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Carlisle, Stewart, Whitlock elected

SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Staff Writer

SEBRING — Just as the racing action began at Sebring International Raceway, the race for three seats on the Sebring City Council came to an end as Lendar Carlisle, Jr., Mark Stewart and Bud Whitlock were elected Tuesday.

Stewart was the leading vote-getter with 305 votes, or 23.07 percent of the total 510 ballots cast (out of 5,299 registered voters). Whitlock had 281 votes and Carlisle 186.

Mary-Ann Lewis had 158 votes, followed by Nadine Elliott-Tedstone with 140, Marty Roepstorff with 132 and Rob Horne with 120.

Highlands County Supervisor of Elections Penny Ogg said that the voting went as smoothly as possible.

"The day went well. We had no problems, no issues at the precincts," said Ogg. "We were pleased with the election. We started early and we were done and wrapped up by 8:30 (p.m.)."

Overall, the voter turnout went up approximately 4 percent.

"We had a 9.62 percent turnout this election. Last

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Race starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday

The odd is ordinary at the Races



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

The Drunk Monks were on a walkabout Thursday morning at Sebring International Raceway. The crew has members from all over the world.

Raceway where Drunk Monks, Skunk Apes, fans of all ages come together

BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Staff Writer

SEBRING — Several monks, a giant teddy bear and the infamous skunk ape were all spotted Thursday morning amongst the 62nd annual Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring fans.

The slow, calm atmosphere on Thursday will likely yield a chaotic Friday and Saturday as thousands more Race fans converge on the Sebring International Raceway.

The cool morning — and maybe a few hangovers — kept many fans in their camps mid-morning Thursday, but several bright-eyed attendees were out and about.

Decked out with thousands of bottle caps and wine corks, the Sebring Skunk Ape camp drew a lot of attention. The campers, all men who specifically left the ladies at home for the week, put



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Brien Hackney reads with his son, 16 month-old Tanner on Thursday morning in Sebring.

the finishing touches on their unique bottle cap art while checking on some delicious smells from the grill.

The crew from Fort Pierce consisting of Dave Talbot, Phil

Jacobson, Scott Grow, Mike Kendall and Chris Craft have been attending the Races for the past decade.

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Questions remain in shooting incident

Benton still trying to get Baker Act facility

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

SEBRING — Among the few things confirmed since Sunday's early-morning shooting incident is that scarcely more than 30 minutes after neighbors called 911, the ordeal ended with a single shot that killed gunman Floyd Gene Hodge, 31.

What hasn't been confirmed was why, or whether anything could have been done to prevent it.

His wife, who also called dispatchers that morning, said he was "acting possessed."

In those foggy, predawn hours — starting at approximately 4:30 a.m. — Highlands County Sheriff's Office reports state he fired dozens of times at neighbors homes, then at sheriff's deputies, with an AK-47 assault rifle. A single rifle shot from a deputy killed him at 5:05 a.m.

Sheriff Susan Benton posed the question that afternoon of "why," adding that his family tried to get him treatment to prevent such a situation.

Benton said she would have

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Phil Attinger/News-Sun

Sheriff Susan Benton speaks with family members of Floyd Gene Hodge, 31, who died after being shot early Sunday morning in a gun battle with Highlands County Sheriff's deputies. The family had been trying to get mental health treatment for Hodge. Benton, in turn, has been trying for 10 years to get coordinated mental health and substance abuse treatment for county residents.

Lake Placid's loss of key Health Department services draws questions

Town Council critical of decision

BY ROD LEWIS
News-Sun Correspondent

LAKE PLACID — The Town Council decided Monday to draft a resolution asking the county to come up with a way for the Health Department

to keep providing key services in the southern end of the county.

The discussion came after Wanda Hall spoke from the audience and asked the council why

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Rod Lewis/News-Sun

The Lake Placid office of the county Health Department has stopped offering medical and dental services. Those have been shifted to Sebring, which has drawn criticism from Lake Placid officials.

School Board against change

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

SEBRING — School board members didn't like hearing that the Florida Department of Health might not have a full-service office any

longer in Lake Placid.

They voted Tuesday to send a resolution asking the Health Department and Board of County Commissioners to reconsider pulling out of

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MASTER GARDNER CLASS LEARNS ABOUT FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING



Courtesy photo

Master Gardener Class which started Feb. 22 recently visited Robbins Nursery after learning about Florida-friendly landscaping. The Master Gardener Class is taught annually at UF/IFAS Extension Highlands County in Sebring. For more information on the program visit the Extension office at 4509 George Blvd. or call 402-6540.

SFSC Batty-Herbert, Shumard honored with NISOD Awards

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Dr. Kimberly Batty-Herbert and Lori Shumard are South Florida State College's recipients of the 2013 National Institute for State and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Each year, NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize community and technical college educators who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. Dr. Batty-Herbert is the dean of arts and sciences and Shumard is a mathematics professor at the Hardee and DeSoto campuses. SFSC's NISOD award recipients are typically those who received the faculty President's Award the previous year, as Dr. Batty-Herbert and Shumard did in December 2013.

"The NISOD Excellence in Teaching Awards recognize faculty who are our best and brightest, and provide ex-



Courtesy photo

Dr. Kimberly Batty-Herbert

cellent teaching in the classroom," said Dr. Leana Revell, vice president, educational and student services. "NISOD provides us with an opportunity to recognize the excellence that is abundant in our college faculty. We are pleased to be able to nominate these superb faculty members to represent SFSC at the NISOD awards."

"Recognizing those individuals who have contributed to student success and their colleges' mission is something we look forward to doing each year," said Dr. Edward J. Leach, NISOD's director.



Courtesy photo

Lori Shumard

"The extraordinary work of these men and women includes not only what they do for their students and colleagues, but what they do for the communities in which they live and work. We're honored to be able to play a part in celebrating their achievements."

Formed in 1978, NISOD is dedicated to the professional development of faculty, administrators, and staff and to the continued improvement of teaching and learning.

It has presented its Teaching in Excellence Awards each year since 1984.

County uses app for emergency alerts, info

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — Highlands County has a new emergency and informational app for smart phones. It is designed for users as a one-stop shop for emergency preparedness, county contact and emergency information alerts.

The system features local weather, emergency alerts and announcements, as well as a department directory and a parks directory.

"This is a quick access for the county Website," said Highlands County Public Information Officer Gloria Rybinski.

'We use this for any type of emergency notifications we receive such as freezes, lake wind advisories or other inclement weather.'

Gloria Rybinski
Highlands County Public Information Officer

"We use this for any type of emergency notifications we receive such as freezes, lake wind advisories or other inclement weather."

For instance, she said, there was a lake wind advisory and also a tornado alert issued last week and those who had the app got an immediate

notification of those.

The app was developed by OCV, but it is the county itself that administers it and feeds information into the system. It cost \$1,495 and was paid for by an EMPA/Base grant from the state of Florida.

So far, more than a hundred people have signed up for the service since it went online this past November.

The app is free for all Apple and Android devices, and is available at Google Play and iTunes. It can be found by searching for Highlands County Florida Emergency and Informational App.

Race car to be at LOI Insurance today

SEBRING — The Gainsco Auto Insurance No. 99 Daytona Prototype race car will make an appearance at LOI Insurance in Sebring from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

Race fans can get an up-close look at the bright red car, an exact replica of the 500-horsepower one driven in the 2007 Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car series by Alex Gurney, Jon Fogarty, Jimmy Vasser and Sprint Cup Jimmie Johnson.

Also on hand will be the custom car hauler, which is a show in itself, featuring an 80-foot wraparound mural painted by famed motorsports artist Bill Patterson.

Lake Okeechobee Insurance is at 2631 U.S. 27 South in Sebring, just south of Sparta Road.

Sons of the American Revolution meetings set

LAKE PLACID — The March 15 and April 19 Sons of the American Revolution Highlands Chapter meetings will be at 12:30 p.m. at Highlands National Bank in Lake Placid.

The chapter will vote in April on its officers for 2014-16. These officers will then be inducted into office at the May meeting.

For more information, contact Woody at 863-465-7345.

YMCA hosting plant sale

SEBRING — The Highlands County Family YMCA is hosting a plant sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

They will have cannas, lilies, salvia, bush daisies, delphinium, verbena, gaura, lilies and plumbago and will have the best prices in town, "guaranteed."

All proceeds will benefit the Strong Kids Campaign. Call 382-9622.

Dance at Reflections tonight

AVON PARK — Reflections on Silver Lake is hosting a dance featuring Larry Musgrave from 7:30-10:30 p.m. today. Take your own drinks

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\$70 million

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Tuesday, March 11
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Next Jackpot: \$1.7 million

MEGA MILLIONS

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and snacks, ice will be provided.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. The public is welcome.

Skylarks play at Dance Club

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club will host the music of the talented The Skylarks 10-piece band from 7-9:30 p.m. today at the Highlands Social Center, 3400 Sebring Parkway.

Dance to the big band sounds of the '50s, '60s and '70s. Snacks and sandwiches will be available.

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

Everyone is welcome, including singles. BYOB.

For more information, call 386-0855 or visit www.highlandsdanceclub.org.

Lake Placid FFA plans Cornhole tourney

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Senior FFA is planning its third annual Cornhole Tournament at Roger Scarborough Field on March 28. Registration is \$40 per team.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m. and the tournament play begins at 6 p.m. Teams can register on site.

The winner of the tournament will receive a commemorative set of cornhole boards. The tournament is held in conjunction with the Lake Placid Alumni Barbecue.

For more information, contact Lauren Butler at 699-5010 or email butlerl@highlands.k12.fl.us.

Sebring Masons serving BBQ

SEBRING — Masons Lodge No 249 will serve an all-you-can-eat barbecue chicken lunch on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a \$10 donation.

The menu is chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and beverage.

The Lodge is on the corner of Home Avenue and the Sebring Parkway. The public is invited and take out is available.



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ANOTHER VIEW

Fed is past due
for a checkup

Audits are a fundamental tool to hold government and quasi-government entities accountable.

Without thorough examination by independent parties, citizens would have to rely on the agency's word that its operations and accounting are above-board.

When it comes to the activities of the Federal Reserve, the nation's central bank, verbal assurances just aren't good enough.

Thankfully, momentum is building for legislation to enable the General Accountability Office to audit the Fed, something that has not happened in the 100 years since it was created to set monetary policy.

The bipartisan Federal Reserve Transparency Act passed the House late last year. A similar bill co-sponsored by Sen. Rand Paul is making its way through the Senate. The Kentucky Republican's father, former Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, a longtime Federal Reserve critic, tried unsuccessfully to get similar bills passed.

Though the proposed legislation provides no specifics about the scope of the audit, there already is substantial push-back from former and current Fed officials, who are used to doing most of their work in secret. Officials fear, for example, that their closed-door Federal Open Market Committee will be subject to "second guessing." Transcripts of deliberations are released five years after the fact to shield members from political blowback arising from policy decisions.

When government is nervous about openness, it should make everybody nervous.

We hardly would advocate micromanaging Fed operations, but there should be significant oversight. Deciding how much money enters the economy, and under what terms, are critical Fed responsibilities that should be better monitored.

We need increased transparency at the Federal Reserve. Considering its massive influence over the U.S. economy, its bureaucratic movements cry out for consistent oversight. That's something all citizens should approve of, regardless of where they fall on the political spectrum.

Government simply can't be trusted to watch itself, and neither should its biggest bank.

An editorial from the Chronicle in Augusta, Ga.

Conservatives target
free school lunches

Did you ever think you'd see the day when decrying low-income kids who get free school lunches would become a political battle cry, coupled with the suggestion that parents who sign up their kids for free lunches love them less than parents who send their children to school with brown bagged baloney sandwiches?

The real baloney is actually in conservatives' "No free school lunches!" battle cry, and in what turned out to be a bogus example Rep. Paul Ryan used in his speech before the Conservative Political Action Conference to take the argument to a new (low) level.

He suggested needy parents of poor children on free school lunches don't care about their children.

The school lunch program is merely the latest example of 21st century conservatives distancing themselves from a "given" strongly supported by both political parties (for instance, food stamps, supported by Richard Nixon, among others). Ryan told the proven-to-be-fictitious story of a child who didn't want a free lunch but a brown bag lunch "because he knew a kid with a brown bag had someone who cared from him. This is what the left does not understand."

In fact, Ryan apparently doesn't understand.

The 1946 Richard B. Russell National School act, signed by President Harry Truman, had two specific policy goals: to provide food to poor school age children while helping prop up food prices by putting farm surpluses to use. Studies have shown that hungry kids are less able to concentrate and learn. The program isn't perfect: reports suggest it doesn't always work well, is not always available in some older schools, and there isn't always enough funding so some kids are indeed hungry in school.

The lunch program was never a case of just one party saying, "Let's get involved in providing needy kids free lunches because we have the power to do it, and we need to show we have that power to make them dependent!" And it was never a case of parents saying, "Since we don't love our kids, we won't make a baloney sandwich with our loving hands and shove it and a bag of Doritos in a brown bag and let them take it to school. Let them suffer and eat that free school lunch!"

If those sound like silly and unfair



GUEST COLUMN

Joe Gandelman

characterizations, they are no more silly or unfair than Ryan's suggestion that poor parents who've signed their kids up for free school lunches are lousy and unfeeling parents. But you could argue that those who demonize and diss needy children and parents would make lousy leaders and are seemingly unfeeling human beings — even

though they will insist otherwise.

Mr. Ryan apparently has not spent much time talking to needy kids or their parents. They don't show up at fundraisers.

Frederick Douglass said: "It's easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." The compassion lever seems broken on some of today's conservatives who are seemingly in a frenzied race to prove themselves to be the least compassionate. Precisely what is Ryan's alternative? Deny a child from a family that may be financially hurting a free lunch? Nelson Mandela correctly noted: "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way it treats its children."

Fortunately, the American mainstream isn't ready to deny innocent kids free lunches or denigrate parents who sign up for free lunches so their child can compete with better-off kids at school.

The operative word here is "mainstream." More and more 21st century conservatives seem to be moving away from America's mainstream, and polls confirm they aren't in step with the bulk of millennial voters.

Does Mr. Ryan really feel that way about poor parents? Or was he using kids who get free school lunches as an ideological tool to pander to his conservative audience and political best buds?

He and those who seemingly seek political gain by dissing parents whose kids get free school lunches might ponder a quote from another major thinker, Harry Potter's Professor Dumbledore: "It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to your enemies, but a great deal more to stand up to your friends."

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Hot wheels



AT RANDOM
Romona Washington

For as long as I can remember, I have been going to car races of all sorts. Growing up in rural Illinois offered many opportunities to find cheap fun on the weekends. Usually that

fun centered around a race track and fast vehicles.

As a child, I remember my parents taking me to stock car races in Flat Rock, Ill. That must have been my dad's favorite track because that's the one I remember most. My Uncle Paul raced stock cars so we'd go as often as possible to watch him.

One of my best childhood friends raced go-carts. We would go watch him when we had the opportunity and I remember wishing that I could race a go-cart ... until I saw him crash into a big bale of hay.

My brother and I did eventually get a go-cart, thanks to my dad's ability to build us one. We raced it around the barnyard and up and down the country roads. Then we graduated to a mini-bike. One of us would take off on the go-cart, the other on the mini-bike ... until the go-cart met a fence and was retired.

We also saw the drag races at Bowling Green, Ky. and I have personally been to the Indy 500.

Of course, there are also the demolition derbies that we would so often see. In Illinois, it's not unusual to see demolition derbies held at the county fairgrounds. I always wanted to do a Powder Puff event (for women), but we moved to Florida before I could convince my dad to let me try it.

Yes, I've been to the DeSoto Speedway. Some day I'll get to Daytona and to Gatornations in Gainesville.

For now, I'm more than happy with attending the 12 Hours of Sebring, which I have been going to since the family moved here in 1978. I've only missed one and that was because my daughter was less than a week old. We thought it best that I stay home.

I've worked in the press box as a teenager running back and forth to the timing tower. I've worked the curves as a volunteer firefighter (and let me tell you, that will give you a completely different viewpoint of the Race). I've written about the human side of the Race. I've written about the fun and about the tragedy.

This year, I'm adding a new race to my "bucket list," if you will. I am planning to go to a Global RallyCross race, something a friend found on YouTube. I'm not sure which one I will go to, but I am certainly going to get there.

I spoke recently with GRC founder Chip Pankow, who knew exactly where Sebring and The Watering Hole are. He was telling me that there were some exciting things coming this year. New teams. A new class. New race locations. More dates — even one in Florida.

GRC has really taken off. The race was refined over the past three years and has grown in popularity to the point that its TV ratings are really high, Pankow said. According to global-rallycross.com, nine of this year's Red Bull Global Rallycross events will be broadcast on NBC. Not bad for a fairly new sport.

Making its debut at the X Games in 2010, GRC was launched in March 2011. GRC is best described on its website as "a revolutionary new form of motorsports ... over huge jumps on combination dirt and asphalt courses around the world." The drivers are world champions, crossover legends and others. My favorite — Travis Pastrana.

Once the track at Sebring goes dark Saturday night, I'll be counting the days to see a GRC race in person. If you see Mr. Pankow out at the track, tell him one of his new fans says hello.

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ELECTION

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election it was a little over 5 percent, so we did do a little better this time," Ogg said. That was an increase of nearly 250 votes.

Carlisle said that he was "nervous" about his upcoming three-year term on the council.

"It's a big responsibility, you know that going in, but it's different when you win and reality smacks you in the face. Now you've got to step up to the plate," Carlisle said.

