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## 82-year-old pedestrian hit, killed on Lakeview Drive

**BY PHIL ATTINGER**  
Staff Writer

Was walking along curb, police say

SEBRING — An 82-year-old Sebring man was hit and killed Tuesday morning while walking on Southeast Lakeview Drive.

Sebring Police Cmdr. Steve Carr said Doyle Herrin was walking at

9:18 a.m. in the south-bound travel lane of the roadway, not the sidewalk, Carr said. He was on the lakeside of the roadway past where the road forks into Lakeview Drive and Sebring Drive.

The car that hit him, a 1999 tan Mercury Grand Marquis, was driven by Ruby Collier, 89, of Sebring. Based on his injuries and statements, the man was hit on his left side, indicating he was

walking along the curb of the road.

Carr said there was a light rain during the time of the accident, but there were no visibility problems. Preliminary analysis is that he stepped out into traffic, Carr said. However, charges are still pending investigation.



Phil Attinger/News-Sun

Sebring Police stand by Tuesday morning with 89-year-old driver Ruby Collier (seated, right) of Sebring after her 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis hit and killed a pedestrian on Southeast Lakeview Drive in Sebring. Sebring Police Cmdr. Steve Carr said the 82-year-old Sebring man was walking in the lakeside travel lane when the incident occurred. Charges are pending investigation.

## Hancock appointed to Citrus Commission

**BY BARRY FOSTER**  
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Ned Hancock, local citrus grower and former chairman of The School Board of Highlands County, has been tapped by Gov. Rick Scott to serve on the Florida Citrus Commission.

The citrus commission is a nine-member board that represents citrus growers, processors and packers. Members serve as a board of directors for the Florida Department of Citrus to oversee and guide those activities.



HANCOCK

responsible, among other things, for setting the annual amount of the excise tax as well as quality standards for all citrus grown, packed or processed in Florida.

Hancock recently retired from the school board and now has turned his attention back full time to the citrus business. He had been encouraged by a number of friends to apply for the

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## 23 years of smiles



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Children's Museum of the Highlands director Linda Crowder will retire in September.

## Children's Museum Director Linda Crowder announces retirement

**BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR**  
Staff Writer

SEBRING — "I'm ready and I feel the museum is ready," said Children's Museum of Highlands County Executive Director Linda Crowder about her impending retirement, which she announced on Monday.

After a quarter of a century working as the head honcho at

the museum, Crowder has decided to hang up her leadership hat and take on the role of a retiree.

"I'm very happy with my decision. My husband and I have been talking about it for a few years, so it's not like it came out of nowhere. It wasn't a big surprise. We are ready and I think the museum is, too," Crowder said.

Her last day as director will be Sept. 6.

Though the museum has only been officially open 23 years, Crowder spent two years working on the concept and getting things in order to bring the county's first ever Children's Museum to life.

Crowder said the most

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## AP looks at buying utility, approves annexations

Would cost more than \$1.5 million

**BY PHIL ATTINGER**  
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — Buying the Sebring Ridge wastewater utility would be expensive. Still, the Avon Park City Council has asked City Manager Julian Deleon to look into it.

It wasn't unanimous. In the 3-2 vote, Mayor Sharon Schuler and Councilman Garrett Anderson voted against it.

At issue is whether the city should pay Sebring Ridge Utilities Inc. the requested price of \$500,000 for its wastewater utility, and then spend another \$1 million, by Deleon's estimate, to rehabilitate the plant's three lift stations, shut down the treatment facility itself and lay pipe to bring the sewage to the city's facility off U.S. 27.

He has recommended that the city council also consider a special assessment to the customers



DELEON

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## Fox loose at Highlands Little Theatre

**BY ROD LEWIS**  
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — Comedic turns, romance and competition all centered around a golf tournament are elements of Highlands Little Theatre's production of Ken Ludwig's "The Fox on the Fairway," now playing on the Lakeside Stage.

### 'Fox on the Fairway' on stage until March 30

rival golf clubs that compete every year for a tournament," said Director Art Harriman. Henry Bingham president of Quail Valley Country Club and Dickie Bell his counterpart at Crouching Squirrel Country Club. "They

always bet a lot of money on the outcome (of the tournament), and Henry would do anything he could to win. His club has lost for several years in a row and he has to beat Dickie."

Harriman has per-

formed on stage, back stage, and has directed many productions including "The Drowsy Chaperone," and last year's production of "Sex, Please, We're Sixty."

"I love the comedies," Harriman said. "I also love working with older actors, it is fun directing them. While there

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Rod Lewis/News-Sun

Justin Hicks (Todd Coleman) reacts when Louise Heinbedder (Vanessa Richardson) tells him she lost his engagement ring in 'The Fox on the Fairway' at Highlands Little Theatre.

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# Learning more about the Founding Fathers

## First local Constitution class has 13 graduates

BY ROMONA WASHINGTON  
 News-Sun

SEBRING — Do you know what is truly in the Constitution of the United States? A group of county residents can answer that question with an affirmative since completing a series of 12 lectures offered by the Institute of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. In doing so, he came across the Institute on the Constitution and found it had been doing the same across the country for the past 14 years. After taking a closer look, Pflug decided to

host lectures through the organization. "I have done a lot of individual seminars on the Constitution, but when I took this class I learned a lot more about it myself," Pflug said. "We combine the religious beliefs of our Founding Fathers with the Constitution and then look at the American views and the philosophical views. We look at each part — the Preamble, each of the Articles and the Bill of Rights," he said. The last two classes look at the crisis the nation is currently facing and what can be done. The class is not tied to any political party or organization. It was developed by Michael Peroutka, a presidential candidate in 2004 and an attorney in

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Recent graduates of the Institute on the Constitution include Connie Hammel (front row, from left), Bonnie Daniel, Cheryl Pflug and host Dale Pflug; (back row, from left) John Drozinski, Sam Hammel, Terry Daniel, Harold Hooker, John Larsen and Jim Spengler. Not shown are Lester Lob, Bill Youngman, Liz Spengler and Virgil Ertle.

Maryland. The mission: "Our desire is to help individuals across America understand and appreciate their own history and heritage by reacquainting them with the worldview and vision of our Founding Fathers. We believe that by understanding the way in which the framers of our Constitutional Republic viewed their relationship to God, to other

sovereign states, to their families and to each other, we can gain valuable and practical insight into the foundational principles of America," according to [theamericanview.com](http://theamericanview.com).

Pflug said each of the participants are given a manual and six DVDs. Some "homework" is involved during the extensive series. Some people don't want to put that

much into the class, so Pflug is also able to offer a condensed lesson.

This first class saw 13 participants graduate last week. Pflug plans to offer more classes and is willing to do so in anyone's home or in a meeting room somewhere. To learn more or to sign up for the next class, email Pflug at [dale.pflug@1791.com](mailto:dale.pflug@1791.com) or call him at 658-1280.



Rod Lewis/News-Sun

The unlikely combination of clowns and a SWAT truck welcomed visitors to the Lake Placid Morning Rotary Touch A Truck event on Saturday.

# Touch A Truck raises money for Honor Flight

BY ROD LEWIS  
 News-Sun Correspondent

LAKE PLACID — Trucks, boats, a fire truck, clowns, and even a SWAT truck were some of the attractions at the Tower parking lot Saturday at the Touch a Truck fundraiser by the Lake Placid Morning Rotary Club to help support Honor Flight.

"This is the first time that we had this event," said Hugh (Skip) Dent, event organizer. "The residents and kids really enjoyed it."

Honor Flight is a non-profit organization created to transport veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials. There is an estimate that 640 World War II veterans die each day.

Although it is open for anyone to apply, preference is given to the elderly and those that may be terminally ill.

Saturday's event raised \$2,900, which will send six veterans on the Honor Flight.

There is also another need related to the Honor Flights, according to

Dent. "We have more Honor Flight recipients than we do chaperones," he said.

If you would like to help as a chaperone on your dime, you may contact any Rotary Club member and they will put you in contact with Honor Flight.

The Morning Rotary meets Wednesdays at Platters Restaurant, 501 U.S. 27 N., at 6:44 a.m.

For more information about the Rotary Clubs in Lake Placid, contact a Rotary Member or [www.lakeplacidrotary.com](http://www.lakeplacidrotary.com).

# EAA presents scholarship to Powers

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Having a passion and being able to share it is a wonderful experience. That is what members of the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1240 were able to do last Thursday when they presented an \$8,000 flight training scholarship to Billy Powers of Lake Placid.

EAA Chapter 1240 has made it a priority to provide programs to help youth to become involved with and explore opportunities in aviation through programs such

as EAA Young Eagles. That program allows youth ages 8-17 to take a free flight in an aircraft with an EAA pilot.

Powers is enrolled in the Lake Placid High School Aerospace classes and is active member in EAA Chapter 1240 programs. It all started with his first Young Eagle flight a few years ago. The EAA chapter 1240 has two donated aircraft for youth projects, where youth work on restoring classic aircraft and learning aircraft maintenance and teamwork skills.

Powers will be be-

ginning his flight training in Sebring and has a goal of "soloing" within six months and finishing with his pilot license within 18 months.

EAA 1240 fundraising efforts support the scholarship and youth aviation projects. The second Saturday of every month, the chapter holds a pancake breakfast at the EAA Chapter 1240 Aviation Development Center at the Sebring Regional Airport. There is also an annual fundraising dinner held during the USA Sport Aviation EXPO each January.

## Masons plan two Child ID events

Masonic District 25 will host Child ID programs in two locations today and tomorrow.

Today, at Memorial Elementary, 867 Memorial Drive, in Avon Park, from 5-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Belks in the Lakeshore Mall in Sebring, parents can get a CD with their child's picture, voice, fingerprints, DNA and emergency information.

The service is free. For more information, call Ross Canright at 452-0346.

## West Garrett Road closed

AVON PARK — Duke Energy will shut down temporarily West Garrett Road from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and again from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday for workman safety.

Contact Fred Yarbrough at (863) 528-0404 or County Engineer Ramon Gavarette.

## Delafield Ave. to be closed Thursday

LAKE PLACID — Highlands County Road and Bridge Department will be closing Delafield Avenue at the intersection of Wildflower Street from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday.

The closing will be for culvert replacement. De-

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tours will be posted. Contact the Highlands County Road and Bridge Department at 402-6529.

## Advisor hosting Woman's Guide to Money Matters

LAKE PLACID — Edward Jones financial advisor Cheryl Brown of Lake Placid is hosting a free educational seminar titled "A Woman's Guide to Money Matters" at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 3 at Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center, 2665 Placid View Drive.

During the upcoming seminar, participants will learn more about:  
 ■ What one can do now to prepare for retirement  
 ■ One's options to pay for a child's or grandchild's education  
 ■ Developing a strategy to help achieve one's financial goals

The seminar is free, but space is limited. Call 465-6444.

## Help with enrollment at HRHN

LAKE PLACID — Angela Hendry, certified navigator with Heartland Rural Health Network, will help with enrollment at the Lake Placid Library on Thursday. This is by appointment.

Call Hendry at 452-6530, ext. 303.

## LOTTERY

### LOTTO

Saturday, March 22  
 1-8-10-16-52-53 X-2  
 Saturday's Jackpot:  
 \$25 million

### POWERBALL

Saturday, March 22  
 13-28-31-55-58 PB-15 X-2  
 Saturday's Jackpot:  
 \$40 million

### MEGA MONEY

Friday, March 21  
 13-24-38-42 PB-13  
 Today's Jackpot: \$550,000

### MEGA MILLIONS

Friday, March 21  
 2-23-30-35-53 PB-10 X-5  
 Today's Jackpot: \$20 million

### CASH 3

Saturday, March 22  
 Day: 0-2-3 Night: 8-1-7  
 Sunday, March 23  
 Day: 4-5-4 Night: 7-0-8  
 Monday, March 24  
 Day: 7-9-0 Night: 1-4-2

### PLAY 4

Saturday, March 22  
 Day: 2-0-3-4 Night: 4-2-4-7  
 Sunday, March 23  
 Day: 3-5-2-6 Night: 6-9-21  
 Monday, March 24  
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Saturday, March 22  
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 5-11-15-28-36

## AP Mall Festival still has room for a few vendors

BY BARRY FOSTER  
News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — The turn of the season means the Springtime on the Mall Festival in the City of Charm and this year's celebration on Friday and Saturday is planned to be bigger and better than ever.

"We have nearly 100 vendors, but there still are about 10 spots available," said Tori Trinder, Avon Park Chamber of Commerce executive director.

That would be anything except food concessions. Trinder said they already have reached the limit in that category.

Other booths and exhibits already booked run the gamut from unique items for sale to displays to an exhibit from Highlands County's newest educational facility.

"We have one guy from Tampa with his business called Turtle Laboratories. He is bringing in what they call 'industrial furniture,' which is welded pieces that have been re-purposed," she said.

"He also does 'plasma cut art' and that is very cool." There also are plans to have chainsaw sculpting and even an 11-year-old artist who will have his work for sale.

In fact, Trinder said, there will be a lot of new vendors, exhibits and displays this year. That comes as a result of an

ongoing search by the chamber to locate new participants for the 35th annual event.

"I have been to a lot of different places. We have some from the Florida Flywheelers, some from the First Friday event they have in Lakeland; we also have gone to others from Winter Haven, Frostproof and Lake Placid," Trinder said.

Another vendor that will be new this year will be the Cornerstone

clude the Flatland Rangers, Frank Thomas and Mountain Memories.

There also will be music around the flagpole on the Veterans Square portion of the Mile Long Mall.

"There will be Christian groups at that venue like performers from the Avon Park Holiness Camp, Union Congregational Church and Maranatha Baptist," Trinder said.

The Mall Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday.

"We need to have everything out of the way a bit earlier to make room for the Rotary Club's 'Music on the Mall' on Saturday evening," Trinder said.

That will be a performance by local musicians, The Ransom Band. They will play from 5-8 p.m. That show will be set up on The Mall at the city's iconic gazebo.

Dennis Mungall of the Avon Park Breakfast Rotary said there was to have been a chili cook-off. However, there were no takers who wanted to take on his club's challenge.

"I guess that makes us the champions by default — but there will be chili there Saturday night," he said.

The Music on the Mall event has been run at the bandstand monthly since last September.

**'We have nearly 100 vendors, but there are still about 10 spots available'**

Tori Trinder  
Chamber of Commerce  
director

Christian Academy. It will be selling drinks such as sodas and bottled water as well as using the opportunity to introduce the public to the new school.

The facility, on the grounds of Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church, has just moved into a new two-story, 20,000-square-foot building. An open house is planned for April 6.

As always, there will be plenty of music on The Mall at a couple of different locations. The first will be on stage on the Main Street crossover at Lake Avenue. Groups on stage there will in-

## Ogg plans another Candidate Training Session in April

Ethics, finances, forms and more on agenda

BY BARRY FOSTER  
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — With the next voting cycle looming on the horizon, Highlands County Supervisor of Elections Penny Ogg has announced she will host another Candidate Training Session.

This one is slated for April 3, and will be conducted from 6-9 p.m. in the Highlands County Commission Chambers.

Ogg began the education process last November with an eye toward getting residents ready for the campaign season.

The sessions are not only for candidates, but for members of their campaign staffs including treasurers, secretaries and volunteers.

In fact, the seminars are designed to be helpful to anybody interested in the elections process.

"We had a lot of folks show up last time; now we want to catch some of the new candidates that are interested in running," she said.

The idea originally came from a trip that Ogg had made to a similar session in Martin County. She had gone there with co-worker Karen Kensinger in 2011 to learn more about qualifying candidates for election.

"I think this is so nec-

essary, to share this information with candidates and address a lot of the general questions they may have."

In preparation for the sessions, Ogg and her staff have distilled much of the information into

segments so candidates might use it for reference or review.

Although much of the information centers on campaign financing, those in attendance also will learn about elections forms, financial disclosures, contributions, signage advertising and a range of other issues having to do

with running for office.

There also will be information on the state's Commission on Ethics and how candidates may access information available through the Supervisor of Elections office.

Some of that information has been tweaked a bit since last year's sessions.

"We had a couple of things come up that we wanted to re-emphasize," she said.

"It's pretty much the same, but there are a few changes."

Ogg has asked those interested in attending to call her office at 402-6655 so that there will be sufficient number of packets to go around.



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### OUR VIEW

## Glad to see speed limits raised in AP

Avon Park drivers celebrated the Florida Department of Transportation as it lifted the speed limit on U.S. 27 between Lake Isis Drive and the Polk County border this week — although some of them muttered “about time” under their breath.

While the highway's expansion from four lanes to six has been completed for a while, speed limits remained at transitory construction speeds of 40 to 45 mph. Initially, the need to slow down was obvious, but when nothing changed after the highway work was complete, it caused frustration for many drivers.

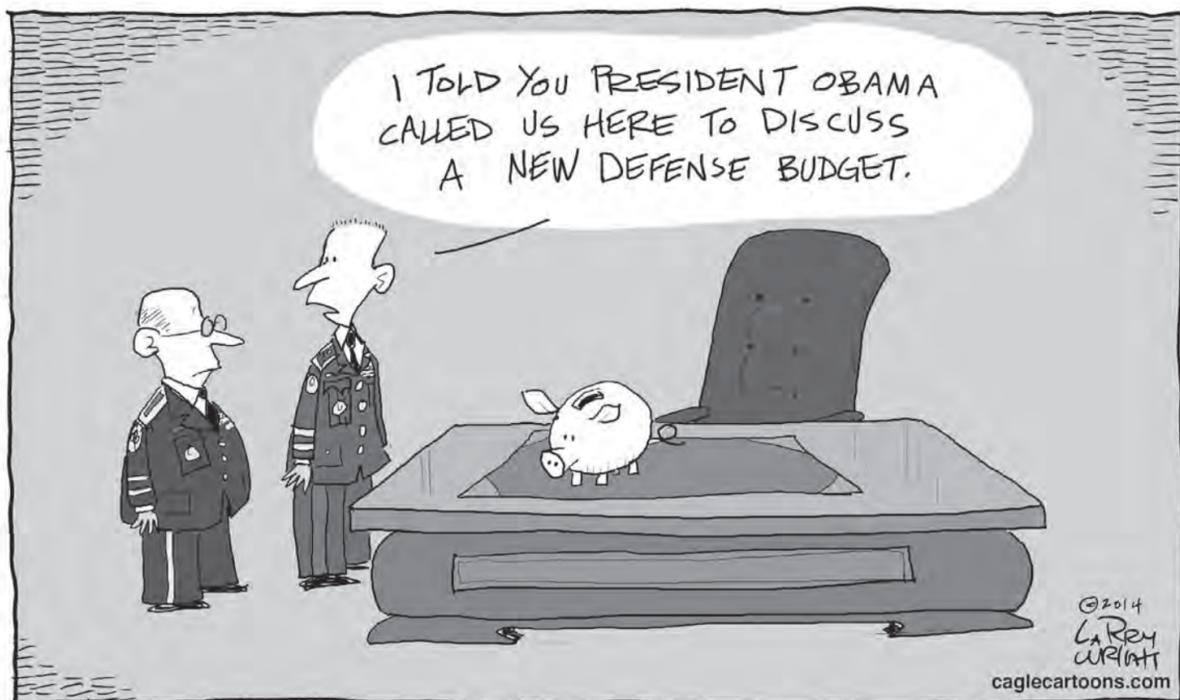
And while on the one hand, we sincerely commend law enforcement for actively patrolling the stretch of road, working hard to keep people safe throughout the construction, the area became known as a speed trap, which created anger on top of the frustration.

The new higher speed limits of 50 to 60 miles per hour are fitting and, paradoxically, safer. It might seem counterintuitive to think of higher speeds as safe, but nothing is more dangerous than a driver who has to obey an unrealistically low speed limit. As soon as he or she passes through it, the tendency is to go faster, sometimes way faster.

We all need to remember, however, that U.S. 27 passes through towns as it cuts through Highlands County. This means drivers have to be able to adapt repeatedly — from a relatively free rural road to urban downtown streets. Appropriate speed limits are essential for this to happen. A car going too fast in town is likely to cause a crash, but a car going too slow on the open highway is a danger, too.

We thank the FDOT for finally bringing speed limits into alignment.

Now that traffic can move realistically driving south into Avon Park, drivers should slow down coming through town.



## Obama's budget is disarming and alarming

### GUEST COLUMN

John Grant

President Obama's budget recently hit Capitol Hill and the good news is that it is dead on arrival, thanks to the House of Representatives. The bad news is that it clearly shows the agenda of the Oval Office.

