day lots of people went home carrying or riding their prizes. The biggest winners of all are those who will benefit from enhanced treatment for cancer, thanks to ongoing research that is being funded, in no small way, by the efforts of the residents of Tanglewood. At the conclusion of the party, it was announced that this year's many events had raised a total of \$65,100 for cancer research, bringing the Tanglewood total over 15 years to an astounding \$495,000.

Bob Weed provided great music and lots of people were on the dance floor, especially for line dances. The scrumptious Bob Evans' bacon turkey wraps were washed down by ample beer, soda and water provided by Hometown America. This was followed by fabulous sundaes served up by the park's Red Hatters.

Ticket sellers could be seen everywhere. With an arm's length of tickets in hand, residents strolled through the door prize room checking out the 35 prize packages donated by local merchants then made their way into the raffle room where 40 prizes, all donated by Tanglewood residents, were on display.

During the event, things came to a standstill as the lucky winners of the



Courtesy photo

Alan Holmes (standing) of Edward Jones gave away six Razor Scooters during Tanglewood's wrap up of its Cancer Benefit drive. Riding home on battery powered scooters were Bill Henry, Larry Conrad, Lowell Henline, Ronda Poorbaugh, Katie Oatman, Jan Garrison, Gloria Olson and Heather Paine.

hourly 50/50 draws were announced. The ladies were the lucky ones with Pauline Leonardo, Elayne Macdonald and Cheryl Semmelroth each winning a large share of the \$1,910 doled out.

Eileen Giordano took home the beautiful quilt raffled off by the Tanglethread Quilters.

Winners of premium prizes donated by Hometown America, Drs. Thakkar, Patel and Avalos, Florida Hospital, Gary and Gerry Humphrey, and Sevigny Eye Care were; Kristie Plank, Jerry Elenbaas, Neil Simpson, Bob Yeager, Cindy Gallenberger, Ron Bowman, Gloria Vegh and double winner, Marvin Strope.

The last prizes to be awarded were six Razor Scooters donated by Alan Holmes of Edward Jones. Much to everyone's amazement, after five winners had been announced, the back door to the hall opened and two more scooters came tearing in, bringing the total number to eight. Riding home on battery powered scooters were Bill Henry, Larry Conrad, Lowell Henline, Ronda Poorbaugh, Katie Oatman, Jan Garrison, Gloria Olson and Heather Paine.



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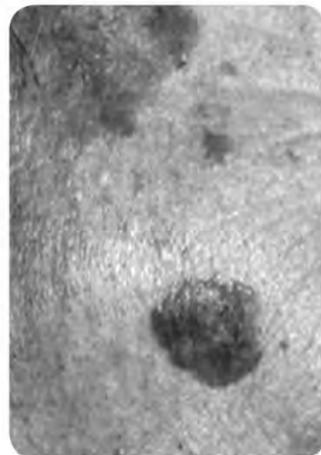
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PLACID LAKES PARTY LINE

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID – Pioneers of Placid Lakes are reminded to call the town hall, 465-4888, for the March 13 meeting at the Placid Lakes Country Club at 11:30 a.m. This will be an organizational meeting to create a historical commission in Placid Lakes to preserve and protect our heritage with information gathered by this group.

The Placid Lakes Social Circle will also meet on the same day, March 13, at 4 p.m. at the Placid Lakes Country Club to go over plans for the upcoming day trips in April and/or May.

The Litter Patrol is working on another clean-up day. We can use volunteers; we supply the gloves, bags, safety vests. Also, “grabbers”. The date is March 8 at 8 a.m.; we welcome golf carts, and if you have a trailer, that’s even better! Help us keep our village “green”.

TOWN AND COUNTRY MHP

By Janet Day

SEBRING – On Feb. 8, park members enjoyed the first park-wide birthday celebration hosted by Hal and Wendy Johnson featuring ice cream, cake and punch and entertainment by Lora Patton, a local vocalist. Members donated food for the local Humane Society. By our standards, we thought we collected a great amount of food but when Wendy and Hal delivered the supply, they learned this amount would feed the animals for approximately only one week. This reflects the number of animals housed there.