"I'm very thankful for everybody that voted for me. It gives me confidence knowing that some people do trust in me. I'm really thankful for that and I'm ready to go to work," said Carlisle.

Stewart was pleased with his victory, but not so much with the voter turnout.

"I wasn't impressed. That turnout was sad, that's the only way to describe it," Stewart said. "Despite that, I am very pleased and very humbled with being elected."

Stewart stated that he would be a supporter of moving the municipal elections to November to coincide with the general election.

"It only makes sense," Stewart said. "I am very eager and looking forward to serving. Serving, that's the key word and that's what I want to do. I'm fairly new to the public service realm, so it's going to be a new adventure."

Stewart, who has served on the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for just shy of a year, will be stepping down from his position with the organization.

"You know, I really enjoy the CRA they are a great group of people to work with and they get things done quickly and efficiently. I will miss the CRA when I go to the council," Stewart said.

Whitlock will return to the Sebring council for his sixth term.

He, Stewart and Carlisle will be sworn into office on Monday, March 31, at City Hall.

RIDE THE RACE TRACK A SUCCESS



Courtesy photo

A record number of thrill seekers showed up this year at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce's 30th Annual Ride the Racetrack event Sunday. Around 400 race fans gathered to take the ride of their life around the 3.7-mile racetrack at Sebring International Raceway with a race car driver, courtesy of Skip Barber Racing School. Susan Jones of MidFlorida Credit Union, the title sponsor of the event, expressed that she loves taking part in the event. "The people who attend have such a great time, and we're so excited to be a part of it all," said Jones, shown here with driver John Dean II. Of the 400 participants, there was a mixture of first-timers and veterans. Ride the Racetrack first-timer Ariel Maloney stated that she has "lived in Sebring way too long not to have tried this!" The Sebring Chamber would like to thank the sponsors, volunteers, staff and participants who helped to make the event a huge success. The proceeds of the event benefit the Sebring Chamber of Commerce.

Holly Ogg named NAPW Woman of the Year

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — Holly Ogg, daughter of Highlands County Supervisor of Elections Penny Ogg, has been awarded the title of "Woman of the Year for 2014" by the National Association of Professional Women.

The Sebring woman originally had partnered with the NAPW as part of her networking for school. "It actually started in October of last year when I took a class and I was looking to get connected," Ogg explained. "I looked at a number of different organizations, but I was particularly drawn to the NAPW."

She said she found the fact the organization offered a number of resources, including mentoring for women, especially appealing.

"I actually found the NAPW through my Twitter account," Ogg said. "I went online and signed up through there."

Apparently, it was during the membership approval process that officials of the NAPW became interested in Ogg.

"After that, they called

me back and I talked with them for about an hour and a half," she said. "They asked me about what I did, what I planned to do, what I am passionate about and things like that."

Ogg said she was "totally shocked" when she got the call that she had been selected.

The honorarium comes with a number of perks, including free software and access to resources such as admission to lectures, leadership training and other learning opportunities at no charge.

In addition, Ogg will receive an endorsement from the NAPW she can put on her work.

"We also get free seats to their convention, which is coming up next month," she said

Ogg, a sophomore, is a graphic design student at Full Sail University in Winter Park. Her goal is to work on a corporate level with an eye toward working freelance.

"I would like to use my abilities to support organizations that support

adoption, fight childhood cancer and other illness and bringing awareness to those kinds of causes," she said.

She already has done some work locally, including for Warren's Auto Sales in Avon Park, some work for private individuals and also redesigned the field on the shield for the Highlands County Supervisor of Elections office.



HOLLY OGG

Steady growth to increase state's budget surplus

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida legislators, already set to cut as much as \$500 million from existing taxes and fees, got some additional good news on Wednesday.

State economists drew up new estimates that show state tax collections will grow 5.2 percent in the next year and should continue to grow between now and 2017.

The bottom line is that it should grow an estimated budget surplus to roughly \$1.2 billion — a far cry from recent years where legislators grappled with

cutting money to schools or health care.

"Today's estimate confirms Florida's economy is growing as businesses and families across our state continue to recover from the impacts of a lengthy recession," said Sen. Joe Negron, R-Stuart and the

Senate budget chief.

Legislators are already poised to use part of the expected surplus on several cuts in existing taxes and fees, including a rollback on auto registration fees that the Republican-controlled Legislature increase five years ago.

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Scott to back in-state tuition for some illegal immigrants

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida Gov. Rick Scott is backing a bill that would allow qualified Florida students to pay in-state college tuition even if they are in the country illegally.

Scott told The Associated Press that he supports the legislation sponsored by Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, because it would also prevent state universities from being able to raise tuition rates above the amount annually set by the state Legislature.

"I'm appreciative of the fact that he's concerned about the debt that our students are ending up with and that tuition has been growing too fast," Scott said.

Scott's decision is a turn from 2010 when he took a hard line on immigration issues and supported having Florida pass a law similar to those passed in other states that bar the in-state benefit.

For the past two years, however, Scott has been staunchly opposed to tuition hikes and vetoed one proposed by the Florida Legislature.

In his State of the State speech, Scott called for taking away from universities the ability to raise tuition above the rate set annually by legislators. Right now, state universities can raise tuition up to 15 percent a year.

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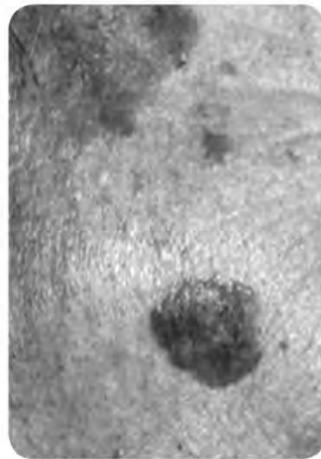


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SHOOTING

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preferred that. She's said since becoming sheriff 10 years ago that she wants to establish interconnected and local preventative substance abuse and mental health care.

"Our goal is to be on cutting edge of treating the whole person," Benton said.

She said that treatment programs for substance abuse or mental health are often separate "silos," but in the field, the two are related. Law enforcement often encounters people who have both, she said, because one problem often affects another.

Her office, in partnership with the Highlands County Commission and Tri-County Human Services, applied on Oct. 20, 2013, for a Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant to facilitate treatment within the county.

It was declined.

Jacque Henderson, administrative residential program director at Tri-County Human Services, said Lake and Flagler counties have received grants as well as Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville.

"We will look at some (scoring) sheets and see how we did," Henderson said.

Benton said the sit-

uation, as it is, doesn't work. Bartow has the nearest facility for anyone who has been involuntarily committed for observation under the Baker Act. Substance abuse patients under age 18 have to go Tampa, she said.

Law enforcement must provide transportation, which pulls deputies off patrol, plus with treatment so far away, it's hard to get follow-up treatment, she said.

"Deputies (are) driving all over central Florida for people in crisis," Benton said. "The farther away you get, like Tampa, the less opportunity there is for families to get involved."

Still, Benton is not daunted. She believes Highlands County will eventually have a treatment facility, but is getting teams together in the meantime.

"Even though we didn't get the grants, we're moving forward to have all our law enforcement deputies and detention deputies trained in crisis intervention, to better utilize the resources we have," Benton said.

She also wants to get emergency room personnel and mental health providers trained to help.

For now, however, she and her deputies have to rely on out-of-county resources and families' ability to get help for their loved ones.

CHAMPIONS CLUB MAKES DONATION



Courtesy photo

Avon Park Champions Club President Charles Devlin presents a check for \$1,000 to the Avon Park High School Culinary Arts Program. Culinary Program instructor Megan Bronson, along with several students from her class, accept the donation. The program's students provided dinner service at the club's annual Hall of Fame Banquet earlier this month.

Boys & Girls Club gets Emporium box truck

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Boys & Girls Club of Highlands County has acquired a box truck for use in picking up and delivering large donations for its downtown Sebring thrift store, The Emporium.

Board member Paul DuBrule, Elli-B Honey Company owner Robert Elliott and volunteer Patty Bird of Avon Park were instrumental in obtaining the truck.

The Boys & Girls Club is an organization that provides daily after-school programs for 300 local children, ages 6-18, who are either from single parent homes or homes where parents both work multiple, low-paying jobs and are not at home when the children arrive after school.

The Boys & Girls Club is a safe place for children to go, where they receive a snack, help with their school work, recreation activities, and guidance with socialization.

The "Five Core" program of the club consists of guidance in character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, and sports and fitness.

The donated truck is not new, but it is very serviceable and much appreciated by club staff members. The Emporium manag-



Courtesy photo

er Levon Stukes is thrilled to have the truck. "Man, what a help ... couches, easy chairs and large appliances are tough to load in a van or a small pickup. We can put a lot of items at once in the box truck and we won't have to keep running back and forth to the store after every delivery or pick up like we had to before," he said.

Stukes and Boys & Girls Club director Woodraun Wright plan to make the truck a "rolling billboard" that will generate much-needed income for the club by advertising local businesses.

The truck needs to be stripped of its current graphics and painted, which will involve a lot of hard work. Wright and DuBrule contacted Beverly Ragland, owner of Duck's Body Shop, who will paint the truck at no charge. It should be ready by mid-April, DuBrule said.

The plan is to offer local businesses the opportunity to purchase advertising space on the truck. A local sign company will produce the vinyl signage for each business and it will be applied to the truck, which will also display the Boys & Girls Club logo. For more information, call 658-1042.

Anyone having good, usable items to donate call the club at 873-6160. Smaller items may be brought to The Emporium, 248 Pomegranate Ave. (one block off the west side of North Ridgewood, near the police station),

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Pygmy Fringe Tree festival under way

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — The explosion of orange blossoms in March is hard to ignore, but tracking down the more modest, elusive flowers of local native plants of ten requires a sharper eye. Consider yourself lucky to see the graceful, fountain of blooms of the rare Pygmy Fringe Tree.

This year a new Pygmy Fringe Tree Wildflower Festival is being organized to celebrate the blooming season of native wildflowers found on the Lake Wales Ridge. Sponsored by a team of local organizations — South Florida State College, Bok Tower Gardens, Archbold Biological Station, The Nature Conservancy, and Champion for Children — the festival kicked off Thursday at SFSC. Today and Saturday there will be other wildflower walks at sites along the Ridge including Bok Tower, Tiger Creek Preserve, and Archbold Biological Station.

The wildflower walk at Archbold Biological Station will be led by Station scientist Stacy Smith from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. "I'll be leading the tour along our trail," Smith said. "I plan to share lots of stories about local wildflowers, and discuss Archbold's research on native plants."

"A walk with Stacy is always a great way to learn how to identify flowers in the Florida scrub," noted Hilary Swain, executive director.

Archbold Biological Station is eight miles south of Lake Placid. The entrance is 1.8 miles south of State Road 70 on Old State Road 8.

For more information about the festival, visit fringetreewildflowerfestival.com/. For more information Archbold, visit www.archbold-station.org.

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Highlands County Sheriff's detectives and crime scene investigators work the scene Sunday afternoon at 215 Plantation Drive in Sebring after Floyd Gene Hodge, 31, fired on neighbors homes from his yard and then on Sheriff's vehicles before being shot and killed by a deputy. The patrol car by the suspect's house (background) arrived there when he reportedly jumped into it and drove it there during the incident.

Deadly Nile crocodile captured in Everglades

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK (AP) — A deadly young Nile crocodile has been captured alive in Everglades National Park.

The crocodile caught Sunday has eluded officials for nearly two years, said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokesman Jorge Pino. He said the 5 1/2-foot, 37-pound croc likely escaped from a facility in Miami-Dade County with two others, which were captured in 2009 and 2012.

"We are conducting

DNA sampling to determine if the crocodile recovered on Sunday is part of a stock of crocs being housed in southern Dade," Pino said.

Florida considers the Nile crocodile an exotic species, so their escape is considered a crime. "So if we can prove through DNA that the animal that was caught belonged to that specific individual, then that individual will be facing charges," Pino added.

Wildlife officials said Nile crocs can grow up to 17 feet, some three feet

OBITUARIES

RUTH WILLIAMS

Ruth Williams, 83, died March 10, 2014. The darling wife of Jack Williams (deceased), she is survived by her six children: Barbara (Tom), Linda (Steve), Mike (Rita), Jack (Leslie), Eddie (Karen), and Melissa (David).

She has 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ruth recently lived at Barkley Place, previously at Jamaica Bay and Tice.

Ruth was from Beckley, W.Va. A graveside service was held at Bougainvillea Cemetery.

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School Board talks sales tax strategy

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

SEBRING — In 2005, the last time the Highlands County School Board asked voters to approve a local sales tax to fund capital improvement, turnout was low and the answer was, “No.”

Superintendent of Schools Wally Cox said the district did a good job talking it up, but voter turnout was low, especially among school staff and faculty, who were at schools all day, he said.

“I do think we need to get some people outside of the school system who would support it,” Cox said.

This time, Cox wants board members, faculty and staff to learn about the issue, talk it up with voters and answer their questions on why the school district needs the money and where it will go.

“Anyone who questions this, take them on a walk-through (school tour),” said board member Jan Shoop, District 3.

The district asked for a vote in 2010 for an increase of 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value, and that passed, but it expired after two years.

Cox said he prefers increasing sales tax to increasing property tax.

“It helps to do a half-cent sales tax,” Cox said. “Everyone pays a little bit.”

He said 35 percent of the tax would be paid by tourists or seasonal residents, and would raise \$6 million, based on projections from Assistant Superintendent Mike Averyt, head of operations.

The call for new funding came to light this year after board members toured county schools in early February. Bill Brantley, District 4, said after four years walking through schools, he’s seen the same unmet needs: Roofing, plumbing, permanent classrooms, buses and up-to-date technology.

Averyt said the district has been unable to replace a single bus in three years.

“Technology needs will be considerable as we replace (computers) over the next 10-20 years,” Averyt said.

Highlands County, like most taxing entities, lost revenue when property values dropped in the recession, down from \$5.8 billion in 2006-07 to \$4.8 billion for this fiscal year (2013-14), almost half the

original projection of \$9.2 billion, Averyt said.

Cox said the district was hit again when the Florida Legislature redirected a half mill — 50 cents for every \$1,000 of taxable value — from the district’s capital improvement fund into its general fund. The change came in two 25-cent installments in 2008-09 and in 2009-10, and cut the capital improvement revenue from \$13 million per year to \$6.9 million, Averyt said.

A half-cent sales tax would close that gap, Cox said.

For fiscal year 2013-14, the capital outlay plan has \$6.9 million in revenue, \$1.6 million carried over from last year and another \$15,000 in interest. However, the district needs to transfer \$950,000 to the general fund for maintenance and has a debt payment of \$5.1 million this year and another of \$5.3 million next year, Averyt said.

That debt was incurred when the district built Memorial Elementary School and added onto other schools to comply with Florida’s class size amendment, he said. New needed projects include school buildings, remodeling and technology, he said.

COUNCIL

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the health department office at 106 N. Main Ave. was closed.

“We are not closing the Lake Placid Center,” said Thomas Moran, public information officer of the Florida Department of Health of Highlands County. “In order to provide services in the most effective way, the Highlands County Department of Health, along with the county commissioners of Highlands County, decided to consolidate the medical and dental services to the Sebring location.”

Moran went on to say that there are negotiations for transportation for the “transportation impaired,” and that the women’s and children’s services are still available at the Lake Placid site.

Moran also said there also were a number of nurses that retired from the Lake Placid site, which was another factor in the decision.

“There are three places in Avon Park and one in Sebring where the same services are offered, but none in Lake Placid?”

asked Town Attorney Bert Harris III. Moran answered that Harris was “correct.”

“What is important to remember here is that they didn’t just withdraw services from Lake Placid, they withdrew services from 32 percent of Highlands County,” said council member Ray Royce. “I’m amazed that Highlands County, without amending their interlocal funding agreement, would disenfranchise 32 percent of the county for the care they were receiving previously.”

The council decided to draft a resolution for the mayor’s signature to be presented to the county commission to provide the services in Lake Placid until other arrangements are in place.

In other business, the council addressed the parking issue on Magnolia, adjacent to the new location of Chef Buddy’s Restaurant. “We need to delineate where the parking is so that there is no confusion,” Royce said. “There are a lot of things happening in that area so we need to make improvements in that block.”

The town decid-

ed to paint stripes on the pavement to eliminate confusion immediately and to research options to solve the problem for the long term.

The council also discussed annexations.

“There are four options for rezoning the area along Tangerine for annexation into the town of Lake Placid,” Highlands County Planning Supervisor Susan Buchans said.

Option 1: They maintain county zoning and county land use that they have now, including agriculture.

Option 2: Adopt town land use and maintain county zoning.

Option 3: Adopt town land use and rezone to a conceptual site plan.

Option 4 adopt town land use and rezone to a planned development (PD) district.

“Tonight’s presentation was merely to get the council’s guidance on how to present these options,” Harris said. “We are giving them broad options.”

The council decided to have staff discuss the options with the people that are interested in annexation.

SCHOOL

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the town.

“They told me funding was down and the senior nurse retired,” said Vice Chairperson William “Bill” Brantley II, who represents District 4, which covers Lake Placid.

Tom Moran, spokesman for the Health Department, said that while medical and dental services have moved to the Sebring office on South George Boulevard, women’s and children’s services should still be available at the Lake Placid site.

He also said that he spoke with Brantley and emphasized that the drop in revenue was the main reason. The retirement of a nurse wasn’t a deciding factor, but it was a consideration in reorganizing the office.

Brantley, who lives in Lake Placid, said many

students get their athletics physicals, annual checkups and shots there, he said, especially since their families don’t have reliable transportation to get to and from Sebring for medical care.