It is both disarming and alarming, all \$4 trillion of it. As he looks for ways to pay for massive domestic spending, other than using the federal credit card, he has decided to take a meat cleaver to the Pentagon and slash the size of the Army to its lowest levels since before World War II.

While his party hailed the budget, it just shows how out of step they are with American public opinion. According to the latest poll, less than a third of Americans favor cutting the military budget.

I am sure the decision to so drastically cut the defense budget was an easy one to make inside the Obama White House, where it seems there is no one who understands the international dangers we face. But the factory worker in Michigan, the cab driver in New Jersey, the farmer in Indiana seem to have a greater understanding.

President Teddy Roosevelt said we should “speak softly and carry a big stick,” but our current president is sending the big stick to a federal garage sale.

The budget is also alarming and his worst one yet. On the domestic side what isn't funded by stealing from the military is funded by a \$1 trillion deficit that will take the national to \$18 trillion. Just to put that into perspective, consider that \$1 trillion is one million million. If they made one million dollar bills, a whole bathtub's worth of them wouldn't equal a trillion dollars.

The budget is best described as beating our swords into food stamps. But worse, than the deficit, the

budget is a great wealth equalization package. An additional 13 million people would get “earned income credits.” Translated that means more people would get a check for not working.

One member of congress spoke out in favor saying that these people would “now be free to stay at home and spent more time with their families.” Excuse me! American productivity begins when people get up in the morning and exit their front door, not stay behind it.

The president is doing a disservice to the people he is allegedly trying to help. These massive transfer payments are simply not sustainable in the long term. Wealth equalization simply does not work in a free enterprise economy. Deficit spending will ultimately bring the national economy to halt, if it continues unabated and then everyone loses.

The American work ethic, for individuals and business alike says that you strive to do your best, work your hardest and be as productive as possible.

But wealth redistribution stifles initiative, especially when able-bodied people can take free federal cash to stay home, making more than if they worked up a sweat on their brow, making less money and having to pay tax on it.

Folks, it's real. According to the Cato Institute, welfare benefits pay out more than a minimum wage job in at least 35 states. According to Cato, in 13 states the payout is more than \$15 an hour.

And even more shocking is that if someone were to draw all of the wel-

fare benefits that they are “entitled” to, their pay would be more than that of a newly college educated teacher (burdened with student loan debt, no doubt) in 11 states.

The highest welfare payout states pay more than \$20 an hour, and that's tax free income when hard working people pay tax on their earnings.

And then the president hits every charity in America by reducing the charitable deduction. That will limit cash flowing into the charitable sector which will limit charities ability to do what Obama thinks government can do better.

Think about food banks, orphanages, Metropolitan Ministries and the list goes on. Who will fill the gap? Well, government of course. That's Obama's ultimate goal.... more government spending, more government control and more government employees.

The president's budget deserves a quick funeral, but not before people understand the real goals of the White House and the president's cronies in the Congress.

Candidates running for Congress this year should make it clear to the voters that they will go to Washington to demand accountability from government, cut waste in the budget and ensure that our military is maintained at levels sufficient to guarantee the security of the American people.

In the words of former Senator Connie Mack: “America needs less taxes, less government and more freedom.”

That's My Opinion and I am sticking to it.

*John Grant is a political columnist who served 21 years in the Florida Legislature and now practices estate planning law in Tampa. He can be reached at MyOpinion@johngrant.net. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.*

### YOUR VIEWS

#### A small tribute to a big man

Shock, grief, a sense of loss, all these were felt when we learned of the death of “Bud” Warren; however, we know that the trumpets, cymbals and drums in Heaven are proclaiming the arrival of the soul of this human, who included honoring all of God's creatures and creation, here on Earth, believing that there is a hereafter where we shall all meet again. It might be a good tribute to Bud's life if more of us would try to follow his stride and his big footsteps.

Immediately — right now! — those of us who knew Bud and enjoyed his company, knowing of all his good works-, should move to name that certain stretch of land located on the state-owned parcel of the Royce

Farm “The ‘Bud’ Warren Blue-Bird Trail.” It is the very least we can do to honor this man's hard work in trying to protect all endangered lands that now seen falling to the bulldozer, cement and black-top.

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## FOX

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is nothing wrong with younger roles, there are a lot of very mature talented people that deserve a role. If I wasn't directing this production, I would have loved to be Dickie."

"When I go into a show I am very OCD," Harriman said. "Before I get to auditions, I have my set drawn, I have audition scenes of what I want the characters to do, I have my calendar done. I have everything already done a couple of months before auditions start."

There are many considerations when a script is picked out, Harriman said.

"I pick out a script that I am passionate about, otherwise I wouldn't be able to direct it well. It goes to committee, where we pick out the script and read them. If we still like them, we are allowed to submit four. When we get down to voting, we are down to two or one, and that is usually the one we have a passion for directing."

One of the main considerations, Harriman said, is demographics. "Since older people make up a large part of the demographic, we try to find shows that they can relate to. Love of the show is probably the biggest consideration."

Another consideration for Harriman is the actors that he has available. "I won't select a show if I don't have the actors," he said. "When casting this



Rod Lewis/News-Sun

Henry Bingham (Ken Hall) teaches Pam Peabody (Suzanne Schilffarth) the finer points of golf during "The Fox on the Fairway" at Highlands Little Theatre.

show, I checked to see how the actors fit. They are a tight cast."

"I am loving this part," said Suzanne Schilffarth, who plays Pamela Peabody. "I get to be vampy, I get to be in love, I get to be Lucile Ballish and it is just a fun cast." The hardest part for Schilffarth, however, may have been playing the role with a broken toe, although she says that the hardest part of the role was "coming across sexy."

"First, I went shopping for camouflage," said Brenda Hippchen. "The outfit helps get me into character. I kept trying to imagine her and kept seeing other characters that I could pattern her after. One of them was Mimi from the 'Drew Carey Show'. She is very commanding and that is how Muriel is."

"One of the roles that stands out for me is the Cemetery Club," said Ken Hall, who plays Henry Bingham. "There were five women and I was the only male. One of the

things was when he talks about losing his wife and the emotions that were there, as well as some light moments, so it had a little bit of everything."

Vanessa Richardson, who plays Louise Heindbedder, remarked that the hardest part of playing Louise is that she is very ditzy and clumsy. "I had to pretend I was blond," said Richardson, who has also been in several production at Highlands Little Theatre including "Pirates of Penzance," "Aida," and "Beauty and the Beast." "It has been a while since I have been at the theatre and I thought it would be fun and it is," Richardson said.

"Fox On The Fairway" runs until March 30. Coming attractions include "Motherhood Out Loud," "13," and "Proof." For details on auditions, dates, or ticketing, contact Highlands Little Theatre at www.highlandslittletheatre.org, call 382-2525 or visit the theatre at 256 W. Center Ave.

## Auditions set for 'Wizard of Oz'

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Highlands Little Theatre is proud to announce its upcoming auditions for "The Wizard of Oz" on April 1, 2, 8 and 19. The play is by L. Frank Baum, music and lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg, background music by Herbert Stothart, dance and vocal arrangements by Peter Howard, orchestration by Larry Wilcox, adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company. It is based upon the classical motion picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co., and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

One of the most famous books of all time, "The Wizard of Oz" became legend with the much-loved Oscar winning 1939 movie musical version starring Judy Garland. Now, celebrating the 75th

anniversary of the movie, this brilliant live musical version with all the wonderful songs including "Over the Rainbow," "We're Off to See the Wizard" and "Follow The Yellow Brick Road" comes to the HLT stage. Join Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin-Man and the Cowardly Lion as they journey to meet The Wizard of Oz in the Emerald City

Females age 16 years of age and older interested in auditioning for the part of Dorothy should attend at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1. Any adults and children over the age of 13 auditioning for all parts other than the munchkins should attend at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 8. Kids ages 6 to 9 years of age should attend at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19 and kids ages 10 and older should attend at 12 p.m.

Director Melanie Boulay is seeking dancers, singers, tumblers and actors ages 6 years and older to be part of the cast in this memorable production. The cast rehearses and performs the show under the supervision of the theatre's highly experienced creative team. The cast will develop skills in acting, dancing and singing.

For further information about audition requirements and to receive a tentative rehearsal schedule, email hltozinfo@gmail.com. Auditions will be held at Highlands Little Theatre, 356 W. Center Ave. HLT's production will begin July 9. Contact the box office at 382-2525 or purchasing online from www.highlandslittletheatre.org.

"The Wizard of Oz" is sponsored by the News-Sun and the Sebring Elks Lodge 1529.

## Movies could come to downtown Avon Park

BY PHIL ATTINGER  
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — Robert Talley and Judy McCarter may have a new recreational activity at Lake Verona.

They have just acquired a movie screen and projection system, and hope to have movies on the beach at Donaldson Park. Talley told the Avon Park Community Redevelopment Agency Board on Monday that the screen was just delivered this week and is 16-foot-long by 8-foot-tall.

"I've seen it. It's great," Talley said, drawing a chorus of laughter from the board members, since Talley has been blind since age 4.

Talley and McCarter run Sight Unseen Enterprises, which provides low-priced, pedal-powered watercraft and on-shore game rentals for visitors to the park. They have been trying to expand their venture during this year, but have met some setbacks since Lake Verona's beach has been closed frequently by high bacteria levels.

Monica Dolye of Just Show Me How, a live and online problem-solving service, said she has been working with Talley and McCarter for many years, under contract with the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. She helps people with disabilities, like Talley and McCarter, who want to be entrepreneurs.

"(You) might be able to use (the screen) at different CRA events," Doyle told the board.

She said Sight Unseen has yet to take the screen and sound system on a test run.

A similar event has been playing for a few years at Lakeland's Lake Mirror Park. Called "Pics on the Promenade," it's a free show that regularly draws crowds of families and couples.

It's sponsored by the city and local businesses, and has brought people downtown to shop and dine.

Amir Ghasseni, whose uncle used to work with the couple at Ridge Area Arc and who also helps them run games and rent watercraft, said they have all the necessary tie-down straps to install the screen on the beach and keep it in place.

Talley said also he has more hydrobikes on order. Ghasseni said bacteria levels are highest in the very shallow water, but hydrobikes — bicycle frames on pontoons with

a propellor — get people out onto the lake and don't kick up as much spray as the Waterpillar craft, which are two big wheels with a seat as an axle.

Talley spent two years attending Avon Park City Council and Community Redevelopment Agency meetings to get support for his original venture, which marked its first anniversary last Labor Day.

Talley has said his earliest memory before losing his sight was of families playing at Lake Verona. He got set up at Donaldson Park with help through Avon Park's Main Street CRA and Florida Vocational Rehabilitation.

Watercraft rental also helps keep it going, Chasseni said.

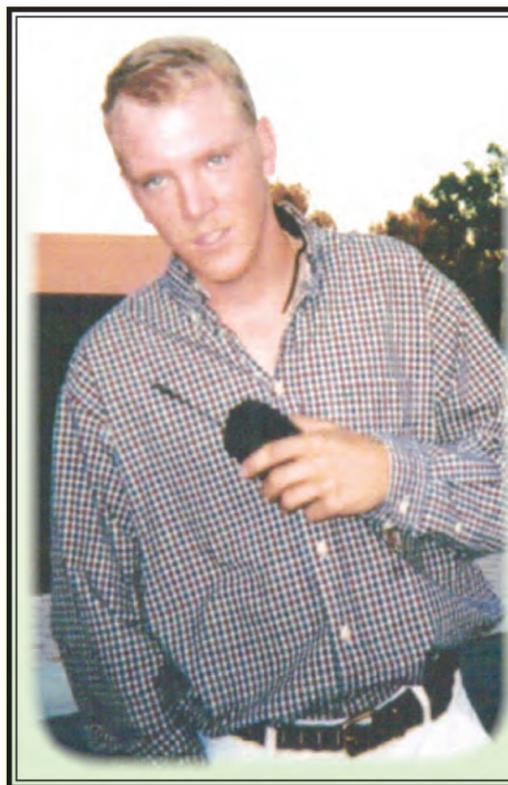
Talley said he'd like to get corporate sponsors and host free community events, but for now he runs a nominal fee service.

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# Questions raised about using CRA money to promote events in Avon Park

BY PHIL ATTINGER  
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — The Community Redevelopment Agency Board Monday unanimously approved \$2,000 to help market the annual Blueberry & Bluegrass Festival and \$750 to help market the downtown veterans monument brick engraving project.

Whether those events would generate foot traffic sparked a long discussion on what the CRA should be funding.

City Attorney Gerald Buhr said that the city's Main Street, Southside and Airport CRA should help combat blight and attract new business. He said those who oppose CRA funding decisions might argue that festivals do not improve the "brick and mortar" establishments or help open new business.

"We need information on the number of people there (or) if revenue went up," Buhr said. "We need to document those things if people contest it."

Administrative Services Director Maria Sutherland said the CRA spent \$75,000 on events last year, and the only other events scheduled for this year are the Fourth of July celebration and the Harvest Festival in October.

Mayor Sharon Schuler said the organizers of the Blueberry Festival brought in 6,000 more people from 2011-2013, and they may have documentation.

"The Blueberry Festival brings people in every year," Schuler said. "It does support the human element of the town and

**'We need information on the number of people there (or) if revenue went up. We need to document those things if people contest it.'**

Gerald Buhr  
city attorney

brings people together."

Buhr suggested the CRA make funding contingent on applicants providing that information after each event.

He also said that it doesn't really matter how many people attend if the event doesn't increase overall business. A barbecue at the airport, for example, might not increase hangar rentals but in the Southside commercial district, it might improve customer traffic.

Councilman Garrett Anderson asked if the CRA could include such questions on applications, and Buhr said, yes, as long as they are specific to CRA districts or the events.

Sutherland said the Highlands County Tourism Development Council has devised a set of standards to test if an event will be a benefit. She also said the TDC has a 90-day application period.

"(This) needs to be more focused because we still have people who've not submitted invoices from last year," Sutherland said.

Buhr said the CRA can help, but only so much. After a few years, an event should have gained sponsors, he said.

Schuler said Music on the Mall organizers tried to get businesses to participate and only two did. Councilman Terry Hes-

ton said several new restaurants have opened downtown in the last two years, and credited CRA-sponsored events.

Anderson asked if it would suffice that a business stays open longer because of an event, and Buhr said that could be a good "earmark" of success.

Sutherland asked how many businesses need to see improvement for an event to qualify for funding. Buhr said that would be up to the CRA Board, as long as the number holds up to scrutiny.

"Look at it from the court standpoint: What is the evidence, especially if you receive (tax increment financing) help?" Buhr said.

Sutherland asked if a social, civic or non-profit organization would also qualify, and Buhr said that also would be up to the city.

Heston asked how the CRA should divide funds between events and improvement grants, and Buhr would only say "most" of the funds should go to improvements.

Robin Hinote, executive director for the Sebring CRA, said the question of whether or not to support events has come up several times at the Florida Redevelopment Association conferences.

The best practice, she said, is to only support events and projects conforming to the redevelopment plan.

An annual percentage is never set in writing, she said, because needs change. Any expenses are always approved by the board, she said.

## HANCOCK

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commission post.

"I had gotten calls from a couple of people, so I did. Then I received a call from Gov. Scott asking if I could meet with him," Hancock said. "After that it went pretty quickly."

Although he has attended a number of citrus commission meetings, Hancock said he has not given the board any direct input.

His first meeting is set for May.

The commission currently is faced with a number of challenges, including a reduced budget. Late last year the commission cut nearly \$1.1 million in response to the shrinking citrus crop this harvesting season.

The 56-year-old Hancock is owner and president of Hancock Citrus. He said that as a citrus grower and caretaker, the decline is a phenomenon that is widespread as local growers deal with the same problems.

"I'm also used to that from the last few years I was on the school board. It seemed like our bud-

gets got reduced quite a lot," he said.

Saying there are "no sacred cows" when it comes to a budget, Hancock said it appears the citrus commission has been doing a good job dealing with the situation.

"I'm kind of a zero-based budget person," he said.

"Also, we are in a new environment when it comes to advertising and promoting citrus — it is not just television, ra-

dio and newspapers anymore."

Hancock will replace outgoing member Jesse Clark and will serve through June 30, 2016.

Highlands County Citrus Growers Association Executive Director Ray Royce praised Scott's decision, saying Hancock brings a local vision of what the industry needs to do to enhance the ability to market citrus and share the message of the state's citrus industry.

## CROWDER

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precious memory from her 25 years at the helm is the children and families.

"Getting to see these younger families in here is the best thing. People say that this is just an old retirement city. Well, I get to see generations of young people with healthy, happy children everyday," Crowder said.

Since opening its doors in 1990, Crowder has promoted the museum's mission to provide a safe learning environment from children ages 1-12 to explore and grow. Crowder has introduced a number of new exhibits and areas in the museum throughout the span of her leadership, organized and executed countless fundraising events and functions and employed dozens of local workers and volunteers.

Replacing Crowder will be a tough job for the museum's board members, but it is a task that must be done sooner rather than later.

**'I feel like that after 23 years, the Museum is in a good place and it is time to step back and enjoy retirement with my husband and soon, my first grandchild.'**

Linda Crowder  
Children's Museum founder

Jessica Hartline has been a part of the museum board for nearly three years and frequents the museum with her children.

"We are definitely going to miss her. She's done so much in the community and I personally am thankful for her. Whoever takes her place has got some big shoes to fill and we are hoping to find someone to continue her legacy," Hartline said.

A press release from Crowder stated that applications are being accepted immediately as hiring a replacement may take up to several months.

"I'd like to have someone in here by mid-May to learn and train. With school going out and Dis-

covery Camp during the summer and the Beer Festival in September, it's a lot to learn," Crowder said.

A handful of people are already on Crowder's list of successors, though Crowder can not be directly involved in the application and interview processes.

"I do have a few people in mind. There's about three or four who I think would be excellent. But then there very well may be someone else out there that I don't know who would be just great," Crowder said.

Interested individuals may stop by the museum at 219 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring to pick up a packet or log onto [www.childrensmuseum-highlands.com](http://www.childrensmuseum-highlands.com).

"I feel like that after 23 years, the Museum is in a good place and it is time to step back and enjoy retirement with my husband and soon, my first grandchild," Crowder said.

Samantha Gholar can be reached at [samantha.gholar@newssun.com](mailto:samantha.gholar@newssun.com) or 385-6155 ext: 526.

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# OBITUARIES

## PAUL HOWARD



Paul E. Howard, 91, of Knoxville, Tenn. and Sebring,

passed away in his sleep on March 21, 2014 at Elmcroft of Halls in Knoxville. Paul was a longtime member of Lincoln Park Baptist Church, was owner and president of Howard & Howard Plumbing and Heating Co. of Knoxville and Harder Hall Country Club in Sebring. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, an avid golfer and member of Holston Hills and Beaver Brook Country Clubs.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Evelyn Wyatt Howard; son, Paul Keith Howard; and sister, Elsie Branam. He is survived by his sons, Tim (Jewell) Howard, Dr. Nicholas W. (Carol) Howard, and Dean W. Howard; sister, Margaret (Col. Paul) Smathers; brothers, Charles "Dub" (Joyce) Howard and Jim (Linda) Howard;

brother-in-law, Vernon Branam; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

Paul enjoyed working and playing golf daily with his friends (he had 11 holes in one) and employees of Harder Hall Country Club, where he hosted the prestigious Harder Hall Women's Invitational for many years. A few of his noted accomplishments are: Knoxville city councilman, chairman of the National Plg. Htg. & Cooling Convention, three-time president of the Knoxville Plg. Htg. & Cooling Contractors Assn., president of the Tennessee Plg. Htg. & Cooling Contractors Assn., served on the Governors Study on Cost Control and President Reagan's Task Force, and was appointed by Gov. Dunn to serve on the State Contractors Licensing Board.

Online obituaries may be viewed and condolences made at [www.rosemortuary.com](http://www.rosemortuary.com). There will be a Memorial Mass at St. Catherine Church in Sebring at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 12.

## CARL KICKLIGHTER



Carl Kenneth "Kenny" Kicklighter, Chief "Kick",

82, passed away March 6, 2014 in Douglas, Ga. He was a retired Navy veteran.

He leaves behind his wife, Sandra Lee Kicklighter of Douglas, Ga.; daughter, Melinda Rodrigous of Ocala; sons, David Kicklighter of

Mountain Grove, Mo. and Kenny Kicklighter Jr. of Honolulu, Hawaii; step-son, Jeff Ross of Douglas, Ga.; stepdaughter, Jacqueline Rice of Douglas Ga.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

He worked for Lakeside Air Conditioning in Sebring Fla., after leaving Key West.