An ongoing effort by Nancy Dubuque of Town and Country has been to feed and tame stray cats who wander into the park during her winter stay. These she transports to the Human Society where eventually they are available for adoption. To aid her in temporarily housing these animals, Mark and Becky Sims have constructed a shelter in their storage areas that I’ve been told is fantastic with individual cages and more. Between Nancy and the Sims the animals are receiving great care and will hopefully provide wonderful pets to a desirable family. Nancy presently has available a grown cat (Boots) and three kittens until Humane Society openings occur. Kudos to Nancy



Courtesy photo

Wendy and Hal Johnson deliver Town and Country members' donated animal food to the Humane Society.

and the Sims’ interest/caring for God’s small creatures.

The Chili Cook-off and Slave Auction was Feb.22 and we’ll report the outcome next time.

Park members have experienced a rash of various illnesses/hospitalizations in February including Bill Aeschliman, Cindy DiVietro, Natalie Checkley, Nancy Dubuque, Claudia McManus. Marilyn White, Daphne Ragle, and Betty Geiter are still healing from health issues. Our prayers and best wishes are extended to all for complete recuperation. It is good to see Alan Grossman out walking Olivia after healing well from fusion surgery. We are sorry to hear Ray Dubuque traveled north due to serious illness of his son; we pray for strength, healing and recovery, and safety as Ray travels in the snowy northeast.

Sincere sympathy to Shirley and Lee Lundgren on the passing of her mother in Minnesota this past week.

The Heartland Barber-shop Chorus features their annual concert, “How the West Was Lost,” on March 14 at 2 and 7 p.m. at Union Congregational Church in Avon Park. Our own Richard Eade is a participant. We will be hearing a sample of the program at our homeowner’s association meeting on March 3 when a quartet group performs.

Men’s Breakfast out is at the Blue Crab on March 12. March events also include a park breakfast and Italian dinner. Ongoing daily activities continue with all residents wel-

come.

I read of the Hermann’s Royal Lipizzan Stallions dress performance at Myakka City on March 9 at 4 p.m. Adult tickets \$12. Sounds like an interesting day trip.

Thanks to our park managers and park owners, we now have round tables in the clubhouse. This arrangement will hopefully provide easier movement for dinners/events. Great news today that our pool is open and operating. Several residents and visitors have been disappointed to hear “the pool is down,” so great news. Thank you. Speaking of visitors, February must take the record for visitations to the park. Chuck and I were happy to have our son and grandson for a brief visit but know I’ll miss some if I attempt to credit others for adding to the tourist business. It is a pleasure to show off our lovely park to others. There are homes available for sale.

March birthdays include Cynthia DeVietro, Linda Hartley, Jerry Niedzielski, Dolly Blonde, Bette Chapel, Marion Hibbard, Marge Cerda, Elli Schweitzer, Mary Tennant, Connie Mullen and Doug Purdy. Happy day to all and a Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

TROPICAL HARBOR ESTATES

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — Crazy Cards were played by a full house and everyone enjoyed the evening Feb. 15. Cake and coffee were served while the scores were tallied. People went home with prizes and more prizes. Thanks to the

cooperation from the people in this park, we took in \$900 for the Nu-Hope Elder Care Services in this area.

Sunday evening, the soup and sandwich meal of chicken noodle soup and minestrone soup and meat ball sandwiches were served by the Helping Hands Committee. The Valentine theme was still carried out in the table settings. Even if Valentine’s Day was over, no one turned down the chocolate at each place setting. Joan Rau was happy to tell that 132 people came to the meal.

