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Home-grown education



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South Florida State College computer programming student Judge Brown of Sebring works on his laptop Tuesday morning on the campus in Avon Park. The college will offer a bachelor of science degree in elementary education starting in the fall semester.

Prospective teachers will soon be able to get degree at SFSC

BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — Local schools can look for more home-grown teachers after South Florida State College's Monday announcement that the college will offer a bachelor of science degree in elementary education (BSEE) beginning in the fall semester.

The announcement came as a huge breath of fresh air to local administrators and educators, who have heard rumblings of the addition for the past several months.

Deputy Superintendent of Highlands County School District Dr.

'We are constantly having to recruit out of the county. This is going to be much better. I guess you could say it's a win-win'

*Rodney Hollinger
deputy superintendent*

Rodney Hollinger said that the college's plan is a much-needed addition Highlands County.

"Our (school district) interest in this is that a lot of folks are going to be getting a four year degree. It's going to produce more home-grown, local teachers and that is beneficial for us," Hollinger said.

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cruit out of the county. This is going to be much better. I guess you could say it's a win-win," Hollinger said.

Jodi Lee, manager of the Human Resources, Recruitment and Professional Development Department, echoed Hollinger's feelings.

"For Highlands County it's a win-win," Lee said. "We are very excited about this. It's going to be great to be able to keep more people in our district, that's a win for everybody. It's hard to draw people here from out of county. When they already have a connection to Highlands

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Avon Park is renaming Memorial Field Sports Complex for civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Avon Park to rename Memorial Field after MLK

Decision not to pick street angers members of NAACP

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer



'You have streets named after your heroes. No discussion? That's railroading'

*Aljoe Hinson
local NAACP president*

AVON PARK — Even though citizens liked the idea of renaming Memorial Field after civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., they still would have liked a street named after him, too. The City Council did not agree.

The Avon Park City Council, without discussion, opted to just rename the sports complex. Mayor Sharon Schuler said after the vote that it was the better option because it wouldn't require anyone in the city to change residential or business

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All toast and no roast for Hensley

Former mayor lauded as he heads into retirement

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — It was billed as a "Roast and Toast" for former Sebring mayor George Hensley but it turned out to be more of a version of "This is Your Life."

Emcee Don Elwell began the event by rolling out the chair that Hensley had used in the Sebring City Council Chambers for better than a decade, then handing him a gavel.

"We thought you'd like

to use this one more time," Elwell told the former mayor.

Hensley began the evening recounting how he first arrived in Sebring from Burnsville, N.C., and telling how he met the girl that later became his wife — the former Nancy Heacock.

On his first trip to the City on the Circle, Hensley said he had arrived in the early morning hours and had fallen asleep in a

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Courtesy photo

Former Sebring Mayor George Hensley (left) listens to newly elected Mayor John Shoop as he shares his memories of Hensley during Hensley's Roast and Toast celebration Saturday evening at the Jack Stroup Civic Center.

HCSO captain on leave during investigation

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer



LABELLE

SEBRING — Capt. Randy LaBelle, head of the Criminal Investigations Unit for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, has been placed on paid leave, pending an investigation.

Chief Deputy Mark Schrader said Tuesday that LaBelle was placed on leave on April 2, but didn't have any further details to release about the complaint or investigation.

"We won't comment on the details until

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Earth Day education to be offered in Sebring

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — An Earth Day celebration will be held at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center from 8:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22.

The morning of informative sessions will be free. Each of the speakers will talk about some issue of sustainable living and the impact on jobs and the local economy. Trends like energy efficiency, sustainable farming and biofuels will have an impact on education, business and government. The Earth Day presentations will show what local people involved in various aspects of sustainability consider most important to the Heartland.

Presentations include:

- "Florida Friendly Landscaping" by David Austin, Highlands County urban horticultural agent, UF Agriculture Extension (http://highlands.ifas.ufl.edu)
- "World Hunger: Culture and How It Relates to the Small Farmer" by Phil Murphy, executive director, H.E.A.R.T. Institute at Warner University (http://heart-institute.org/)
- "Permaculture: Life in Fertile Soil" by Josh Jamison, instructor and agriculture manager, H.E.A.R.T. Institute
- "Aquatic Ecosystems: Water Quality & Quality of Life" by Clell Ford, Highlands

County lake manager

- "Sustainable Systems: Making Green by Saving Green" by Elmer Hall, DIBA, Strategic Business Planning Co. (www.SBPlan.com and www.SustainZine.com)
- "Renewable Energy: Biofuels Jobs and Education" by Beth Burch, Ph.D., lead instructor of bioenergy education, SFSC Division of Applied Sciences and Technologies (www.SouthFlorida.edu)
- "Economic Development: Green Jobs and Green Business" by Stephen Weeks, executive director, EDC/IDA (www.HighlandsEDC.com)

Please call the Ag Extension Office for reservations at 402-6540.

Canali gets 2nd runner-up

Shines in second year at Ms. Wheelchair Florida Pageant

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE BUENA VISTA — Sara Canali, of Sebring, was selected as second runner up in the Ms. Wheelchair Florida Pageant on Saturday, April 5.

Canali, 27, competed against six other contestants from around the state in the two-day event. Canali competed last year for the first time.

"Have you ever judged a book by its cover alone and found out later that you had passed up a great story? They say don't judge a book by its cover; well I say don't judge a person by his or her disability," Canali said in her opening of her speech at the pageant.

Canali was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at birth and she has an auditory processing disorder. She attends South Florida State College in Avon Park where she is majoring in liberal arts in hopes of working in the graph design field. She participates in Special STARS, Aktion Club of Highlands County and Miracle League Baseball.

"Ms. Wheelchair Florida is an opportunity for women who use wheelchairs to successfully educate and advocate for the 54 million Americans living with disabilities. These women will also be able to show-case and highlight their inner strengths and ac-



Courtesy photo

Sara Canali of Sebring (left) shows off her second runner-up plaque for the Ms. Wheelchair Florida Pageant as she talks to the pageant's keynote speaker and judge Chelsie Hill.

complishments," said Shari D. Wilson, who is the state coordinator for Ms. Wheelchair Florida and also the winner of Ms. Wheelchair Florida in 2008.

The pageant contestants participated in various workshops on Friday and early Saturday before competing Saturday evening. The workshops covered disability policies, relationships and sexuality, self-confidence and health and wellness.

The contestants each chose a platform on a topic that they wanted to see improved in their communities for people with disabilities. They each prepared and presented their speeches before four judges. The judges then interviewed each contestant by asking four questions.

Canali's platform speech was based on educating the public to think about the person first instead of focusing on their disability.

"We may have disabilities, but it doesn't give us an inability to succeed or contribute to our com-

munity," Canali said during her speech. "Like that tattered book you might be tempted to overlook, look beyond the cover and explore the pages within. You might just find a beautiful story."

The keynote speaker was Chelsie Hill of Pacific Grove, Calif., who was paralyzed after a car accident at the age of 17. The driver of her vehicle was drunk. She and her father formed the Walk and Roll Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating teens on distracted driving.

She is a cast member on Sundance channel's reality show "Push Girls." Since she loved to dance, she founded of one of the world's biggest wheelchair dance teams in the world made up of seven like-minded girls.

Hill served as one of the judges.