Sims Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

## CLARENCE OWINGS



Clarence "Flip" Owings, 89, of Avon Park,

passed away Saturday, March 22, 2014 in Sebring He was born Sept. 4, 1924 to Clarence and Pearl Owings of McCormick, S.C. He served three years in the U.S. Army, serving in England, Ireland, Germany and France. He received the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal and Soldiers Medal. His one big hobby was his vegetable garden and cook-

ing barbecue. He retired from Pan American Air Lines in 1983. He was of the Methodist faith.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of 67 years; three children, Margaret (Joe) Lhotsky of Weddington, N.C., Conrad (Paula) Owings of Sebring and Nancy (David) Simmons of Avon Park; sister, Barbara Roberts of McCormick S.C.; six grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 28 at 11 a.m. at the Avon Park Lakes Clubhouse, 2714 Nautilus Drive. Arrangements with Fountain Funeral Home.

# Mystery project may get millions from Florida

GARY FINEOUT  
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida may award nearly \$21 million to a mystery economic development project planned at an airport on the state's east coast.

State legislators will vote Tuesday on whether to go along with Gov. Rick Scott's request to spend the money for "Project Magellan" at the Melbourne International Airport.

If approved, it would mark one of the largest single economic development projects approved during Scott's tenure as governor. Brevard County officials earlier this month voted to award a grant to cover city and county impact fees.

Documents from Space Florida, the state's aerospace economic development arm, show that the

company that would receive the money is promising to spend up to \$500 million on real estate, equipment and furnishing between now and 2020.

The company would also pledge to hire 250 people by the end of 2014, and hundreds more after that although it's not clear at least from Space Florida documents when the additional employees would have to be in place.

One group critical of the state's economic development efforts said the state should at least identify the company before approving such a large amount of money.

"Shouldn't the public at least be told the name of the company before we give away more than \$20 million of our money?" said Dan Krassner, executive director of the watchdog group Integrity Florida.

## UNSUNG HEROES HONORED



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Vickie Watson of the News-Sun, Unsung Hero Chet Brojek, Judy Stone and Cheryl Sharp, both of Agero gather Tuesday morning to present Brojek with a plaque. Brojek was honored for supporting young athletes and his community involvement. The News-Sun's Unsung Hero is sponsored by Agero.



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

News-Sun Publisher Romona Washington (left) presents a plaque to January's Unsung Hero Robert Saffold with the help of Agero Operations Manager Carolyn Marasciulo and Agero Senior Recruiter and Community Relations Director Cheryl Sharp (far right).

## Pastors ask for plea deal in warning shot case

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — Pastors are calling for the Jacksonville State Attorney's Office to offer the original plea deal to a woman who received a lengthy sentence for firing what she claims was a warning shot during a fight with her estranged husband.

Marissa Alexander, 33, rejected a deal that would have sent her to three years in prison. She was later convicted and sentenced to 20 years on charges that she fired a gun at Rico Gray and two of his

children. She called it a warning shot.

The conviction was overturned and she's scheduled for a July 28 trial.

"Given that she's been granted a chance at a retrial, she should have the chance at a redo," the Rev. Mark Griffin of Wayman Ministries told The Florida Times-Union.

She could face 60 years in prison if convicted again. If she she's offered the original plea deal, and accepts it, she could be free within months.

## UTILITY

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served by that utility to pay back that cost.

"If you're not doing the assessment, I would not recommend buying it," Deleon said.

Deleon said since the owner has "deferred maintenance obligations," there are a lot of repairs to make. He doesn't know how many, he said, until he inspects the system to see how badly water and/or sand have infiltrated the lift stations.

The system's 530 customers — residents living just south of Crystal Lake Golf Club — are already on city water, Deleon said. They pay between \$35.53 and \$38.88 per month to handle 6,000-7,000 gallons of sewage — the same as an average city customer, he said. The city charges a flat rate of \$35 per month for 6,000-7,000 gallons.

The utility would add 50,000 gallons per day to the city's wastewater treatment plant. Deleon estimates that the city could get \$135,000 per year in

revenue from the system. An assessment to pay for repairs could be as little as \$14.92 per month, he said, based on an assessment of \$1,887 over 15 years.

Schuler asked what would happen if the city didn't buy the utility and the owner doesn't make improvements. Deleon said the system is overseen by the Florida Public Service Commission, so repairs would have to be made or it would get shut down.

City Attorney Gerald Buhr advised that another private utility company might buy it, or if it went bankrupt, it might be handed over to the Highlands County government to run.

Anderson asked if there were grants to pay for rehabilitation. Deleon said there are, but not in time to avoid possible failure of the system.

He said if the city purchases the utility, it could be up to standards within eight months after that.

Deleon told the News-Sun that modern lift stations cost \$150,000 each, and last approximately 15 years with the inter-

nal pumps lasting about 10 years.

The city already has 16 of them, and budgets \$60,000 each year to keep them maintained. The city could look at buying more when it comes to pumping sewage to the city's wastewater treatment plant, he said.

The city council also approved two annexations that had been held over from February because one had a typographical error.

One is a 31-acre city-owned parcel at 2055 U.S. 27 N. and another is a 3.6-acre tract owned by Guru Krupa Investment LLC at 2511 U.S. 27 S. The city-owned parcel was approved first so that it was contiguous to the private parcel, which was then approved.

# Scott rips Crist in new ad

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The re-election campaign of Florida Gov. Rick Scott is launching yet another television ad, but this one takes direct aim at former Gov. Charlie Crist.

Scott's campaign organization said Monday that it will spend \$2 million on a statewide ad buy that will go after Crist for his support of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. Recent polls have shown Scott trailing Crist in a head-to-head matchup.

This is now the second television ad launched by Scott's campaign in March even though the election is about seven months away. Crist is just one of a handful of Democrats who is seeking the nomination.

Democrats and Crist's own campaign responded quickly, saying the ad was misleading and was meant to distract voters from Scott's record.

The ad features recent television footage of Crist saying the overhaul has "been great" for the state despite a difficult rollout. That is contrasted with recent stories about the health care overhaul.

"It may be great for his political career, but it isn't great for the rest of us," Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera said about the ad.

One of the stories highlighted in the ad is that 300,000 health insurance policies issued by Florida Blue would be cancelled because the policies were not sufficiently comprehensive

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# SPORTS

## Panthers continue to claw

BY DAN HOEHNE  
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Despite a less-than-flat-tering record overall, the South Florida State College baseball Panthers are seemingly on the cusp, and might be on the verge of breaking through.

Head coach Rick Hitt has noted on several occasions that his squad has been “one hit away from breaking a game open.”

Thus far, however, those key hits had been few and far between.

That 16 of the Panther losses have come with a total margin of 19 runs, tells you how close they have been.

And how much some of those needed hits may have the team sitting in a very different place.

Say some of those hits had been gotten, and split those 16 losses.

Suddenly South Florida would be sitting at 19-14, rather than 11-22.

Friday’s 8-4 loss to visiting St. Petersburg may not seem to fit that mold on the surface, but it was another one that was there for the Panthers to take.

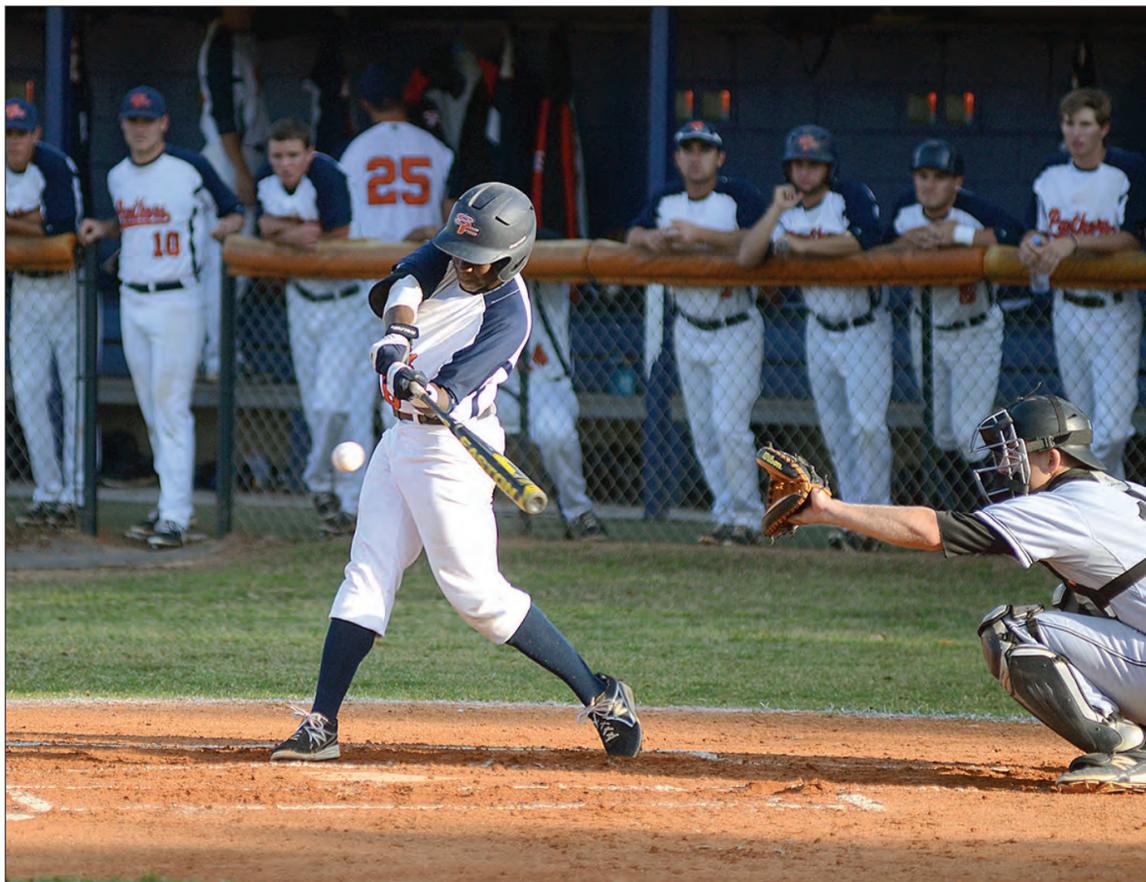
Down 5-2 midway through, South Florida loaded the bases in both the fifth and sixth, but couldn’t get that key hit and came away scoreless both times.

They did get a big hit in the eighth when Harrison McClure bounced one over the fence for a two-run, ground-rule double.

That made it 5-4 heading to the ninth, but the Titans defused it by plating three and putting it out of reach.

Get an extra hit or two in the fifth and sixth innings, and it might have been a vastly different outcome.

Saturday saw the team still stinging from the



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Isaiah Dean and the Panthers saw their bats awaken and recent fortunes turn Sunday with a key Suncoast Conference win over Polk State.

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## Cubs keeping their eye on Hoffner

BY DAN HOEHNE  
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When reached early last week and asked about what the upcoming season might bring, Sebring native and Cubs minor leaguer Corbin Hoffner wasn’t yet sure.

“We just started games and we’re just getting into the swing of things,” he said from the Cubs Spring Training facility in Mesa, Ariz. “When it comes to where I’m going, I don’t have any idea yet.”

In perusing various scouting reports from BleacherNation.com and ChicagoCubsOnline.com, two places seem likely, depending on what the big club has in mind.

In a piece on Bleacher Nation in early December, it was suggested that while his stellar year at Boise was all out of the bullpen, the team could well have been grooming him as a starter.

“In many of his games at Boise, he pitched at least three innings,” the



Courtesy photo

While Corbin Hoffner gets his work in at the Cubs Spring Training facility, he awaits word on where he’ll be headed for the season.

article stated. “That is often the pattern we see when a team is piggy-backing two starters together because they have

more pitchers who need innings than they have slots in the rotation.”

A piece from Chicago Cubs Online, dated Feb.

24, started out by saying “the sky is the limit for 20-year old Corbin Hoffner,” but continued with “the trouble is, what direction do you take his development?”

Then, an article posted on Monday, March 17, stated “the youngest player in the bullpen may rise to the top,” regarding the big right-hander, classifying him as being on the roster of the Kane County Cougars, the Cubs Low-A team just outside Chicago.

Then again, it was suggested that if he were to stay a reliever, the Cubs could likely send him to High-A Daytona, and if they intended to groom him as a starter, he would most likely be assigned to Kane County.

No official word yet, as Hoffner and his fellow organizational hopefuls work through the daily grind in Arizona.

But it seems certainly clear that wherever he is headed, Hoffner is making an impression as he works his way up.

## After 3 months apart, Heat, Pacers to meet again

‘Now they’re important’: Heat head to Indiana, control of East race up for grabs

TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — Heat forward Chris Bosh has a confession: Games at this time of year simply mean more to him than games in December.

Not exactly shocking, of course.

But when so much hubbub surrounded the last game between Miami and Indiana way back on Dec. 18, Bosh wasn’t necessarily buying into the supposed significance.

After all, he figured, the season was basically only one-third over at that point.

The Heat and Pacers finally play again on Wednesday.

And this time, Bosh knows the buzz is real.

“I know everybody’s try-

ing to make the games important back in December,” Bosh said. “Well, now they’re important.”

The Eastern Conference race won’t be decided on Wednesday night, but the pendulum is either going to swing toward Indiana moving considerably closer to the No. 1 seed or back toward the Heat and a chaotic, potentially down-to-the-wire finish.

If the Pacers — who have been alone atop the East standings since Nov. 4 — win, they would move three games clear of Miami in the East race.

If the Heat prevail, the teams will be tied in the loss column.

And given that these teams don’t like each other, plus have faced each

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## Team Pelfrey is set for St. Petersburg Pro Mazda opener

Special to the News-Sun

PALMETTO — Team Pelfrey will close out a hectic off-season this week by traveling the short distance from its new base in Palmetto to the streets of St. Petersburg where its talented, multi-national, three-driver lineup will chase victory in the opening two races of the Pro Mazda Championship Presented by Cooper Tires.

Luis Felipe “Pipo” Derani, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dalton Kellett, from Stouffville, Ont., Canada

and Brandon Newey, from Indianapolis, Ind., are all expected to challenge for honors on the demanding and unforgiving 1.8-mile downtown street circuit.

The venue will play host to all three levels of the Mazda Road to Indy (Indy Lights, Pro Mazda and USF2000) in addition to the headline Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg — the opening round of the Verizon IndyCar Series.

Derani, 20, is making the move to North America after achieving success

in Formula 3 in Europe during recent seasons, while both Kellett, also 20, and Newey, 21, are stepping up from the Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship Powered by Mazda.

“I am very excited. St. Pete is always a great event,” Kellett said. “The location and the fans are amazing.”

“My focus for the first race of the season is to drive at my highest level and to secure a good start to the championship. As with all street courses,



Courtesy photo

Dalton Kellett is ready to get the season started for Team Pelfrey at St. Petersburg this weekend.

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**COMING UP**

**High School Baseball**  
Friday – Avon Park vs. Okeechobee, 7 p.m.; Sebring vs. DeSoto, 7 p.m.  
Saturday – Sebring at Tampa Catholic, 3 p.m.

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

**High School Softball**  
Thursday – Avon Park at Sebring, 5/7 p.m.; Lake Placid at Moore Haven, 5/7 p.m.

Friday – Avon Park vs. Booker, 6 p.m.; Lake Placid vs. Gateway Charter, 6 p.m.; Sebring vs. DeSoto, 5:30/7:30 p.m.

**College Softball**  
Thursday – SFSC at Hillsborough, 5 p.m.

**Boys Tennis**  
Thursday – Lake Placid vs. Avon Park, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Tennis**  
Thursday – Lake Placid at Avon Park, 4:30 p.m.

**SPORTS ON TV TODAY**

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

■ NIT Tournament	7 p.m. ESPN2
■ NIT Tournament	9 p.m. ESPN2

**MLB PRESEASON**

■ Washington at St. Louis	1 p.m. ESPN
■ Baltimore at Tampa Bay	7 p.m. SUN

**NBA**

■ Miami at Indiana	8 p.m. ESPN
■ Memphis at Utah	10:30 p.m. ESPN

**TENNIS**

■ ATP – Sony Open, Quarterfinals	1 p.m. ESPN2
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**THURSDAY**

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

■ NCAA Tournament	7 p.m. CBS
■ NCAA Tournament	7:15 p.m. TBS
■ NCAA Tournament	9:30 p.m. CBS
■ NCAA Tournament	9:35 p.m. TBS

**GOLF**

■ EuroPGA – EurAsia Cup, Day One	9 a.m. GOLF
■ PGA – Valero Texas Open	3 p.m. GOLF
■ LPGA – Kia Classic	6:30 p.m. GOLF

**MLB PRESEASON**

■ Washington at N.Y. Mets	Noon ESPN
■ Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs	3 p.m. WGN

**NHL**

■ N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay	7:30 p.m. SUN
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**TENNIS**

■ ATP – Sony Open	1 p.m. ESPN2
■ ATP – Sony Open	7 p.m. ESPN2

**SCOREBOARD**

**National Basketball Association**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	39	30	.565	—
Brooklyn	37	32	.536	2
New York	29	41	.414	10½
Boston	23	47	.329	16½
Philadelphia	15	56	.211	25

**Southeast**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Miami	48	21	.696	—
Washington	36	34	.514	12½
Charlotte	34	37	.479	15
Atlanta	31	38	.449	17
Orlando	19	52	.268	30

**Central**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Indiana	51	20	.718	—
Chicago	40	31	.563	11
Cleveland	27	44	.380	24
Detroit	26	44	.371	24½
Milwaukee	13	58	.183	38

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-San Antonio	54	16	.771	—
Houston	48	22	.686	6
Memphis	42	28	.600	12
Dallas	42	29	.592	12½
New Orleans	30	40	.429	24

**Northwest**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	52	18	.743	—
Portland	45	26	.634	7½
Minnesota	34	35	.493	17½
Demer	32	39	.451	20½
Utah	23	48	.324	29½

**Pacific**

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Clippers	50	21	.704	—
Golden State	44	27	.620	6
Phoenix	42	29	.592	8
Sacramento	25	45	.357	24½
L.A. Lakers	23	46	.333	26

x-clinched playoff spot

**Monday's Games**

Houston 100, Charlotte 89  
Miami 93, Portland 91  
Phoenix 102, Atlanta 95  
Chicago 89, Indiana 77  
Oklahoma City 117, Denver 96  
Memphis 109, Minnesota 92  
New Orleans 109, Brooklyn 104, OT  
San Antonio 113, Philadelphia 91  
Detroit 114, Utah 94  
L.A. Clippers 106, Milwaukee 98

**Tuesday's Games**

Portland at Orlando, late  
Toronto at Cleveland, late  
Oklahoma City at Dallas, late  
New York at L.A. Lakers, late

**Wednesday's Games**

Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Miami at Indiana, 8 p.m.  
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
New York at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
Memphis at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

Nashville	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pacific	72	31	31	10	72	173	213
San Jose	73	46	18	9	101	222	175
Anaheim	71	46	18	7	99	228	180
Los Angeles	72	41	25	6	88	177	151
Phoenix	72	34	26	12	80	199	205
Vancouver	73	33	30	10	76	176	196
Calgary	72	30	35	7	67	183	211
Edmonton	72	25	38	9	59	178	236

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.  
x-clinched playoff spot

**Monday's Games**

Montreal 2, Boston 1, SO  
Ottawa 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO  
Calgary 2, San Jose 1, SO  
N.Y. Rangers 4, Phoenix 3, OT  
Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 2  
Dallas 2, Winnipeg 1

**Tuesday's Games**

St. Louis at Toronto, late  
Phoenix at Pittsburgh, late  
Los Angeles at Washington, late  
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, late  
Buffalo at Montreal, late  
Ottawa at Atlanta, late  
Detroit at Columbus, late  
Dallas at Chicago, late  
Colorado at Nashville, late  
San Jose at Edmonton, late

**Wednesday's Games**

Vancouver at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.  
Anaheim at Calgary, 10 p.m.