The Monday morning co-ed coffee was made by Debbie and Gary Henbrey and Pat Boggs. They served a variety of homemade goodies to go with the coffee. Our clubhouse is filled up for the coffee hour, which is great. Jan Hanson’s guests were Jean and Phil Olson from Minnesota. Bob and I had guests this weekend — Harry Michelson from Mukwonago, Wis. and his daughter, Ann Tackett from Land O’Lakes. Harry and Bob have been friends for some 60 years, going back to their college days. Helen Todd has also had guests for the past week — her daughter-in-law, Rosemary Todd, and granddaughter, Mandalea Todd.

Peggy Sue Teague, our emcee, read the list of birthdays and the following were present: Melanie Cornwell, Wilma Miller, Tom Walton, Rita Anderson, Jim Van Camp, Al-

ice Fazio and Jerry Hallet. Marilyn Cromer played Happy Birthday on the piano and everyone in the clubhouse sang.

Carol Noel gave her caring report and on the list were Art Schoening and Jim Heth. Steve and Juaneta Johnson’s granddaughter’s husband was killed in a car accident. Remember to sign all the caring cards, as we do care.

Carolyn Reece is selling luminaries for the Relay for Life. Buy these in memory of your loved ones. They will be placed around the circle on the evening of March 8. It is a beautiful sight.

March 5 is the Strawberry Festival bus trip, which is \$20 and the admission ticket of \$8.

March 20 is the boat trip for the Red Hats and their friends. They will be going up the Caloosahatchie River. They will be given a buffet meal and entertainment on the boat. Doesn’t it sound like a fun day?

Don’t forget the carry-in dinner at 6 p.m. on Feb. 27. Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting and an appetite. The book club meets at 7 p.m. that same day. So we’ll have to eat and run to the meeting.

The ladies coffee meeting was held by Charlotte Charlton. The coffee was set up by Marysue Willeke and Marilyn Cromer. The guests present were Nancy Michaels, Cynthia Rutledge from St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. Cynthia is Charlotte’s Cana-

dian friend. Charlotte went through the rest of the activities for February. The activities for March are starting up with the Men’s Pancake Breakfast on March 1; Inky Fingers is always the first Monday of each month. The HOA meeting is Monday, March 3. The men’s breakfast out is the first Tuesday morning of each month at the Truck Stop. Darts is every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Nu-Hope sewing is every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Other dates coming up will be the Memorial FundRaiser, Eunice Brown’s 80th birthday party, The Tropical Harbor Spring Choral Concert and the Nu-Hope Movie.

Debbie Henbrey called it to our attention that our local fire department has received a grant to provide the residents living in mobile homes in our area with working smoke alarms. If your smoke alarm needs replacing or needs new battiers and you do need assistance, call 699-3753.

The ladies lunch out Feb. 18 was held at Michaels in Spring Lake with Doris Dornbach and Mary Dixon hosting. All 68 ladies had a very nice time at Michaels with these ladies hosting. Door prizes were also given away. The Mustangs went to the Caddy Shack Bar and Grill in Sebring. The arrangements were made by Bob Reed for the 18 men.

“If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem.”

WOODHAVEN ESTATES BRIDGE SCORES

Here are this week’s bridge scores for Woodhaven Estates:

Party Bridge:

First — Ray Krahn
Second — Ken Meyer
Third — Nancy Pratt

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 14-59 Deputy Clerk

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY G. RUSS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of MARY G. RUSS, deceased, File Number PC 14-59, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was August 13, 2013; that the total value of the estate is \$25,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
HUGH L. RUSS, JR.	116 Parkview Circle Lake Placid, FL 33852

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 26, 2014.

Person Giving Notice:
 /s/ Hugh L. Russ Jr.
 116 Parkview Circle
 Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
 /s/ Pamela Karlson
 PAMELA T. KARLSON
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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on March 7, 2014.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 6th day of February, 2014.

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: GC-12-001120

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs.

NORMAN D. MCLARTY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NORMAN D. MCLARTY; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 17th day of March, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in 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., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 44, BLOCK 3, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT NO. 11, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 13th day of December, 2013.