Stephanie Woodward of Miami was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Florida 2014. The first runner up was Erika Miller of Altamonte Springs, and Cody Bowman of Venice was Ms. Congeniality.

Missing girl returns home in two hours

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — A 12-year-old girl reported missing early Monday morning returned home more than two hours later.

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit is investigating to find out why she decided to leave home before dawn. A 911 call at 3 a.m. Monday reported the girl missing from her home on Candler Terrace

in Spring Lake in Sebring, according to Nell Hays, public information officer for the Sheriff's Office.

Deputies arrived and used K-9 units and the Polk County Sheriff's Office helicopter to locate her. However, after deputies had searched for two hours, the girl returned safe and was found, unharmed, in the back yard, Hays said.

No further details are available at this time, Hays said.

Wine Walk is Friday

SEBRING — Destination Downtown Sebring (DDS) continues its celebration of Spring with an April Wine Walk on Friday from 5-8 p.m.

Participating galleries, stores and boutiques will feature one-of-a-kind art, home decor, jewelry and gifts available for purchase as well as music, entertainment, exhibits and special drawings.

Pick up the list of participating Wine Walk merchants and organizations at the Highlands Art League's Yellow House Gallery & Gift Shop (1989 Lakeview Dr). Stroll the Circle and the Cultural Center while participating merchants provide free wine. No purchase is necessary.

Visit www.DestinationDowntownSebring.com for details. This event is co-sponsored by the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

Military Sea Services Museum sets garage sale

SEBRING — The Military Sea Services Museum will hold a garage sale at 1402 Roseland Ave. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Pancake breakfast at Sebring Hills

SEBRING — There will be a pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturday at the Sebring Hills Clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave. All the pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee or tea you want for only \$3 for members and \$3.50 for non-members.

Calvary's Hill Quartet to sing at Dee's

SEBRING — Calvary's Hill Quartet will present a free Christian gospel concert at Dee's Place Restaurant, 138 N. Ridgewood Drive, at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The food and concert are free but donations are greatly appreciated.

Call 863-471-2228 for reservations. Seats fill up quickly.

Gun raffle to support APHS Project Graduation

AVON PARK — A gun raffle is planned to support Avon Park High School Project Graduation. To see the AR-15 gun raffle, visit Boom Boom's Guns and

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Tickets are \$10. Contact Doreen Pearlman at 443-0602 or tickets can be purchased at Boom Boom's.

Memory Loss Tapes being shown in Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — The Alzheimer's Association - Florida Gulf Coast Chapter is showing the HBO "Alzheimer's Project: Memory Loss Tapes" at Lake Placid Memorial Library, 205 West Interlake Blvd from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday.

"The Alzheimer's Project-Memory Loss Tapes" shows the devastating experience of memory loss from the point of view of the person with the disease as shown on HBO. This documentary is for caregivers taking care of a loved one with dementia and for the general public.

There is no charge to attend. This documentary is for caregivers, family members, and anyone else who is interested in learning more about Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease and the services that may be needed.

Call 863-385-3444 or email canalesc@alzfl-gulf.org or call the library 699-3705.

RPAC meeting April 17

SEBRING — There will be an RPAC (Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee) meeting Thursday, April 17, at 2 p.m. in the Sports Complex concession building at 216 Sheriff's Tower Road, Sebring.

The public is invited to attend.

VPK registration under way

SEBRING — Registration is under way for Busy Kids Creative Learning Center's 2014 free summer voluntary pre-kindergarten program.

VPK is a free program to prepare every Florida child for kindergarten. Children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014 and have not previously completed a VPK program.

Busy Kids' is at 922 Persimmon Ave.

For more information, call Anne Lang or Kathi Borecky at 386-0808 or email busykidssebring@yahoo.com.

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Saturday, April 5
9-23-24-38-40-47 X-5
Today's Jackpot: \$31 million

POWERBALL

Saturday, April 5
11-21-26-33-34 PB-29 X-5
Today's Jackpot: \$80 million

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Friday, April 4
10-16-17-38 PB-4
Tuesday's Jackpot: \$1 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Friday, April 4
1-10-15-41-54 PB-9 X-2
Tuesday's Jackpot: \$15 million

CASH 3

Saturday, April 5
Day: 6-0-5 Night: 1-9-3
Sunday, April 6
Day: 0-5-8 Night: 6-9-1
Monday, April 7
Day: 2-6-1 Night: 6-9-4

PLAY 4

Saturday, April 5
Day: 4-2-2-0 Night: 9-7-7-0
Sunday, April 6
Day: 1-5-7-6 Night: 3-3-7-8
Monday, April 7
Day: 8-7-1-0 Night: 0-4-4-9

FANTASY 5

Saturday, April 5
8-10-11-24-33
Sunday, April 6
9-13-21-28-31
Monday, April 7
3-4-13-26-29

This week is Wildfire Awareness Week in Florida

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — Even before the start of Wildfire Awareness Week in Florida, units had to be called out to suppress the flames in Highlands County.

Florida Forest Service spokeswoman Melissa Yunas reported that a wildfire in Avon Estates destroyed nearly 33 acres Friday afternoon. The cause of the blaze at Anderson and Harrisburg roads still is under investigation. No injuries were reported and there was no property damage in the incident.

Wildfire Awareness Week started Sunday and Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, joining with officials of the Forest Service, is taking the opportunity to urge residents to be extremely cautious with fires outdoors, especially during this season.

"This year we have been very fortunate with increased rainfall in some parts of the state, but other areas still are very dry," Putnam said.

Wildfires generally occur in the spring and early summer due to a lack of rainfall coupled with low humidity and winds.

Since Jan. 1, the Florida Forest Service has responded to more than 500 wildfires on nearly 10,000 acres.

On Monday, Highlands County was listed at

Drought index stands at 444 out of 8000

444 on the Keech Byram Drought Index. That scale was specifically devised in 1968 to assess the risk of fire.

The index attempts to measure soil moisture deficiency by accounting for evaporation, transpiration (water from plants) and precipitation. It ranges from zero — the point of no moisture deficiency — to 800, which would be the maximum drought that is possible.

Meanwhile, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Lake June in Winter Scrub State Park held off on a prescribed burn of more than

100 acres on Monday.

The scrubby pine flatwoods near Lake Placid was to have been torched to burn off excessive ground fuel, which is the undergrowth that accumulates over time. Burning it off reduces the potential for uncontrolled burns.

However, the fire was extinguished after it began to exhibit what officials termed "extreme behavior." They said they instead will try to torch the tract at a later date.

The prescribed burning is designed to mimic natural fire cycles to restore and maintain healthy forests and their communities. The fires typically cause increases in native plant, birds and other wildlife as the area recovers.

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Cigarette almost causes disaster at Sebring VFW

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

SEBRING — Sebring firefighters made short work of a fire that nearly burned through a support beam Monday at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300.

No one was injured and the damage was minimal, said Post Commander Mike Norris. However, he is going to have to more strict with members about their discarded cigarettes. It's believed that's how the fire started.

Fire Chief Brad Batz has ruled the fire as accidental.

Reports came into the Sebring Fire Department at approximately 1:30 p.m. of smoke coming from the building. Batz said when his crews hear that, it's usually because the members are having a cook-out on the back deck, but this time the report was for smoke from the front of the building.