**Spring Training Glance**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

W	L	Pct	
Tampa Bay	15	5	.750
Cleveland	17	7	.708
Baltimore	12	7	.632
Seattle	16	10	.615
Los Angeles	15	10	.600
New York	15	10	.600
Detroit	12	11	.522
Oakland	12	12	.500
Toronto	12	12	.500
Kansas City	11	13	.458
Chicago	8	12	.400
Houston	9	15	.375
Minnesota	7	13	.350
Boston	8	15	.348
Texas	8	15	.348

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

W	L	Pct	
Miami	16	10	.615
San Francisco	15	10	.600
Pittsburgh	12	9	.571
New York	14	11	.560
Arizona	11	9	.550
Colorado	13	12	.520
Washington	13	12	.520
St. Louis	10	11	.476
Milwaukee	12	14	.462
Cincinnati	12	15	.444
Chicago	12	16	.429
San Diego	9	12	.429
Los Angeles	6	10	.375
Atlanta	10	17	.370
Philadelphia	8	15	.348

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

**Wednesday's Games**

Baltimore (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, 1:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto at Dunedin, 1:05 p.m.  
Miami vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, 1:05 p.m.  
Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, 1:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, 1:05 p.m.  
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, 1:05 p.m.  
Kansas City vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.  
Seattle vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
Colorado vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets vs. Houston at Kissimmee, 6:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, 7:05 p.m.

**OBT Baseball Games**

SEBRING – Orange Blossom Tours has reserved excellent grandstand seats for an upcoming Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training baseball game.

The game is Friday, March 28, when the Rays will play the Detroit Tigers in Lakeland. The March 28 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.

**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.

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 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.

**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.

**SNAPSHOTS SPORTS**

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.visitlakeplacidflorida.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 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*.

**SHS Golf Tournament**

SEBRING – Sebring High School will be holding its Project Graduation 2014 Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 5, at Golf Hammock Country Club.

Format is a four-person scramble, flighted by handicap, with registration starting at 7 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Entry fees are \$65 per player, \$240 per foursome and includes greens fee, cart and lunch.

Mulligans will be available for purchase at \$3 each or \$5 for two, and hole sponsors are available for \$100.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and raffle prizes available as well.

Make checks payable and remit to SHS Project Graduation, 2157 US 27 S, Sebring, FL 33870.

For more information, call Tim Baker at 385-5100.

**H.O.P.E. Basketball Tournament**

SEBRING – The 4th Annual Mary Toney H.O.P.E. Foundation 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will tip off Saturday, April 19, in the Sebring High School Gym.

From 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. teams will compete amid concessions and music, with a cost of just \$5 per player.

Monetary prizes will be awarded to first-place teams, with second-place finishers receiving gift card awards.

The tournament will have male and female brackets consisting of three players per team. For boys and girls, age groups are 7-9 years old, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-19.

The 7-9 and 10-12 year-old teams begin play at 8:30 a.m., with the 13-15s and 16-19s starting at 11 a.m.

Teams need to report to the gym 30 minutes prior to the first game of their division.

Registration deadline is Thursday, April 17.

For more information, call LaVaar Scott at (863) 214-3880, Nick Brooks at (850) 322-8398 or Princeton Harris at (863) 381-8898

**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 Pincrest 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.nuhopeeldercare.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.

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 26, at Sun 'N Lake.

Format is a four-person scramble with handicapped flights.

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

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

Please submit entries by Thursday, April 24. Make checks payable to Wings of Faith CWC Scholarship Fund.

All proceeds go to benefit college-bound senior graduates for the class of 2014. For questions, call Alvin Walters at 381-5706 or 381-6578.

ing to underwrite the event for the eighth consecutive year, but more sponsors are needed.

Sponsorship ranges from \$1,000 to \$50 hole-sponsors 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 team and lunch, along with advertising on banner displayed at lunch tents.

The \$2,500 Gold Sponsor includes one four-man team, cart and lunch, a banner hanging during event with company logo, company logo on flyer/registration and all mail pieces, one station sign, one suite for Thursday night's social and two Thursday night dinner tickets.

For more information or to register, call the Foundation at (863) 402-5525, or visit the website *www.FHHeartland.org/Foundation*.

**Wings of Faith Golf**

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

Format is a four-person scramble with handicapped flights.

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

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

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# NASCAR THIS WEEK

## HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

# Denny downer

Denny Hamlin should probably just skip Auto Club Speedway in the future. He's had the worst luck at the 2-mile oval during the past two seasons.

Last year, Hamlin mixed it up with Joey Logano, crashed and suffered fractures in his back. He missed four races with the injury and never ran well all season until he won the finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

This time around, the track figuratively punched the Virginia driver in the nose. Hamlin's sinuses were so infected, it was causing him vision problems. Before the Auto Club 400 started, the team said Hamlin could not drive, sent him to an area hospital for treatment and put Sam Hornish Jr. into the No. 11 Toyota. Hornish finished 17th as Hamlin's 11th-hour sub.

"He had a little sinus infection from a while ago," said J.D. Gibbs, president of Joe Gibbs Racing. "The hard part, I think ... he can still drive, but he brought it up and was concerned about it and wanted to make sure it was taken care of. The doctors said, 'Hey, you have to do this right away.' Hopefully it's nothing, but you have to get checked out."

After the race, the team said Hamlin was examined at a hospital near the track and released. Hamlin may be the first driver to miss a race because of a stuffy nose.

luck? Gordon was less than two laps from winning Sunday's race until Clint Bowyer's No. 15 Toyota blew a rear tire and spun out, bringing out a caution with the white flag from the flag man's holster.

Gordon went from a sure-thing win to finishing a distant 13th and feeling less than charitable toward the manufacturer of his wayward tire. "I don't know where to begin with the disappointment for this team," said the four-time Cup Series champ. "They gave me the most incredible race car today and it is just so disappointing for it to end like that."

"I hate the caution came out. I hate Goodyear was not prepared today for what happened. They are so good at what they do and that is just uncalled for."

### DANICA MENTION

It's been a few weeks, so let's throw Danica Patrick's name into the Hot Topics' mix. Patrick finished 14th in California, her best finish of the 2014 season.

"It seems like some of our most trying weekends end up with our better results," she said. "We will take it and we will know that there is so much more potential for those weekends where we feel like we are running a lot better."

Then she added, "It's nice when you get fortunate and lucky and your best running position on track happens to be the last lap, so I will take it. That doesn't normally happen."

### GORDON DENIED

Has Jeff Gordon used up all his good racing



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Wait, that's not Denny Hamlin. Nope, it was Sam Hornish Jr. filling in at Fontana.

### GODWIN'S FONTANA PICKS



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**Winner:** Jimmie Johnson  
**Rest of the top five:** Jeff Gordon, Kevin Harvick, Tony Stewart, Kurt Busch  
**Dark horse:** Landon Cassill

**Disappointment:** Kasey Kahne  
**First one out:** Paul Menard  
**Don't be surprised if:** Johnson wins big at Martinsville. He's got eight wins there since 2004.

### QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



News-Journal/JIM TILLER

How do they fit all those horses under that hood? Not sure, but NASCAR may make it tougher.

### Isn't the object of racing to find MORE horsepower?

Kinda, sorta. Yes, that's the goal for those who are in the race. But for those who are overseeing the race, sometimes it's necessary (by their judgment, anyway) to cool the jets. This discussion will become a bigger part of the background noise in the weeks and months to come as NASCAR contemplates a reduction in horsepower for next year and beyond.

### Why do that?

Engine durability — and therefore economics — is one of the things cited by NASCAR and the manufacturers. The same engines, by and large, from 25 years ago are now producing 850-plus horsepower when they were once milked for 500. That's what we call an advance in productivity, but a heavy load for the equipment. Between the lines, it also seems to suggest it would give NASCAR the ability to tweak other engineering factors in a way to promote the type of car behavior that's generally labeled "better racin'."

### Potential problems?

There are always unforeseen engineering and mechanical issues that crop up, but there's also a marketing kink here: How do you tell the fans you're making overall improvements by reducing horsepower? That'll be a challenging press release.



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### FEUD OF THE WEEK



ARIC ALMIROLA

BRIAN SCOTT

**Aric Almirola vs. Brian Scott:** Scott wiped Almirola off the track in an early accident, prompting Almirola to say Scott races "because his daddy gets to pay for it and he wrecked us."

**Godwin Kelly gives his take:** "We have just witnessed a seed planted for a long and intriguing confrontation between these two young drivers. This won't end politely."

### WHAT'S ON TAP?

**SPRINT CUP:** STP 500  
**SITE:** Martinsville Speedway  
**SCHEDULE:** Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, noon), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 4:40 p.m.). Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.). Sunday, race (Fox, coverage starts at 12:30 p.m., green flag at 1:13 p.m.)

**CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS:** Kroger 250  
**SITE:** Martinsville Speedway  
**SCHEDULE:** Saturday, race (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m.)

### SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves



News-Journal/NIGEL COOK

Kyle Larson was targeted for stardom, and he's on his way.

### Five races, five winners. How long will this last?

**GODSPEAK:** The way things are going, it might go 26 straight winners; then they'll complain the Chase qualifying format is flawed.

**KEN'S CALL:** I wouldn't be surprised to see Kyle Busch end that streak with back-to-back wins this week. I also wouldn't be surprised to see a sixth winner.

### Another prediction: How long before Kyle Larson wins a Cup race?

**GODSPEAK:** I'll stay on theme and say Larson will become the 18th straight different race winner in the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona.

**KEN'S CALL:** We saw this star rising a year ago. I'll say before Week 12.

### ONLINE EXTRAS

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### FEEDBACK

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### CUP POINTS

1	Edwards*	---
2	Earnhardt Jr.*	-1
3	Keselowski*	-4
4	Kyle Busch*	-28
5	Harvick*	-89
6	Gordon	-2
7	Kenseth	-7
8	Johnson	-21
9	Newman	-36
9	Dillon	-36
11	Logano	-40
12	Hamlin	-46
13	McMurray	-48
14	Vickers	-49
15	Menard	-52
16	Stenhouse Jr.	-54

\* Has victory, currently qualified for Chase



### WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

<b>JUNIOR EARNHARDT</b> Grip on top spot loosening, however	<b>CARL EDWARDS</b> Shies away from Martinsville hot dog	<b>KYLE BUSCH</b> Still the main Kyle for now	<b>JEFF GORDON</b> A front-pack fixture so far	<b>BRAD KESELOWSKI</b> Both Mich. teams bolstering bracket	<b>JIMMIE JOHNSON</b> When will he uncork the Korbelt?	<b>MATT KENSETH</b> Probably doesn't own a bracket	<b>JOEY LOGANO</b> Thinks Martinsville was named for Mark	<b>RYAN NEWMAN</b> Broad shoulders help at half-miler	<b>TONY STEWART</b> Getting his sea legs back
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

### FONTANA REWIND

## Camber? Grip? Yes, they were talking tires after the Fontana race

NASCAR Vice President of Competition Robin Pemberton addressed the media following Sunday's Auto Club 400 about the problems Sprint Cup Series teams were having with the Goodyear tires at Fontana.

**Were you concerned at all? Is there anything that you guys feel like you might need to do, like reinstitute camber rules?**

"No, over the past few years we've been on a path to add mechanical grip, give

more options to the teams. We've opened up camber rules for grip in both the front and the rear of the car. They have a lot of tools to use if they choose to do so. But the tires weren't wearing. At some parts of the race the tires were abused a little bit, so I guess that's why the failures."

**You don't regard it as a Goodyear problem?**

"No. We've talked to Goodyear. We have asked (and) the competitors have asked to bring more aggressive tires, to

bring tires that they need to manage how they use them and how they get the most out of them. At this point in time I think Goodyear ... it's the same tire that we've run on in the past. Just the car is a little bit different. But as always, we'll get back and we'll look at it, but right now I think Goodyear has done a pretty good job with it."

**Did you expect this kind of tire problems before this race? And do you think that tire problems are just particular for**

**this racetrack or can maybe occur for the next speedways?**

"Each racetrack is fairly unique and generally have unique tire setups. Sometimes there's some crossover with a right- or a left-side tire. But you know, I will say that there's an issue of abuse of tires as much as there is anything, so you can't put a blanket over any of these things or any racetrack or anything like that."

"I think the general consensus is this racetrack races fairly well."

# Results of Avon Park Mall Fest Early Bird 5K and Fun Run

Special to the News-Sun

**Overall Male**

Chuck Best 21:56

**Overall Female**

Vicki Musselman 26:26

**Masters Male**

Brian Musselman 26:31

**Masters Female**

Helen Bingenheimer

27:52

**Grand Master Male**

Mike Stewart 23:22

**Grand Master Female**

Dr. Elena Febre 32:45

**Male Age Groups****(9 and Under)** AlexMusselman 35:23, **(35-****39)** Tony Vasques 23:40,

Tony Darrow 28:12, Chris

Capuano 32:41; **(40-44)**

Thomas LaMorte 36:45;

**(45-49)** Mike Eastman

32:46, Carl Gillilan 49:51;

**(50-54)** Nelson Pache-co 34:34; **(55-59)** Ed-win Serrano 42:47; **(60-****64)** Randy Severn 26:43,

Charlie Potter 27:07, Ray

Trudell 31:24, Kenny Vin-

cent 41:42; **(65-69)** How-ard Hart 49:53; **(70-74)**

Tom Delaney 32:01, Cliff

Ables 37:44; **(75-79)** Har-

old Smith 30:48, Mac Per-

kins 49:45; **(80+)** Kenneth

Filppula 46:33.

**Female Age Groups****(14-19)** Leah Moore

31:24, Nichole Moore

38:50; **(20-24)** Alaina Pat-tillo 40:32; **(35-39)** Sta-

cy LaMorte-Clark 35:10,

Frannie Gillilan 37:36,

Ronda Pattillo 40:33; **(40-****44)** Vicki Hicks 29:50; **(45-****49)** Dana O'Rourke 30:05,**(55-59)** Brenda Rickert 28:32,

Debbie Webber 34:40, Ra-

monita Pacheco 50:31;

**(60-64)** Bettye Hart 39:40;**(70-74)** Lois Hotchkiss

35:10, Julie Creed 48:38;

**(75-79)** Audrey Smith

43:14.

**Fun Run:** Connor Dar-

row 3:59 Mattingly Moore

3:33

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Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Chris Kazen slides safely into third Friday, one of many Panthers that occupied the bases, with too few coming in during the 8-4 loss to St. Pete.

**SFSC**

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missed opportunity and offered little resistance on the road, falling 7-0 at St. Pete.

They did, however, bounce right back and made a big statement Sunday with a 9-4 win over Polk State in a make-up from a rain-out earlier last week.

"We are feeling really confident and back on track after the win on Sunday against Polk,"

first baseman Tyler Bender said. "We have been taught all year to do the little things to win ball games and that's what we did Sunday, and what we plan on doing for the rest of the year."

Not only did it make a statement, it also jumbled up the Suncoast Conference standings.

Three teams are now tied a 7-5, Polk, St. Pete and Hillsborough, while the State College of Florida stands at 6-6 and SFSC at 3-9.

"Our conference is a dogfight and nobody is

pulling away," Bender added. "There is no panic on this team with players or coaches."

"Once we get rolling, we know we have what it takes to move right back into the top of the standings."

The Panthers were to start making their move at home Monday, but another rain out put that on hold, with the team traveling to Bradenton today to take on the Manatees.

There is still plenty of season left for these Panthers to get over that proverbial hump.

## Shaq headlines college hoops Hall of Fame class

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Shaquille O'Neal, Grant Hill and Darrell Griffith headline the 2014 College Basketball Hall of Fame class.

O'Neal averaged 22 points and 14 rebounds during his three-year college career at LSU, and was a first-team All-American his final two seasons.

Hill led Duke to two national championships, and Griffith helped Louisville win the title his senior season.

They will be joined at the induction ceremony in November by NIAA star Zelmo Beaty from Prairie View A&M; Final Four coaches Dale Brown of LSU and Gary Williams of

Maryland; longtime coach and author Glenn Wilkes Sr.; and Howard Garfinkle, the founder of the Five-Star Basketball Camp.

Hall of Fame selection committee chair Reggie Minton said this year's class "has a unique identity ... and we look forward to celebrating them in November."

## Minor-league Durham Bulls to wear R2-D2 jerseys

DURHAM, N.C. — The Durham Bulls — the minor-league baseball team made world famous in the 1988 Kevin Costner film "Bull Durham" — are going back to the movies for one game this season.

The team will wear jerseys that resemble R2-D2 during their annual "Star Wars Night" on May 4.

The selected date is a pun on an oft-quoted line from the "Star Wars" movies: "May the force be with

you."

The team says it will auction off the jerseys to benefit the Autism Society of North Carolina.

The Bulls are the Tampa Bay Rays' Triple-A affiliate.

**PELFREY**

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seat time is limited so I think having previous experience at St. Pete will be very helpful."

Team Pelfrey has undergone much change over the winter as it seeks to recapture the form which enabled Englishman Jack Hawksworth to dominate the 2012 Pro Mazda championship with eight wins and 11 pole positions.

Hawksworth will this year graduate into the IndyCar Series with 2011 Indy 500-winning team Bryan Herta Autosport.

In addition to a recent move across Tampa Bay to the Andersen RacePark facility in Palmetto, Team Pelfrey has been bolstered by the addition of veteran IndyCar crew chief Roy Wilkerson

and experienced driver-turned-race engineer Joe D'Agostino.

The team has conducted extensive preseason testing at a variety of tracks in Florida, Georgia and Texas.

The drivers also performed well at the recent four-race Cooper Tires Winterfest at NOLA Motorsports Park and Barber Motorsports Park, highlighted by a pair of podium finishes for Pro Mazda debutant Derani.

"Our recent testing has been very encouraging as we found some fundamental problems with components on the cars that, when corrected, produced a significant increase in performance," declared Team Pelfrey Team Manager Nigel Tuckey. "Obviously, having made these discoveries, we are excited to get back on track to not only see how we

stack up against our competitors at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg but also as it is always extra-special to perform in front of our hometown fans who have been so supportive of our team and drivers."

The weekend's activities will commence on Friday, March 28, with a pair of half-hour practice sessions at 8:35 a.m. and 3:35 p.m.

Qualifying will take pace on Saturday at 11:45 a.m., followed at 5:35 p.m. by the first of two 40-minute races which will comprise the Allied Building Products Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

The green flag for Race 2 on Sunday will fly at 10:30 a.m.

Live timing and commentary for all sessions will be available at [www.promazdachampionship.com](http://www.promazdachampionship.com).

**HEAT**

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other in extremely hard-fought series in each of the past two postseasons, this probably won't seem like just another regular-season game.

"Everybody's getting what they want," Bosh said.

Neither team is exactly rolling into this matchup.

Both teams have lost seven of their last 12 games, meaning the Heat have missed plenty of chances to grab the No. 1 spot, and the Pacers have missed plenty of chances to wrap up home-court throughout the East playoffs.

"We're just not clicking," Pacers center Roy Hibbert said after his team lost at Chicago on Monday night. "And we should be clicking."

The Heat beat Portland on Monday — squandering a 17-point lead in the fourth quarter be-

fore doing so — but that snapped a highly befuddling streak of missed Miami opportunities.

Before Monday, the Pacers had lost six games in March.

And every time, the Heat either lost on the same night or in their next game, meaning a half-dozen chances to

**'It's coming down  
to a photo finish.'**Chris Bosh  
Heat forward

tighten up the East race were squandered.

"As many chances as we had, we kept playing with it, we were struggling, they were struggling, we had our chances," Bosh said. "We still have our chance with two showdowns with them."

True, Wednesday's isn't even the last Heat-Pacers meeting of this regular season.

The teams square off in Miami on April 11.

This, though, might be the one that ultimately decides the East.

If Miami falls three games out now — the Pacers will have only 10 games left after Wednesday — that could get the Heat to start thinking about how to rest certain players before the post-season begins.

With Dwyane Wade in and out of the lineup often this season, Miami has used 18 starting lineups; the Pacers have used only three.

If the Heat can close the gap in the standings, that could be a springboard for the two-time defending champions, who face a slew of sub-.500 teams in the next couple weeks.

"It's coming down to a photo finish," Bosh said. "We have a unique opportunity. No matter what's happened this whole season, we're within striking distance. It's here and it'll be a great playoff atmosphere. I can't wait."

## Florida's Donovan gets 3-year extension, raise

MARK LONG  
Associated Press

Florida coach Billy Donovan got a raise even before his team's record-setting run through the Southeastern Conference.

Donovan signed a three-year contract extension last month that raised his average salary to \$3.7 million over the final six years of the deal, which runs through the 2018-19 season.

The extension, agreed to in June, paid Donovan a \$250,000 longevity bonus before March 1 and increased his base salary nearly \$100,000 a season.