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

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LOT 543, SEBRING RIDGE SECTION A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before March 19, 2014 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Highlands County, Florida, this 17th day of February, 2014.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 DEPUTY CLERK
 February 26; March 5, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 2013-000376-CA

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE NOTE HOLDERS OF AAMES MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2005-2, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

MISAEI MORALES; ANGELA MORALES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; 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 7, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013-000376-CA, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE NOTE HOLDERS OF AAMES MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2005-2, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST, is Plaintiff and MISAEI MORALES; ANGELA MORALES; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; 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 12th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth ins aid Final Judgment, to wit:

THE SOUTH 90 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3, LESS THE EAST 88 FEET OF THE SOUTH 90 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3 AND THE SOUTH 90 FEET OF THE NORTH 180 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3, LESS THE EAST 3 FEET OF THE SOUTH 45 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3, AND THE SOUTH 90 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 3, AND THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF THE NORTH 110 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 3, TOWN OF AVON PARK IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, AS RECORDED IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK PAGE 14 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 7th day of January, 2014.

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

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone No. (863)534-4690 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).
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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 282010CA000822XXAMX

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC. Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM B. LONDONO, ANA M. LONDONO, MARONDA HONES, INC. OF FLORIDA, SUNTRUST BANK, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on February 4, 2014, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 3, BLOCK 703, A REPLAT OF UNIT 4, 1988 REVISION SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 4, 1989 REVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 65, SHEETS 1 THROUGH 3, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 4756 TARREGA ST., SEBRING, FL 33872; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on March 10, 2014 at 11 a.m.

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

Dated this 6th day of February, 2014.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 13000421GCAXMX

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff,

v.

MARLIE J. WESTERVELT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARLIE J. WESTERVELT; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS;

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 05, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 8, BLOCK 6, ORANGE BLOSSOM COUNTRY CLUB COMMUNITY UNITS 13 THROUGH 19, INCLUSIVE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE(S) 6, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 2231 PLEASANT DR., SEBRING, FL 33875-9493

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001175

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

v.

NANCY N. MARTIN A/K/A NANCY MARTIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NANCY N. MARTIN; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; CASA DEL LAGO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 5, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

UNIT 4-A, BUILDING 15, LOT 15, CASA DEL LAGO CONDOMINIUM PHASE 4, ACCORDING TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM AS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 940, PAGE 366 AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 954, PAGE 506 AND SCRIVENER'S ERROR AFFIDAVIT AS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 963, PAGE 30 AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 969, PAGE 683, BEING RE-RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 970, PAGE 828, AND AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM AS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 997, PAGE 341, AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 999, PAGE 708, AMENDMENT RE-RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1032, PAGE 219, AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1047, PAGE 520, AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1102, PAGE 1543, AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1107, PAGE 0707, AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1108, PAGE 1649 AND RE-RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1109, PAGE 1581 AND RE-RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1110, PAGE 0073, AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1114, PAGE 1972, AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1117, PAGE 1507, AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1133, PAGE 0896 AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1187, PAGE 598 AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1206, PAGE 0160, AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1233, PAGE 0921, AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1242, PAGE 1394 AND AMENDMENT AS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1268, PAGE 1345, AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1296, PAGE 1043 AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1318, PAGE 435 AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1332, PAGE 304, AND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 1518, PAGE 141, ALL OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. LYNGS IN BLOCK 41, OF PABOR LAKE COLONY LANDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 89, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DE-

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2010-CA-001163

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

ELAIDA PEREZ-ACOSTA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELAIDA PEREZ-ACOSTA; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on January 28, 2014 in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-001163, of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB is the Plaintiff, and JUAN PABEY INDIVIDUALLY AND A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARCIAL PABEY; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELADIA PEREZ-ACOSTA; ELADIA PEREZ-ACOSTA; UNITD STATES OF AMERICA; ATTORNEY GENERAL FO THE UNITED STATES; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES OF THE STATE OF MARCIAL PABEY, are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Robert Germaine, will sell to the highest bidder for cash IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, at 11:00 A.M. on the 12th day of March, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7248, AND LOT 7249, AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 7250, OF AVON PARK UNIT NO. 23, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID SOUTH HALF OF LOT 7250 BEING THAT PART OF SAID LOT LYING SOUTHEASTERLY OF A STRAIGHT LINE JOINING THE MID-POINTS OF THE FRONT AND REAR BOUNDARIES OF SAID LOT.