He said the Lake Placid Town Council has already passed a resolution to Health Department and the Highlands County Commission asking for reconsideration. Brantley said he would be fine with the office having a reduced hours, as long as it doesn’t close completely.

Both Brantley and County Commissioner Jack Richie were scheduled to attend a county staff meeting Thursday afternoon to learn more about it.

“My reaction was complete surprise,” said Richie, who represents District 4, which includes Lake Placid.

“I heard about it when the rest of the public

found out.”

He said he hoped to find out more at the meeting.

Brantley said he had been told it partly funded by the county, but Richie has told him it’s not, although it’s in a county building.

“There is a lot of miscommunication,” Brantley said, “between the department and the county.”

While WIC is still available in Lake Placid and Avon Park, what Brantley considers to be the two most important services — medical and dental — are only in Sebring now.

Although two elected officials were present at Thursday’s meeting, they were not from the same governing board, so the meeting did not have to be noticed or open to the public under the Sunshine Law.

The meeting was not complete at press time and results of the meeting were not available.

RACES

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“We got here Wednesday,” said Talbot.

“We may or may not catch the actual Races, always depends. This is a big, awesome party. We love it,” said Grow.

The crew showed off their collection of wine cork and beer bottle cap artwork, which includes a large American Le Mans Series logo (which is now a relic since the ALMS is gone), a small Raceway replica and also a light-up skunk ape piece complete with glowing eyes.

“We work on them throughout the year, all of us pitch in. Some take longer than others. This one we started after the Races last year,” Grow said.

The Skunk Ape crew were prepping for an early lunch when camp chef Craft pulled a tray of spicy sausages from the grill.

“Look at this, it’s just beautiful,” Craft said, checking the smoker and tending to a pork butt and shoulder. “It’s been cooking since 9 this morning, it’ll be good to go by 5 or 6 (p.m.)”

Five very enthusiastic “Drunk Monks” meandered around the outside of the track enjoying the sights and sounds of the Raceway.

The crew has become



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

The Sebring Skunk Apes are feeling frisky Thursday morning at their camp in Sebring. The group has spent countless hours creating artwork made out of bottle caps and wine bottle corks.

popular over the past five years, when they decided to create their own unique look.

“Why not?” one of the monks said with a laugh. “We wanted something different out here so, we thought ‘Why not monks?’”

Around 10 to 15 Drunk Monks show up each year for the 12 Hours, some from as far away as New Zealand and Norway.

A closer-to-home-crew from the Jacksonville and Gainesville areas enjoyed the Races in a laid-back fashion with one of the youngest race fans at the track.

Tanner Hackney, who is 16 months old, read aloud with his father, Brien, in a cozy seat at their camp while the rest of the crew geared up for the day.

“We’ve been coming for

10 years. There’s 37 of us total this year. We’ve got a group that’s just about to be here in a few minutes, they drove all day and night from Pennsylvania,” said Albert Holland.

Holland — along with buddies Neil Heggod, Chuck Broddeck, and Jeff Pfannes — relaxed at their camp and made plans for the evening.

“We absolutely watch the Races, that’s what it’s all about. We may not watch all of it, we may watch the beginning or we may watch the end, but we watch it and we party,” Holland said.

The 62nd annual Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring kicks off at 10:15 a.m. Saturday.

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SPORTS

Dean takes second in MX-5 opener

BY BARRY FOSTER
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – After winning the pole position, Sebring driver John Dean had to settle for second place in the opener of the Mazda MX-5 Cup presented by BF Goodrich on Thursday.

Just like his effort in 2013, it was a photo finish as the No. 12 car of Ken Koch raced through the checkers just .053 seconds ahead of the Projections Research car of Sick Sideways Racing.

Although Dean led most of the 45-minute competition, Koch was able to get around him on Turn 17 to take the win.

The race was slowed for several laps when the No. 31 of Maryland driver Ja-



Photo courtesy of Myles Regan

Ken Koch slips to the front of the pack in the final turn, edging out Sebring's John Dean Thursday morning.

son Cherry hit the wall causing a full course yellow.

Dean had had drawn first blood capturing the pole Wednesday with a lap of 2:31.372 around the 3.74-mile Sebring International Raceway.

That's an average speed of 87.995 mph.

Dean, who didn't get to drive at Tuesday's promoter test day had worried about the equipment on his No. 16 Projections Research/PPG MX-5.

"We had some really old tires, from the middle of last year, on the car and it felt great. Being fastest at my home track in the first

three laps I turned felt really good," Dean said. "I had a lot of friends and family that were watching live timing, so I'm sure I've got a million text messages."

Dean's car also serves an ambassador for the

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Pre-spawn and post-spawn bass

Many of the big fish being caught lately at Lake Istokpoga have already spawned out. But there are still plenty of trophy sized fish moving in every day to spawn.

Last Friday, March 7, Nick DeSanta and I fished the Lake Istokpoga tournament out of Windy Point.

I had fished this tournament four or five weeks ago with Kyle King in a torrential downpour and although only four boats braved the weather, we won the event with about 10 pounds.

The weather report last Friday said high winds, 15-20 mph, and Nick and I decided to run to the north end of the lake to a spot where we'd been doing well for the last couple of weeks.

Hopefully we'd get to fish the area before the winds picked up.

The ride up wasn't bad, but within 20 minutes of arriving, the wind was blowing at gale force and we couldn't hold our position so we decided to head back.

Big mistake!

The heavy wind was coming out of the west and rollers, not waves, were pummeling the boat.

I haven't seen such rough water since fishing Lake Erie, up in Ohio.

It was so rough we ended up heading southeast, unable to cross the lake going west and sought refuge behind the Big Island.

But even that seemed futile since we hit the rough water again once we reached the bottom of the island.

Getting back to the Windy Point boat ramp area was tough, but we finally made it.

Soaked with water that came over the front and sides of the boat, we fished the pads south of the boat ramp and although we'd never fished that area before, I had a good strike on a Rage Craw and as soon as I set the hook, the fish circled



FISHIN' AROUND
Don Norton

the stems of the monster pads and I couldn't budge her.

With the wind blowing us away from the bass, I flipped the electric motor on high and continued maintaining pressure on the line while I tried to get back to where the bass was wrapped up.

Nick knelt down in the front of the boat and tried to pull the pads out by the roots but they were too strong.

Breaking off some of the stems, Nick was sure the bass had gotten off.

I couldn't feel anything but my snag so I finally stuck my rod tip down in the water and started poking around with the tip.

That was all it took.

She shot out of the pads with a vengeance and started ripping out line.

We were both surprised that she was still on the hook, but we were even more surprised she was that big.

But I got over the shock pretty quick and after a couple of good jumps, I was able to work her back to the net and Nick scooped her up.

We quickly measured her (25 1/2") and slid her into the livewell.

A good fish in any tournament, we figured she'd go close to nine pounds.

With only an hour left, we continued to work the pads and I finally caught another bass around a pound and a half as the tournament ended.

We took our two fish up to the scales and weighed them in.

To our surprise, the bass only weighed 7.66 lbs, obviously having spawned out.

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Dragons, Devils double down

BY DAN HOEHNE
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LAKE PLACID – "If we lose to a cold team, I'm not going to be happy," Green Dragon head coach D.W. Daum said prior to Tuesday's late-starting district contest against Mulberry.

By cold, he meant a team hurrying off the bus and going through a rushed warm-up before play got underway – as that Panthers late arrival saw the first pitch for the scheduled 7 p.m. start be delivered at 8:20 p.m.

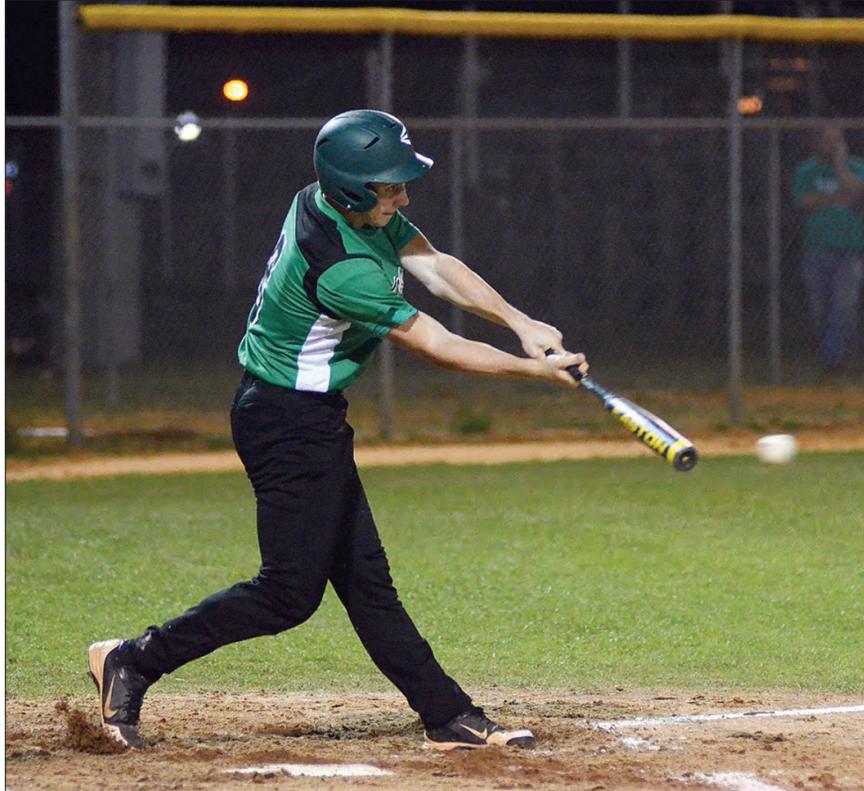
Then again, with the added time waiting, Daum's charges were relatively cool themselves by the time that game got started.

But Lake Placid made the skipper happy with a 5-1 win.

Jacob Cram pitched a gem, going six innings, surrendering just two hits and three walks while striking out 11.

Justin Mason came on to work a 1-2-3 seventh to close it out.

It wasn't until the fifth when Mulberry got on the



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Justin LaRosa lashed two doubles Tuesday night in Lake Placid's 5-1 win over Mulberry.

board, as a walk, stolen base and double plated a run, but that would be it.

And by then, the Dragons had scored twice.

In the third, Isaiah Velasquez was hit by a pitch and stole second as Tyler Carr drew a walk.

Laine Daum reached on an error to load the bases and Cram helped his

own cause with a deep drive that went for a sacrifice fly.

Then in the fourth, Justin LaRosa lead off with a double to right-center and a pair of bunts, by Alex Miller and Mason, made it a 2-0 game.

After the Panthers had halved it in the top of the fifth, Lake Placid added

three insurance runs in the bottom of the frame.

With one out, Daum singled and Cram reached on an error.

The runners moved to second and third on a wild pitch before Alan Vega ripped one into the corner in left for a

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In LP Seniors, Yates wins eighth straight

Special to the News-Sun

In Lake Placid Senior Softball on Monday, March 10, Yates Insurance continued their winning ways with a tight 15-14 win over Seminole Tire.

The 'Noles rallied in the last inning, highlighted by "Wahoo" Stanley's home run, but stranded the tying run on base when third baseman Gene Welbaum squeezed a twisting popup for the last out.

Darrel Richards (two triples), Richard Rucker (two doubles), Howard Carney (double, triple) and Brian Heaphy (double) paced the Yates attack with three hits each.

Stanley, Ed Engler (two doubles), Bob Roth and Frank Hedges had four hits apiece for Seminole Tire.

Outfielder Chet Johnson took a fly ball to the mouth, went to the hospital for stitches, but vowed to be back in the lineup next week.

Schooni's Restaurant also won a one-run affair, defeating Central Security 13-12.

Winning pitcher "V-Rod" Rodriguez aided his own cause with four hits (double), while "Wild Bill" DeStefano had three hits.

Outfielder Harvey Jones made a fine, running catch for the play of the

game.

For the Securitymen, Ross Anderson (triple), Ian McCuaig, Dick Cook (double, home run) and Woody Hoffman (triple) had three hits each.

In Wednesday, March 12, action, Seminole Tire (2-6) upset Central Security (4-4) 19-16.

Bob Roth and winning pitcher "Wahoo" Stanley had four hits each and hit back-to-back home runs in the seventh inning to secure the victory.

Second baseman Frank Hedges also had four hits and made the play of the game when he backhanded a liner off the bat of his nephew Joe and threw

him out at first.

"Tell Joe all is forgiven and he is invited back to dinner," quipped "Uncle Frank" following the game.

For The Securitymen, Ross Anderson homered, Dave Londo (two doubles) and Fred Moore had four hits each.

Yates (8-0) continued their perfect second half with an extra-inning, 18-17 thriller over Schooni's (2-6).

It was the fourth straight one-run win for The Insurers.

With the tying run on third and two out in the last inning, rover Darrel

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Courtesy photo

Jim Morgan shows off his nearly nine-pound bass caught on Lake Josephine in Sunday's Sebring Bassmasters tournament.

COMING UP

High School Baseball
Today – Avon Park vs. Lake Placid, 7 p.m.; Sebring at Hardee, 7 p.m.
Monday – Sebring at New Smyrna Beach, 7 p.m.; Lake Placid at Hardee, 6 p.m.

College Baseball
Today – SFSC vs. Polk State, 6 p.m.
Saturday – SFSC at Polk State, 1 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV TODAY

COLLEGE BASEBALL

■ Arkansas at Florida 7 p.m. SUN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

■ ACC Tournament, Quarterfinal	Noon	ESPN
■ Big Ten Tournament, Quarterfinal	Noon	ESPN2
■ ACC Tournament, Quarterfinal	2:30 p.m.	ESPN
■ Big Ten Tournament, Quarterfinal	2:30 p.m.	ESPN2
■ SEC Tournament, Quarterfinal	7 p.m.	WTTA
■ ACC Tournament, Quarterfinal	7 p.m.	ESPN
■ AAC Tournament, Semifinal	7 p.m.	ESPN2
■ SEC Tournament, Quarterfinal	9:30 p.m.	WTTA
■ ACC Tournament, Quarterfinal	9:30 p.m.	ESPN
■ AAC Tournament, Semifinal	9:30 p.m.	ESPN2

GOLF

■ EuroPGA – Trophee Hassan II	9:30 a.m.	GOLF
■ PGA – Valspar Championship	3 p.m.	GOLF
■ PGA – Toshiba Classic	6:30 p.m.	GOLF

TENNIS

■ ATP – BNP Paribas Open, Quarterfinal	4:30 p.m.	ESPN2
■ ATP – BNP Paribas Open, Semifinal	11:30 p.m.	ESPN2

MONDAY

AUTO RACING

■ NASCAR – Grit Chip's 300, Qualifying	10 a.m.	ESPN2
■ NASCAR – Drive to Stop Diabetes 300	2 p.m.	ESPN2

BOXING

■ Danny Garcia vs. Mauricio Herrera	9 p.m.	SHOW
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COLLEGE BASEBALL

■ Mississippi State at Georgia Noon SUN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

■ Conference USA Tournament, Final	11:30 a.m.	CBS
■ America East Tournament, Final	11:30 a.m.	ESPN2
■ SEC Tournament, Semifinal	1 p.m.	ABC
■ ACC Tournament, Semifinal	1 p.m.	ESPN
■ Big Ten Tournament, Semifinal	1:40 p.m.	CBS
■ SEC Tournament, Semifinal	3 p.m.	ABC
■ ACC Tournament, Semifinal	3 p.m.	ESPN
■ Big Ten Tournament, Semifinal	4 p.m.	CBS
■ SWAC Tournament, Final	4:30 p.m.	ESPN2
■ Mountain West Tournament, Final	6 p.m.	CBS
■ AAC Tournament, Final	6 p.m.	ESPN
■ MAC Tournament, Final	6:30 p.m.	ESPN2
■ Southland Tournament, Final	8:30 p.m.	ESPN2
■ Big 12 Tournament, Final	9 p.m.	ESPN2
■ Big West Tournament, Final	10:30 p.m.	ESPN2

GOLF

■ PGA – Valspar Championship	1 p.m.	GOLF
■ PGA – Valspar Championship	3 p.m.	NBC
■ PGA – Toshiba Classic	7 p.m.	GOLF

MLB

■ Chicago Cubs vs. N.Y. Mets	4 p.m.	WGN
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NBA

■ Sacramento at Chicago	8 p.m.	WGN
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NHL

■ New Jersey at Tampa Bay	7 p.m.	SUN
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OLYMPICS

■ Paralympics – Ice Sledge Hockey	1 p.m.	NBC
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SCOREBOARD

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	36	27	.571	—
Brooklyn	33	30	.524	3
New York	26	40	.394	11½
Boston	22	43	.338	15
Philadelphia	15	49	.234	21½
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	44	18	.710	—
Washington	33	31	.516	12
Charlotte	31	34	.477	14½
Atlanta	27	35	.435	17
Orlando	19	47	.288	27
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	47	17	.734	—
Chicago	35	29	.547	12
Detroit	25	40	.385	22½
Cleveland	25	40	.385	22½
Milwaukee	13	51	.203	34

L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.