With the bonus, Donovan will earn \$3.9 million this season. He will make \$3.681 million each of the next five years.

The Gators (34-2) have won a school-record 28 consecutive games while making the Sweet 16 for the fourth consecutive year.

Both are the longest

current streaks in college basketball.

Florida became the first team in SEC history to go 18-0 in the regular season.

Donovan's senior-laden team also won the SEC tournament and earned the NCAA tournament's overall top seed.

The Gators beat Albany and Pittsburgh to advance to the round of 32 in the South Region, where they will face fourth-seeded UCLA on Thursday night in Mem-

phis, Tenn.

Florida's success this season already has triggered several contract bonuses for Donovan.

Donovan earned \$50,000 for winning the SEC regular-season title, \$25,000 for winning the SEC tournament and \$75,000 for advancing to the Sweet 16.

He also gets \$50,000 for the top-ranked Gators finishing in the top 10 in the final Associated Press poll and \$25,000 for being named the AP's SEC coach of the year.

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Less humid with sunshine	Mostly cloudy with a few showers	Mostly cloudy, t-storms possible	Mostly cloudy, a couple of t-storms	Brilliant sunshine
69° / 51°	77° / 62°	82° / 66°	86° / 65°	81° / 60°
Winds: NNE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ESE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SSE at 7-14 mph	Winds: S at 4-8 mph	Winds: NNW at 6-12 mph



**Almanac**

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

High Friday	86°
Low Friday	60°
High Saturday	85°
Low Saturday	56°
High Sunday	87°
Low Sunday	62°
High Monday	70°
Low Monday	63°

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

Relative humidity	25%
Expected air temperature	67°
Makes it feel like	66°

**Barometer**

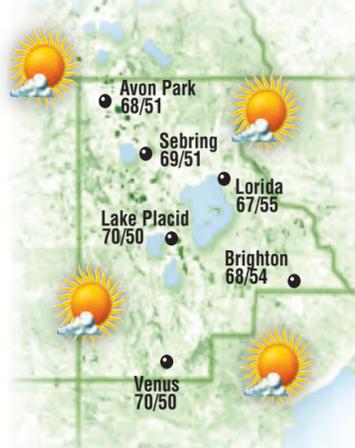
Saturday	30.01
Sunday	N.A.
Monday	29.88

**Precipitation**

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.07"
Monday	1.28"
Month to date	1.77"
Year to date	6.64"

**Regional Summary**

Partly cloudy and less humid today. Partly cloudy tonight. Rather cloudy tomorrow with a few showers. Friday: humid with showers and thunderstorms possible. Saturday: mostly cloudy with a few thunderstorms.



**Farm Report**

Sunny to partly cloudy and less humid today. Winds north-northeast 7-14 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 35%.

**Weather History**

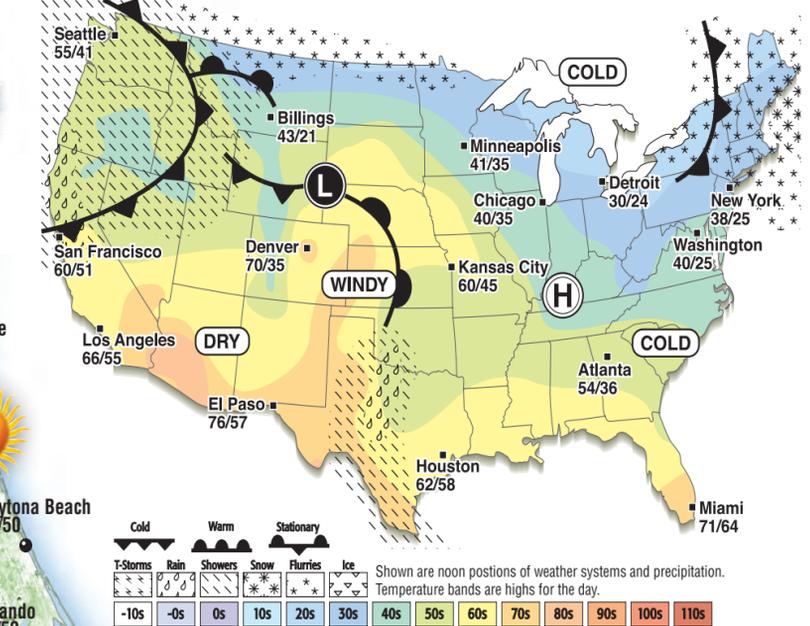
On March 26, 1660, John Hull of Boston recorded a snowstorm that was the worst of the year. New England colonists learned that wintry weather could last into spring.

**Sun and Moon**

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	7:24 a.m.	7:23 a.m.
Sunset	7:40 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise	4:07 a.m.	4:54 a.m.
Moonset	3:40 p.m.	4:44 p.m.



**National Forecast for March 26**



**National Summary**  
A blustery day is in store for New England today as a powerful storm off the region's coast tracks to the north. Snow and blizzard conditions may still be seen along the region's coast with flurries farther inland, back towards the Great Lakes. A push of cold, arctic air on the back side of this storm will extend from the Ohio Valley well into the South, reaching all the way to the Gulf Coast and Florida. Meanwhile, warmer weather is forecast to surge across the Plains with the exception of eastern Texas.

**U.S. Cities**

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	68/42/s	63/40/s	64/40/pc	Los Angeles	66/55/sh	67/55/pc	69/56/pc
Atlanta	54/36/s	64/50/pc	68/58/t	Louisville	45/34/s	57/51/sh	68/46/r
Baltimore	40/24/s	50/38/s	61/45/sh	Memphis	56/43/pc	66/59/t	76/52/t
Birmingham	56/39/s	66/56/pc	72/60/t	Milwaukee	37/32/pc	46/29/r	38/24/sf
Boston	37/18/sn	39/34/pc	50/40/sh	Minneapolis	41/35/pc	39/19/sn	33/20/c
Charlotte	50/25/s	61/45/pc	68/53/sh	Nashville	49/35/s	66/56/pc	70/53/r
Cheyenne	59/29/pc	48/30/c	52/29/pc	New Orleans	61/54/pc	72/67/t	81/66/t
Chicago	40/35/pc	49/34/r	44/30/sh	New York City	38/25/sf	46/39/pc	58/44/sh
Cleveland	26/23/pc	49/40/sh	48/32/sh	Norfolk	42/27/s	52/45/s	68/55/sh
Columbus	35/27/s	52/43/sh	58/41/sh	Oklahoma City	53/50/r	76/43/pc	72/40/pc
Dallas	53/33/r	84/55/pc	87/50/pc	Philadelphia	40/24/s	48/36/pc	60/40/sh
Denver	70/35/pc	59/30/pc	62/31/pc	Phoenix	82/59/s	76/57/s	80/59/s
Detroit	30/24/pc	43/37/r	49/28/sh	Pittsburgh	31/20/pc	53/40/pc	56/38/sh
Harrisburg	38/19/pc	49/36/pc	62/43/sh	Portland, ME	37/9/sn	56/39/pc	51/35/sf
Honolulu	84/70/pc	84/70/pc	83/71/c	Portland, OR	56/43/r	52/46/r	56/46/r
Houston	62/58/sh	78/66/t	84/60/pc	Raleigh	48/25/s	60/45/pc	71/50/sh
Indianapolis	41/32/s	49/43/sh	55/36/sh	Rochester	24/15/sf	44/37/pc	50/31/sh
Jackson, MS	61/45/pc	71/61/c	82/60/t	St. Louis	55/39/pc	64/33/t	59/35/s
Kansas City	60/45/pc	61/32/sh	45/32/pc	San Francisco	60/51/r	61/53/pc	64/53/pc
Lexington	41/30/s	59/46/pc	66/45/r	Seattle	55/41/c	53/41/sh	55/43/r
Little Rock	57/44/pc	68/58/t	73/49/t	Wash., DC	40/25/s	52/41/s	67/49/sh

**World Cities**

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	91/72/pc	91/71/s	91/71/s	London	50/34/r	50/40/c	53/43/pc
Athens	66/51/sh	67/54/c	71/51/sh	Montreal	28/9/pc	28/27/sn	41/28/r
Beirut	68/51/pc	68/57/s	73/59/s	Moscow	51/27/pc	51/35/s	42/21/c
Berlin	51/37/pc	55/39/pc	57/43/c	Nice	59/48/sh	60/47/r	62/50/s
Bermuda	69/55/pc	62/58/pc	67/64/c	Ottawa	22/6/pc	31/24/sn	43/23/r
Calgary	21/9/sf	19/8/sh	27/15/pc	Quebec	27/1/sf	33/12/pc	37/21/sn
Dublin	48/34/r	45/38/c	46/39/c	Rio de Janeiro	80/69/sh	81/69/pc	83/71/pc
Edmonton	20/5/sf	20/3/sf	24/6/pc	Seoul	70/44/pc	69/44/pc	73/47/r
Freepport	69/60/sh	73/69/c	78/73/t	Singapore	90/77/t	89/77/t	91/77/pc
Geneva	52/33/sh	54/34/c	61/38/s	Sydney	79/68/t	79/66/t	82/66/t
Havana	79/61/s	86/65/s	88/69/s	Toronto	24/16/pc	38/33/r	46/27/sh
Hong Kong	79/70/pc	78/71/pc	78/72/pc	Vancouver	52/41/c	50/43/sh	51/45/r
Jerusalem	66/46/s	66/47/s	71/51/s	Vienna	56/38/c	60/41/pc	62/42/sh
Johannesburg	75/54/s	73/53/t	69/52/t	Warsaw	51/38/pc	55/43/c	60/36/c
Kiev	65/43/pc	57/41/pc	56/32/c	Winnipeg	25/8/c	21/5/pc	19/8/pc

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With its prime positioning between breakfast and lunch, brunch has quite a following of hungry fans. Whether celebrating a special occasion or “just because,” whether it’s an upscale or laid-back theme you’re after, brunch is an event in itself that brings people together with much anticipation.

**A savory selection**

For hosts who like to dabble in the classic morning components of eggs, hashbrowns and other breakfast fare, there are plenty of delicious recipes to serve up. Take this recipe for Denver Hashbrown Omelet, which supplies all the comforts of the diner-menu staple but is very easy to make at home as the Hashbrowns from Hungry Jack® are ready to use, fully-seasoned and can be easily stored in your pantry.

**New take on an old favorite**

For a hearty, American spin on an Italian favorite, you’ll adore the simplicity of this recipe for Skillet Hashbrown Frittata. This golden, delicious egg dish features mouthwatering turkey sausage, melted American cheese and Hungry Jack® Original Hashbrowns. These easy-to-serve, shredded potatoes are made with 100 percent Idaho Potatoes, cook perfectly crispy every time and can be used in a number of different meals — even those beyond the brunch table.

**Sweet and special**

While savory meals certainly have their place at brunch, a sweet dish is a great complement and the perfect addition for a well-rounded menu. Look for recipes that combine the elements of sweet and salty, like this dish for Potato Cheese and Apple Tarts. Fresh red delicious apples, gooey Smoked Gouda or Jack cheese and the creamy, homemade taste of Hungry Jack® Mashed Potatoes meld together for bite after delectable bite.

For more delicious brunch recipes, visit [www.hungryjack-potatoes.com](http://www.hungryjack-potatoes.com).

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Denver Hashbrown Omelet



Skillet Hashbrown Frittata

**DENVER HASHBROWN OMELET**

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Cook Time: 25 minutes  
Yield: 8 servings

- 1 carton (4.2 ounces) **Hungry Jack®** Premium Hashbrown Potatoes
- No-stick cooking spray
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 chopped onion, about 1 1/2 cups
- 1 diced green bell pepper, about 1 cup
- 8 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk (whole or 2 percent)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup diced cooked ham

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Spray 9-by-13-inch pan with no-stick cooking spray.
2. Fill hashbrown carton to fill line with hot water. Let stand 12 minutes. Drain any excess water.
3. Heat skillet over medium heat and add butter. After butter melts, add onion and bell pepper, and cook for 5 minutes. Whisk together eggs and milk in large mixing bowl. Add salt, potatoes, cheese, ham and vegetables; mix to combine.
4. Transfer mixture to prepared baking pan. Bake for 20 minutes, or until cooked through and starting to brown.

**SKILLET HASHBROWN FRITTATA**

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 20 minutes  
Yield: 6 to 8 servings

- 1 carton (4.2 ounces) **Hungry Jack®** Original Hashbrown Potatoes
- 4 turkey sausage patties or 6 links
- 6 slices turkey bacon
- 8 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 to 1 1/2 teaspoons hot sauce, based on brand of hot sauce or to taste
- Pinch ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 4 slices or 2/3 cup shredded American or cheddar cheese

1. Fill hashbrowns carton to fill line with hottest tap water. Let stand 12 minutes. Drain any excess water.
2. Cook turkey sausage and bacon according to package directions. Crumble or chop.
3. Whisk eggs, milk, hot sauce and black pepper in bowl. Melt butter in 10- or 12-inch non-stick skillet over medium high heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly softened.
4. Spread hashbrowns evenly in pan and part-way up sides. Cook without stirring until light golden brown and crisp on one side, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle crumbled sausage and bacon over potatoes. Pour eggs evenly over and arrange cheese on top. Cover skillet and reduce heat to low; cook until eggs are set in center and cheese is melted, about 15 minutes. Serve from pan or slide onto platter, then cut into wedges.

**CHEESY POTATO AND APPLE TARTS**

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Cook Time: 30 minutes  
Yield: 12 servings (24 tarts)

- 1 1/3 cups **Hungry Jack®** Mashed Potato Flakes
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 3 tablespoon butter, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 cup shredded Smoked Gouda or Jack cheese
- 1 box (14 ounces) refrigerated pie crust, brought to room temperature
- 1 halved, cored and thinly sliced red delicious apple
- 1 teaspoon packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons chopped chives

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Heat water, 2 tablespoons of butter and salt to boiling in medium pot. Remove from heat, and stir in milk and mashed potato flakes

with fork until smooth. Add shredded Gouda or Jack cheese and stir until melted.

2. Cut pie crusts into 24 circles about 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Using mini-muffin tin (with cups the size of 1 3/4-by-1-inch), place one pastry circle into each of 24 muffin cups, pressing slightly. Spoon about one tablespoon potato and cheese filling into each cup. Place in oven and bake until pastry edges are golden brown, about 12 to 14 minutes.
3. In small pan, melt remaining tablespoon of butter. Add apple slices and sauté until just tender, about 4 minutes. Stir in brown sugar and cook one more minute. When apple slices are cooled enough to handle, place a slice into each cup at an angle, trimming to fit if necessary. Sprinkle with chopped chives and serve.



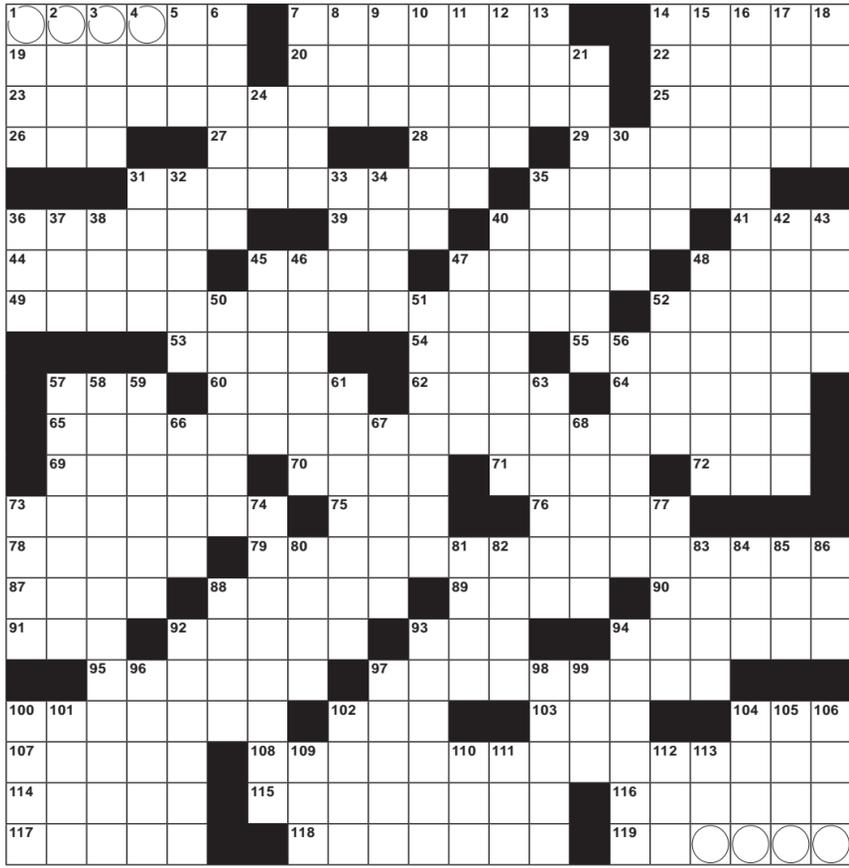
Cheesy Potato and Apple Tarts

IT'S BETTER THIS WAY

BY JEREMY NEWTON

ACROSS

- 1 So over
- 7 Touching words?
- 14 Gently floats
- 19 "Seinfeld" cohort
- 20 1965 R&B #1 song with the repeated lyric "Can't you see that I'm lonely?"
- 22 "Too rich for me"
- 23 He bested Leonidas at Thermopylae
- 25 Nick of "Lorenzo's Oil"
- 26 Medicinal qty.
- 27 Dashed ID
- 28 Monitor setting, for short
- 29 Balloon
- 31 Off-roader, often
- 35 What an iPod plays in
- 36 Stuff in sacks
- 39 Flying fisher
- 40 Roughhousing
- 41 Jokester
- 44 Glassfuls in restaurants
- 45 Country buggy
- 47 Places for studs
- 48 Air
- 49 Annual draw for snocross fans
- 52 Union leader?
- 53 Close up
- 54 Like Advil or Aleve: Abbr.
- 55 "That may be true, but ..."
- 57 It's low for gas guzzlers: Abbr.



Solution on B4

- a bird
- 117 "The \_\_\_ Project" (Fox comedy)
- 118 In hot water?
- 119 Thrive

DOWN

- 1 Something dirty kept in a cell?
- 2 \_\_\_ de la Société
- 3 Complain, complain, complain
- 4 "Kid-tested" breakfast cereal
- 5 50/50
- 6 "Admit it!"
- 7 J.Lo's birthplace
- 8 Shot caller
- 9 Danger for Indiana Jones
- 10 Spring river breakup
- 11 Siren, say
- 12 Not so great
- 13 Member of the music industry's former Big Four
- 14 Part of a Napa Valley tour
- 15 Whack-\_\_\_
- 16 With 58-Down, a patient process? ... or a hint to two consecutive letters in the answer to each of the seven starred clues
- 17 What one might go for a spin in?
- 18 Any "cha" in the cha-cha-cha
- 21 How lines of latitude run

- 24 Mount Zion's land: Abbr.
- 30 Couples
- 31 Scratch, say
- 32 Rest stop
- 33 "The oldest and strongest emotion of mankind" per H.P. Lovecraft
- 34 Cousin of a gazelle
- 35 Drink with two lizards in its logo
- 36 Club
- 37 "Bleah!"
- 38 Have second thoughts about
- 40 "Clueless" and "Bridget Jones's Diary"
- 42 Sponsorships
- 43 Serengeti prey
- 45 Put away for safekeeping
- 46 Hugs and kisses, at times
- 47 Paint variety
- 48 Type-A friend from "Friends"
- 50 One turning to the right
- 51 Lose everything
- 52 Certain bean
- 56 Hair-razing stuff?
- 57 Loud beast heard in theaters
- 58 See 16-Down
- 59 Bamboozled
- 61 Like gathering storm clouds
- 63 No-holds-barred
- 66 \_\_\_ and Thummim (sacred Judaic objects)
- 67 "Need \_\_\_?" (query to hitchhikers)
- 68 Baron's blade
- 73 They're 18 to 21
- 74 Things for here and now
- 77 More pink, perhaps
- 80 It can be prickly
- 81 Jib, e.g.
- 82 John Candy's old comedy program
- 83 Motor with some muscle
- 84 You might get stuck with them
- 85 Book after Galatians: Abbr.
- 86 Nutritional info
- 88 Photogs' choices
- 92 It may help catch a fugitive
- 93 Like Brando's Don Corleone
- 94 Disappear, as a trail
- 96 "Good heavens!"
- 97 Eject, as froth
- 98 Retired govt. agent
- 99 Co. making arrangements
- 100 Dutch wheels
- 101 Member of the old Cherokee product line
- 102 "Chop-chop!"
- 104 Radius, e.g.
- 105 Seed casing
- 106 Jump on ice
- 109 Jet crew, briefly
- 110 Quick time-out
- 111 Scream at a ring
- 112 Bit of love talk
- 113 Drag

# Learn the ABC's of coupon lingo



SAVINGS DIVA

Tanya Senseney

If you are a couponer or have followed my column, you may be asked yourself what is a blinkie coupon or Mfg coupon? What does one per transaction, purchase or shopping trip really mean?