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.

Dates this 29th day of January, 2014.

IMPORTANT

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

CLERK OF THE COURT
 Robert W. Germaine
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 February 19, 26, 2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 13000600GCAXMX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN ESTATE OF WILLIAM O. TIELERT, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SUSAN TIELERT; CHRISTOPHER TIELERT; UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST DATED 12/17/2007; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES UNDER TRUST #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, ET AL Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST DATED 12/17/2007 AND UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES UNDER TRUST DATED 12/17/2007

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties hearing or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

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

CASE NO. 13000485GCAXMX

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY AKA CHRISTOPHER C. KELLEY; LAURIE KELLEY AKA LAURIE A. KELLEY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CORINTHIAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA SOUTHBANC MORTGAGE; 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 7, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000485GCAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and CHRISTOPHER KELLEY AKA CHRISTOPHER C. KELLEY; LAURIE KELLEY AKA LAURIE A. KELLEY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CORINTHIAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA SOUTHBANC MORTGAGE; 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 12th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth ins aid Final Judgment, to wit:

THE SOUTH 90 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3, LESS THE EAST 88 FEET OF THE SOUTH 90 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3 AND THE SOUTH 90 FEET OF THE NORTH 180 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3, LESS THE EAST 3 FEET OF THE SOUTH 45 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3, AND THE SOUTH 90 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 3, AND THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF THE NORTH 110 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 3, TOWN OF AVON PARK IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, AS RECORDED IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK PAGE 14 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 7th day of January, 2014.

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

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone No. (863)534-4690 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).
 File 13-01142 RCS
 February 19, 26, 2014

1050 Legals

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

CASE NO. 13000485GCAXMX

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY AKA CHRISTOPHER C. KELLEY; LAURIE KELLEY AKA LAURIE A. KELLEY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CORINTHIAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA SOUTHBANC MORTGAGE; 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 7, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000485GCAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and CHRISTOPHER KELLEY AKA CHRISTOPHER C. KELLEY; LAURIE KELLEY AKA LAURIE A. KELLEY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CORINTHIAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA SOUTHBANC MORTGAGE; 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 12th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth ins aid Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 9, BLOCK 30, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 7th day of January, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk of said Court

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By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone No. (863)534-4690 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

File 13-02260 LBPS

February 19, 26, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001943
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.
F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS
SERVICING, L.P.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
RICKY A. BENNETT; KATHLEEN
BENNETT; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED
AS A NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE
BANK N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN
POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT
PROPERTY,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 6th day of February, 2014, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001943, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and RICKY A. BENNETT, KATHLEEN BENNETT, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS A NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK N.A.; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 10th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 19A COUNTRY CLUB OF SEBRING PHASE 2, SECTION 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2014.
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

February 19, 26, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 13000882GCAXMX
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.
LOIS J. PEIRCE, ET AL.
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION
To the following Defendant(s):
LOIS J. PEIRCE (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)
Last known address: 1517 CLEARVIEW CT, SEBRING, FL 33870
Additional address: 4570 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33870
Additional address: 1908 FERNWAY ST, #1, SEBRING, FL 33872
Additional address: 209 JAY AVE, SEBRING, FL 33870

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 1, BLOCK 1, LAGO VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 11, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 1517 CLEARVIEW CT, SEBRING, FL 33870

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to David A. Friedman, Esq. at VAN NESS LAW FIRM P.A., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE #110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 on or before April 1, 2014 a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative order No. 2065

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Foreclosure Complaint; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 19th day of February, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

FN2597-13NS/asc
February 26; March 5, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000310
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.
LINNETTE HAUGHTON;
CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA;
EAST PALMHURST HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in THE NEWS SUN)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 8, 2013, and entered in Case No.