Cleveland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	65	43	17	5	91	208	144
Toronto	67	35	24	8	78	198	205
Montreal	67	35	25	7	77	167	170
Tampa Bay	65	34	24	7	75	186	171
Detroit	65	29	23	13	71	172	183
Ottawa	65	28	25	12	68	185	213
Florida	65	24	34	7	55	157	209
Buffalo	65	19	38	8	46	129	192
Metropolitan	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	65	44	14	4	92	206	159
N.Y. Rangers	66	35	27	4	74	172	165
Columbus	65	34	26	5	73	190	179
Philadelphia	65	33	25	7	73	184	190
New Jersey	66	29	24	13	71	163	168
Washington	67	30	27	10	70	193	202
Carolina	65	28	28	9	65	163	185
N.Y. Islanders	67	25	33	9	59	188	228

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	65	44	14	7	95	213	148
Colorado	66	43	18	5	91	202	174
Chicago	66	38	14	14	90	225	175
Minnesota	65	34	22	9	77	161	161
Dallas	65	32	23	10	74	188	181
Winnipeg	67	30	28	9	69	184	195
Nashville	66	28	28	10	66	160	195
Pacific	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	66	43	16	7	93	210	167
San Jose	66	42	17	7	91	205	159
Los Angeles	66	38	22	6	82	162	139
Phoenix	66	31	24	11	73	184	189
Vancouver	68	30	28	10	70	160	183
Calgary	66	26	33	7	59	159	196
Edmonton	66	23	35	8	54	166	215

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

Wednesday's Games

Vancouver 3, Winnipeg 2, SO
Boston 4, Montreal 1
Colorado 3, Chicago 2
Calgary 7, Anaheim 2
Thursday's Games
Phoenix at Boston, late
Buffalo at Carolina, late
San Jose at Columbus, late
Florida at Tampa Bay, late
Edmonton at St. Louis, late
N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, late
Toronto at Los Angeles, late
Friday's Games
San Jose at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 9 p.m.

OBT Baseball Games

SEBRING – Orange Blossom Tours has reserved excellent grandstand seats for the Friday, March 28, Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training game against the Detroit Tigers in Lakeland.

The trip also includes dinner and “Ernie”, a play about renowned Detroit radio broadcaster Ernie Harwell, in the beautifully restored Polk Theater.

For ticket prices and pickup times and locations, please go to www.orangeblossomtours.com or call 855-628-0855 or 451-3040.

Avon Park Mall Early Bird 5K

AVON PARK – The 27th Annual Avon Park Mall Early Bird 5K and One mile Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, March 22, at 8 a.m.

The 5K will benefit the boys and girls track programs at Avon Park High School.

Early entry fee is \$15 thru March 17 and then \$25 including race day.

Youngsters 13 and under may register for \$10 with no shirt at this cost.

Registration and sign in on race day will begin at 6:30 a.m. and close at the Baptist Youth Center across from the tennis courts in Donaldson Park in Avon Park.

Race tee shirts sizes are only guaranteed to pre-registered runners.

Entry forms may be obtained by emailing Chet Brojek at cbrojek@com-cast.net or by calling him at 385-4736.

You may mail your entry information including name, age, tee size and race distance to the coach at 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872.

Lake Placid Cornhole Tournament

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Senior FFA will be hosting its’ third annual Cornhole Tournament on Friday, March 28, at Roger Scarborough Field.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with tournament play beginning at 6 p.m.

Entry fee is \$40 per team, with the winner receiving a commemorative set of Cornhole boards.

The tournament is being held in conjunction with the Lake Placid Alumni BBQ.

For more information, call Lake Placid Sr. FFA advisor Lauren Butler at (863) 699-5010, or email ButlerL@highlands.k12.fl.us.

STR8UP Family Sports Day

LAKE PLACID – STR8UP Youth Ministry will be presenting a Family Sports Day on Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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The day will feature Sun, Sand and Hoops with 2-on-2 and 5-on-5 volleyball tournaments, as well as 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 basketball tournaments, with cash prizes to overall winners – not to mention food, drinks and music all day long.

Cost is \$10 per person that pre-registers, \$15 per person the day of the event. Registration forms are available at Dock 633, the Florida Hospital Gym and Chef Buddy's, or go to www.str8up.org for Paypal registration.

Listen on 91.5 JOY FM for details.

Please make checks payable to STR8UP Youth Ministry, Inc., and send to P.O. Box 654, Lake Placid, FL 33862.

There will be a live DJ and announcer, featuring guest speakers Chad Varga, Magic Benton and Big John Merrill.

Kalie Spurlock will be singing the national anthem, along with ribbon cutting by the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call (863) 699-1480.

Lake Placid Bass Tournament

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its’ 18th Annual Bass Tournament on Sunday, March 30, on Lake Istokpoga.

Cost is \$120 per team, which includes Big Bass, with a 100-percent pay back.

Applications are available on the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce website at www.visitlake-placidflorida.com, or by calling the Chamber at (863) 465-4331.

Sebring Chamber Golf Classic

SEBRING – The Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce will hold their Spring Golf Classic tournament on Saturday, April 5, at Sun ‘N Lake Golf Club.

The event is a four person scramble with handicapped flights.

There will be cash prizes: \$2,000 for hole-in-one, \$250 for longest drive and \$250 for closest to the pin.

Entry fee is \$60 per player, or \$225 for a four-person team, and includes greens fee, cart, drinks on the course and lunch.

Corporate sponsorship includes a four-person team and hole sign for \$300.

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

All proceeds benefit the Sebring Chamber of Commerce.

For questions or a registration form, call (863)

385-8448 or email information@sebring.org

Nu-Hope Golf tournament

AVON PARK – NU-HOPE Elder Care Services will hold the Sandy Foster Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 19.

This year's event, sponsored by MIDFLORIDA, will be held at Pinecrest Golf Club in Avon Park.

The event is a 2-person scramble. Cost is \$65/person (\$130 per 2-person team.)

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., with a Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

An awards luncheon follows the event.

All funds raised are used to support services for seniors in Highlands and Hardee County.

To register or for more information, please contact Laurie Murphy at 382-2134 or MurphyL@nuhope.org or visit www.nuhopeelder-care.org

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 – payment is due Saturday, March 22.

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.

Sottile Memorial Golf

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Athletic Association will be hosting the 8th Annual Nick Sottile Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 12, at the Placid Lakes Country Club.

The event is a four-person scramble with cash prizes for winning teams in each flight and individual cash prizes for closest to the line, closest to the pin and a \$2,000 Hole in One prize sponsored by Cohan Radio Group.

Cost is \$100 per golfer, \$400 per team, and there will be an 8 a.m. tee-off time.

Entry fee includes greens fee, cart, complementary beverages and lunch catered by Smoke Shack BBQ, with appetizers of shrimp and crab clusters.

Bill Jarrett Ford is helping to underwrite the event for the eighth consecutive year, but more sponsors are needed.

Sponsorship ranges from \$1,000 to \$50 hole-spon-

sors and lunch tickets are included with most sponsorship levels.

Proceeds from the tournament directly benefit youth sports in Lake Placid and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Nick Sottile Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A portion of the proceeds will also be used for completion of a new sports weight-training facility.

For more information, call Laura Teal at (863) 441-0729 or Tom Reifsnnyder at (954) 675-9581.

Florida Hospital Clay Shoot

OKEECHOBEE – The Florida Hospital Heartland Clay Shoot will be held on Friday, April 25, at the Quail Creek Plantation beginning at 8:30 a.m.

A continental breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. at Quail Creek, located at 12399 NE 224th St., Okeechobee.

There will also be a home-cooked BBQ lunch and fantastic raffle and green bird prizes.

There are four levels of sponsorships available, from Station Sponsor which includes advertising on course station signage and lunch for two for \$100, Individual Sponsor for \$125 which includes registration for one shooter and lunch.

The \$500 Team Sponsor includes one four-man shooting team, lunch and advertising on banner displayed at lunch tents.

The \$2,500 Gold Sponsor includes one

Blue Streaks top LP track meet

BY DAN HOEHNE
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LAKE PLACID – The Blue Streak boys and Lady Green Dragons took top honors at the four-team Lake Placid Track and Field meet Tuesday.

The Sebring boys finished five points ahead of Hardee, 100-95, while the Ladies in Green stayed ahead of the Lady Streaks by four, 70-66.

With full team scores combined, Sebring had the overall edge with 166 points to Hardee's 155, Lake Placid's 100 and Avon Park's 94.

The action began in the field events, with Latoya Henley getting a girls shot put win for the Streaks, putting the shot 32-feet, 7-inches, while Red Devil Bryan Johnson won the boys side of the event with a toss of 40-feet, 6-inches.

In the discus, Sebring got second for both the boys and girls, with Shelia Harris coming one foot shy of Hardee's Allison Smith and Brendon Rentz getting a throw of 94-feet, 8-inches.

Lady Dragon Quiahja Williams proved a dual leaping threat, winning both the long and high jumps, while Sebring's Jordyn Blount matched that feat for the boys.

Lady Streak Imani Powell continued her

quest for the Sebring triple jump record, getting Tuesday's win with a 30-foot, 5-inch landing, with Avon Park's Lashaday Love taking second.

On the boys side, O'Derrick Gall finished a scant one inch shy of Hardee's Tristen Lanier for a second-place finish.

Sebring showed its superiority on the pole vault, with Cameron Cobb and Mitchel Winslow taking first and third, respectively, while Ali Blackman and Shannon Bloemsma took the top two spots for the girls.

Hardee won the girls 4X800 relay, with Lady Dragons Jacqueline Barajas, Gabriella Perez, Elizabeth Gloria and Rosa Ramirez taking second.

The Sebring boys won their side of the 4X800.

In the hurdling events, Lake Placid got a win in the girls 100 from Devany Moore, with Avon Park's Shanice Levenson taking second.

In the boys 110, Hardee took the top two spots with Quincy Claitt getting a third for the Devils.

In the girls 300, Levenson won for Avon Park, with Lake Placid getting second through fourth courtesy of Kathryn LeBlanc, Moore and Allison Kinchen.



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Lady Dragon Quiahja Williams was a multiple winner Tuesday, getting victories in the high jump, long jump and 100-meter dash.

On the boys side, Josh Jones and Christian Suarez were second and fourth, respectively.

Lady Dragon Williams then showed the power of her leaping legs translated well to running short distances as she won the girls 100 ahead of Lady Devil Love.

Sebring took the top three spots in the boys 100, with Brian Dixon winning, Desmond Edwards second and Dygeriyan Barge third.

Moving to the longer distance, Kaytlyn Co-

per got a second in the 1,600 for Sebring, with Lake Placid's Perez taking third.

But the Dragons got a win from Dalton Shelton, who stayed ahead of Sebring's Fosters, Damien and Eric, to take the boys mile.

The Lady Devils just edged ahead of Lake Placid in the girls 4X100, with their time of 54.59 to the Dragons 55.38, though the Sebring boys won their side of the event a bit more comfortably, by almost four



Dan Hoehne/News-sun

Avon Park's Josh Jones clears this hurdle coming around the bend on his way to a second-place finish in the 300 hurdles Tuesday at Lake Placid.

seconds over Hardee.

Torianna Jones got another win for the Avon Park girls, taking the 400, finishing ahead of Sebring's Adrianna Taylor and Lake Placid's Belkis Rivero.

On the boys side, Lanier got the win for Hardee, with Blue Streak Jarvis Bridges second, Red Devil Dre Neely third and teammate Warren Buckner fourth.

Lake Placid's LeBlanc and Sebring's Katie Stoll got second and third in the girls 800, with Shelton winning the boys side and Sebring's Lukas High getting third.

Avon Park took the top two spots in the girls

200, in the form of Love and Keyanessahe Fullard, with Lady Streak Denise Constant third and Lady Dragon Kinchen fourth.

On the boys side, Sebring's Bridges and Edwards went one and two, respectively, with Avon Park's Jones third.

Shelton picked up his third win of the day, finishing 21 seconds ahead of the pack in the boys 3,200, while Lady Dragon Perez was second for the girls.

The Red Devils picked up one more win, taking the girls 4X400 relay, while the Blue Streaks took second to Hardee in the boys event.

BASEBALL

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two-run double.

LaRosa followed with an RBI double of his own and the game was all but had.

FRAZIER MIFFS MINERS

On a night when the usually potent Avon Park offense was held in check, Trey Frazier made

AVON PARK 2
FT. MEADE 1

the scant two runs hold up in a 2-1 win at Ft. Meade Tuesday. The freshman right-hander went an economical seven innings – throwing just 76 pitches, scattering five hits, walking one, striking out eight and surrendering the one run, which was unearned.

The Devils got on the board early, with Alfred Brown doubling down the third-base line and



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Jacob Cram struck out 11 in six innings Tuesday night in getting a 5-1 win over late-arriving Mulberry.

quickly stealing third off Miner hurler Glavine Harpe.

Tyrone Perry drove him in with a grounder, but that would be all Avon Park would muster as Harpe was matching Frazier inning by inning.

But a bit of a bout of wildness in the fourth would nip Harpe as after a Mason Jahna base hit lead off the inning, he plunked Alex Gomez – who gave way to courtesy runner Norris Gordon. J.C. Cobb followed with

a single to load the bases, but after a strike out, a fielder's choice saw Jahna forced at home.

But with the bases still loaded, Luis Martinez worked a walk to force in run number two.

Ft. Meade would scratch for that unearned run in the bottom of the inning, but Frazier faced just one batter over the minimum over the final three innings to secure the win for the now 8-2 Devils.

Down in Arcadia Tuesday, Sebring also suffered from a lack of offense in a 5-2 loss to Desoto, moving them to 5-5 overall and 1-1 in District 11-5A play.

The Blue Streaks were out of district and into the backyard brawl Thursday night as they hosted Avon Park, before returning to district play tonight at Hardee.

The Red Devils follow Thursday's in-county tilt with another, that also has district ramifications, as they play host to Lake Placid tonight at Head Field.

SEDATOL SNARES ONE IN LADY DRAGON LOSS

Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Though center fielder Lahna Sedatol made this fine, running catch in the left-center field gap Tuesday night against McKeel, the visiting Wildcats would see many of their hits drop safely, while the Lake Placid bats were predominantly silent, as they bested the Lady Dragons in district action by an 11-1 score. McKeel is undefeated in District 9-4A play and sits atop the standings. Lake Placid, is 2-4 in their district schedule, putting them in the middle of the pack. The Dragons will look to move up tonight as they host travel to Mulberry to face the Lady Panthers.



DEAN

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City on the Circle, carrying the seal of the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce around the country on the 12 race circuit – advertising both the raceway and the community.

His car also has been immortalized by local artist James R. Hahn as part of the Trend at the Track mural located at the Sebring Regional Airport industrial park.

Dean is here the other 364 days out of the year as well, operating a business in addition to his coaching services for drivers.

His Sick Sideways shop offers race car build/preparation, rentals, transportation, maintenance, trackside support, setup services, driver coaching, marketing/media services and race car storage.

"We mainly work on race cars, but we do private cars as well," he said.

Currently in his shop Dean said he had a variety of cars including Porsches, Vipers, Hondas and MX5s among others.

He also has added new equipment including a new dyno-tuning machine.

"Before, people had to drive more than an hour for that kind of service," he said. "We can use it to find untapped power in a car."

Dean has been running the operation here for three years now.

The employees also serve as the Projections Research Mazda pit crew.

"They do everything. We have lost a lot of sleep getting the car ready for this week's race," he said.

The series will hold its second race of the season Friday (this) morning with another 45-minute competition to kick off the day's action.

Dean will hold the pole position for that race as well.

The green flag is slated to drop at 7:45 a.m.

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Area Golf League Scores

Golf Hammock

Last Monday, March 10, the Mezza Group played an Individual Pro-Am Points event.

A group saw Jim Glick take first with +3, Ike Richards took second with +2 and Les Campbell won third with Even.

In B group, Roger Culberson and Danny Geier tied for first with +3, and Bob Trier and Mike Lajiness tied for second with +1.

Jack Schell took first in C group with +3, Bob Watson took second with +1, Joe Hyzny took third at Even, and honorable mention goes to Pat Dell at -1.

D group had Jim Hammond winning first with +3, followed by Ed Northrup in second at +1, and Howard Brown in third at -1.

In E group, Bobby Culbert took first with +9, Mike Anselm in second with +3, Tony Frances in third at +2, with honorable mention going to Bill Alesi at +1.

F group had a three-way tie for first between Curt Matterson, Jim Daigneault and Bob Wimmers in second at +1, with Dick Botelho in third with -1.

Jerry Edwards took first in G group with +7, followed by a tie for second between Terry Yandle and Greg Brewer at +4.

H group saw Ozzie Bergroth take first with +6, Jerry Linsley took second with Even, and Doc Thomas took third with -1.

In I group, Janet Regan was in first with +6, Bill Woudenberg in second with +2, and Terri Trumbull in third with -1.

J group saw Bill Katcher in first with +6, Dan Tripkovic with +5, Mark Flora in third with +2.

Finally, in K group, Ken Porter grabbed first with +7, Joan Hebert took second with +5, and Bob Goldworthy in third with +3.

Special notice, there will be a banquet for all members of the Mezza Group at Homer's Smorgasbord at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 24.

Next Monday, March 17, the Mezza Group will continue to play at Golf Hammock beginning at 7:45 a.m.