Understanding the terminology and terms of your coupons can make a difference in how much or how little you save. Since the goal is for you to save as much as possible, I thought I would take the time to explain what a few of the most common terms mean.

**Limit one coupon per purchase**

95 percent of all coupons read this way. Per purchase means that if you want to buy four like items, you will need four coupons.

**Limit one coupon per transaction**

If you are buying 10 items in your shopping trip, then that is your transaction. If a coupon has a limit of "per transaction," then you are able to do multiple transactions if your store allows. It is up to your store to determine this. Most stores do not have a problem allowing multiple transactions.

If you are planning on multiple transactions, then you may consider the time you are shopping and if there will be a long line. Yes, you have every right to be there, but you also have the right to be courteous to others that are not couponing. If you know your orders will take up some time, consider asking the manager if he/she will open up a different lane for you.

**Limit four like coupons in the same shopping trip**

Proctor and Gamble was the first to add this to each coupon. It is their way of helping to control shelf clearing and making sure their product is available for purchase. This means that you can only use four of the same coupons, like Tide or Cascade, in one transaction. If you buy more than four Tide or Cascade, they will not al-

low your fifth coupon. If the store does accept the coupon, they will not be reimbursed. If that happens, it is a lose-lose situation for everyone.

Other common terms are:

- **Blinkie:** This is a coupon that is found in the aisle usually in a red or black machine commonly called a blinkie machine or Smart Source coupon. Almost all of them have a red blinking light to catch the consumers' attention.
  - **Mfg Q:** Manufacturer coupon.
  - **TMF:** Try Me Free Rebate.
  - **Tear Pad:** A coupon found on a tear pad.
  - **BOGO:** Buy One Get One Free.
  - **BOGO50%:** Buy One Get One 50 percent off.
  - **OOP/Out of Pocket:** What you will pay out of your pocket before rewards.
  - **ECB:** Extra Care Buck (CVS bonus bucks).
  - **RR-Register Reward** (Walgreens bonus bucks).
  - **Catalina:** Coupon that prints at check out for use on your next purchase.
- What are terms that you have come across?

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# Husband can't erase wife's journal writing about affair

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married almost 20 years. Eight years ago my wife began an emotional affair with a co-worker. It lasted a year, until he left the company. Although they never had sex, they did have some physical contact that most people would consider inappropriate, and my wife considered ending our marriage because of the feelings she had for him. She now says the episode was a huge mistake and she loves me more than ever.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR CONSIDERING:** Because you are still hurting seven years after the fact, stop "considering" counseling and get it NOW.

If your wife is a serious journal writer — and many people are — that she would want her writings to remain intact in spite of the fact they reflect her emotional affair is not unusual. If that's the case, instead of insisting she edit or destroy her journal, my advice is to stop reading it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 47-year-old man who was single until seven years ago. Then I met "Maggie," the most wonderful wom-

an I had ever known. She wasn't the hotsy-totsy one-nighter type I was used to. She was a real woman who fulfilled everything I had ever dreamed of (including bringing a wonderful 4-year-old little girl into my life). The biological father is out of the picture.

Maggie had wrestled with some health issues — nothing serious until last April, when she had surgery. Complications set in, and I lost the only person who ever mattered, aside from our little girl.

My question is, since we were never married, how do I refer to Maggie when relating what happened? I am in the process of adopting her daughter and explanations to strangers are tough. ("Wow, you're taking on a child when you don't HAVE to?")

How do I respond to these remarks? I know this is a multi-part question, but I have so many unanswered questions lately, I figured I'd ask you for an opinion.

— GRIEVING IN MISSOURI

**DEAR GRIEVING:** Al-

though you and Maggie weren't legally married, you were a couple for some time.

I'm very sorry for your loss. It would be accurate to refer to her as your late significant other, your partner or longtime girlfriend.

I would like to compliment you for stepping up to care for the girl when her biological father did not.

And I do have suggestions for how to respond to anyone insensitive enough to ask why you would "take on" a child you didn't "have to."

The first would be to ignore the question. The second would be to avoid such a person in the future, and the third would be to reply, "I love her like a daughter, want to make sure she's secure and provided for, and THAT'S why I'm doing it."

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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: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**

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

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9	8	7	2	4	3	6	1	5
8	9	5	7	1	4	6	2	3
3	4	6	8	9	7	2	1	5
6	7	8	5	3	4	2	1	9
8	4	2	1	7	9	5	6	3

ANSWER:

# Surprising things to prepare in your slow cooker

I'm all about making dinner easy, and I'm all about taking as much help as I can get. My slow cooker is one of my most used kitchen items. It really surprises me how so many folks out there aren't using this convenient little appliance.

I think part of the reason for that is because people have the misconception that slow cookers are just for making soup or that everything you put in there tastes like stew.

If that's the case, y'all are doing it wrong. You can make almost anything in that crock cooker from curries and pasta to white fish and stuffed peppers! (Folks who use our Crock Cooker Menus know all about that, but more on that a little later.)

Yes, there are all kinds of things you can cook in that slow cooker of yours that you might not have thought about trying before, including the following:

■ **Meatloaf.** First, mix up your favorite meatloaf recipe in a shape that will fit in your slow cooker. Put a steamer basket or a small rack in the bottom of the crock insert. Take two 2-foot-long pieces of aluminum foil, fold each piece in half and then in half again so that you end up with two 24-inch-long pieces of aluminum foil that are about 3 inches wide. Lay one piece of foil on top of the other (one vertically and one horizontally) so that they cross in the middle of each strip. Place the meatloaf mixture on the aluminum strips, bringing the ends up over the top of the meatloaf. Join the ends of the aluminum foil so that you have a "handle," which you will use to lift the meatloaf in and out of your slow cooker. Place the meatloaf (and the foil handle) in the slow cooker on top of the rack or steamer. Cook on low for seven hours.

■ **Ghee.** Put eight sticks of butter in the slow cooker and leave it on low for about eight hours with something propping the lid open enough for steam to escape (a wooden spoon works). Spoon the scum off the top of the two cups of liquid you're left with. Don't be tempted to scrape the sides and the bottom of the slow cooker to remove the burnt milk solids. When the liquid comes to room temperature, filter

it through cheesecloth and into a jar. Store ghee in the fridge or in the cupboard.

■ **Baked sweet potatoes.** To make easy work out of baked sweet potatoes, wash five or six sweet potatoes and place them in the slow cooker. Cook on low for seven hours.

■ **Oats.** If you like having oatmeal for breakfast in the morning, why not let your slow cooker prepare it for you while

you sleep? Put a cup of steel cut oats and 3.5 cups of water or milk in the slow cooker. Add any combination of fruit and seasonings that you want. I would suggest cinnamon, apples, raisins and a bit of vanilla. Cook on low for six to eight hours.

■ **Artichokes.** Prep your artichokes by trimming the spiny tips from the leaves and trimming about an inch off the top of the artichoke.

Give them a good cleaning and then put them stem side down in the slow cooker. Sprinkle the artichokes with salt, pepper and the juice of half a lemon. Add a bit of water and cook on low for six to seven hours.

■ **Yogurt.** Put eight cups of milk in the slow cooker and cook on low for 2.5 hours. Turn the slow cooker off, and let sit with the lid on for three hours. Remove the lid

just long enough to add half a cup of plain yogurt with live cultures to the milk, then cover again. Wrap a towel over the top and around the slow cooker. You want a dark and insulated place for those cultures to hang out. After about 12 hours, you have yogurt!

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# Not your everyday mac and cheese



**CHEF'S CORNER**  
Tim Spain

Who doesn't like mac and cheese? I think I might have lived off it during my ear-

ly 20s. I even used to eat it cold and didn't mind at all. I also liked to cover it in hot sauce and put it on a hot dog.

But now if I am going to make mac and cheese, I really like to try and jazz it up and find different ingredients that might make it even better.

This recipe that I have for you does just that. It has the usual suspects of pasta and a rich cheese sauce, however it also has shrimp, broccoli and artichokes.

Artichokes are an underutilized food, if you ask me. They usually find themselves paired with spinach and cream cheese and being stabbed at with tortilla chips. Although I do enjoy a good spinach and artichoke dip, I think artichokes can be added to so many other things and in this case, its some mac and cheese.

This recipe calls for shrimp, but you could substitute just about anything you thought would go well with it. If you like canned tuna, it might make a re-

ally cool tuna casserole or maybe some grilled chicken and spicy Italian sausage.

For a wine pairing, I would get a good glass of Sauvignon Blanc from California and after topping your mac and cheese with some feta, take a bite and enjoy. Cheers, Chef.

## SHRIMP AND ARTICHOKE MAC AND CHEESE

- 1/2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 cup herb marinated artichoke hearts
- 1 cup blanched broccoli
- 8 oz. cooked, frozen shrimp
- 3 cups barilla penne pasta, cooked
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 8 oz. cheddar cheese sauce
- 1 cup fresh green scallions,

- sliced thin
- 4 tbs. crumbled feta cheese
1. Spray the pan with 1/8 tsp. of olive oil. To the pan add: 1/4 cup marinated artichoke hearts, 1/4 cup broccoli, 1/4 cup shrimp, 3/4 cup penne pasta, 1/2 cup vegetable stock, 1/4 cup (2 oz.) cheddar cheese sauce.
  2. Stir all ingredients together, bring to a simmer and heat all of the ingredients through to 165. Add 1/4 cup green onion.
  3. Stir to combine well, and place the hot pasta into a bowl. Garnish with 1 tbsp. of feta cheese

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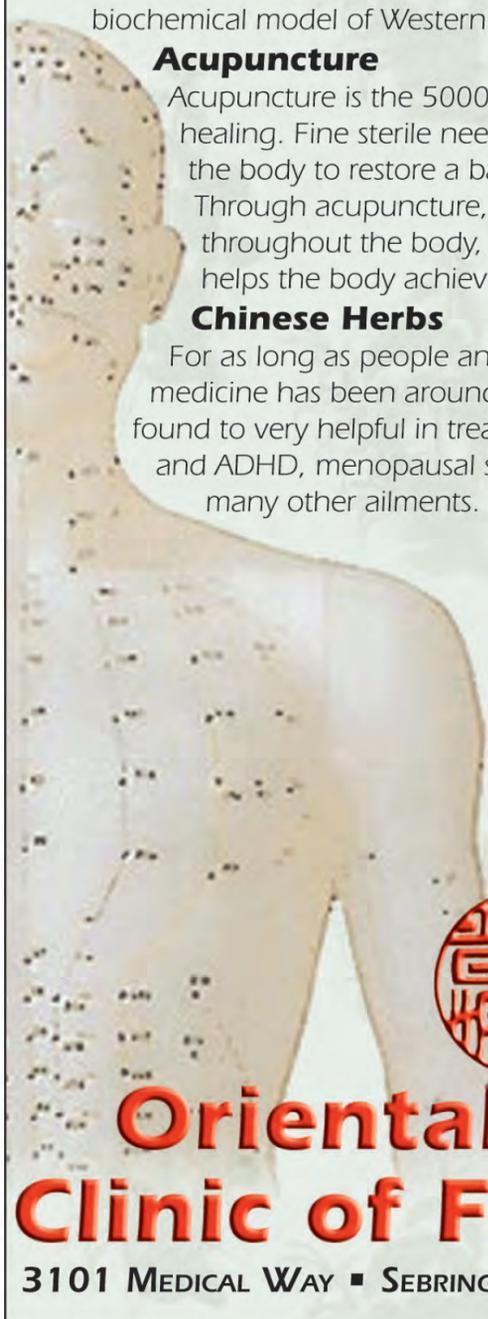
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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## Day of games helps Garden Club reach goal

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Garden Club of Sebring hosted its Annual Luncheon Card Party on March 6 with more than 130 participants in attendance.

For an \$8 entry fee, guests brought their favorite board or card game and the club provided a delicious luncheon consisting of finger

sandwiches, homemade mini quiche, veggie cup, cheese/fruit kabob, ham roll-up and cookies.

The luncheon was planned and prepared by member Linda Morwick. Along with lunch, there were many door prizes, a 50/50, a silent auction with several really nice items such as potted orchids, gift baskets, several gift cards and a money



Courtesy photo

Plenty of fun mixed well with raising money for the Garden Club of Sebring's scholarship funds.

tree. Plants were also sold and given as prizes.

The Garden Club met

its goal for its scholarship fundraiser for Sebring students.

### Author sets book signings

Local author Mary Bailey is proud to announce the release of the final book in her Jesus My Son trilogy, "Jesus My Son: Mary's Journal of Jesus' Final Days."

She will be holding book signings at the following locations:

- Wings of Eagles, Lake Placid, March 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Cindy's Gifts, Lakeshore Mall, March 29, 2-6 p.m.
- Sebring Christian Church, March 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mary's heartfelt journal entries offer a fresh perspective of the days leading up to and including the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. After Jesus ascended to join His Father, her Lord reached down and patted Mary on the back. "Well done, my dear child, you have nurtured our earthly son well. Now, He is My Heavenly Son." Did His words lessen Mary's pain? Remember, she was only human.

Bailey retired from the Commonwealth of Kentucky after working as a technology professional for more than 30 years. Shortly after retirement, she began working on a MAMAW degree and now has seven grandchildren. She and her husband still live in Kentucky, but become snowbirds and fly to Sebring to enjoy the winter sunshine.

Discover more about Bailey and "Jesus My Son" on her website [www.jesumary.com](http://www.jesumary.com)

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smyson.com. All of her books are also available on her website and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

### Garden Club to have booth at Mall Festival

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Founders Garden Club will have a booth at the corner of Main Street and Butler Avenue during the Springtime on the Mall Festival in Avon Park Friday and Saturday.

The club will be selling caladium bulbs, plants, decorative pots and "Yard Junque." They will also be giving away seed packets. There will also be a display board showing yards that have been presented with the Yard of the Month award.

### Promenaders plan Student Night

LAKE PLACID — The Pine Ridge Promenaders are hosting a Student Night on Thursday. Square and round dance students currently in lessons will be admitted without charge.

Jennie Martin will begin cueing early rounds at 7 p.m., and Nelson Wakeman will begin calling at 7:30 p.m. The dance will be held at Sunshine RV Resort on State Road 70, 1,000 yards east of U.S. 27. Visitors are always welcome and square dance attire is optional. For more info, call Jim 863-243-1226.

### Woman's Club plans party

SEBRING — The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring's dessert card and board game party will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

Gamers may bring a lunch, but dessert and beverages will be provided as part of the \$3 admission. The winner at each table will receive a monetary prize. The general public, both men and women, are encouraged to join the fun.

Call Cathy Vizer at 471-1667 or Rusty Sherman at 655-0105 to reserve a table.

### TOPS 632

LAKE PLACID — This week's roll call showed the club had another net loss for the week, however this meeting was dedicated to honoring the 2013 queen and division winners.

Ethel Emanuel is the chapter queen. She met her goal and became a KOPS on June 2, 2013. Joan Dunn, who is a 10-year KOPS, had the chapter's second highest honor by crowning the new queen. Past years queens were introduced and they are: 2011 — Beverly Ditmar; 2010 — Linda Haidle; 2009 — Laverda Alvis, with runner-up Barbara Huff; 2008 — Theresa Rhodes; 2007 — Carolyn Rider; 2006 — chapter and state king Jim Butt and queen — Karen Goodwin; 2005 — Sue Otteson; 2004 — Barbara Heitzenrater; 2003 — Joan Dunn; and 2002 —

## Alvarez speaks to LP Rotarians

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Dr. Juan Alvarez was the speaker at the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club's luncheon on Thursday, March 20.

Alvarez is with the Florida Joint & Spine Institute. He received his undergraduate degree at Boston University and his medical degree from the University of Florida. He is Ivy-league trained and board certified in joint replacement.

Alvarez takes full advantage of technology and computer navigation in performing advanced joint replacement surgery. He performs the quad-sparing total kneed replacement, anterior hip replacements and robotic surgery. His res-

idency was in orthopedic surgery at the hospital in the University of Pennsylvania and he is board certified in orthopedic surgery. Alvarez has been in private practice for more than 12 years, eight of those years in association with Florida Hospital.

He has recently implemented a program of Rapid Recovery Joint Replacements. Florida Hospital made this possible by purchasing the necessary equipment and training their staff in the new procedures.

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Jean Pace.

Division winners in Division 3 are Carolyn Mead first place and June Elam second place. Division 4 are Jerri Gage, first and Ethel Emanuel, second with Bernice Lambert alternate.

The KOPS who were never out of their leeway for 2013 are Joan Dunn, Barbara Huff, Ethel Emanuel, and Elaine Orr. They were presented with a black K charm. Joan Dunn received her 10-year KOPS pin and Barbara Huff her five-year KOPS pin.

Vi Christian was given an award for perfect attendance, her third year, and Barbara Huff for being program chairman this past year.

This chapter meets every Monday at the Women's Club in Lake Placid. Weigh-in is between 3-3:45 p.m., and the meeting starts at 4.

### LOCKS OF LOVE

Courtesy photo

Seven-year-old Kara Benson, daughter of Kelly Johnson of Sebring, shows the 11 inches of her hair she recently had cut off to donate to the Locks of Love organization.



### MARCH FOR MEALS



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Avon Park Meals on Wheels hosted March for Meals Community Champions Week March 17-21. Local volunteer Vernon Yost (left) and City Councilman Terry Heston participate in the event to show their support for the community's homebound and hungry seniors. March for Meals is a national campaign during the month of March that seeks to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action on the part of the local community.

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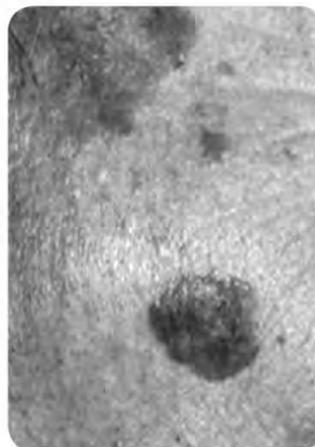
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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## Avon Park Garden Club learns about 'Garden Junque'

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — The March meeting of the Avon Park Founders Garden Club was held at the home of Betty Hannah. The program for the meeting was a presentation on how to make "Garden Junque" using recycled materials. Betty Hannah and Betty Scott presented the program.

They showed the club members how to turn old dishes, glassware, lamp parts, jewelry, door fixtures and just about anything else you are throwing out, into beautiful decorative art pieces to place in your yard. Hannah has several pieces in her yard and members were impressed by the birdbath, bird feeders and soon-to-be fairie garden that she has made using recycled materials.

Some pieces of "Garden Junque" will be for sale at the booth that the club will have at the Avon Park Sprintime on the Mall Festival on Friday and Saturday. The club will also be selling caladium bulbs, decorative pots and plants grown by the club members. Look for their booth at the corner of Main Street and Butler Avenue.

During the business meeting, Anita Helbig announced that the March Yard of the Month Award was presented to Pamela



Courtesy photo

Betty Hannah (left) and Betty Scott gave a demonstration on creating 'Garden Junque' with recycled materials during the recent Avon Park Founders Garden Club meeting.

Gombita of 1351 Memorial Drive. Pictures of the yard were shown. Helbig also informed the members of the times for the Springtime on the Mall Festival and a work schedule was set up. Members were reminded to have their plants at the site before 8 a.m.

A letter was read from Pat Shira of District IX thanking the club for its donation to the Therapy through Plants program at Avon Park Correctional Institution.

A discussion was held concerning the location for a tree to be planted for Florida Arbor Day. Suggestions were made for the type of tree to be planted. Rosie Longanecker will check on prices for the tree.

Evelyn Delk informed the club of the guided tour of the wildflower trails at South Florida State College. There is also a display at the museum at the college, featuring the pygmy fringe tree.

Jody Griffing and Mickey Bernir assumed the job of nominating committee to present a slate of officers for next year. President Hannah reminded the club of the regional conference and the District I meeting to be held in Lake Placid in May.