1050 Legals

28-2013-CA-000310, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and LINNETTE HAUGHTON; CIT OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; EAST PALMHURST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room of the Courthouse; 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, at 11:00 a.m., on the 25th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, IN BLOCK 232, OF EAST-PALMHURST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 72, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Foreclosure Complaint; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2014.
(SEAL) ROBERT W. GERMAINE

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

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.

FN3399-11NS/vs
February 26; March 5, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28 2010 CA 000801 XXAXMX
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR TBW MORTGAGE-
BACKED TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2006-3,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL W. ZIMMERMAN A/K/A
MICHAEL WAYNE ZIMMERMAN;
PATRICIA M. ZIMMERMAN
F/K/A PATRICIA M. VINSAND, ET AL.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in THE NEWS SUN)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 20, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28 2010 CA 000801 XXAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TBW MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3 (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and MICHAEL W. ZIMMERMAN A/K/A MICHAEL WAYNE ZIMMERMAN; PATRICIA M. ZIMMERMAN F/K/A PATRICIA M. VINSAND; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CAPITAL ONE HOME LOANS LLC, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room of the Courthouse; 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, at 11:00 a.m., on the 25th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 3 AND 4, OF SMITH-MCGINNIS COS. RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 2 TO 5 INCLUSIVE BLOCK 25, AVON PARK FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Foreclosure Complaint; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2014.
(SEAL) ROBERT W. GERMAINE

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

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.

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February 26; March 5, 2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 14-34

IN RE: ESTATE OF
LORELL DIPP
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of LORELL DIPP, deceased, whose date of death was September 14, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court of 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 26, 2014.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Deborah S. Chrisman
3190 Topview Court
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
/s/ William J. Nielander
Florida Bar Number: 0386014
172 E. Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863) 465-8181
Fax: (863) 465-5614
E-Mail: wjn@nielander.com

February 26; March 5, 2014

1100 Announcements

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF AVON PARK CITY COUNCIL

Please take notice the City of Avon Park City Council will conduct the final reading of **Ordinance 06-14** at their regular meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:00PM or shortly thereafter, in the City Hall Council Chambers located at, 123 E. Pine Street, Avon Park, FL 33825. Public comments will be heard during the discussion of this agenda item. Copies of the ordinance and metes and bounds legal description are available in the City Manager's office, City Hall, 110 E. Main Street, Avon Park, FL 33825.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 3.5 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY FL STATE FIREMENS ASSN INC., LOCATED AT 2450 US 27 S. INTO THE CITY OF AVON PARK, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF APPROPRIATENESS OF THE ANNEXATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The property is located at 2450 US 27 South, immediately to the North of Robinette Road, West of Lake Glenada's shore and 1,587 ft to the South of Lake Glenada Road.

Please take notice the City of Avon Park City Council will conduct the final reading of **Ordinance 07-14** at their regular meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:00PM or shortly thereafter, in the City Hall Council Chambers located at, 123 E. Pine Street, Avon Park, FL 33825. Public comments will be heard during the discussion of this agenda item. Copies of the ordinance and metes and bounds legal description are available in the City Manager's office, City Hall, 110 E. Main Street, Avon Park, FL 33825.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 19.1 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF AVON PARK, LOCATED AT 2500 US 27 S. INTO THE CITY OF AVON PARK, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF APPROPRIATENESS OF THE ANNEXATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The property is located at 2500 US 27 South, immediately to the South of Robinette Road, West of Lake Glenada's shore and 1,620 ft to the South of Lake Glenada Road.