Firefighters arrived and found a hot spot in a wall immediately south of the

Support beam burnt, building saved

front walkway, behind some palms and shrubs.

After cutting a 2-foot-square hole in the stucco, they found a 10-by-10-inch support beam under the building was on fire.

"It was burnt almost in two," Batz told Norris. "You'll want to get that replaced."

Norris, not happy about the damage, was relieved it wasn't worse.

"It all can be replaced, except the people," Norris said.

The building at 1041 Lakeview Drive was built from two repurposed 1945 army barracks from Henderson Field, now Sebring Regional Airport and Sebring International Raceway, said Dan Musselman, one of the post's members. The wood in the walls and floors is "old and dry," he said, which is why members voted to ban smoking inside the building.

He and others said the building had another cigarette catch mulch on fire in the last two months, but they caught it before the building caught fire.

There is an ashcan at the front entrance and a smoking deck in the back, he said. Still, some people continue to flick used cigarettes into the bushes and mulch beside the building.

Batz said Monday afternoon's southwesterly wind fanned embers into the structure and down. There is a gap between the stucco and the wall itself that acted like a chimney, he said.

If there has been a clear draft through to the other side of the building, Batz said, it could have lit up the entire wing.

Norris said he and the posts trustees would need to place a sign out front, telling people to make sure they're cigarettes are out. They'll then place a fire-retardant wall between mulch beds and the building, he said, to prevent this from happening again.

No serious injuries in rollover

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

LAKE PLACID — The driver and passenger of a slate-gray, crew-cab Chevrolet Silverado pickup appeared uninjured Tuesday after rolling over in the median of U.S. 27 north of Lake Placid.

Another driver who, along with them, was also southbound in the early afternoon rain, would be cited for an improper lane change, Florida Highway Patrol troopers said on scene.

Troopers had not completed their investigation yet, however, and did not have names of the drivers involved in the wreck. As a precaution, the driver of the truck was transported by Highlands County EMS to be examined at a local hospital.

The wreck took place at approximately 12:45 p.m. Tuesday. Troopers said the driver and passenger in the truck were southbound in the outside lane of U.S. 27, approximately 0.4 miles from Lake Francis Road.

The other driver, in a champagne-colored Mercury Grand Marquis was southbound in the inside lane. Troopers said she "put on her blinker" to merge into the outside lane, but didn't see the truck.

The driver of the truck swerved left to avoid hitting the car, troopers said, and spun on the wet road, entering the median pointing backward.

When the right wheels hit the soft ground, the truck flipped over and rolled



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

The driver of a slate-gray Chevrolet Silverado crew-cab pickup (left) checks her vehicle Tuesday after it rolled over into the median and landed facing the other direction from going southbound on U.S. 27. There were no serious injuries. Florida Highway Patrol troopers (background) speak with the driver of a champagne-colored Mercury Grand Marquis, who troopers said would be cited for an improper lane change.

twice, troopers said. It landed upright facing north halfway into the northbound inside lane. It appeared that no other cars were involved in the wreck.

Through an interpreter, the driver told troopers what happened and told emergency medical personnel where she had pain, if any.

The woman in the Mercury said she saw the wreck in her rear-view mirror and turned around to come check on them, parking her car in the median south of the wreck. She gave no indication of knowing what caused the wreck, and declined to be interviewed, only saying she was a witness.

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Paul Kemple (left), trustee of VFW Post 4300 in Sebring, inspects the damage to a support beam Monday alongside Firefighter/EMT Darren Lamb after Sebring firefighters were able to put out a fire under the building.



HENSLEY

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chair in front of the Nancess-O-Wee Hotel waiting for the city to come to life. He later met up with his girlfriend Nancy at the Sebring train station.

The evening's introduction was followed by a series of family members and friends who shared what they knew about the former mayor. While there were many interesting anecdotes about his life, most fell short of what might be defined as a "roast."

Self-described "Best Friend of George Hensley" and fellow Rotarian Bill Cross began the presentations with "An Ode to George Hensley" — which he repeatedly referred to as "an odie," making references to the former mayor's service in the Navy, attempts to sell Harder Hall and education at Duke University.

Sally Shauman, who attended Duke at the same time as Hensley, put him in league with other great

politicians from Duke including Elizabeth Dole and Richard Nixon.

She also revealed Hensley's ability to play piano and trumpet. She said he had the tendency to play by ear, which apparently also had given him a "political ear."

Several family members revealed information about Hensley's dating life, with Jane Hancock talking about how he had dated Nancy's first cousin before meeting the girl that later would become his wife.

Austie Heacock talked about Hensley's frugality, his golf game and his prowess in poetry. It was Hensley who penned "An Ode to George Sebring," which made its debut during the city's centennial celebration.

Craig Johnson set the tone for the evening, deeming the former mayor "a masterpiece," and noting that Hensley's expletives and levels of consternation rarely rose above the level of "darn," "dang" or "dagnabbit."

Hensley's successor John Shoop also weighed in, saying that Hensley is a

fine family man and "exemplifies the term 'servant leader.'"

Hensley's wife Nancy wound up the evening by talking about her husband's 30-plus years on the Sebring council — serving first as a councilman and later as mayor. She also indicated that the mayor had once issued the epithet "damn" after dislocating his shoulder while skiing.

"He found out he wouldn't be able to play golf for three months," she said.

Given a chance to speak, Hensley told the audience, "I am humbled. From the bottom of my heart I appreciate it." He then turned his remarks to the success of the Highlands Art League, which also was being celebrated.

The event also marked the official opening of the Art Village.

At the end of the presentation, the group gave Hensley a standing ovation then dined on pieces of a specially-made cake designed to resemble the Sebring train station where Hensley and his wife met.



Courtesy photo

Former Sebring Mayor George Hensley is joined by his wife Nancy during Hensley's farewell from public office after serving the city for 30 years. Hensley was honored during Saturday's Roast and Toast at the Jack Stroup Civic Center.

Catch uncertain from Major League Fishing event in 2012

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — The Major League Fishing series event filmed in Highlands County the previous fall finally hit the airwaves of the Outdoor Channel in April of last year, following two dozen anglers as they navigated the waters of Lake Istokpoga looking for lunkers.

It seemed to be the perfect marketing opportunity for the Highlands County Tourist Development commission to hawk the area as a mecca for fishermen, but a year later, determining the effect the program had locally has been difficult to hook.

Apparently, the county had no dedicated web path, phone number or other method tied to the broadcast to determine a cause-and-effect result of the Highlands County stop on the MLF tour.

"That was strictly their production. In fact, that was our plug," said Highlands County Tourism Development Executive Director John Scherlacher. "It was really up to them. If they wanted to put www.ithighlandscounty.com they could have. That's their video."

Scherlacher said apparently there also was no follow-up with fish camps

in the region to see if they had received any response from the broadcast.

"They might have gotten something from it," he said. "The fish camps really weren't exposed on the program. But people could still see the program on the Major League Fishing website then come here."

Major league Fishing Commissioner Don Rucks said the Highlands County show appears to have been one of the more watched episodes of the series.

"It ranked right up there at the top. It was in the top five overall for shows in the second quarter," he said.

The Major League Fishing program reportedly was the top show of its kind on the Outdoor Channel and, said Rucks, the local program appeared to have been well received.

"It got great reviews on our web page and on our Facebook page," he said. "Our anecdotal response from the area was quite good."