The next meeting of the club will be held at 10 a.m. May 8 with a program on planting by the cycles of the moon.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting can phone 452-1927 for the location.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY DONATES TO VETERANS



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Rick Ingler, president of the Veterans Council of Highlands County Inc., recently received \$2,000 from the American Legion Post 74 Ladies' Auxiliary. The proceeds are earmarked to be used for the Veterans Food Pantry, housed at the Veteran Services Office. American Legion Auxiliary collected the funds from a Red Bag Auction and Dinner and added funds from the American Legion Poppy Drive. In front of the Veteran's Food Pantry are (from left) Carol West, assistant county Veteran Services officer, Auxiliary member Charlotte Workman, Ingler, and Auxiliary members Laurie Arnado and Kathy Richards.

## Woman's Club of Sebring learns about Mexico

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — When members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring entered the clubhouse March 10, they were pleasantly surprised by the Mexican theme on the dining and buffet tables. The wonderful self-serve taco bar catered by Garcia Catering of Avon Park was delicious, bountiful and enjoyed by all.

Chairwoman Johnell West introduced her co-chairwoman, Terry Comeau, who told the membership about some facts regarding Mexico. Comeau said Mexico is one-fifth the size of the United States with a pop-

ulation of 120 million people. In the 1990s, Mexico became an oil supply nation and in 1996, Mexico, in partnership with the United States and Canada, formed the North American Free Trade Act.

Comeau also talked about the holidays celebrated by the Mexican people. One quaint fact is that Christmas is held on Dec. 15, but the Mexican children have to wait until Jan. 5 to receive their Christmas gifts.

A general meeting was then held and the membership was reminded of the Women's Apparel Flea Market on March 22 and the Taster's Luncheon, which will be held at 11:30 a.m. April 5.

## LAKE PLACID ELK OF THE MONTH



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Hal Wilson works on a very special night at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge. Thursday night Bingo night. Wilson works setup, verifier of numbers, calls Bingo, runs the 50-50 drawings, sells paper at the beginning and makes coffee.

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# FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

## Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID — Carol Kelly, RN will be at the Town Hall ofrom 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, providing blood pressure screening, and offering some healthy, keep fit exercises for those with limited mobility. Carol is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month.

Our “Get Well” wishes go to Suzanne Kreuger, who is on the mend after surgery.

The Placid Lakes Social Circle will meet Thursday, April 3 at the Placid Lakes Country Club. Sign-up sheets for the June 3 dinner theatre show “Mid-Life Crisis”, Fireworks Dinner Cruise in July. Also, plans for the Dalton Gang Cook-Out.

Hand and Foot card night will take place April 14 at the town hall starting at 5 p.m. Call Joyce at 699-6331 or Bonnie 465-4888.

The Pioneers need your help providing some information. Here are some of the questions we need answered: Who was the pilot for August Tobler's private plane? Who was the original bartender at the PLCC? We know Lake Groves Road West was the runway for Tobler's and others planes, do you know who made sure the runway was lit up for landing?

This is just a tip of the iceberg. We need facts that will be captured and catalogued with the express purpose of preserving the heritage of Placid Lakes by creating a historical legacy through the efforts of the newly formed Placid Lakes Pioneer group. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17 at the Placid Lakes Country Club. You are a Pioneer if you lived here during the formative years, or your kin did. Join this very interesting group, and bring any and all “stuff” from the “good ole days” to show and tell. We need you.

More “Painted Buntings” have been spotted, and the migration begins. Ducks are busy finding their apartments, and the finches can now be called “Goldfinches” as they get rid of their winter coat to make their way up North. They are very smart this year, waited a little before getting their flight-plan together. The Whip-o-Wills are letting us know they're around, and the Big-Mouth Wrens, too. And the Wren is one

of the smallest birds, with the loudest song!

## Town and Country Mobile Home Park

By Janet Day

SEBRING — Our weather has been so delightful; it seems spring had sprung in Sebring for a couple of weeks. We hope northbound snowbirds find the same is true when they reach their destination. As many prepare to travel north, we welcome back Rod Blaise as he returned from an extended time in Vermont. (Brrrr)

I referenced the Chili Cook-off last article. The evening was successful and Town and Country antip chili cooks were Bill Mattson with “New England Road Kill” (first prize), Bette Chapel (second) and Daphne Rigel (third). Congratulations to all! The “slave auction” apparently raised little interest to our retired folks. A fun evening was enjoyed by all though.

March has been quite busy with breakfasts, luncheons and the annual spaghetti dinner. A special luncheon for the shuffleboard group was held on March 21. The shufflers have had a great season with more than 20 players some weeks. Keep up the good works, guys and gals, and thanks to Wendy for the recognition luncheon. Janet Johns has had a faithful group for movie night on alternating Wednesdays. If anyone missed the Heartland Harmonizers Barbershop program on March 14, you missed a great evening. Our Richard Eade composed much of the script with his co-hort, Ken Hockin. Congratulations, gentlemen; it was a fantastic show!

A delightful quartet (“Friends”) from the Heartland Harmonizers entertained at the March Homeowners Association meeting. DeAnne Angelo was welcomed as our most recent park resident. Dee is Shirley and Dwaine Lowe's daughter. Everyone has enjoyed having Jerry and Nancy Barber as tenants this winter. The Barbers are a welcome addition to most park functions. We hope they decide to return next season. Homes are available.

Manager Kim King informed us she needs to have in writing permission for residents to use someone else's driveway. She also needs reservations if someone wishes to utilize the clubhouse for

other than normal HOA functions. Shirley Lowe made an appeal for The Salvation Army's food donation box; it was agreed we would bring food donations to monthly meetings and dinners. A beautiful hand-carved gavel was presented to HOA President Mark Sims by Tom Bogaczyk. Thank you to Jim Lewis for taking our retired flags to a local agency for proper disposal. Nell Hayes of Highlands County Sheriff Department will attend the April 7 HOA meeting with any updated information relative to Neighborhood Watch Program. It is always a pleasure to have Nell attend. Wendy Johnson announced the HOA annual pool party will be April 5 with chicken furnished and pot luck for remainder of dinner. Social hour at 4 p.m. and dinner at 5. Please sign up in the clubhouse.

Chuck and I enjoyed the Royal Lipizzan Horse Show at their Myakka City ranch recently. We learned later that neighbors — the Deacon's and Cavell's — were also attendees. I believe we all shared positive feelings concerning the excellence of the lady riders and horses. Thank you to whoever placed the poster in the clubhouse.

Several residents were hospitalized this month to include Joyce Glassbrook, Marion Farezoco, Marie Barber and Wanda Bogaczyk. Marie Barber has been in rehab after knee surgery but returned home on March 21. Our heartfelt thoughts to Marie and Allen after a U.S. 27 auto accident. Some tragic happenings have occurred on that highway this past year, and we are sorry the Barbers were included. Other residents have been attacked by the influenza virus and experienced lingering illness. Best wishes for rapid recovery to all. Congratulations to Bill

LaPeer for selection of “House of the Month” for March by our managers.

Best wishes to all April birthday folks — Ken Taylor, Lynn Cavell, Ana DeLaMata, Edwina Williams, Roger Deacon, Syl Kreuser, Mary Deacon, Mary Lichtle, Paul Henneberry, Mark Sims, Wolfgang Topp, Marion Farezoco, Allen Barber, and Alan Roberts. Safe travel and a blessed summer to all northern residents.

## Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — We have green shamrocks hanging from the ceiling, meaning our clubhouse has been decorated for St. Patrick's Day. Thanks to Charlotte Charlton and her volunteers.

Movie-goers enjoyed a hilarious matinee March 17 called “The North Avenue Irregulars.” I'm sure it was funny in 1979 when it came out and the Walt Disney Production was still funny in the year 2014. Our chairperson, Brenda Knoche, informed us that we took in \$175 for Senior Care Services and she thanked everyone for their donations.

Monday coffee on St. Patrick's Day was made and hosted by Kris Tyfair, Faith Finnigan and Lorna Hodgdon. They served sugar cookies topped with green candies. Donna Vanden Bergh was our congenial emcee. It was her last time and we enjoyed her distinctive style. Donna called on Carol Noel for the Sunshine Report. Glenn Horton and Evelyn Guiney have been ill; there are thinking of you cards to sign. Alvin Loritz and Pat Wahl are in the hospital. Harold and Sandra Brown's daughter has passed away. Please sign all cards so the recipients known that they are in our thoughts. Donna

also read the birthdays for the week and the Kilbrides were present, Donna on March 19 and Kendall on March 22. We sang Happy Birthday to them with the help of Ruth Ann Walls playing the piano.

How do you like your burritos? Come Thursday at 5 p.m. and build your own. Would you rather have chicken or beef? All table service, drinks and desserts are provided. This meal on March 27 is a fundraiser for the Memorial Committee in this park. The dinner is \$6.

On March 29 is our Choral Spring Concert at 7 p.m. Ruth Pilgun is the director and Ruth Ann Walls is the pianist. Come and enjoy. Refreshments will be served after the program. The ticket for the concert is \$3.

A 90th birthday celebration for Lowell “Andy” Anderson was given on March 15. Approximately 95 family and friends stopped by the clubhouse to wish the birthday boy well. Their family wrote, “Our parents are so blessed to have so many wonderful friends in the park that they have come to know and love. We thank you so much.”

A big family dinner was held for Gertrude Burgan's 95th birthday on March 16. The celebration was held at Helen Burgan's home. Gertrude enjoyed her party and all her gifts. Fred and Julie Foland have had a house guest, Dana Howe. The friend's visit was short and she will be moving on.

The corned beef and cabbage dinner was held Monday. The corned beef was tender and so were the vegetables. Some 200 people were served. Louis

Wackershauser spent most of the day in the clubhouse kitchen and so did a lot of the other volunteers.

At Ladies Coffee on March 18, Marilyn Cromer made the coffee and led the meeting. Marilyn said that 35 people came to the noon carry-in lunch on March 11. Vickie Echelberry reported on our STR8UP Youth Ministry fund. Vickie bought paper products for the Youth House. The first of the month is coming, which means the men's pancake breakfast April 5.

The Tropical Harbor Chorus will present a program at 7 p.m. March 29 in the clubhouse. Ruth Pilgun is the director and Ruth Ann Walls is the pianist. Tickets are \$3.

The men's lunch out was held at the Placid Lakes Country Club on March 18. Twenty-two men were present. The ladies went to the Jacaranda Hotel in Avon Park on Main Street. Eight-one women enjoyed the buffet and the ambience. Doris True and Paula Bannister hosted the luncheon and the door prize raffle.

“Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies” — Nelson Mandela

## Scoreboard

Party Bridge scores for Woodhaven Estates are:  
 First — Laurie LaBerge  
 Second — Larry Bousfield  
 Third — Eric Wickstrom  
 Duplicate Bridge:  
 First — Margaret Bousfield and Bob Helton  
 Second — Eric and Sandra Wickstrom  
 Third — Betty Frizzell and Ken Meyer

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# Foodhandler class planned at Arc

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Ridge Area Arc will offer a SafeStaff Foodhandler Certificate program from 5:30-9 p.m., Thursday, April 24, at Ridge Area Arc's main campus.

Anyone in the food service industry or those who are interested in working in the field and want to obtain a certificate can enroll in this class being taught by a Certified Professional Food Manager.

Florida law requires that all food service employees be trained in an approved food safety program. A public food service establishment has 60 days from the date of hire to train their employees with a Florida approved food safety training program.

This includes all employees responsible for food storage, preparation, display or any service of food and beverages. Even volunteer organizations (churches, clubs and other non-profits) serving food should have their food workers trained in a food safety program.

The SafeStaff Foodhan-



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Ridge Area Arc will offer a SafeStaff Foodhandler Certificate program from 5:30-9 p.m., Thursday, April 24, at Ridge Area Arc's main campus.

andler Training Program is the contracted program of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The class will cover the six mandated key food safety principles: 1. Ensuring proper personal hygiene; 2. Preventing cross-contamination; 3. Controlling time

and temperature when handling food; 4. Proper cleaning and sanitizing; 5. The causes and effects of major foodborne illnesses; and 6. Ensuring proper vermin control.

A study guide will be provided and given to each student. A certificate and an original wallet

card will also be presented to the students at the end of the class that will be valid for three years. Students only need to bring to class a No. 2 pencil and a picture ID.

Cost is \$15 per student and must be paid in advance by 5 p.m., Friday, April 11. There will be no

refunds for students not attending the class since books have to be ordered in advance but a substitution of another person can be made.

Checks can be made payable to Ridge Area Arc and mailed to 120 W. College Dr., Avon Park, FL 33825 or stop by the Arc administration office on College Drive to make a payment. When submitting payment, include your name, birthdate, address and phone number. For more details or to verify there is still an opening, call 452-1295, ext. 124.

The class will be taught in Ridge Area Arc's training room at the work-center, 120 W. College Dr., Avon Park. Students must show up promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The Foodhandler Training Program is a new service being provided to the community by Ridge Area Arc. Arc is a local non-profit charitable organization that offers training and education to individuals with disabilities. The Foodhandler program is open to all individuals.

## Obama, Internet CEOs talk privacy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A week before a self-imposed deadline for a review of National Security Agency programs, President Barack Obama sought Friday to assure leading Internet and tech executives that his administration is committed to protecting people's privacy.

CEOs from Facebook, Google, Netflix and others spent more than two hours with Obama in the Oval Office discussing their concerns about NSA spying programs, which have drawn outrage from tech companies whose data have been scooped up by the government. Joining Obama and the CEOs were Obama's commerce secretary, homeland security adviser, and counselor John Podesta, whom Obama has tasked with leading a review of privacy and "big data."

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his colleagues departed the White House without speaking to reporters. The White House said Obama gave the CEOs an update on the big data review, which is examining the complex and evolving relationship between the government, its citizens and their private information.

"The president reiterated his administration's commitment to taking steps that can give people greater confidence that their rights are being protected while preserving important tools that keep us safe," the White House said in a statement.

Separate from the big data review, Obama in January directed the government to develop and present alternatives for who should store the phone records from hundreds of millions of Americans that the NSA holds. Obama gave the Justice Department until March 28 to report back, with an eye toward eventually stripping the massive data collection from the government's hands.

That review and other limits on secret spying were prompted by disclosures from former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden that enraged Internet companies like Google when it was alleged that the NSA had secretly tapped into the main communications links that connect Yahoo and Google data centers around the world.

In the lead-up to Friday's meeting, Zuckerberg took to his own Facebook page to strongly condemn Obama's administration for its secret spying tactics, following reports that the NSA had once used spoofs of the social network to infect computers with malware.

# Jimmy Fallon off to fast start on 'Tonight' show

DAVID BAUDER  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — One month in, NBC's generational trade of Jay Leno for Jimmy Fallon at the "Tonight" show is succeeding beyond the hopes of executives who engineered it.

Fallon's fast start is clear in television ratings and even more stark in social media metrics. While too early to declare a new king of late-night TV, the transition is a marked change from how badly NBC fumbled the short-lived switch from Leno to Conan O'Brien in 2009.

"As a guy who's been doing this for 36 years, I don't allow myself to think about this level of success," said Ted Harbert, NBC broadcasting chairman. NBC had hoped for an increase in young viewers and steeled itself to lose some of Leno's older fans, but Fallon's reception

was a surprise.

When Fallon premiered on "Tonight" during the Olympics, the franchise hit numbers unseen since Johnny Carson's last week in 1992. Things have settled down but Fallon is still comfortably on top. During the week of March 10-14, Fallon averaged 4.26 million viewers to Jimmy Kimmel's 2.83 million on ABC and David Letterman's 2.78 million on CBS, the Nielsen company said. Fallon has consistently topped the 4.1 million viewers that Leno averaged this season before leaving.

Fallon's lead over his rivals is more pronounced among viewers aged 18-to-49, the demographic NBC bases its advertising sales upon.

Fallon and NBC embrace the way many early-to-bed consumers experience late-night television these days: by watching clips of

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Ted Harbert  
NBC broadcasting chairman

a show's best moments online. The YouTube clip of Fallon and Will Smith acting out the evolution of hip-hop dancing has been seen more than 12.8 million times. Fallon's lip-sync duel with Paul Rudd on songs by Tina Turner, Foreigner and Queen has nearly 9 million views.

Other popular clips show Fallon, singer Idina Menzel and the Roots performing "Let it Go" with children's instruments and the sliced-and-diced version of newsmen Brian Williams and Lester Holt on "Rapper's Delight."

Each segment is funny, good-natured and utterly

impossible to imagine Fallon's old-school predecessor doing.

"What I notice in people's reactions is not just that they like the show and think that it's funny, but they like the feel-good spirit," Harbert said. "There's a total absence of snarkiness, of cynicism. It's just there to make you feel good before you go to sleep."

The anti-show biz style pioneered by Letterman isn't dead, said Robert Thompson, director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University. But "it may have run its course to some extent," he said, and Fallon's sincerity dilutes the pure snark of Letterman and O'Brien.

"Fallon has been able to change the equation," he said. He's made his mark despite a more crowded competitive landscape, with O'Brien, Jon Stew-

art, Stephen Colbert, Chelsea Handler and Arsenio Hall also mining late-night laughs.

During his first month, Fallon generated more than 120 million YouTube views, Twitter mentions and Facebook posts, the research firm RelishMIX said. That's more than double Kimmel, who had 57 million in the same social media metric. Letterman had 2.3 million.

"That lopsidedness is a huge wake-up call to writers, producers of late-night, network marketing departments and other series in all genres that they must 'feed the beast' or die," said Marc Karzen, RelishMIX spokesman.

Friday night's routine with Kevin Bacon revisiting some "Footloose" dance moves quickly caught fire online, and video highlights had been watched 7.3 million times as of early Monday.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Holly Bivins

Denzel and Marcie Bivins of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Holly Jo, at 12:26 p.m. on March 10, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Holly weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Lorri Lammie of Sebring.

### Noah Branning

Greg Branning and Casey Peacock, both of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Noah Gregory Branning, at 3:10 p.m. on March 8, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Noah weighed 8 pounds at birth and was 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Daniel and Carla

Notestine of Sebring. Paternal grandparents are Gregory Branning of Sebring, and Alicia Branning and Dave Heidtman, both of Indiana.

### Messiah Phillips

Patrick and Latisha Phillips of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Messiah Elijah, at 12:13 p.m. on March 10, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Messiah weighed 7 pounds at birth.

Maternal grandmother is Laverne Douglas, also of Avon Park.

### Asia Robinson

Maurice Robinson and Melinda Burns of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Asia

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robinson, on March 18, 2014 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Asia weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18.5 inches in length.

### Cason Romanik

Joseph and Jessica Romanik of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Cason John, at 4:26 p.m. on March 6, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Cason weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ray Pugh of Newtown, Pa. and Teresa Sullivan of Sebring. Paternal grandparents are Alfred and Mary Romanik of Sebring.

### Gabriella Torres

Jose III and Jennifer Torres of Wauchula announce the birth of a daughter, Gabriella Marie, at 12:05 p.m. on March 8, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Gabriella weighed 6 pounds and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Clayton and Tina Carpenter of Frostproof. Paternal grandparents are Jose Torres Jr. and Patricia Trevino.

### Victoria Wacaster

Keith "Rusty" and Elizabeth Wacaster of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Victoria Willow, at 7:38 a.m. on March 18, 2014 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Victoria weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Viki Sager. Paternal grandparents are Ken and Pat Wacaster.

### Ethan Wherry

Dustin Wherry and Jessica Gavagni, both of Lake Placid, announce the birth of a son, Ethan Abraham Wherry, at 11:40 a.m. on March 7, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Ethan weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Sesto and Alane Gavagni of Lake Placid. Paternal grandparents are Lori and Robert Wherry, also of Lake Placid.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## 1050 Legals

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

CASE #: 2013-CA-000312  
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Trust 2006-S2 Plaintiff,  
-vs.-  
Deborah J. Hearin; et al.

NOTICE OF ACTION

FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY TO: Deborah J. Hearin; CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 4416 Medina Way, Sebring, FL 33875 and Unknown Spouse of Deborah J. Hearin; CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 4416 Medina Way, Sebring, FL 33875

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be in infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 6, BLOCK 3, OF FAIRWAY LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN THE PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 4416 Medina Way, Sebring, FL 33875

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, FL 33431, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 21st day of March, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
Circuit and County Courts  
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 Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

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March 26; April 2, 2014

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

CASE #: 2014-CA-000013  
U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank, NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8 Plaintiff,

-vs.-  
Richard Peirce, Surviving Joint Tenant of Kenneth N. Peirce a/k/a Kenneth Peirce, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY TO: Richard Peirce; CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 1061 Lake Sebring Drive, Sebring, FL 33870 and Unknown Spouse of Richard Peirce; CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 1061 lake Sebring Drive, Sebring, FL 33870

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be in infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 21, IN BLOCK 285, OF LAKE SEBRING SHEET NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 1061 Lake Sebring Drive, Sebring, FL 33870.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, FL 33431, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 11th day of March, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
Circuit and County Courts  
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 Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

March 19, 26, 2014

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000890

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

v. JEAN ANVERDIEU; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEAN ANVERDIEU; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA Defendants.