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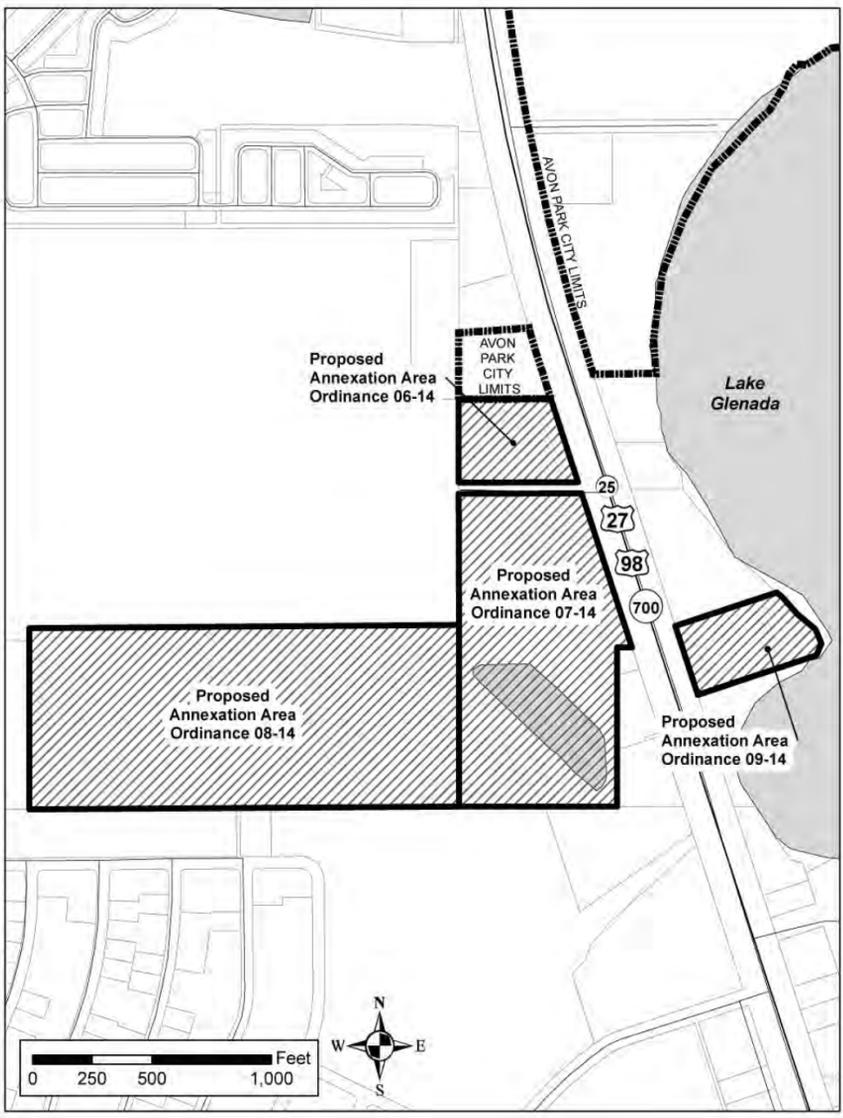
AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 31.0 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF AVON PARK, LOCATED AT 2055 US 27 S. INTO THE CITY OF AVON PARK, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF APPROPRIATENESS OF THE ANNEXATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The property is located at 2055 US 27 South, approximately 843 ft west of US 27 South, 545 ft to the South of Robinette Road, West of Lake Glenada's shore and 2,283 ft to the South of Lake Glenada Road.

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AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 3.6 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY GURU KRUPA INVESTMENT LLC, LOCATED AT 2511 US 27 INTO THE CITY OF AVON PARK, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF APPROPRIATENESS OF THE ANNEXATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The property is located at 2511 US 27 South, approximately 2,240 ft to the South of Lake Glenada Road, West of Lake Glenada's shore.



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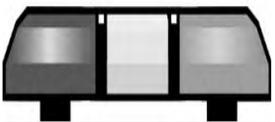
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