However, how the program has worked to generate visits from fishermen here apparently is more difficult to track.

Rucks explained he had no real area-specific information on how the show

might have impacted Highlands County.

He noted the broad spectrum of viewers ranging from upper Michigan to the far west.

One bit of good news is that Rucks has held out hope the series might return to the area.

"We've pretty much made ourselves a promise that we are going to find our way back to Lake Istokpoga," he said. "It's a real jewel but a lot of people drive right by it to get down to The Big O (Lake Okeechobee)."

Rucks pointed out that when MLF filmed here in October of 2012, Hurricane Sandy appeared to be bearing down on central Florida. While that added to the drama of the program, it did not do much for the fishing.

"We really didn't get a chance to showcase the lake and we really don't think the anglers had an opportunity to make the kind of catches that Istokpoga is capable of. The fishing was good instead of great, and I think the lake holds a lot bigger fish," he said. "We loved that place, we loved the community and I think we need to come back."

The Highlands County show is now being offered on DVD at www.major-leaguefishing.com

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OUR VIEW

Florida's Common Core not very common

Four main issues have had educators and parents worried for years: high drop-out rates, inconsistent standards across the country, work that was too easy, and high-pressure exams which did not always reflect a student's true ability nor provide a meaningful comparison to other student work.

What we call Common Core is the reform movement addressing those issues. The effort began at the state level, led by governors and education commissioners.

From the very beginning, the states made an effort to work cooperatively with one another by emphasizing the value of sharing experiences and best practices. Florida was an early leader in developing the multiple-state Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career.

Unfortunately, Gov. Rick Scott, using an executive order, withdrew Florida from the partnership and abandoned the effort to cooperate with other states. Instead, Florida commissioned a test of its own, the results of which cannot be compared to other tests.

In other words, Florida's version of the Common Core isn't very common.

This is not an auspicious beginning for a program that has already raised howls of outrage among some groups. It also seems like it may have been rushed into use before it was completely ready, as evidenced by some of the non-sensical Common Core questions that have spread across social media.

How do the governor and legislators who oppose Common Core expect educators to prepare our children for the new world if they insist on isolating Florida students from everyone else?

Reforming education requires persistence over time. It also takes courage because test scores are bound to dip in the short run as the new, tougher requirements are put in place.

We're sorry the governor flinched at the first sign of controversy and turned his back on students and teachers.

On the other hand, the News-Sun has faith in the future. Not because we necessarily think that Common Core is the solution to all of our education problems. Our faith is based on observing the teachers and administrators of Highlands County who have shown a consistent effort to make our schools the best they can be no matter what the latest mandates that flow down from above.

Our district's teachers have already been approached by Common Core states because of their leadership in creating professional development programs. Highlands County has the talent, commitment and vision to spark a renaissance in our schools.

We wish our political leaders would rise to the occasion.

Feeling like part of the family

When I first spoke with Derek Dunn-Rankin, the founder of Sun Coast Media Group, I immediately took a liking to him. I had already gotten a good sense of what kind of owners we were getting after meeting David Dunn-Rankin, president of SCMB and Derek's son.

Although he had a much earlier start, Derek shared with me how his love for the newspaper industry started at a young age with a paper route that he delivered. As many of you may recall, that's exactly how I got started in the newspaper industry. In fact, there was more than one occasion where my brother and I delivered our newspapers on horseback. You remember the stories ... every day, through rain and snow, on bicycle or horse, whatever it



AT RANDOM
Romona Washington

took to get that little daily delivered ... kind of like the postal carrier.

During his first meeting with the News-Sun staff, Derek told them of his love for community newspapers and the communities they serve. Another thing I have in common with him. I've had several opportunities through the years to go else-

where, but Highlands County is my home and all of you are my family.

The respect for the Dunn-Rankin family is deep and wide. According to Derek, S.L. Frisbee went to him when S.L. was ready to sell the Bartow Democrat several years ago. He told Derek that the family "had decided they were going to sell the paper and were going to sell it to us." I got the impression that the Dunn-Rankins weren't looking at buying at the time, but quickly became interested when approached in that manner.

The fact that Frisbee was interested in only selling his family's operation to the Dunn-Rankins speaks highly in and of itself.

Am I excited about this latest journey? You betcha! I have listened to some

of the things that David and Derek have had to say and my wheels are spinning like crazy with even more ideas of what we can do to improve your newspaper. Those ideas that some of you have shared with me have been noted. I am open to other suggestions if you have something you'd like to pass on in what you'd like to see your hometown newspaper look like.

Your News-Sun staff is here to serve you. Let us know what you need and what you want from us, and we'll try to make it work. The fun truly has only begun.

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YOUR VIEWS

Str8Up says thanks

STR8 UP would like to say a very special thank you to everyone who participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for our basketball court. The court was dedicated to the youth of our communities.

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KIM LEATHERMAN
Lake Placid

Go to it, Shirley

Read in a recent News-Sun that Shirley Jones (the blonde beauty of my days) was wanting to make a tandem skydive on her 80th

birthday. I'll volunteer to do the dive with her as the tandem partner. I can't think of anything nicer than leaving the plane at 13,000 feet and descending in an open chute with a doll like her. They should pay her for making the jump.

I've made 147 jumps in my lifetime and enjoyed every one of them. I'm 95 years old now, but what I said before goes now. I'd love to make that dive with her.

I know just how she feels. I want to make a round chute jump on my 100th birthday (five years from now) just to shake some of the causes of my arthritis out of my legs. So go to it, Shirley. I doubt I'll be around to make my jump, but you are in the prime of life. This jump won't put you in the Mile High Club, but you will have something to brag about for the rest of your days.

WOODIE JACKSON

Sebring

National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month, which was created to help raise awareness about the importance of volunteerism to improve the communities where we live,

work and play. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast is excited to be partnered with Comcast and the YMCA on an upcoming project and would like to invite Sebring area residents to join us.

On Saturday, April 26, volunteers will gather at the Highlands County YMCA to spruce up the center by cleaning exercise equipment and beautifying the grounds with new plants. Kids and their big brothers or sisters will stop by that afternoon to eat lunch, hang out with the volunteers, go swimming and shoot hoops.

This project is a part of the 13th Comcast Cares Day, the company's signature day of service and the largest single-day corporate volunteer effort. Local Comcast employees and their family and friends will work alongside community volunteers.

We would love it if you would join us! To sign up, visit www.comcastinthe-community.com and search for projects in in Sebring.

We hope to see you there for Comcast Cares Day on Saturday, April 26!

KIKO VAZQUEZ

Community Resource Director,
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the
Sun Coast

TEACHERS

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County it is much easier for retention and keeping our local people here.”

Currently, SFSC offers only teaching preparation programs where students can earn an associate in arts with an emphasis in education, but then must transfer to one of several partner schools in Florida to complete their four-year degrees. Starting this fall, they will be able to stay here.

According to a press release from SFSC, the BSEE program will prepare students to teach grades K-6 while working in diverse educational settings and with students of varying capabilities. Through the program, students will learn how to plan and implement lessons that integrate math and science, health, music and movement, as well as literature, fine arts, language arts and social sciences.

Students enrolling in the new program will do a number of things as part of their degree requirements including observe teachers in the field, teach lessons through the practicum and internship courses, and complete a full-time teaching internship.