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

THE EAST 125 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: STARTING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25'20" WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 1 DEGREE 19'20" WEST A DISTANCE OF 744.5 FEET ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO A COUNTY ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25'20" WEST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 1 DEGREE 19'20" WEST A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 25'20" EAST A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE AFORESAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A COUNTY ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 1 DEGREE 19'20" EAST ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A COUNTY ROAD A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

a/k/a 3311 SPARTA RD., SEBRING, FL 33870-6057

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, on May 6, 2014 beginning at 11:00 A.M.

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 13th day of February, 2014.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863) 534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service. 888121909

March 26; April 2, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2012-CA-001134

CHRISTIANA TRUST, A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE FOR STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2012-13, Plaintiff,

vs. SAM AINTABLIAN, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 10, 2014 in the above-captioned action, the following property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 20, BLOCK 64, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 51, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Shall be sold by the Clerk of Court on the 11th day of April, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. (Easter Time) at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Jury Room, Sebring, Florida 33870 to the highest bidder, for cash, after giving notice as required by section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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. 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.

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 Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this court on March 11, 2014.

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

March 19, 26, 2014

## 1050 Legals

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

CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000756-XXAX-MX BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,

v. FRANKLIN S. CARDEN A/K/A SHANE CARDEN; DENISE M. CARDEN A/K/A DENISE CARDEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTY L. OTTO NKA CHRISTY SINGLETARY; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; 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 INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE  
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 1141, AND ALL OF LOTS 1142 AND 1143, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 90, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2182 N MORNINGSIDE RD 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 May 1st, 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 24th day of February, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK  
CLERK OF THE 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.

March 26; April 2, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. GC 13-471

JAMES P. BAIRD and JUDY BAIRD, husband and wife, and ROBERT L. BAIRD and BONNIE BAIRD, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,

vs. NOEL Q. COWSERT a/k/a NOEL QUENTIN COWSERT and LAWANA J. COWSERT a/k/a LAWANA J. HANCOCK, husband and wife, or if any of the aforesaid persons is dead, then his or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or parties, and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status if unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereafter described Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Lot 8, Block D, CRESCENT VIEW, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2 Page 54, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 30th day of April, A.D., 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.

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

(SEAL)

"In Accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711."

March 19, 26, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. PC 14-91  
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF RUBY H. KELLY, a/k/a RUBY LEE KELLY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RUBY H. KELLY, a/k/a RUBY LEE KELLY, deceased, whose date of death was June 10, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE

## 1050 Legals

LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 26, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ James Watson Kelly 701 Shadowhill Court Midlothian, Virginia 23114

Attorney for Personal Representatives: MICHAELA A. RIDER Florida Bar Number: 175661 13 N Oak Avenue Lake Placid, FL 33852 Telephone: (863) 465-1111 Fax: (863) 465-8100 E-Mail: marider@mariderlaw.com

March 26; April 2, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 14-54

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILHELMINA DUNN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of WILHELMINA DUNN, deceased, whose date of death was December 10, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

ALL OTHER CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT AND OTHER PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST DECEDENT'S ESTATE MUST FILE THEIR CLAIMS WITH THIS COURT WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 19, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Charlotte Pember 71 Boat Ramp Road Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ W. Roy Wilkes Attorney for Charlotte Pember Florida Bar Number: 0608475 202 Dal Hall Boulevard Lake Placid, Florida 33852 Telephone: (863)699-2222 Fax: (863)465-1857 E-Mail: wvw@wilkeslawfirm.com Secondary E-Mail: darah@wilkeslawfirm.com

March 19, 26, 2014

IN THE PROBATE COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

CASE NUMBER: 2013-ES-45-00320 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF: WILLIAMSBURG

IN THE MATTER OF: Warren Robuck Muldrow, Jr. (Decedent)

DATE: May 27, 2014 TIME: 10:00 a.m. PLACE: Williamsburg County Probate Court, Alex Chatman Judicial Complex, 147 West Main Street, Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

PURPOSE OF HEARING: Angelo Muldrow is petitioning to be appointed Personal Representative. The hearing is on this request.

Executed this 5th day of March, 2014.

Signature: Helen T. McFadden Print Name: Helen T. McFadden, Esquire Address: Post Office Box 658 Lake City, South Carolina 29560 Telephone: (Work): (843) 374-1628 E-mail helenmcfadden@sabblaw.com Relationship to Decedent/Estate: Attorney for the Petitioner

NOTE: Probate court recommends that all interested parties be represented by council licensed to practice law in South Carolina. If any interested party wishes to represent him/herself, he/she will be required to adhere to the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and South Carolina Rules of Evidence.

March 19, 26; April 2, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 14-83

IN RE: ESTATE OF GAYLE A. ASHBAUGH a/k/a Gayle A. Ashbaugh, Jr., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are indicated below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS

NOTICE.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of death of the decedent is February 15, 2014.

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 26, 2014.

Personal Representative: RANDALL ASHBAUGH 535 Brookwood Point Place, Apt. 122 Simpsonville, SC 29681

Attorney for Personal Representative: CLIFFORD R. RHOADES, P.A. Florida Bar No.: 308714 Clifford R. Rhoades, P.A. 2141 Lakeview Drive Sebring, Florida 33870 (863)385-0346 service@crpalaw.com

March 26; April 2, 2014

NOTICE OF SALE  
The following vehicle will be sold at public sale or auction to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.78(2) of the Florida Statutes at 10:00 a.m. on AT 1118 WEIGLE AVE., Sebring, Florida 33870.

SALE DATE 4/14/14

1988 BEAC 17N430129HW006243

March 26, 2014

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION  
ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT THE STORAGE PLACE OF AVON PARK, 395 CR 17A WEST, AVON PARK, FL 33825 WILL BE DISPOSED OF TO AN AUCTIONEER ON APRIL 16, 2014 AT 10:00 AM. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Names and unit numbers are as follows:

NAME	UNIT NUMBER
Toby Watkins	217
Konrod Clarke	230

DISPOSITION BEING MADE TO SATISFY LANDLORD'S LIEN MANAGEMENT RESERVEES ALL RIGHTS, UNDER FLORIDA LAW, ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH.

March 26; April 2, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 14-107

Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF SARAH M. MCLVAINE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that a Petition for Summary Administration in the estate of SARAH M. MCLVAINE, deceased, File Number PC 14-107, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Ave. Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was February 24, 2014; that the total value of the estate is \$41,773.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
GRACE A. WILSON	3735 Klette Road Taylor Mill, Kentucky 41015

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

**2100 Help Wanted**

**JAMES S WARNER JR FARMS** - 2 months experience needed- 32 Temporary workers needed in Big Creek, MS from approximately May 1, 2014 - Nov 3, 2014. Workers will perform assigned duties as instructed by their supervisor. Duties may vary from time to time. Clearing ground of rocks, sticks & roots by hand, General field & fence maintenance. Preparing the ground for planting. Manually weeding fields by hand or using hand tools. Participate in irrigation activities. Set up, operate and repair irrigation systems. Load & unload boxes on trucks or trailers. Repair, maintain and clean all hand tools and mechanical equipment prior to and after use. (All tools will be provided at no cost to workers) Work in extreme weather conditions. Must be able to work with minimum supervision. Workers may be asked to operate farm equipment, cotton pickers, combine, drive tractors in fields and any other equipment related to the planting, cultivation and harvesting of crops. Safety training for use of farm equipment and tractors will be provided.

**Sweet Potatoes** - Covering potatoes with use of bedding machine & covering with plastic. Cut slips by hand with knife, place in boxes to load & unload onto trucks. Riding mechanical transplanter and loading slips in planting cups. Diving plants by hand. Use of mechanical digging equipment to dig potatoes. May also harvest potatoes by hand with use of buckets. Must be able to sort, grade & pack potatoes by size quality or type. Two months experience needed for hand cutting slips and use of mechanical transplanter & mechanical diggers.

May also plant, cultivate & harvest the following: Cotton - Wrap ties around cotton bales, banding/unbanding, moving bales with dolly, loosening bales and loading bales on tractor. Thin out young cotton, keep wet cotton separate from dry cotton. Purple Hull Peas, Watermelons, Beans and Corn. The majority of the workday is spent on one's feet and outdoors. Workers may stand in one place for any period of time. Workers must be able to climb, stand, sit, stoop, squat, kneel, crouch, bend (from the waist), push, pull, reach and lift. Work is performed in outdoor agricultural fields and involves exposure to sun, wind, rain, soil, mud, dust, heat, cold and other natural elements. Worker must be able to withstand working in the direct sunlight and weather conditions ranging from hot and humid weather, moderate rain and cold while performing their required job duties. Workers should come prepared wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for the environmental and working conditions described. A copy of the work contract or a copy of the ETA 790 in lieu of a work contract, and any modifications, will be provided to the worker on the day the work commences. Workers will be paid the highest of \$9.87 per hr or applicable piece rates depending on crop activity, 3/4 guarantee, 35 hrs per week, housing, equipment and transportation provided at no cost to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each work day, must be 18 years or older. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the work-site will be reimbursed upon completion of 50% of the work contract or earlier if appropriate. We participate in the E-Verify program and workers must have valid identification for I-9 preparation when they report to begin work. Apply for this job at the State Workforce/Job Center office in your area, please call for the nearest office in your area MS 662-842-2175, AL 256-259-1835, LA 318-676-7705, FL 863-385-3672, using job order MS92234.

**2100 Help Wanted**

**EYE EXPRESS** Sebring Ophthalmology & Optometry. Join our family for exciting opportunities! We are currently looking for individuals that have wonderful interpersonal skills, willing to learn, highly driven, possess a flexible personality, displays great professionalism and works great in team environment. If this fits you, we would love to meet you. Please send your resume to lwills@eyeexpress.com

**LAWN MAINTENANCE** workers needed to run mowers & trimmers, exp. only. 863-385-6768

**LOCAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH** seeking an Organist/Choir Director. Call 863-385-7649 for details.

**LOOKING FOR LPN F/T & P/T** for 24 bed ICF in Avon Park. We have a casual work environment with home-like setting. Apply online at www.jobs.thementornetwork.com/florida

Questions call 863-452-5141 ask for Angelina or Melissa

**MANAGER - CIRCLE THEATRE**

Full-time employment opportunity: Manager of the beautiful newly renovated Circle Theatre in historic downtown Sebring. Salary is competitive. Employment hours are flexible, requiring some evening and weekend work.

The Executive Committee of the Champion for Children Foundation will interview all finalists that are selected from the pool of applicants. This position will report directly to the CEO.

Strong leadership qualities are essential. An associate's or bachelor's degree is preferred but not required. Applicants should have at least 5 years of proven management and administrative experience. The Circle Theatre Manager will oversee operations and supervise all aspects of the Circle Theatre, including events, Sweet Shoppe, personnel, volunteers, facilities and children's programs.

The successful applicant must have outstanding communication and interpersonal skills, and be organized, focused and detail oriented. Computer skills are a must. We are looking for a dynamic team player and a problem solver. Marketing, networking, public presentations, financial management & event planning are important requirements of this professional job.

Send resume and references, postmarked by March 31, 2014 to: Champion for Children Foundation, P.O. Box 7125, Sebring, FL 33872-0103

**MEDICAL RECEPTIONISTS FOR BUSY OFFICE.** Send Resume to P. O. Box 991, Lake Placid FL, 33862.

**2300 Work Wanted**

**GENTLEMAN/ SITTER COMPANION** looking for position, live-in. Experienced with References. 863-658-4837

**3000 Financial**

**4000 Real Estate**

**4060 Homes for Sale Avon Park**

FOR SALE, CBS 3BR/2BA, 1 car gar., in Avon Park Lakes, fenced back yard, built in 2006, newly renovated in 2010, asking, \$99,900, 863-368-1963.

**4120 Villas & Condos For Sale**

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**5000 Mobile Homes**

**5050 Mobile Homes For Sale**

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**AVON PARK 3/1 Trailer** in Country. 8 mi. from town. Call 863-443-2000

**5050 Mobile Homes For Sale**

**BROADMORE M.H., 2BR/2BA, 14x60, NICE PARK, 55 plus.** Fully furn., double carport, new appl., utility room. Make offer, negotiable. MUST SEE! 863-382-2011.

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1 PAIR DEERSTAG 5" SIZE 7 1/2 MEDIUM BOOTS, NEW, \$25, 863-382-6741

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GAS GRILL, 2 BURNERS, WITH WHEELS AND PROPANE TANK, \$60, 863-214-8462.

REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER KENMORE, 67"H x 31"W x 29.5"D. Works good. \$75. 609-540-4170 SOLD!!!

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF AVON PARK CITY COUNCIL**

Please take notice the City of Avon Park City Council will conduct the final reading of Ordinance 08-14 at their regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:00PM or shortly thereafter, in the City Hall Council Chambers located at, 123 E. Pine Street, Avon Park, FL 33825. Public comments will be heard during the discussion of this agenda item. Copies of the ordinance and metes and bounds legal description are available in the City Manager's office, City Hall, 110 E. Main Street, Avon Park, FL 33825.

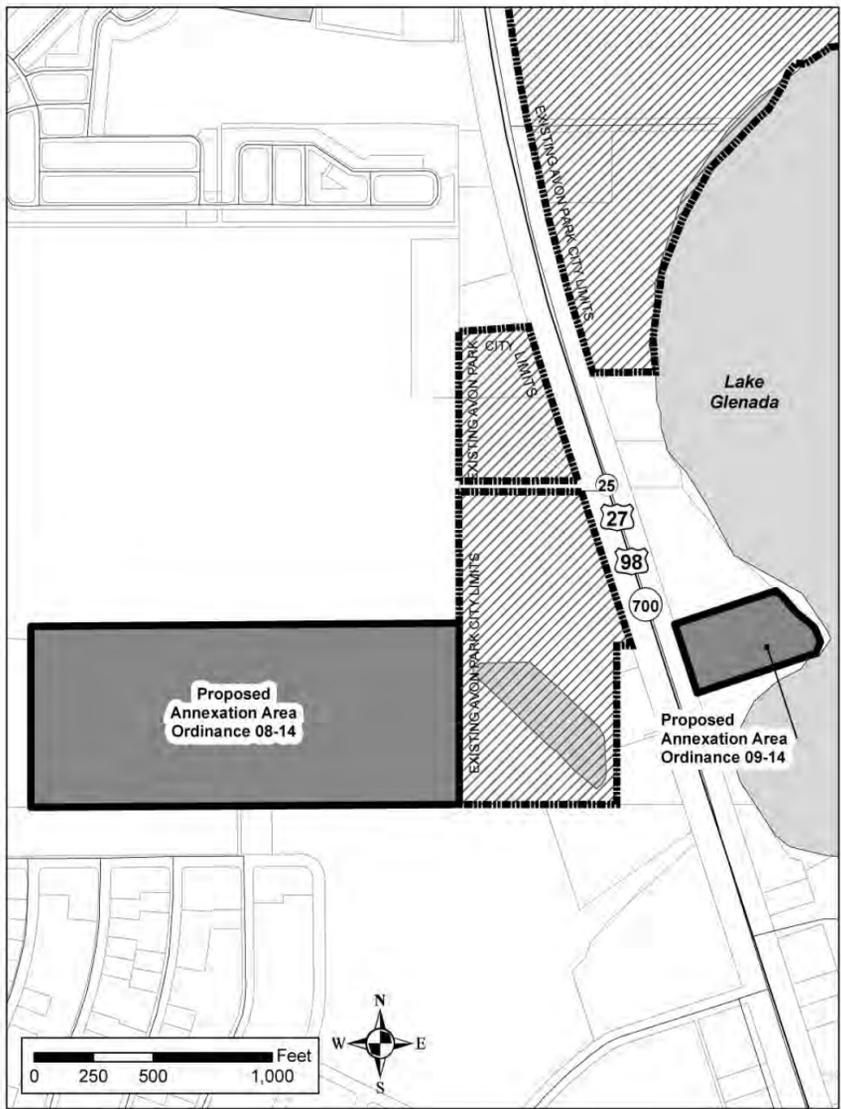
**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 31.0 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF AVON PARK, LOCATED AT 2055 US 27 N. INTO THE CITY OF AVON PARK, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF APPROPRIATENESS OF THE ANNEXATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Please take notice the City of Avon Park City Council will conduct the final reading of Ordinance 09-14 at their regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:00PM or shortly thereafter, in the City Hall Council Chambers located at, 123 E. Pine Street, Avon Park, FL 33825. Public comments will be heard during the discussion of this agenda item. Copies of the ordinance and metes and bounds legal description are available in the City Manager's office, City Hall, 110 E. Main Street, Avon Park, FL 33825.

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

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



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AND SIDE CURIO SHELVES, \$100  
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**7320** Garage & Yard Sales

AVON PARK - Church of the Redeemer Thrift Store Spring Sale. Clothes from .25 cents, lots of books .25 cents, kitchen, household, some furn., small appl., too much to list! Fri. & Sat., 8am-2pm, 906 W. Martin Lane.

LAKE PLACID \* Sun 'N Lakes \* Annual Rummage Sale 440 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd. Sat. Mar 29, 8am-1pm, Household items, Furn., Buy bag \$1 at noon. Breakfast available!

LAKE PLACID - Fri. & Sat. Mar. 28 & 29, 8-3, 702 Pompano Ave. Lots of tools, fishing equip., pinball machine, household items, 1982 Honda 70 Passport scooter & lots of misc. items.

LORIDA - Join us for refreshments at this Lake Istokpoga Property! And enter to win a FREE \$25 Gas card!

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY  
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SEBRING - HOUSEHOLD, HARDWARE, misc. items. Good condition, LOW PRICES!! 216 Wren Avenue, 8 to 2 pm, Fri. March 28 & Sat. March 29.

SEBRING - MOVING SALE  
THURS-FRI-SAT, 3/27-28-29,  
9am-? 501 Mac Lane, Harder Hall area. Precious Moments, 2 chairs, 2 lamps, lots of household.

SEBRING - MULTI-FAMILY March 28 & 29, 8am-1pm; March 30, 8am-12, 2260 Clifton Street. Washer/dryer great cond., like new daybed with mattress, clothing, purses, electronics, much more!

SPRING LAKE ESTATE SALE  
Fri. March 28th & Sat. March 29th

Wrought iron patio set, coffee table, end tables, lamps. Sofas, chairs, small kitchen appliances. Lane hope chest, r-way solid wood dresser set. Mirrors, fireplace accessories, flatware, dishes, dining room, kitchen set, statues, fountain, yard tools, power tools. This house is overloaded!!

Sale starts @ 8am to 3pm  
Friday & Saturday.

8309 Pine Glen  
27 & 98 east to Monte Real just past Spring Lake Hardware to Pine Glen. Follow signs!

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Sat. March 29, 9am-3pm, 473 Dansby Road. Furniture, housewares, linens, small appliances, kitchen utensils, floral arrangements, knick knacks, books, ladies clothes.

**7400** Lawn & Garden

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**NOTICE**

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**8000** Recreation

**8050** Boats & Motors

9.8 HP MERCURY OUTBOARD MOTOR SERVICED 2 YEARS AGO, \$350. 863-471-9341

**8350** Sporting Goods

DIRT BIKE Honda, for teens. Golf Cart, Yamaha, gas. \$1000. 863-382-0192

**8400** Recreational Vehicles

2013 44' 5TH WHEEL RV 3 slideouts, 2BR, full bath, full kitchen, sleeps 8, excellent condition, \$23,500. 210-800-6389.

**9000** Transportation

**9400** Automotive Wanted

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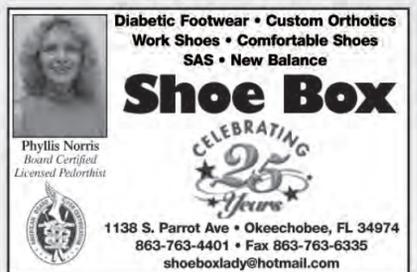
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