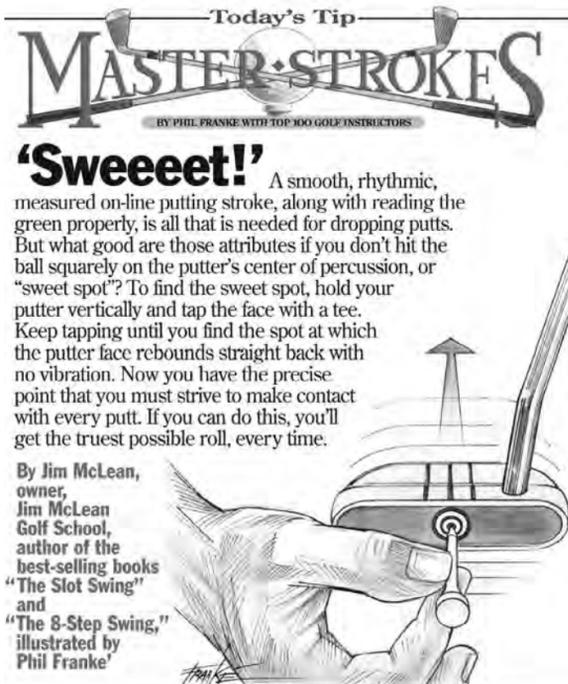
Please arrive early due to a big field of players.

For more information, call Pete at 382-1280.

Lake June West

The Men's League held a Best 36 Holes tournament Thursday, March 13 and crowned Jack MaGinnis as club champ with a net score of 96.

In A Flight, low gross went to the 130 brought in by Claude Cash, sec-



By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing," illustrated by Phil Franke

ond went to Ron West and his 135, while Ron Cobert took third with a 138.

Low net for the flight had Doyan Eades in first with a 102, one shot ahead of the 103 brought in by Art Shmeltz for second.

Bill Hintz was third with a 112.

In B Flight, Howard Langston had a 136 for low gross, George Hay was second with 143 and Bill Fowler third with 146.

Bob Knishka had low net in the flight with a 102, Ward Shaw a close second with 103 and Bob Berard third at 109.

MaGinnis also had low gross for the tournament in C Flight, carding a 142, with Gene Ray second at 145 and Orville Huffman third at 146.

Jerry Ingersol and Boyd York were tied for first in low net in the flight with 101 each and Walter Nagel had a 110 for third.

A Couples Scramble was played on Thursday, March 6.

The Swartz's, Joe and Joyce, teamed with Lyan Huseu and Brent Schumacher to card a 48 for the win.

Art and Kim Ames, John and Donna Stewart and Wanda Jones were second with a 49 while Dick and Norma Denhart, Art Schmeltz, Betty Billau and Joanne McGill came in with a 52 for third.

R. Freeman was closest to the pin for the men, hitting to 13-feet, 11-inches from No. 4, with Karen James getting to within 5-feet, 10-inches from No. 6 and Joyce Swartz to just 1-foot, 3-inches from No. 2.

SpringLake

On Wednesday, March 12, the SpringLake Ladies Golf League played a 2 Person - 1 Best Ball on the Front Nine of the Panther Creek Course and Alternate Shot on the Back Nine.

Net team scores were used for the front 9 and Gross scores for the back

9. Three teams tied for first place with a combined score of 76.

Winners were determined by using the most difficult handicap holes.

The team of Debbie Koperski and Kay Baxter won first place with a 76 followed by the team of Linda Pflieger and Terrie Austin for second place and third place went to the team of Dotti Blackwell and Judy Devries.

Fourth-place winners with a combined score of 80 went to Rosie Foote and Linda Benden.

On Tuesday, March 11, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association conducted a Two Man, Pick Your Partner Scramble on the Panther Creek golf course.

There were two flights handicapped by the average of the two players in each team.

In the A Flight, Gerry Esty and Steve Hall won first place with a gross 71 minus 15 handicap for a net 56 strokes.

Jan Hard and Bill Lawens took second place with a gross 65 minus 8 handicap for a net 57 strokes.

There was a tie in A Flight for third place - at net 58 - between Don Cuning and Vern Hoffman and the team of Joe Troia and Rick Nelson.

In the B Flight, grouchy old Ed Clay and Jerry Terrell took first honors with a gross 76 minus 22 handicap for a net 54 strokes.

Tom Bates and Chips Ryan took home second place with a gross 76 minus 22 for a net 55 strokes.

Third place went to Ray McKenzie and Bill Schauwecker with a net 57 strokes.

On Tuesday and Thursday, March 4 and 6, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held their Annual Championship tournament; Tuesday on Cougar Trail and Thursday on Panther Creek golf course. The Overall Low Gross

Championship went to Gary Behrendt, who scored 73 (3 over par) on Cougar and 71 (1 under par) on Panther, for a total 144 strokes.

The Low Gross award for the A Flight was won by Pat Jaskowski with 75, 78, and a total 153 strokes.

In B Flight, Bill Lawens won a tiebreak with Dave Kamish at 158 strokes to win the Flight.

In C Flight Low Gross, Joe Troia won a tiebreak at 178 strokes over Ray McKenzie and in D Flight, Jerry Terrell won a tiebreak at 184 strokes over Steve Hall and John Schroeder.

The Overall Low Net Championship was won by Gene Hearn with a net 66, a net 72, and a total 138 net strokes for the two days.

Flightwise, in A Flight's Low Net contest, Bazz van Willigen took first with a two-day net 146.

Jan Hard and Ken Kirby tied for second place with 147 net strokes.

In B Flight Low Net, there was a tie for first place at 139 net strokes between Dave Kamish and Joe Austin, with Joe winning the tiebreak.

There was also a tie for third place low net at 148 between Jim Hearn and Don Cunning.

The C Flight Low Net was won by Ray McKenzie at a net 139, with second place going to Ed Clay at 143 and third place to Jay Payne at 144.

D Flight Low Net winner was Charlie Keniston, who hung on for dear life with a 64 / 79 = 143 strokes over a four-way tie at 144 strokes between Larry Colclasure, John Schroeder, Steve Hall and George Thomas.

On Wednesday, March 5, the SpringLake Ladies Golf League played "In the Bucket" on the Cougar Trail Course.

In The Bucket is a Best Ball tournament in which every fourth hole, one player is in the bucket and her net score counts as the team score.

The Net Team winners were Debbie Koperski, Kay Gorham, Diana Ackling

and Ruth Ann Payne with a team net score of 121.

Second place winners were Teri Swisher, Judy Devries, Betty Blaser and Chris Murchie with a team net score of 137.

Third place winners were Lou Cannon, Terrie Austin, Rita Jaskowski and Ann McWilliams with a team net score of 138.

BASS

FROM PAGE A8

I took the bass back out and released them a couple hundred feet from the ramp and we loaded up the boat.

Nick said we finished second with about nine pounds, but we won big bass.

We went up to collect our money and we were told that we were disqualified.

The tournament director informed us that because I was a bass fishing guide, their rules did not allow guides to fish their tournaments.

Nick and I were shocked.

Not only did we fish and win a tournament with this group four weeks earlier, but we won the tournament and noone said anything about me being a guide.

SEBRING BASSMASTERS

The tournament director said it was in their rules, although he didn't have a copy to show me. He returned our entry fee, but kept our \$200+ winnings.

Needless to say, I won't be fishing with this group again.

In fact, REDS is now holding a Friday tournament on Lake Istokpoga, out of the North State Park, beginning March 14, and anyone and everyone is invited to fish with us.

Entry fee is \$30 per team, three-fish limit and as a bonus, the winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate from REDS, and a \$25 gift certificate for big bass.

Come out and join us. We plan on holding this tournament every Friday going forward.

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On Saturday, March 15, the Friends of Istokpoga are hosting a "Big Bass Tournament" on Lake Istokpoga.

Entry fee is \$25 per person, up to three people per boat, live-bait or artificial and limited to 25 boats.

The tournament will go out of Trail's End, off Rt. 98 on Cowhouse Rd.

Participants must be members of The Friends

of Istokpoga (\$10 annual membership). There will be 100-percent payback with 60 going to first place, 25 for second place and 15 for third.

Only one fish can be weighed in per person and the three biggest win.

If you love this lake as many of us do, come out and join us in this fun tournament. We don't need much of an excuse to have a tournament, but this is a really good cause.

Becoming members of the Friends of Istokpoga is an investment in the future of this lake.

If you can't make the tournament, at least become a member.

You must pre-register by 5 p.m. today.

Entry fees will not be accepted at the boat ramp.

Sign up now at REDS II Fishing Tackle at 3603 Sebring Parkway.

The Sebring BassMasters held its third tournament of the year on Sunday, March 9, on Lake Josephine.

It was a slow start, with fog keeping everyone from traveling very far.

My partner, Jim Morgan nailed a beautiful bass before the fog lifted.

He had another nice fish right up to the boat before it got away.

I struggled all day and finally caught two keepers after 1 p.m.

Jim's bass weighed almost nine pounds and proved to be enough to win both big bass and the tournament.

Nick Tidwell finished second with three bass weighing around six pounds.

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

Bucs agree with QB McCown

FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA — Free agent quarterback Josh McCown has agreed to terms of a two-year contract with the Tampa

Bay Buccaneers, a move that reunites him with coach Lovie Smith.

A career backup, the 12th-year pro is coming off the best season of his career with Chicago.

SENIORS

FROM PAGE A8

Richards speared a hot liner off the bat of "V-Rod" Rodriguez to end the game.

"I see a lot of my players in church on Sunday,"

observed manager Doran Quigg. "I better keep seeing them there."

For Yates, John McCallum homered, while Quigg, Cliff Bluml (three doubles), Bill Gallagher (three doubles) and Howard Carney formed the Four Hit Club.

Pacing Schooni's with

four hits each were "Wild Bill" DeStefano (double), Norm Grubbs (two doubles) and Victor Rodriguez (two triples).

Elston Hedges slugged three doubles.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Cool in the morning; mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy, t-storms possible	Times of clouds and sun
75° / 53°	79° / 60°	84° / 67°	82° / 61°	82° / 61°
Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: S at 7-14 mph	Winds: W at 6-12 mph	Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph

Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	82°
Low Sunday	47°
High Monday	83°
Low Monday	43°
High Tuesday	84°
Low Tuesday	45°
High Wednesday	85°
Low Wednesday	59°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	38%
Expected air temperature	74°
Makes it feel like	74°

Barometer

Monday	29.98
Tuesday	29.81
Wednesday	29.95

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.22"
Year to date	5.09"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	1:17 a.m.
Low	8:01 a.m.
High	2:26 p.m.
Low	7:54 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	8:05 a.m.
Low	1:40 a.m.
High	8:23 p.m.
Low	2:00 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.83'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

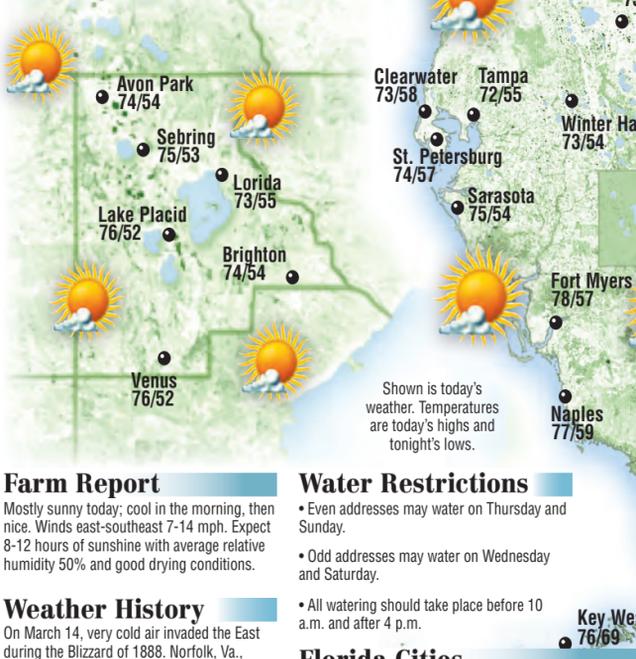


0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme
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Regional Summary

Mostly sunny today; cool in the morning, then pleasant in the afternoon. A moonlit sky tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow and Sunday. Monday: mainly cloudy with thunderstorms possible.



Farm Report

Mostly sunny today; cool in the morning, then nice. Winds east-southeast 7-14 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 50% and good drying conditions.

Weather History

On March 14, very cold air invaded the East during the Blizzard of 1888. Norfolk, Va., reached only 14 degrees. This tied the record for the coldest March day ever there.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:37 a.m.	7:36 a.m.
Sunset	7:34 p.m.	7:35 p.m.
Moonrise	6:02 p.m.	6:54 p.m.
Moonset	6:08 a.m.	6:44 a.m.

	Full	Last	New	First
	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 7

Water Restrictions

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

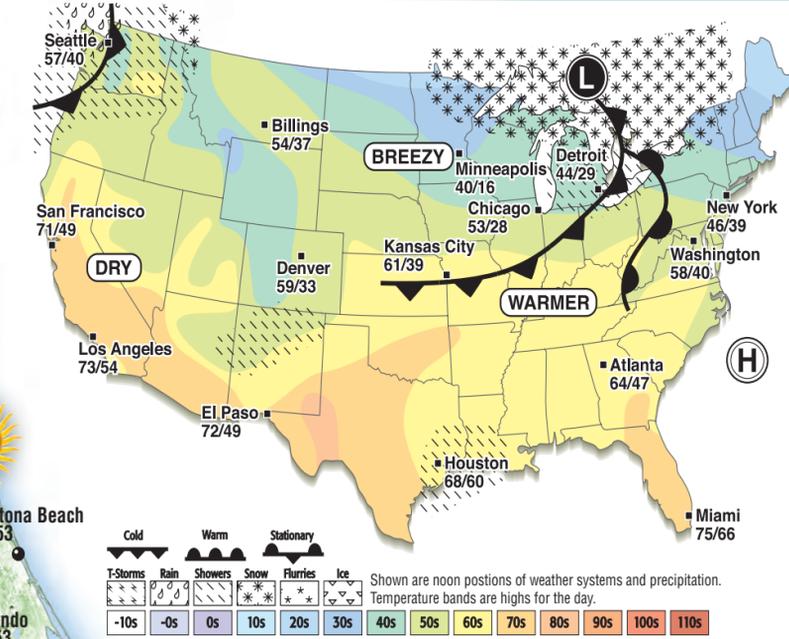
Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	78/55/s	81/62/pc	84/69/c
Clearwater	73/58/s	77/64/pc	79/68/pc
Coral Springs	74/64/pc	78/69/pc	83/73/pc
Daytona Beach	69/53/s	73/60/pc	79/65/pc
Fl. Laud. Bch	75/67/pc	78/71/pc	83/75/pc
Fort Myers	78/57/s	81/63/pc	85/69/c
Gainesville	71/46/s	75/55/pc	76/61/sh
Hollywood	74/62/pc	78/67/pc	84/71/pc
Homestead AFB	74/63/pc	77/67/pc	82/71/pc
Jacksonville	68/47/s	75/56/c	78/60/sh
Key West	76/69/pc	79/72/pc	82/74/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	91/72/pc	90/69/pc	89/67/pc
Athens	63/44/s	63/47/s	65/52/s
Beirut	58/51/pc	63/53/s	67/63/pc
Berlin	57/42/s	50/37/c	49/43/r
Bermuda	60/56/s	61/56/c	67/64/pc
Calgary	44/28/c	48/29/pc	52/30/pc
Dublin	55/42/pc	58/44/pc	56/43/pc
Edmonton	35/18/pc	40/22/pc	44/21/c
Freeport	71/63/pc	75/68/pc	79/73/pc
Geneva	64/42/s	60/39/c	59/38/s
Havana	83/58/s	86/64/s	87/67/s
Hong Kong	65/61/c	71/65/c	73/66/pc
Jerusalem	49/40/sh	54/41/pc	64/57/pc
Johannesburg	70/54/c	76/57/c	76/57/pc
Kiev	56/40/s	61/32/c	42/30/c

National Forecast for March 14



National Summary

Milder weather will make a return to the Midwest and Northeast today following a frigid day Thursday; however, some snow showers will still be seen around the Great Lakes. Moisture streaming in from the Gulf of Mexico will bring clouds and sprinkles to Louisiana and coastal Texas while high pressure promotes sunshine and dry weather over the Southeast. Dry, sunny weather will also be featured from the northern Plains into the Southwest.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	59/37/pc	62/35/s	57/37/pc
Baltimore	57/35/s	61/39/pc	48/26/pc
Birmingham	67/49/s	64/51/sh	69/37/r
Boston	39/34/pc	50/30/pc	38/14/pc
Charlotte	64/39/s	66/47/c	59/36/r
Cheyanne	52/31/pc	41/21/sn	55/35/s
Chicago	53/28/pc	42/18/pc	28/17/s
Cleveland	52/33/pc	43/18/pc	22/15/pc
Columbus	59/37/pc	53/24/pc	37/19/pc
Dallas	69/57/c	76/54/t	67/42/r
Denver	59/33/pc	50/24/c	64/37/s
Detroit	44/29/pc	40/13/c	25/12/s
Harrisburg	56/36/s	59/34/pc	45/19/pc
Honolulu	84/72/s	81/68/sh	78/68/pc
Houston	68/60/c	74/61/t	75/47/c
Indianapolis	59/34/pc	53/19/pc	35/18/pc
Jackson, MS	69/53/pc	70/57/sh	66/39/r
Kansas City	61/39/s	63/27/pc	44/32/pc
Lexington	60/42/pc	57/31/c	44/25/c
Little Rock	69/51/pc	65/48/r	61/35/r

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
London	61/41/pc	57/45/pc	64/45/pc
Montreal	30/28/sn	36/10/sf	18/3/pc
Moscow	46/32/pc	45/35/c	39/27/c
Nice	67/51/s	69/53/s	68/54/pc
Ottawa	36/22/sn	33/3/sf	17/-1/pc
Quebec	18/17/sn	36/10/sn	19/-4/pc
Rio de Janeiro	89/76/pc	92/76/s	93/77/s
Seoul	48/30/pc	54/33/s	60/34/s
Singapore	90/79/c	90/77/c	90/77/c
Sydney	84/69/pc	88/70/pc	86/61/t
Toronto	42/25/pc	35/7/c	22/9/pc
Vancouver	52/42/r	47/42/r	50/43/r
Vienna	66/48/s	62/44/r	57/47/c
Warsaw	57/41/pc	49/32/r	44/38/pc
Winnipeg	16/-9/sf	7/-10/pc	25/17/c

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The science of beer

Who knew chemistry could be so delicious?

“Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”

— Benjamin Franklin



Most people know that it takes yeast to make beer, and some people know a little bit about how it performs that miracle.

But probably few people besides brewers and biochemists are familiar with the intricate series of seemingly unrelated chemical reactions that must occur in a particular order — from long before the yeast does its magic — to turn ordinary grain and water into the delicious and mildly alcoholic carbonated concoction so many of us enjoy.

Here is a step-by-step primer on the natural science of brewing. When you pop open a tall, cool, smooth one at the 12 Hours of Sebring this weekend, take a moment to further appreciate the marvelous result of the art we have made of that science.

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FROM BARLEY TO BREW: STEP-BY-STEP

Any starch or sugar can be processed as a fermented product, but civilizations as old as ancient Sumeria determined that barley produced the most satisfying examples of what we have come to know as beer. When these grains are ripe, however, the complex starches of the “endosperm,” the meaty part of the grain, will not dissolve in water. Simply cooking the grain makes it soluble, but that creates extreme cloudiness and a porridge-like flavor and prevents a successful fermentation.

1 Malting: “Malting” is the controlled germination of barley. After steeping the barley in water, the grain is spread on a malting floor and allowed to grow until it is modified. During this time, natural enzymes transform the endosperm from complex to simple starches. The grain is dried at high temperatures and milled.

2 Mashing: Astonishingly, drying sprouted grain at temperatures high enough to destroy its life force does not destroy its ability to produce momentous chemical activity. Bringing the “mash” to between 148 and 158 degrees activates a pair of related enzymes that liquefy and reduce the now-soluble starches into maltose and other simple sugars.

3 Lautering: Once all reducible starches have been converted, the mash is heated yet again, to 170 degrees. The liquid is drawn off through a filter bed of the remaining husks of the original grain. The husks are then rinsed (“lautered”) thoroughly with more hot water. All the runoff from the mash is known as “wort,” and it constitutes what will become the finished beer.

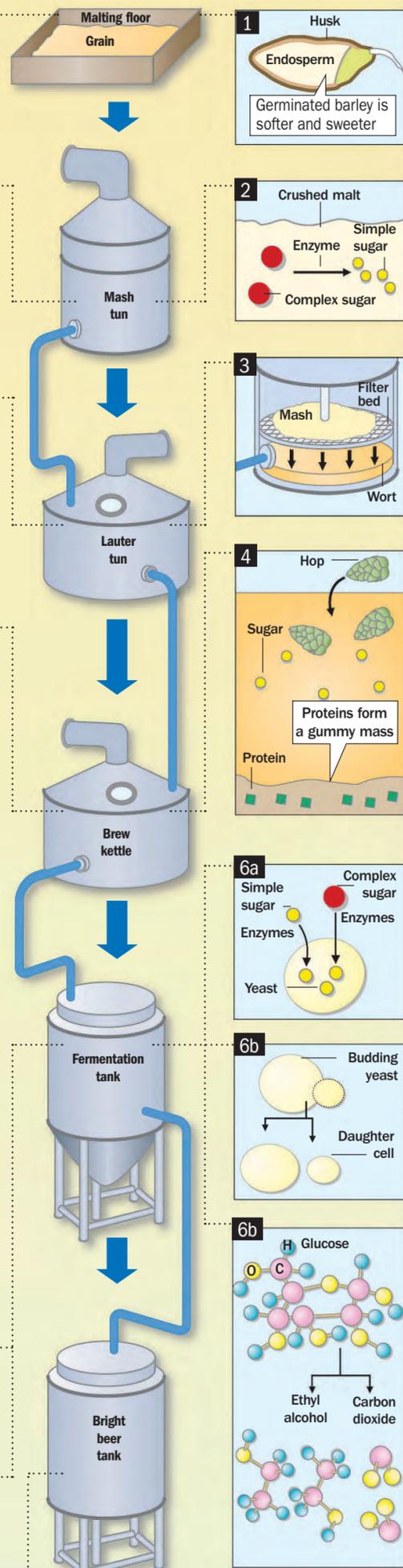
4 The boil: Achieving clear beer with a firm, foamy head is largely a function of removing most — but not quite all — proteins from the original mash. Proteins, when boiled, will coagulate and settle out of the liquid, forming a gummy mass called “trub.” This action is called the “hot break.” Boiling is also necessary to extract important flavoring agents, called alpha acids, from hops. Up to a point, the longer the wort is boiled, the more efficiently a given amount of hops can bitter a quantity of beer. Boiling even longer can produce caramelization of sugars in the wort.

5 The cold break: As soon as the boil is complete, the wort is quickly cooled. This precipitates even more undesirable proteins and tannins out of the wort. This time the process is called the “cold break,” and the residue is called “cold trub.”

6 THE FERMENTATION CYCLE
Pitching the yeast: Perhaps the most important key to making good beer is to keep wild yeast and bacteria from gaining a foothold in your brew before the preferred yeast does. This is done through good sanitation and proper “pitching” of a sufficient quantity of carefully cultivated beer yeast. When the wort is cooled, a thick broth of cultivated yeast is added.

a. The lag phase: The yeast immediately begins to absorb oxygen. Enzymes facilitate yeast’s intake of glucose, more complex sugars and other nutrients. All this takes place within a few hours.

b. The respiration and fermentation phases: With sufficient food reserves stored away, the yeast begins to reproduce by “budding.” It absorbs all the remaining oxygen in the wort and uses it and the various other nutrients to produce new “daughter” cells. Once all oxygen is absorbed, reproduction halts and fermentation proper begins. In a simplified explanation, yeast turns one molecule of glucose into two molecules each of ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide.



Clarifying and carbonation: Once all available fermentable sugars are consumed, fermentation grinds to a halt and the yeast begins to go dormant. The beer is clarified by storing in a cool, still, sterile environment. It is now nearly free of clouding agents and is clear. It is also flat. During the whole fermentation process, the huge amount of carbon dioxide produced has been allowed to escape through a gas vent, while the alcohol has been preserved in an otherwise closed environment. To achieve carbonation, brewers inject carbon dioxide to the desired level.

Something to sip on: Intriguing facts about beer



Bob Fila/Chicago Tribune

Barley is rich in enzymes, which makes it an important ingredient in beer brewing.

■ Beer was brewed from barley at least 7,000 years ago. But only lately have we discovered that barley, among all grains, is so rich in enzymes that it can convert to sugars not only its own starches but up to its own weight in additional starches. This is grandly referred to as “diastatic power” and accounts for the ability of large brewers to brew beer from up to 50 per-

cent corn (Miller, et al.) or rice (Budweiser). Those grains do not contain, on their own, the necessary enzymes to convert starches to cleanly fermentable sugars. They need help. Barley provides.

■ In ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt, laborers were paid in beer. Gigantic bakeries produced huge quantities of bread, which was not distributed. Rather, the

loaves of bread were dissolved in water and turned into beer.

■ We like to think that the brewing art and science have been perfected only recently, but even in ancient times, certain brewers were recognized for their talents. Many of them had hereditary status. Their secret: They used wooden bowls and spoons handed down through generations. The secret of that: Yeast cells

are very hardy and can survive dormancy in many extreme conditions and habitats. One that they are especially well adapted to is the grain of wood. The spoons and bowls of ancient brewers harbored unique strains of good brewing yeast that were reconstituted with every use.

■ The Pilgrims were aiming for Virginia but got off course. When they landed in the unin-

ing region of New England, they begged the crew of the Mayflower to take them south. The crew demurred. They were running out of beer. They left the Pilgrims to their fate, and half died before they managed to establish a sufficient brewing regimen, mostly from pumpkins. The lesson: Don’t drink the water. No known disease pathogen can survive in even weak beer.

'Need for Speed' insane, but also a thrilling stunt fest

JESSICA HERNDON
AP Film Writer



Courtesy DreamWorks Pictures/MCT

Aaron Paul stars in "Need for Speed."

MOVIE REVIEW

CRITIC'S RATING: ★★ ★

bey drives from New York to California to battle Dino in a high-stakes race dubbed the De Leon.

Along for the ride are British car buff Julia (Imogen Poots) and Benny (Scott Mescudi, also known as recording artist Kid Cudi), the jovial airborne lookout of Tobey's crew.

Written by first-timer George Gatins, who produced "She's Out of My League," the plot is heavy with questionable logic and monotonous dialogue. Modeled after classic 1960s and 1970s action films, where the cars were key, "Need for Speed" often attempts to be a dramatic thriller. But it's best

when consciously comical. Trite conventions, like Tobey's brooding demeanor, punctuated by his deep monotone and acute stare, are effective, although overdone at times.

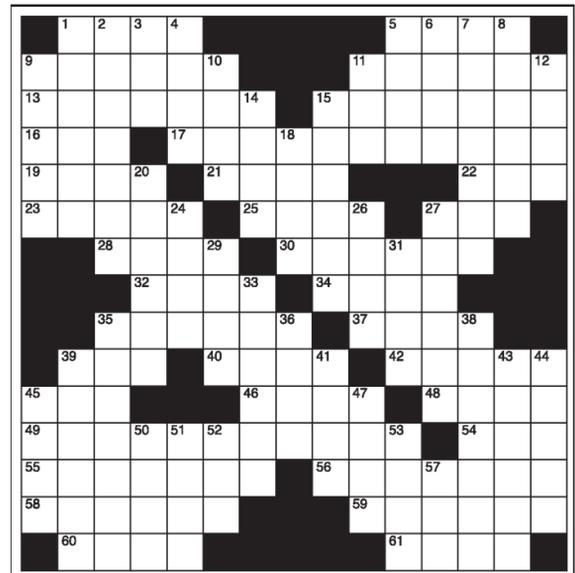
But Tobey isn't always serious. When riding cross-country, the eccentric Julia gets him to loosen up. Their banter offers cute comedic relief and sets the stage for romance. Long gone are thoughts of his ex, Anita, played by upcoming "Fifty Shades of Grey" star Dakota Johnson, who tests out her siren potential — and achieves it. But it's the sexy, witty and accessible Poots who really shines. Michael Keaton, as the ridiculously animated mystery man behind the De Leon race, is another highlight.

Compared to the "Fast & Furious" franchise by way of fast cars, harrowing races and a band of brothers connected mostly by loyalty, not blood, "Need for Speed" is more like an underdeveloped sibling. It lacks the brutal and brawny gentleman quotient, perhaps the most delicious feature of "Furious." Still, the boyish good looks of Paul and Cooper are appealing. But could they really save us in a pinch? Vin Diesel's Dom in "Furious" seems more reliable.

Easily the best parts of this ride are the thrilling stunts and races. Stuntman-turned-director Scott Waugh puts us right in the driver's seat as cars exceed 120 mph and spin through the air. First-person camera angles keep the action immediate and personal, just like the video game. Additionally, overhead views offer a sweeping scope of the races as the drivers speed past vineyards in California's Mendocino County, where the De Leon race scenes were filmed.

Though the pace remains mostly high-octane throughout, it drags in the beginning and during the final face-off. But overall, this flashy underworld of super-charged machinery and intense action is a blast.

PUZZLE CORNER



Solution on B4

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Former ruler of Iran
- 5. Tax or levy
- 9. St. Vitus dance
- 11. A bog
- 13. Mushroom rib structure
- 15. One-sided
- 16. Before
- 17. Extemporaneously
- 19. About aviation
- 21. Macaws
- 22. Refuge room
- 23. Court case
- 25. Conical kiln
- 27. Media mogul Turner
- 28. Cancer sign
- 30. Fit into
- 32. Somali supermodel
- 34. Expires
- 35. Trapped
- 37. Stabilizes
- 39. Plea urgently
- 40. Leg joint
- 42. Nothing (Latin)
- 45. Bleat
- 46. Poi plant
- 48. Loudness unit
- 49. Deep blue color
- 54. Fiddler crab
- 55. About retina
- 56. Nail protein
- 58. Replace ammo
- 59. Most sensible
- 60. Brooklyn team
- 61. Father

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Someone who takes part
- 2. Relating to Homer
- 3. They —
- 4. Helicopter
- 5. Coagulated milk
- 6. This (Spanish)
- 7. Moved on a log track
- 8. Closed hermetically
- 9. Nautical rope fastener
- 10. — Romeo, car
- 11. All peoples of the Earth
- 12. "Three Weeks" author Elinor
- 14. Hairstyle
- 15. Moved along
- 18. UCB Business School
- 20. Paddling
- 24. Tibetan Buddhist monk
- 26. E. Timor cloth
- 27. Latin for witness
- 29. Dog sound
- 31. 13-19
- 33. Involving the mind
- 35. Washington city
- 36. Beloved
- 38. One who yells
- 39. Whalebone
- 41. The Phantom of the Opera
- 43. Cut
- 44. Bent away from vertical
- 45. He killed A. Hamilton
- 47. Digits
- 50. Public violence
- 51. Freshwater duck genus
- 52. Angry
- 53. Amounts of time
- 57. Cuckoo

Kids game of 'truth or dare' causes strife among adults

DEAR ABBY: My sister has children younger than mine, but the kids all play together frequently. She recently caught them involved in a game of "truth or dare" and a couple of the kids had no clothes on.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

He may not be perfect, but he does make me happy.

I now have an opportunity to move, but Clay refuses to go. Should I go anyway, regardless of what it does to our relationship? Do I take the risk of being happy in a new city by myself, or stay where I know what the ending will be?

— Stuck in Smalltown, USA

Dear Stuck: All of life is a risk. Please listen to your family. I think you know in your heart that you need to experience a little independence.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 10 years. She is a Realtor and I'm a maintenance worker.

My wife thinks that when I'm off on weekends I should be working around the house. I have tried telling her that those are my days off to do what I prefer or just relax. I do maintenance work all week, and then she expects me to do it on weekends, too? I don't mind it occasionally, but with her it's every weekend. I feel like getting a divorce because of her never-ending demands.

How can I get her to understand?

— Wants To Relax

Dear Wants: Have you told your wife you feel like divorcing her because of her never-ending demands? It might be a way to get her attention.

Tell her that you're willing to fix things around the house one or two days a month, but if her punch list requires more than that, she should hire someone.

And as to your playing in the band — invite her to come and listen if she wants, but make it plain that you don't intend to stop.

Dear Abby is written by eanne Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

While I was surprised to hear it and have spoken to my children about it, it seems to me to be one of those games that kids play. My sister insists it's about dominance and sex and refuses to let my kids play with hers any longer.

I'm heartbroken over her reaction and don't know how to respond. We barely speak anymore. What do you think?

— Just A Game? in Iowa

Dear Just A Game: Not allowing the children to play together again seems like an overreaction, but a serious discussion about boundaries should certainly have taken place after the incident.

DEAR ABBY: I started dating my childhood sweetheart when we were in high school. I'm now in college.

My dreams and goals have always been to move from our small town to a big city in another state. The problem is my boyfriend, "Clay," never wants to leave here. He isn't even interested in travel.

Everyone in my family thinks he's holding me back and isn't being fair.

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

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to flowers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = s)

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Clue: Fertilizing organ

C. 11 26 13 24 19

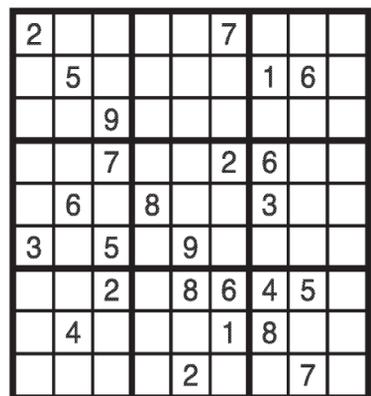
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D. 11 10 10 14 24 17 22 8

Clue: Baby plant

Answers: A. pollen B. stamen C. stalk D. seedling

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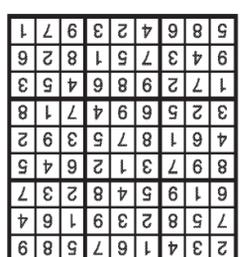
Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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



ANSWER:

HEALTHY LIVING

Memory enhancing tips and supplements

Dear Pharmacist: Recently I saw a major network news program about researchers looking for drugs to prevent Alzheimer's. The doctors interviewed held out so little hope and it really upset me that they didn't suggest diet and exercise. Both my parents had dementia. I'm scared of it happening to me.

— A.F., Chicago



DEAR PHARMACIST

Suzy Cohen

the study's conclusion.

Back in 2008, researchers in India published a paper reviewing the major research done on curcumin as a treatment for Alzheimer's. They noted that curcumin apparently has the ability to help a component of the immune system (macrophages) clear away amyloid plaques from the brain. They concluded, "...based on the main findings above, curcumin will lead to a promising treatment for Alzheimer's."

What they're saying is that, in time, someone will turn it into a drug. Then it will take years to study the new drug on animals and people before it's brought to market for a hefty price. Well, duh!

The take home point is that turmeric and curcumin supplements are readily available, affordable and worth a try. Since supplements are hard to absorb, you can eat the spice. It's popular in curry dishes. Sprinkle it on everything like I do because it's good for heart disease,

arthritis and breast health.