State employment projections, as well as national, reveal the need for an increase in the number of teachers at the elementary level, especially in Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties, the school said.

“It’s not uncommon for our district to have a shortage of teachers available,” said Dr. Leana Revell, SFSC vice president of educational and student services, said in the press release. “This is SFSC’s contribution to make sure we have high-quality teachers in our schools classrooms. SFSC’s elementary education program will provide highly qualified faculty with a wide range of experience who can provide top-notch education for students in our district. This program will provide anyone interested in working with student’s great satisfaction and career mobility.”

“This is an exciting opportunity for us at the college,” said Michele DeVane, SFSC professor of education. “The development of the program has been an intensive collab-



Courtesy photo

Dr. Kimberley Dos Santos is the lead instructor for SFSC’s Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education program.

orative effort between SFSC’s faculty and administration. SFSC has done a significant amount of background research and data collection to provide exactly what potential students want and need from the program. Students will receive high quality instruction, small class sizes, and a low-cost education close to home.”

“Teachers put all of their energy, creativity, and talents into making sure each student has what they need to successfully move forward,” DeVane said. “Teaching is an extremely rewarding career. This new degree will make the students more marketable and allow them to further their education locally and affordably.”

The BSEE program at SFSC will consist of a minimum of 36 general education credits, 24 credits of lower division program electives and 60 credits of upper-division specialized courses. Admission to the two-year program is limited and open only to those who have completed an associate in arts (AA) and prerequisite education courses, meet GPA requirements, and pass the General Knowledge Test.

Graduates will earn a Florida certification in kindergarten through sixth grade with English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Reading endorsements.

“Students will get to experience an exceptional cohort format with small class sizes,” said Dr. Kimberley Dos Santos, lead instructor for SFSC’s BSEE program. “Through this highly selective program, students will be with the same 26 students for the course of two years. I can’t wait to get into the classroom and help students develop their craft and watch them become wonderful teachers.”

Dr. Dos Santos holds a Doctor of Education in educational leadership and management from Capella University, a Master of Education in educational leadership, a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from the University of Central Florida, and has over seven years of teaching experience in Florida.

The BSEE program will become the college’s third baccalaureate program to be executed at SFSC. The first, supervision and management, was launched in 2012, while a bachelor of science in nursing is also planned to be added for the fall semester.

For additional information about the bachelor’s in elementary education program at SFSC, visit www.southflorida.edu/academic/bsee/ or call Dr. Dos Santos, lead instructor, elementary education, at 863-784-7154.

Scant relief: Gas prices to drop just a penny

NEW YORK (AP) — Drivers will get the slightest of breaks on gasoline prices this summer, according to the Energy Department.

The national average price is forecast to fall — by just one cent — to \$3.57 a gallon between April and September, the months when Americans do most of their driving.

Still, that would be the lowest average summer price since 2010.

For the year, the department’s Energy Information Administration expects gasoline to average \$3.45 a gallon, down from \$3.51 last year and also the lowest since 2010.

World demand for oil is growing, but supplies are growing faster than demand, thanks to higher production in the U.S., Canada and elsewhere. That will keep a lid on the price of crude

and gasoline.

The price of Brent crude, a benchmark used to price oil used by many U.S. refineries and the most important factor in gasoline prices, is forecast to fall 4 percent this year.

U.S. drivers are expected to burn slightly more gasoline than they did last year, according to the EIA. More people will drive more miles as the economy continues to improve, but they are driving more fuel efficient cars.

That will prevent gasoline demand from rising as fast as the number of miles driven.

EIA Administrator Adam Sieminski warned in a conference call with reporters Tuesday that unexpected factors such as refinery outages, pipeline problems or geopolitical events that disrupt crude flows could send prices quickly higher.

LABELLE

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its completed,” Schrader said.

Schrader also pointed out that putting an officer on administrative leave is a common practice during an internal investigation. It’s done to maintain the integrity of the investigation, he said.

LaBelle, a career deputy with the department, came to the Sheriff’s Office in May 1994: “A month after I did,”

Schrader said.

During that time, LaBelle has worked in patrol, the Special Investigations Unit — otherwise known as the narcotics unit — and criminal investigations. He also served as a Road Patrol supervisor.

LaBelle was captain over criminal investigations both before and after being captain over road patrol. During his time over road patrol, the Sheriff’s Office signed a contract with the city of Avon Park to provide law enforcement.

MLK

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addresses.

The decision not to pick a street angered members of the Highlands County Branch of the National Organization for the Advancement of Colored People, especially Maxine Floyd of Ernest E. Sims Street.

“You have streets named after your heroes,” Floyd said. “No discussion? That’s railroad.”

Aljoe Hinson, former councilman and Highlands NAACP president, said he and other NAACP members would still work to have a street renamed.

Hinson said the best options presented were to

rename both Memorial Field and Verona Avenue from Ernest E. Sims Street north to Main Street, an option Floyd also preferred.

“Those are something we can do and not dishonor someone else,” Hinson said.

Hinson also spoke about against two other options that had been presented. One would have had Hal McRae Boulevard share its name with King to become “Hal McRae/MLK Boulevard.” Another would have renamed Verona Avenue for McRae, the major league baseball player from Avon Park, and then rename Hal McRae Boulevard for King.

“Hal McRae is a national

legend. To move his street would be a disgrace,” Hinson said. “(Dr.) Martin Luther King is a world icon. You should find two streets where you don’t have to split them.”

Hinson also said he was appalled that someone sent a letter to McRae, asking his input on the matter.

“To write a letter to him on his deathbed is a terrible dishonor,” Hinson said.

Councilman Parke Sutherland said he sent the letter on Jan. 26 to ask for McRae’s input, but hadn’t received any response. He said he didn’t know McRae was dying.

“I was approached by people in this room now with that option,” Suther-

land said, referring to moving McRae’s name to another street.

Former Mayor Tom Macklin told the council he favored renaming Memorial Drive and especially Memorial Field, since that would serve as a reminder to local youth of how King fought for their rights and opportunities. It would also have the “least negative impact” and “highest positive impact,” Macklin said.

Hinson said he and Macklin didn’t agree often, but he applauded Macklin’s wish to inspire city youth.

Other options that were suggested met opposition from Avon Park Public Safety Director Jason Lister and Tom Macklin’s

brother, Richard Macklin.

For the record, Tom Macklin stated he had no investments in his brother’s businesses.

Lister warned that the city would have a hard time renumbering addresses and making them match neighboring streets if the council chose to rename the route of Cornell Street from U.S. 27 east to South Lake Boulevard, around the lake on Tulane Drive, then north on Verona Avenue to Main Street.

Sutherland said he also got input from Capt. J.P. Fane, head of commu-

nications and dispatch at the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office. Sutherland said Fane’s only concerns were that Sebring also has a Martin Luther King Boulevard and that using the suffix “Dr.” would confuse the system, since it’s the abbreviation for “Drive.”

Richard Macklin asked the city to consider how much it would cost businesses on a renamed street to change addresses on licenses and other state records as well as with customers or suppliers.

Carillon Classic 5K early registration ends today

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

LAKE WALES – Runners and walkers have through today to save \$5 on their registration for the 2014 Carillon Classic 5K Run & Walk.

All early registrants will also be guaranteed a dri-fit style T-shirt featuring an image of world famous Bok Tower. The event is set for Saturday, May 3, at Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales.