Other food items you should add to your shopping list are colorful fruits and vegetables, with a special emphasis on blue and purple, which indicates the presence of anthocyanins, a pigment that scientists are looking at as a possible Alzheimer's preventive. In fact, I suggest eating blueberries several times a week. Other memory boosting supplements include citicoline, phosphatidylcholine and Acetyl L-carnitine.

What else can you do? There's a tight association with memory loss and damage from popular foods so I often recommend either a "Paleo" diet or Doug Kaufmann's "Phase One" diet. You could read about the dangers of gluten in the new book, "Grain Brain" by Dr. David Perlmutter. I would absolutely include at least 2 teaspoons of organic coconut oil in your diet each day. Get plenty of exercise to turn on life-extension genes and increase production of memory molecules.

I'm glad to hear your mind and emotional health are a priority. None of us should take it for granted.

Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist and the author of 'The 24-Hour Pharmacist' and 'Real Solutions.' For more information, visit www.suzycohen.com. This information is not intended to treat, diagnose or cure your condition.

Cornerstone Hospice seeks local volunteers with 'hospice hearts'

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Highlands and Hardee County residents who want to make a difference in their community are invited to join the team of dedicated and caring Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care volunteers.

Hospice volunteers assist with office duties and marketing events, as well as visit hospice patients in

their homes offering conversation and to give caregivers a welcome break. Some volunteers even help take care of the patients' pets or bring their own certified therapy dogs to provide "furry" companionship.

All volunteers must complete a 16-hour training session and the next training is scheduled for April — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day — Tuesdays, April 8 and 15,

and Fridays, April 11 and 18.

The training will take place at the local Cornerstone Hospice, 209 N. Ridgewood Drive, Suite 3. Breakfast and coffee will be provided. All four days of training are required.

Call or email Dorothy Harris, volunteer specialist, at 253-1611; Lisa Gray, volunteer manager, (352) 742-6806; or toll-free, 888-728-6234.

Go Figure: Obamacare needs 42 sign-ups a minute

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the Obama administration's health care plan is going to pass what amounts to its first physical, people have to sign up this month at a pretty speedy rate: 42 times a minute.

That's somewhere between the steady rate you breathe and how fast your heart beats.

Someone has to sign up every 1.4 seconds in March for the Obama ad-

ministration to reach its 6 million sign-up goal. Enrollment season ends March 31 and as of March 1, sign-ups were at 4.2 million.

The government needs 1.8 million sign-ups in the 30 days between March 2 and March 31, officials said. That's 60,000 a day or 2,500 per hour. That's way more than the daily averages for January and February, which ranged between 33,000 and 34,000.

To put it in health terms, the average healthy adult at rest takes 12 to 18 breaths per minute. The average adult pulse is between 60 and 100 beats per minute at rest. Highly trained athletes can get their heart rate below 50 beats per minute.

It takes about a minute to read this. If the Obama administration wants to hit its goal, another 42 people had to sign up in that time.

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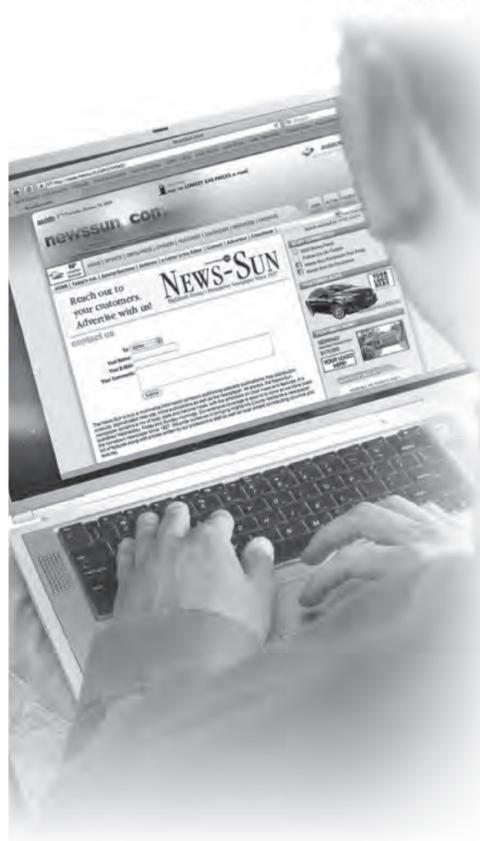
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MEMORIAL BENCHES FOR PALMS RESIDENTS



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Steve Austin, Palms executive director, accepts two benches for the benches from Marcel Miranda, president of the Palms Auxiliary. The benches honor Lester Kesselring, longtime past activities director, and Betty Thomas, past finance director. These benches will be placed at the Oak Avenue entrance of the Palms. The Palms Auxiliary is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to the Palms residents, Palms Apartments, and Palms Estates. Their primary income comes from the Maphis Merchandise Gift Shop inside the Palms. The shop is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. New members and volunteers are always needed to help in the gift shop. Anyone interested can leave a message for Barbara Kesselring at 382-1472. Shown are (from left) Barbara Kesselring, Marcel Miranda, Steve Austin, Rick Demeri, LaRue Thomas, and Shirley Demeri.

Community outreach programs set

The following community outreach programs are planned by ACE Homecare:

- Monday — 10 a.m., Town and Country Mobile Home Park (Sebring), health fair.
- Tuesday — 9:30 a.m., Lake Placid Nu-Hope Meal Site, health fair.
- Wednesday — 9 a.m., Avon Park Nu-Hope Meal Site, health fair; 1:30 p.m., Crown Pointe Assisted Living Facility (Sebring), Gaming.
- Thursday — 9 a.m., Fair Haven Apartments Nu-Hope Meal Site (Sebring), health fair.
- Friday — 8:30 a.m., Covered Bridge Community (Lake Placid), health fair; 10 a.m., The Groves at Victoria Park Nu-Hope Meal Site (Sebring), health fair.

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

The following community outreach programs are planned by Comprehensive Homecare:

- Monday — Crown

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LOCAL NEWS

Pointe Caregiver's Support Group, Sebring.

- Tuesday — 8 a.m., Sebring Bluffs off U.S. 27, Sebring; and 12:30 p.m., Groves of Victoria Park, Sebring.
- Thursday — 10:30 a.m., Balmoral Support Group, Lake Placid.

All sites are sponsored by each site guest speakers from Comprehensive Homecare. All sites are open to the public. Call 214-6795.

Free diabetes management class set

SEBRING — The Florida Department of Health in Highlands County is offering Diabetes Self-Management Education classes as part of its Wellness and Diabetes Education Program. This program serves Highlands County residents of all ages, especially those with diabetes or at risk for developing diabetes. Education is the key to success for diabetes control and for the prevention

of complications. These classes are free of charge and provided by Margaret Pierce, RN and Aleyda Oliveros, Nutritionist.

Classes in English are scheduled in Sebring from 8:30-11:30 a.m. April 7-9 and from 5:30-8:30 p.m. April 21-23 at the Florida Department of Health in Highlands County, 7205 S. George Blvd. in Sebring — Conference room A. Enrollment is limited and registration is required.

Contact the Florida Department of Health in Highlands County Wellness and Diabetes Education Program, at 382-7294.

OxyContin maker to offer abuse-resistant version

MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The maker of OxyContin says it has completed testing of an abuse-resistant version of the painkiller hydrocodone, a surprise development that could derail sales of the recently launched Zohydro, a powerful pain medication that has been heavily criticized for lacking such safeguards.

Purdue Pharma says it plans to submit its extended-release hydrocodone drug to the Food and Drug Administration later this year. The company's tablets are designed to prevent users from crushing them for snorting or injection.

Shares of Zogenix Inc. plunged more than 20 percent after the announcement, which appears to jeopardize sales of the company's just-launched drug Zohydro. Physicians would presumably be more likely to prescribe a harder-to-abuse form of hydrocodone to try to protect their patients from addiction and abuse. And the Food and Drug Administration could potentially pull Zogenix's drug off the market if its regulators determine that a safer alternative is available.

Zogenix began shipping Zohydro to pharmacies last week.



Liz O. Baylen/Los Angeles Times/MCT

Purdue Pharma has sold more than \$27 billion worth of the powerful painkiller OxyContin since its introduction in 1996.

Hydrocodone is used to treat pain from injuries, surgery, arthritis, migraines and a variety of other ailments. It is part of the family of drugs known as opiates that also includes morphine and heroin. Hydrocodone can unleash intense feelings of euphoria, especially when quickly absorbed via injection or inhalation.

Before Zohydro's approval, hydrocodone was available only in combinations with other non-addictive pain relievers, such as acetaminophen. These combination pills, such as Vicodin, were the most prescribed drugs in the U.S. in 2012, with more than 125 million prescriptions filled. But they are also the most abused medications in the U.S. according to the federal government.

As the first pure form of hydrocodone, Zohydro's

approval by the FDA in December touched off a firestorm of criticism from some medical groups, lawmakers and state prosecutors who feared the drug would exacerbate the national epidemic of prescription drug abuse.

This month Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., separately called on the Obama administration to overturn the approval of Zohydro.

One of the chief criticisms leveled against the drug is that it does not have any design features to discourage abuse, something that has become increasingly common for extended-release painkillers.

Purdue says its version of hydrocodone will be similar to the tamper-resistant version of OxyContin it launched in 2010.



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RELIGION



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Woody Wright will be in concert this Sunday at Community Church of God in Lake Placid.

Woody Wright in concert Sunday

LAKE PLACID — Woody Wright will be in concert at Community Church of God, 735 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. The church is directly across from Lake Country Elementary School.

He calls himself "Warner University's most successful dropout!" Wright and his wife Vonnie will be church guests for a Sunday morning concert that you'll be talking about for a long time.

As a soloist and a veteran of traveling gospel groups, Wright's ministry spans five decades (he was really young when he started). He has been on a Gaither Homecoming program. You've likely heard his music sung, also, by others — maybe even by your church choir.

For information, call 465-3715

Back Porch Revival in concert Sunday

SEBRING — After the race cars have whizzed by, come relax and restart your engines spiritually at First Baptist Sebring (200 E. Center Ave.) Call 385-5154.

The gospel bluegrass group, Back Porch Revival, will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday. There's no ticket needed.

Barbecue to raise funds for Heartland Food Reservoir

LAKE PLACID — On behalf of the Hands of Christ Food Ministry, the Men's Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes, 116

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RELIGION NEWS

Cleveland Ave. NE is hosting a barbecue fundraiser to benefit The Heartland Food Reservoir from 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Eat inside, eat outside, or drive up and take it home to enjoy.

Pre-purchased tickets are \$7 and they can be bought from any Heartland Food volunteer, or you can call the Heartland Food Reservoir Office at 385-7885 or the First Baptist Church Office at 465-5126 for tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes in the church lobby 15 minutes before and after all services through Wednesday, March 26. Tickets purchased at the door on March 30 will cost \$8.

The meal consists of a generous portion of barbecue pork, potato salad, baked beans and a homemade brownie for dessert. For those dining at the church, ice tea will be served as a beverage.

Highlands Ridge Chorale presents Broadway music

SEBRING — The Highlands Ridge Chorale will present a concert of beautiful Broadway music at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 23 at St. John United Methodist Church, 3214 Grand Prix Drive.

The chorale is directed by Connie Carter and Sue Shellhammer.

This concert will conclude the 2013-14 concert series at St. John. For information, call 382-1736. A donation will be taken.

Avon Park Christian Church

AVON PARK — The Annual Chili Cook-Off is Wednesday evening. To bring chili to be judged or to be a judge, call the church by noon Tuesday. To taste all the different "flavors", stop by the church.

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

Christ Lutheran Church

AVON PARK — On the second Sunday of Lent, Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "The Gospel in a Scallop Shell."

Wednesday's Lenten Devotions are at 7 p.m.

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. For more information, call 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Promise of New: Part 2" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — On Sunday, Pastor David Smalley will preach from Romans 12:3-8. The title of the sermon will be "Mission Made Possible."

The theme for Sunday School will be "God Raises Up a Deliverer." The scripture will be from Exodus 3-4.

For more information, call 385-1597.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, "Stage 1..." with scripture from Genesis 12:1-9 on Sunday.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County

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Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit sebringemmanuelucc.com.

Faith Baptist Church of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — This Sunday, Pastor Bill Cole will preach "The Believer and the Government" from the book of Romans. Sunday evening he will preach "Can You Hear Me Now?" from the Gospel of John.

The church is at 660 Holmes Ave. To listen to Faith Baptist's Sunday morning sermons or for more information, visit the website, www.faithbaptistchurchLP.com, or call the church office at 465-0060.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — Sunday, the church celebrates First Sunday in Lent. Guest Pastor Tony Douches will deliver his sermon titled "Passing The Test Of Temptation".

L.I.F.T. — Ladies In Faith/Fellowship Together's study is called "Productive". The study for March 21 will be "Finding Joy in What We Do". In Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, we discover how God has entrusted money and resources so that we can support His work in the world today — 2 Corinthians 8:1-9.

Lenten services will be held Wednesday evenings. The theme for March 19 is "Facing Our Fears" — Isaiah 41:10. Recognizing what strikes fear in our hearts helps us to grab on more tightly to Christ. A soup supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. prior to service.

For more information on any event, check the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranSebring.

First Baptist Church Avon Park

AVON PARK — Rev. Jon Beck will preach morning worship service out of James 5:1-6.

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

First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine

SEBRING — Sunday, Pastor Kevin Ahrens will preach on "Weaving Together in Fellowship" from Acts 2:42. Sunday evening, he will preach "Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart" from his series on the Fruit of the Spirit.

The church is at 111 Lake Josephine Drive.

First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID — On Sunday, Pastor Jeff Taylor's message will be "Prayers You Never Asked".

The OASIS group is planning a trip to Sarasota on Thursday, March 20. They are leaving from the church at 8:30 a.m.

The church is at the corner of Washington and Kemper avenues in Placid Lakes. Call the church office at 465-5126 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

First Christian Church of Sebring Disciples of Christ

SEBRING — This is Men's Sunday. The Message is from Romans 1:18-23, "Sin in Our Changing World" by Rob Plymers.

Greeting the congregation will be Terry Ducar. Elders are Dick Asmussen and Howard Lewis. Deacons and servers are Dick Campbell, Roger Sands, Terry Ducar and Richard Neff.

The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave. Call 385-0352.

First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — Rev. Darrell A. Peer's sermon on Sunday will be "God's Ways" Part II from Hebrews 11:35-38.

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

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Pastor John Bryant will bring the message with the adult vocal ensemble providing the anthem, "Faithfulness". The bloodmobile will be in the church parking lot from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Fine Food and Fellowship Dinner is March 23 after the morning services.

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

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this week will be "Will We Know Our Loved Ones in Heaven?" with scripture from I Thessalonians 4:14-18.

The service will include music by Ralph Sylvester, Harold Liming, Roger Beeman, and Homer Beeman.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South (behind Publix). Call 314-9693 for information.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Tim Haas will preach on the subject of "Journey To The Cross — Nicodemus". The scripture lesson will be from John 3:1-17.

Wednesday is Lenten Study at 5:30 p.m.

New Beginnings Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, Pastor Gary Kindle's sermon is titled "My Help Comes From the Lord" based on Psalm 121.

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

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "An Everlasting King," is taken from Psalm 110 and Acts 2. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message on Sunday.

The Lord's Supper will be observed during the 11 a.m. service and Foot Washing in the 6 p.m. service.

The church is at 3413 Sebring Parkway. Call 382-3552 for information.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, Pastor Shiela Swanger's sermon topic will be "Peeking Over the Fence." Biblical reference is from John 3:1-12.

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ANGLICAN

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

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

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

BAPTIST

Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church, 22600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6556.

Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC) We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catelyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

First Baptist Church of Avon Park, N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL - 453-6681. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor; Joy Loomis, director of music. Sunday - Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for both services. Wednesday - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 5:45 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. To watch services online, go to the website at www.fb-cap.net. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbclp.com. Email: information@fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com.

First Baptist Church of Lorida located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the "Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

First Baptist Church, Sebring, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Rev. Matthew D. Crawford, senior pastor; Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults; and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies; 9:15 a.m.; and Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.; Mission Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night

programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website www.fbsebring.com

Florida Avenue Baptist Church, 401 S. Florida Ave., Avon Park. Mailing address is 710 W. Bell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone, 453-5339. Rev. John D. Girdley, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children and youth at 6 p.m. and for adults at 6:30 p.m.

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

Leisure Lakes Baptist Church, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

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

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

Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC) 4400 Sparta Road. Evangelist Roger Jaudon. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.

Southside Baptist Church (GARBC), 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

Spring Lake Baptist Church, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC) 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

CATHOLIC

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 595 E. Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Sunday Life Teen Mass at 6 p.m. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. English confession at 3:30 p.m. Saturday; Spanish confession at 6:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes (September to May) are 9:10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 5th. Grades 6th through Youth Bible Study are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

St. Catherine Catholic Church, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/ mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. School Office/ Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcath.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com or 385-0049; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

St. James Catholic Church, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Sunday 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. year round. Saturday Vigil 4 p.m. Weekdays 9 a.m. Holy days 9:30 a.m. (Vigil evening before at 7 p.m.) First Saturday of each month: Healing Mass, 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

Cornerstone Christian Church, (Sax-on Hall) 1003 West Pine St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion

available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-7679.

Sebring Christian Church, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher. Kristy Marvin, Childrens Director. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Phone 382-6676.

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

The Alliance Church of Sebring, 451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

Church of the Brethren, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Avon Park Church of Christ, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Don Smith. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

Heartland church of Christ, Lakeshore Mail - Suite 42 (outside entrance), 901 U.S. Highway 27 N, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday worship, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m. Evangelist Carl Ford, (863) 402-2159.