The discounted fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students from elementary through high school. The fee includes a one day pass to Bok Tow-

er Gardens for runners/walkers and their families. The 5K course at Bok Tower Gardens enables runners and walkers to experience elevation changes and a variety of terrains, including paved roads and gravel and mulch trails.

To register early online go to <http://www.fprapolk.org/calendar-page/carillon-classic-5k-runwalk/>.

Marybeth Soderstrom, co-chair of the 2014 Carillon Classic 5K, said the registration fee increases by \$5 after today and the T-shirt cannot be guaranteed. Runners and walkers can continue to register online as well as at 6:30 am on race day at Bok

Tower Gardens. The competition is scheduled to begin at 7:30 am, rain or shine.

The charitable event is sponsored by the Dick Pope/Polk County Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) in partnership with Bok Tower Gardens, Youth and Family Alternatives Inc. and other corporate sponsors to raise funds for Youth and Family Alternatives’ George W. Harris Jr. Runaway & Youth Crisis Shelter in Bartow and FPRA scholarship programs.

The first two events attracted 700 runners and raised nearly \$8,000 for charity.

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Left to right (back row) George Hill, Richard Young, Greg Hill, Lisa Hill, Eileen M. May, Cynthia Canonge, and Gloria Gutierrez. (front row) Yluminada Hull, Robby Hill, Sue Viau and Reese Hill cut the ribbon to officially open Anytime Fitness in Lake Placid.

Get fit anytime in Lake Placid

BY ROD LEWIS
News-Sun Correspondent

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid has a new place to sweat 24 hours a day as Anytime Fitness cut the ribbon on the new gym on Saturday.

"We're really excited to be a part of the community and to offer this facility to Lake Placid," said Lisa Hill, who owns the facility with her husband, Greg. "We have met many great people and feel it is an honor to be here."

This day has been over 25 years in the making, said Greg Hill, who has an undergraduate degree in education, and a masters degree in exercise physiology. Both Hills are certified by the American College of Sport Medicine.

"This is a full-service gym with full line of cardio equipment," Greg Hill

Anytime Fitness holds grand opening

said. "With every membership, a health screening is offered, and a free hour with a trainer to help you get set up on a strength and training routine."

Fitness on Request, one of the offered services that Hill suggests "sets them apart," is a virtual workout projected on the group exercise screen. There are many workouts to choose from with just a touch of a button.

A Zumba class is offered with the membership. Strength and conditioning classes and kickboxing classes are also available.

"I love Lake Placid," said Sue Viau, who lives in Ottawa, Ontario, Can-

ada and was visiting Lake Placid because she has a friend who lives in Lakeside Village. "I would like to come back again next year. I have made such good friends." Viau said that she joined Anytime Fitness March 5 because there is an affiliate in Ontario.

Not only does Anytime Fitness have a club in Ottawa, it boasts of 1968 clubs in North America and 506 across the globe. Membership to one of the clubs allows a member to work out at any of the gyms for no additional charge.

"We want to be that one-stop facility for health," said Greg Hill. "We want to help create a more healthy Lake Placid."

Anytime Fitness is at 138 Plaza Ave. Call 659-1647 or visit www.anytimefitness.com.

Zwayer applauds vehicle registration fee drop

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Highlands County Tax Collector Eric Zwayer says he's happy that the state lowered vehicle registration renewal fees.

"I want to applaud the Legislature and Governor for passing and signing legislation that will save Florida motorists \$395 million in vehicle renewal fees, based on an average savings of \$25 per registration," Zwayer said in a press release.

In 2009 the Legislature raised the registration fees out of the necessity to balance the state budget, a constitutional requirement.

"Seldom do we see government give up a tax once they establish it on the people, but today that has happened," Zwayer said. "This fee reduction appropriately keeps more of the hard-earned money in the hands of the citizens and their families to help with their monthly expenses. These savings will work their way into Florida's economy while



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*Eric Zwayer
county tax collector*

benefiting our citizens, a true win-win for the state and the people.

The release said the tax collector offices throughout Florida provide many state services, including vehicle registrations for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

"Our collectors have communicated directly on behalf of their citizens with their legislators on the significance and integrity of this legislation. Returning this

money to the pockets of our citizens is the right thing to do," Zwayer said. "As a collective group of all 67 Florida counties, we carried a single voice of the people. Our legislators listened, and now our citizens will benefit."

"Our office and the Florida Tax Collector's Association were proactive when this bill was making its way through the Legislature," Zwayer said. "In Highlands County we have recommended single-year renewals while discouraging biennial renewals until the effective date of Sept. 1, 2014."

For more information on the renewal process, call 402-6685 or visit www.htctaxcollector.com.


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Youth Services Provider Expo coming to SFSC

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — CareerSource Heartland's Youth Council will hold a Youth Services Provider Expo on Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon at South Florida State College Building B.

Representatives from youth service providers located in Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties will share information about the services they offer. Youth stakeholders, including school counselors, probation officers, and community coalitions, are encouraged to attend.

Karen Edsall, lead teacher at SFSC's Career Acad-

emy, will be the keynote speaker and will present a lecture on how poverty impacts our youth. Edsall received training in Ruby Payne's "A Framework for Understanding Poverty" and is certified to teach this workshop.

Some organizations participating in the expo are Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Agricultural and Labor Program, Avon Park Housing Authority, CareerSource Heartland, Champion for Children Advocacy Center, Compass Center, Department of Juvenile Justice, Division of Blind Services, Families First of Florida, Farmworker Jobs

and Education Program, Florida Mentor, Florida Youth Connections Program, Hardee County ASAPP, Hardee Senior High, Healthy Start Coalition, IMPAK Student Ministry, Inneract Alliance, One Hope United, Peace River Center, PYP, Ridge Area Arc, School Board of Highlands County, Special STARS, SSS/TRIO, Take Stock in Children, Tri-County Human Services, UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension, 4-H, Youth For Christ Highlands County, Inc.

For more information or to register for this event, contact Sandi Urmann at 863-784-7155.

Pair of SFSC students accepted into UF Sports Medicine program

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Two Former South Florida State College (SFSC) students continue to set records for their work inside the classroom. Former SFSC students Donavon White and Ryan Blount were both accepted into the University of Florida's Sports Medicine program and have continued to persevere after graduating from SFSC.

White, who graduated from SFSC last fall, will enter the program this coming summer as a junior.

"Having a career in athletic training will have countless rewards as each and every day I go into work with the goal of professionally assisting athletes in any way possible," he said.

"Todd Bobo, SFSC's athletic trainer, is a man of great character who helped me in any way I needed even to this day answering any question I send his way," White said. "Most importantly, he taught me how an athletic trainer should behave professionally. Whether it was making sure to take control of a situation when an athlete is injured, relaying information and keeping good communication with coaches, or having a great relationship with athletes

so they were comfortable to approach him with any concerns."

Upon completion of his bachelor's degree, White would like to pursue a master's degree in sports medicine. Ultimately, he hopes to land a job for either a collegiate or professional sports team as a head athletic trainer.

Blount graduated from SFSC in spring 2013 and is currently in the Sports Medicine program working with the University of Florida basketball program.

"SFSC and Todd Bobo have both had a huge impact on my decision to become an athletic trainer," Blount said. "Bobo prepared me for the program by teaching me everything there is to know and the skills required to be successful in the profession.

SFSC helped established the foundation for my education and helped create a smooth transition from the small state college to the university setting."

"My education and experiences at SFSC provided me with an excellent learning environment to become exposed to the demands that are involved in working with sports and being an athletic trainer," Blount said. "I was exposed to prevention strategies, treatment techniques, and other duties related to the care of athletes."

Upon completion of his bachelor's degree, Blount plans to attend graduate school to earn his master's degree in athletic training, as well as receive his certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS) certification.

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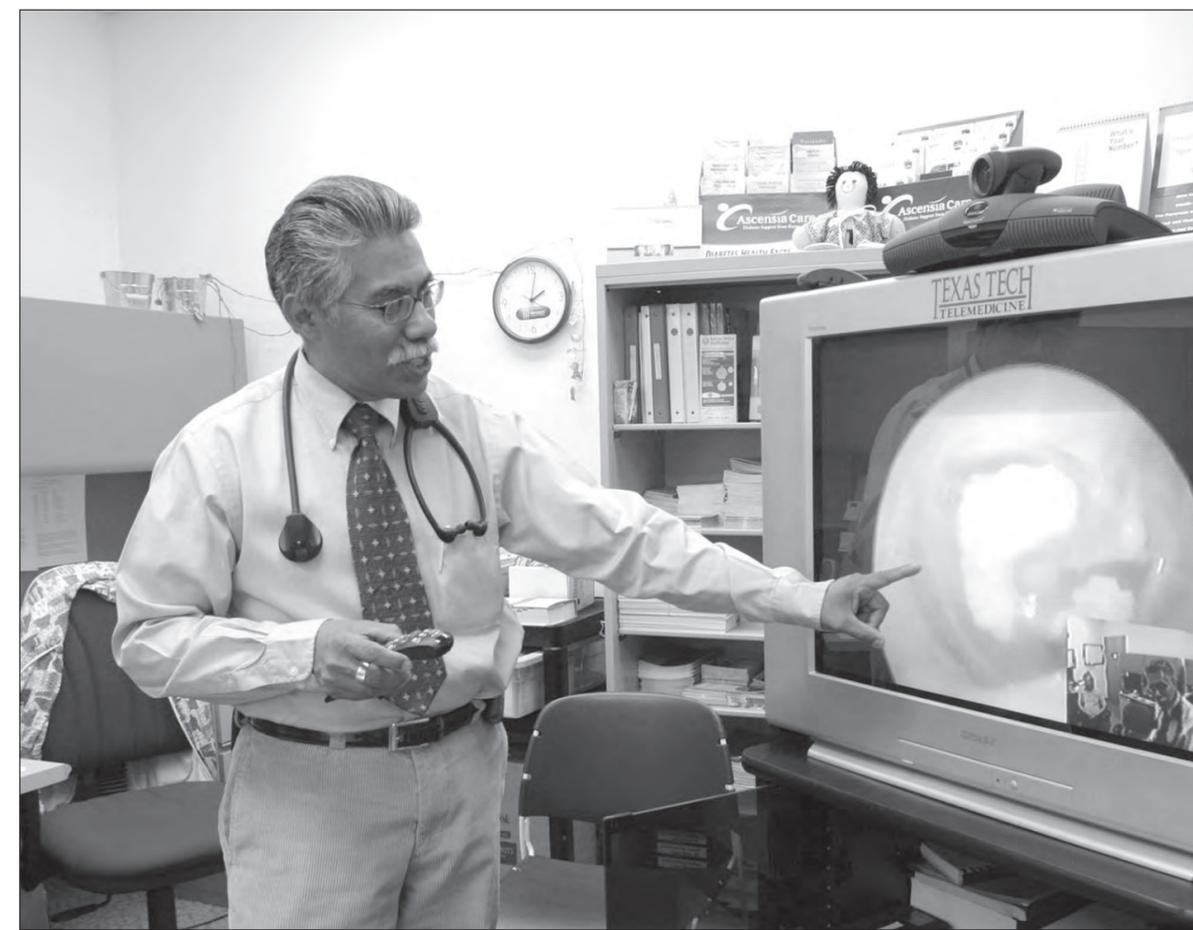
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Telemedicine allows doctors to diagnose conditions and direct treatment without actually being in the same location as the patient, which can save vital time during a medical emergency.

State lawmakers look to expand, regulate telehealth

KELLI KENNEDY
Associated Press

MIAMI — The calls may come in the middle of the night and from hospitals more than an hour away. Someone is having a stroke and is en route an emergency room in the Florida Keys, but there aren't any neurologists on call.

Within 15 minutes, a University of Miami neurologist pops onto a computer screen and can order an IV drug that should be given within three hours. It's that sort of potentially life-saving technology that some lawmakers say will drive down health care costs, while also addressing serious doctor shortages around the state.

A Senate bill would increase the use of telemedicine in Florida and establish requirements for health providers who treat patients remotely. A companion bill is also making its way through the House, but that bill doesn't require doctors to have a Florida license — only that they be licensed in their home state and registered in Florida.

"If we didn't have an access problem we wouldn't be here today ... everyone would rather see the doctor face to face, but when your mother is having a stroke in rural Florida and the choice is having a doctor via telehealth versus having no doctor," said Rep. Cary Pigman, an emergency room physician who supports the bill.

The Senate bill requires doctors providing telemedicine services to patients within the state to be licensed in Florida or meet an alternative requirement. For example, an insurer using a doctor that's in-network in another state would also be allowed to treat a Florida patient. The bill recent-

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*Rep. Cary Pigman
local ER doctor who is supporting the law*

ly passed a Senate committee, but has two more stops before it's heard on the floor. Dozens of other states have passed legislation supporting telemedicine.

The Senate bill also would require Medicaid to reimburse for telemedicine services and allow doctors to negotiate payment rates with insurers. The House bill doesn't address payments.

"If you're a patient in Florida and you have a specific heart defect and the guru is a doctor in Philadelphia, you should be able to consult with her," said Republican Sen. Aaron Bean, who is championing the bill.

But critics worry that requirements for doctors in other states could compromise patient care. Some say that doctors practicing telemedicine in Florida should be licensed here.

"It may be the wave of the future, but I still think we need to concentrate on the patients and the bottom line is these (out of state) doctors are not licensed in Florida so they don't have the same accountability," said Sen. Dorothy Hukill, who voted against the bill.

Bean said they will be held accountable through the insurance company or the doctor's network they practice within.

Rep. Gayle Harrell, voted for the bill, but noted it still has problems.

"I also need to know what my recourse action should be should some malpractice incident take place," she said.

She also wants to see a website created where people can find information about the out-of-state doctors who may be treating them. After all, she noted, patients can't walk into the office of an out-of-state doctor and see medical degrees on the wall.

The Florida Chamber and several other groups, including ones representing nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses and pharmacists all support the bill.

But the powerful Florida Medical Association is strongly opposed, worrying it doesn't require treatment by a licensed Florida physician or mandate a review of the patient's medical history. The organization said such technology holds great promise, but does not support the bill in its current form.

"This will revert Florida back to the days of the Wild West where anyone with a bottle of whiskey, a pocket knife and Skype can practice medicine. That's what happens to the bill in its current form," said David Custin, a lobbyist for the group.