Lake Placid Church of Christ, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacidcofc/.

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.

Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Adult Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday evening: All church meal, 6 p.m.; Christian Life Study, 6:45 p.m. Winter Life groups pending. Call 446-1339. Pastor Tim Taylor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

EPISCOPAL

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

St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Father Scott Walker. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. Church office 385-7649, for

more information.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Worship: Sunday, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Worship 6 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Healing. Call the thrift store for hours open - 699-0221.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

The Church of the Way EFCA, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunda1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INDEPENDENT

First Christian Church, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334, on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

World Harvest and Restoration Ministries, (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

LUTHERAN

Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen will be the Spiritual Leader every Sunday for the next two months. Jim Helwig, organist. Worship service with the Holy Eucharist is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Birth-day Sunday is the first Sunday of each month after the service. Council meeting is on the first Tuesday of each month. WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of the month with a light lunch. Labyrinth Prayer Garden is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When in need of prayers or to talk to God, come to the Garden. Come and grow with us; we would love to meet you and your family. Don't worry about how you look. Jesus went to the temple in a robe and sandals. Quilting classes every Monday at 6 p.m. Looking for quilters or people willing to learn. Call 840-3303.

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

Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS, 2740 Lakeview Dr, Sebring; Church phone: 385-7848; Faith Child Development Center: 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service: 8 a.m.; Sunday Praise Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.; Communion served 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday. Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m. Worship Svc. Broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies, Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches, 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Luke Willitz at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlifesebring.com.

Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship following 10:30 a.m. service. Wednesday Worship Service is at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. "God's Work, Our Hands."

Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852;

465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Preschool director Education Hour, 8:45 a.m.; Worship service, 10 a.m. Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Children's Church scheduled during worship service, 4-year-olds through fifth grade. Nursery provided during worship service for infants to 3-year-olds. Seasonal Mid-Week Services each Wednesday evening during Advent and Lent. Call church office at 465-5253 or visit the website at www.Trinitylutheranlp.com. Other activities and groups include: Choir; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies; Trinity Tots Preschool, and Youth Group.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Bible Fellowship Church, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

Calvary Church, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

Christian Training Ministries Inc., on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

Crossroads of Life, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long - empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English - no problema. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

Grace Bible Church, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Dustin Woods, lead pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

Faith Center West Ministry, "Restoring Lives, Families & Communities." In the Banyan Plaza at 2349 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. Pastors Leroy and JoAnn Taylor the public to worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. for Praise & Worship and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Bible study and prayer. Children classes are available for all services. Ministries for youth, men and women are held throughout the month. Please attend these Spirit-filled services. "Moving Forward in Unity". Church office, 385-1800 or 655-2748.

Highlands Community Church, a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

New Beginnings Church of Sebring, worshipping at The Morris Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Pastor Gary Kindle. Bible study every Sunday, 9 a.m. Blended Church Service, 10:15 a.m. Phone (863) 835-2405. newbeginningschurchofsebring.com Begin your week with us.

The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsomministries.com.

Union Church, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. (October through Easter) and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church available.

Wednesday night worship with Pastor Tiger Gullett and CrossTalk with Pastor Bill Breylinger at 6 p.m. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.wearunion.org.

Unity Life Enrichment Centre, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site,

RELIGION

Larson to speak at next SIM conference

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Dr. Knute Larson will be the Bible teacher at the next Bible and Missionary Conference sponsored by Sudan Interior Missions. The conference runs from Sunday through Wednesday.

For 25 years Larson was pastor of The Chapel, a mega-church in Akron, Ohio. Missions became the church's middle name with local and global involvement. The Chapel's Adult Bible Fellowship approach is now used in more than 4,000 churches.

Larson now gives his time to coaching pastors and churches. He is an associate Bible teacher for Radio Bible Class, and teaches grad courses for Moody Bible College and Trinity Seminary.

Larson has authored several books. His latest is "You Decide: Five



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Beliefs that Change My Life".

World mission updates will be brought by Chris Stark, a SIM missionary to Thailand. His reports will bring everyone up to date about what God is doing in that part of the world.

The opening service is at 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Monday through Wednesday sessions are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The SIM Chapel is on Schlosser Road off Sparta Road. The conference is free and open to everyone.

Hermiz shares how missionary witness reached across generations

BY DAVID L. COWLES
Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Dr. Thomas Hermiz, president of the Avon Park Holiness Camp Association, shared last month at the 75th Anniversary Holiness Camp Meeting a thrilling, yet tragic account of how his family became Christians and some came to the United States to escape persecution.

"Near the turn of the 20th century, a young couple from Boston felt that God was calling them to be missionaries in the country of Turkey," Hermiz said. "They traveled to Turkey and located in the little village of Midyet, where my great-grandfather lived. His father warned him, 'Whenever you get around those missionaries, be sure to put your fingers in your ears because the stuff they are preaching and teaching will pollute your mind'.

"One day he was at an open market trying to buy some meat for his family.

The missionary was across the road preaching the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This market was located in an open field with a lot of flies around the fresh meat. While he was trying to buy meat for his family, with his fingers in his ears, a fly landed on his nose. The fly was driving him crazy. Finally, in desperation, he took his fingers out of his ears and swatted the fly away.

"At that time he heard the missionary say, 'The Bible says, 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says.' It was the first Bible verse he had ever heard. It so intrigued and captivated him that he never got his fingers back in his ears. He kept listening to the missionary and walked across the road to join the crowd. This was the first evangelical and evangelistic service he had ever been in."

Dr. Hermiz continued, "At the close of the missionary's message, my great-grandfather, at 21 years of age, went forward and invited Jesus Christ into his life. As far as we

know he was the first 'born again' Christian in our family, led to the Lord by this missionary from Boston.

"My great-grandfather paid a great price. His parents said, 'Our son is dead.' When anyone asked about him, they would say, on the day of his conversion to Christianity, that was the day he died. They disinherited him.

"His wife, also left him immediately, with their two children. Yet, after a few weeks, she came back and they were reunited and reconciled. She became a believer in Jesus Christ and they established a Christian home."

Hermiz added, "My great-grandfather became a community leader and a very wealthy man. He led many people to Christ and helped the missionary build a church in downtown Midyet. That church is still there today and the Gospel has continued to be preached in that community across more than a century.

"The years went by and there was a great massacre in that area with hundreds

of thousands of Christians massacred in the Middle East. My grandfather fled the country without his family. His intention was to get settled and then bring them to the United States. In the meantime his wife and more than 30 members of their family were martyred for their faith in Christ."

Hermiz shared, "Miraculously, my father, Thomas E. Hermiz, was smuggled out of the country and reunited with his father and other relatives in New York."

He concluded that as a result of the witness of the missionaries who came to Turkey, there are five generations of Christians in his family. His father was a pastor for 60 years. He and Dr. Hermiz and other family members have shared more than 100 years of combined missionary evangelism and pastoral ministry in the United States and other countries of the world.

David L. Cowles is a freelance writer residing in Avon Park. He directs PACER Ministries, www.paceministries.org.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

PRESBYTERIAN

Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA), 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. Pastor Tom Schneider. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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

First Presbyterian Church, ARP, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@strato.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Tuesday: Youth Groups meet for devotions/Bible study, crafts, sport activities and dinner. Middle and high school, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Elementary School, 4:5-3:30 p.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. A nursery is available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

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

Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA), 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacons meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Frank Gonzalez. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Associate Pastor is Ryan Amos. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

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

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

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The story is told of an evil man who died and went to torment. Upon arrival, he was told that he had the choice of entering one of six closed doors that would lead him to his eternal punishment. He put his ear to the first door and heard horrible shrieks of pain and agony. Obviously disturbed by what he heard, the man went to the second door and heard the same thing. Quickly moving to the third, fourth, and fifth doors, again and again he heard the same terrible sounds. However, upon his arrival at the sixth door, the man listened and heard nothing but the sound of gentle murmuring. He quickly said, "I'll take this one."

The door was flung open, and the man was tossed inside. Instantly, he found himself up to his bottom lip in a vast sea of sewage. The unexplained murmuring the man had heard just moments before was now clear. With the man were countless millions of others standing on their tiptoes with their mouths half-open whispering, "Don't make waves! Don't make waves!"

That story depicts the philosophy of many in the religious world to "not make waves." The only problem with this kind of thinking is that it comes from man and not from God. Now "making waves" does not mean that we are to be mean, hateful, or de-



KEVIN'S KOMMENTS

Kevin Patterson

structure by invading another's freedom or right to choose. What I mean by "making waves" is the kind of impact and difference that Christ made wherever He went, and He certainly "rocked the boat" from time to time! Christ spread the crystal-clear message of His Father no matter where He went. He taught the rich and the poor, the powerful and the helpless, and the willing and the unwilling. He taught God's will without reservation or modification.

Sometimes, we do not want to "make waves" when it comes to teaching the truths of God's word. We might be afraid to stand up for what is right because it is not considered popular by others. We might be afraid to teach a particular part of God's word because the religious world does not accept it. We might be afraid to share the Bible with others because it would reveal how their lives were being lived in an ungodly way. Yet, if we are going to do things

God's way, sometimes we must "make waves!"

Paul told Timothy that he might have to "make waves" in the effort to preach God's inspired word and that word only. He said in 2 Timothy 4:2-5, "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

Remember, if you desire to please God, you must believe, live, and teach God's will just as Christ did. That may mean you will occasionally "make waves." However, if making waves causes others to examine their lives, turn from sin, and submit themselves in obedience to God's will, then by all means, make waves!

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

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

CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000871-GCAX-MX JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. JENNY L. REED, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:
 LOT 32 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 33, BLOCK 117, LAKEWOOD TERRACES, SHEET NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 94, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Property address: 4523 Elson Ave., Sebring, FL 33875
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on March 26, 2014.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 6th day of February, 2014.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001145

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, FKA COUNTYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, PLAINTIFF, vs. DENISE R. BENOIT, ET AL., DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Highlands, Florida, on March 26, 2014, at 11:00 AM, at Basement of courthouse in Jury Assembly Room - 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 for the following described property:
 LOT 28 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 29, BLOCK 30, OF LEISURE LAKES, SECTION FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 29, 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 sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
 DATED: By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk of the Court

Prepared by: Gladstone Law Group, P.A. 1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300 Boca Raton, FL 33486
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Office of the

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Court Administrator at 863-534-4686, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. File #12-001656-FNMA-FSC

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

CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001123-GCAX-MX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, vs. NELSON S. HILL, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:
 CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. L-3, THE BLUFFS OF SEBRING CONDOMINIUM, PHASE VIII, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 849, PAGE 363 AND BEING A PART OF LAKE SEBRING TRACTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 146, BOTH OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Property address: 6750 US 27 North, Unit #L-3, Sebring, FL 33870
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on March 26, 2014.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 6th day of February, 2014.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 2014-75-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT L. SAUNDERS, JR. DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Robert L. Saunders, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was January 12, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH 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 March 14, 2014.
 Personal Representative: /s/ Jerilyn G. Saunders 455 Panther Place Sebring, Florida 33875
 Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ John J. Kendron Attorney for Jerilyn G. Saunders

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

CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000205-GCAX-MX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, vs. JOHN H. BOND, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:
 LOT 31, BLOCK 270, SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Property address: 4607 Boabadilla Ave., Sebring, FL 33872
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on March 26, 2014.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 6th day of February, 2014.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000405 DIVISION: PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. DIANE L. DOUGLAS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000818 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which PHH Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Diane L. Douglas, Robert D. Douglas also known as Robert D. Douglas Sr., Highlands Park Estates Association, Inc., Tenant #1, Tenant #2, The Unknown Spouse of Diane L. Douglas, The Unknown Spouse of Robert D. Douglas also known as Robert D. Douglas Sr., are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 25th day of March, 2014, the following

described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
 LOT 42, BLOCK 2, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION E, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 87, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 1503 GOLDBUD ST LAKE PLACID FL 33852-7791

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 23rd day of January, 2014.
 Robert W. Germaine Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk

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

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 March 7, 14, 2013

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

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000818 DIVISION: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE H. SPENCE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000818 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, George H. Spence, deceased, Theresa L. Spence, Tenant #1 also known as Theresa Spence, Tenant #2, The Unknown Spouse of Theresa Spence, Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming By, Through, Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest As Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants, are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 25th day of March, 2014, the following

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March 14, 21, 2014

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

CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000473-GCAX-MX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, vs. RAMONA CAMPBELL, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:
 LOTS 3115, LOT 3116, LOT 3117, LOT 3118, LOT 3129, LOT 3130, PAGE 3131 AND LOT 3132 OF AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 11, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Property address: 2435 North Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on March 26, 2014.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 6th day of February, 2014.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000405 DIVISION: PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. DIANE L. DOUGLAS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000818 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which PHH Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Diane L. Douglas, Robert D. Douglas also known as Robert D. Douglas Sr., Highlands Park Estates Association, Inc., Tenant #1, Tenant #2, The Unknown Spouse of Diane L. Douglas, The Unknown Spouse of Robert D. Douglas also known as Robert D. Douglas Sr., are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 25th day of March, 2014, the following

described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
 LOT 42, BLOCK 2, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION E, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 87, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 1503 GOLDBUD ST LAKE PLACID FL 33852-7791

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 23rd day of January, 2014.
 Robert W. Germaine Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk

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

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813)221-4743 (813)221-9171 facsimile eService: servealaw@albertelliaw.com NR-11-78029
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000405 DIVISION: PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. DIANE L. DOUGLAS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000818 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which PHH Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Diane L. Douglas, Robert D. Douglas also known as Robert D. Douglas Sr., Highlands Park Estates Association, Inc., Tenant #1, Tenant #2, The Unknown Spouse of Diane L. Douglas, The Unknown Spouse of Robert D. Douglas also known as Robert D. Douglas Sr., are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 25th day of March, 2014, the following

described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
 LOT 42, BLOCK 2, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION E, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 87, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 1503 GOLDBUD ST LAKE PLACID FL 33852-7791

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 23rd day of January, 2014.
 Robert W. Germaine Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk

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

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813)221-4743 (813)221-9171 facsimile eService: servealaw@albertelliaw.com NR-007097F01
 March 7, 14, 2013

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

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000818 DIVISION: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE H. SPENCE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000818 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Samuel D. Singleton, Shannon N. Singleton, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 25th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
 LOT 5, BLOCK 101, PLACID LAKES SECTION FOURTEEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 422 LAKE AUGUST DR, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-4021

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 23rd day of January, 2014.
 Robert W. Germaine Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000242 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. RALPH THOMPSON A/K/A RALPH E. THOMPSON; JACKIE LOWDER A/AK/A JACKIE L. LOWDER; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (S/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; PLACID LAKES HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; SUNTRUST BANK Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 2, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 24, BLOCK 88, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION EIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 495 ARCHIE SUMMERS RD, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
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 April 01, 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 March, 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. 617120869

March 14, 21, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000523 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. JOHN M. GARRISON, IV, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000523 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff and John M. Garrison, IV, Joy R. Garrison, are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 25th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 34, BLOCK 54, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 5926 ORION DR, SEBRING, FL 33872
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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

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

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

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March 7, 14, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 14-70

IN RE: ESTATE OF QUEEN AYERS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of QUEEN AYERS, deceased, whose date of death was June 6, 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.

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(2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 14, 2014.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Valerie Grundy
310 Earnest E. Sims Street
Avon Park, Florida 33825

Attorney for Personal Representatives:

WILLIAM J. NIELANDER
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172 E. Interlake Boulevard
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March 14, 2014

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO

Judy Terry that on 03/26/2014 at 11am at Dwight's Mini Storage at 1112 Persimmon Ave. Sebring, FL 33870. The personal property in Unit #50 of Judy Terry will be sold or disposed of PURSUANT TO F.S. 83.806(4).

March 14, 21, 2014

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of CHRISTIAN WORSHIP FESTIVAL OF THE HEARTLANDS located at 3631 Dolphin Drive, in the County of Highlands, in the City of Sebring, Florida 33870, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 13th day of March, 2014.

Jorge J. Martinez

March 14, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-996 GCS

T.D. BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRIS M. DRAKE,

SHIRLEE P. DRAKE,

A2P INVESTMENTS, LLC,

a Florida limited liability company,

and UNKNOWN TENANT(S)

IN POSSESSION,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated this 24th day of February 2014 entered in Case No. 12-996 GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein T.D. BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff, and CHRIS M. DRAKE, SHIRLEE P. DRAKE, A2P INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION are Defendants. The Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 28th day of March 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Main Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Jury Assembly Room, Sebring, Florida 33870 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 23 AND 24, IN BLOCK C, CHEROKEE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2014.

BOB GERMAINE, Clerk of Courts
Highlands County
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
March 7, 14, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: Sec:

53-2014-DR-00846-0000-LK

Lydiann McClure & Roger McClure,

Petitioners

and

Brooke Payne,

Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION

FOR PETITION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY TO: Brooke Payne, 1015 W. Bell St. #36, Avon Park, FL 33825.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Lydiann McClure whose address is 3158 Galloway Oaks Dr., Lakeland, FL 33810 on or before March 18, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 930 E. Parker St., Lakeland, FL 33801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Stacy M. Butterfield, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dated: 2/18/2014. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Linsey Wright Deputy Clerk

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

Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City Of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 2:00 PM, April 10, 2014, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference beginning at the Cemetery Road WWTP on March 26, 2014, at 10:00 AM. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of any other type of delivery service.

The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the

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Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §sect;287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §sect;287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.

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

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB

Purchasing Agent

Sebring, Florida

March 14, 21 2014

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