Several hospitals around the state have had success with telemedicine in recent years, helping patients in rural areas connect to specialists or getting multiple consultations conducted simultaneously for acute emergency cases. University of Miami neurologist Dr. Gustavo Ortiz has done more than 600 consultations since their program's inception in 2009. Telemedicine saves

money by reducing hospital and ER admissions and doesn't require medical transportation, supporters say.

Dr. Kim Landry, an emergency room physician and EMS medical director for four counties in the Panhandle, began a pilot program where 911 responders connect patients remotely to an ER doctor for a quick evaluation.

"Eight out of 10 times, they don't require transport to the hospital, so in a lot of cases, it's made life easier for a lot of sick patients," said Landry, who found those results after testing the program in nursing homes.

During a recent consultation, University of Miami dermatologist Dr. Anne Burdick asked an assistant at a Fort Pierce county health clinic to zoom the camera in on some scaly, white patches on a 10-year-old boy's legs. The boy is often kept indoors and complains of constant itching at night. Burdick, who diagnosed him with eczema, modified his prescriptions and added a monthly bleach bath to reduce bacteria. The boy was one of five pediatric patients seen remotely from her Miami office that day.

Study: American travelers to Cuba continues to rise

CHRISTINE ARMARIO
Associated Press

MIAMI — The number of U.S. visitors to Cuba continues to rise, even as the more than five-decade long embargo remains firmly in place, according to study released Monday.

Within the first three months of 2014 alone, there were more U.S. tourists to the island than in all of 2013 from England, Germany or France, according to a report by the U.S.-based Havana Consulting Group provided to The Associated Press.

Canada remains the No. 1 country of origin for travelers to Cuba, but the number of U.S. travelers to the island has been steadily increasing over the last seven years.

Some 173,550 U.S. travelers visited Cuba in January through March. That compares to 149,515 from England, 115,984 from Germany and 96,640 from France in 2013.

"The data confirms, although the Cuban government does not recognize it publicly, that the United States, even with the effect of the embargo, is the second greatest source of tourists to Cuba after Canada," Emilio Morales, the consulting group's president wrote in the report.

"The push in the first trimester has been huge," he added.

Most of the U.S. travelers are Cuban-Americans visiting family but others have no ties to the island and travel to participate in academic and cultural programs.

The continuing increase in U.S. travel to the Communist-run island comes five years after President Barack Obama loosened restrictions on travel to Cuba. In 2009, Obama lifted a limit put in place by former President George W. Bush allowing Cuban-Americans to travel to island country no more than once every three years to visit relatives. And in 2011, he reinstated the so-called "people-to-people" trips, allowing U.S. citizens to apply for a travel license to participate in educational activities that promote contact with ordinary Cubans.

Havana is the top destination for most U.S. travelers, followed by Santa Clara and Camaguey. The vast majority fly out of Miami International Airport. More than 1,000 flights have departed from Miami to Cuba so far this year, with another 109 leaving from Tampa, the report said.

Travel in the first three months of 2014 was higher than in the last trimester of 2013, when many Cuban-Americans travel to spend the holidays with their family. The number of U.S. travelers has increased steadily each year, from about 245,000 in 2007 to nearly 600,000 last year.

"We expect that 2014 will be a record year," Morales wrote.

On average, Cuban-American travelers spend about \$3,238 per person during their stay, accounting for a major source of revenue for the economically-strapped island.



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SPORTS

Peart, Gayle become Bulldogs

BY DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — Two more Blue Streaks are getting the opportunity to continue their football careers on the collegiate level as Jacquae Peart and A.J. Gayle both officially signed to play at Dean College.

"They had interest from some Division I schools, but things sort of fell through," head coach

LaVaar Scott said. "But Dean's head coach (Todd Vasey) was adamant about getting them, came here and sat in this chair to get them signed."

Obvious interest and a great situation for the new pair of Bulldogs to find themselves in.

Dean College, a two-year junior college, is in Franklin, Mass., with the Bulldogs playing in the Northeast Football Conference.

Not just playing in it, but winning it four out of the last six years and earning a top 10 national ranking as recently as 2011.

"And you see they send a lot of guys to play at big schools," Peart said. "So we're really looking at it as a business trip."

"Go up, do the work, get our experience playing at that level, keep our grades up and see what our next opportunity will be."

A mindset and situation

that Scott knows they set up for themselves.

"That's the key is to get your academics in order," he said. "They both are qualifiers (to play at D-I) and so they aren't going there in order to qualify."

"They have the chance to play with a great program, at a great school, academically," Scott continued. "And whenever the opportunity comes to play



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A.J. Gayle, left, and Jacquae Peart will be taking the next step together, as both have signed to attend and play football at Dean College in Franklin, Mass.

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Panthers power past Pasco

BY DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK — It had been a while since South Florida State College head coach could enjoy a relaxing game.

With a schedule full of one-run games the Panthers have battled through this season, Monday's 16-3 rout of visiting Pasco-Hernando gave the coach a rare calm evening.

"You don't get games like this very often," Hitt said. "But when the wind blows out here like it did, it's just nice to see the guys put really good swings together."

That they did, to the tune of 15 hits on the night, including five doubles and four home runs.

And it didn't take them long to get things rolling as, after starting pitcher Tyler Bender got through a scoreless top of the first, the South Florida bats put four on the board in the bottom half.

Rodney Forbes got it started by legging out an infield hit.

Then, on a chopper to third off Richard Trotter's bat, an attempt for the force at second was



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Taylor Layner keeps an eye on this first-inning home run, one of two he'd hit, in South Florida's 16-3 win over Pasco-Hernando Monday.

too late to get the fleeting Forbes, with the ensuing throw to first also too late.

The pair of baserunners then executed a double steal to get them both into scoring position, from which Forbes came in non Dalton Scarborough's single to right.

A ground-ball double play did put a crimp in

the proceedings, though Trotter did come in to make it 2-0.

But two more would soon come in when Austin Bingham ripped a double into the left-center field gap and Taylor Layner plastered one into the parking lot over the right-field fence for a two-run homer.

It looked as if the Conquistadors might rally right back when Brennan Allen solved Bender for a home run to left to begin the top of the second.

But Bender allowed no more damage until the fourth when a Tyler Ramsey sacrifice fly

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Mourning, Richardson, Williams make Hall of Fame

SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press

DALLAS — Alonzo Mourning went to Georgetown to play basketball, not discover the world.

The 6-foot-10 center who won an NBA title with the Miami Heat was voted to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Monday, adding that honor to becoming a board member at his alma mater.

"I didn't understand the prestige of this university, the global prestige of this university," Mourning said. "Never in my wildest dreams would I ever thought as a freshman that I would be sitting on the board of that university. Now I'm rubbing elbows with CEOs and billionaires and individuals that helped change this world."

Mourning was elected along with former NBA star Mitch Richmond and NCAA championship-winning coaches Nolan Richardson and Gary Williams.

The women's team from Immaculata College, which won three straight national championships in the 1970s, also was chosen.

They joined the previ-



MCT photo

Alonzo Mourning heads this year's class of Hall of Fame inductees.

ously announced class of 2014 that includes retired NBA Commissioner David Stern.

The induction ceremony is Aug. 8 in Springfield, Mass.

Richardson was honored 20 years after leading Arkansas to the NCAA title over Duke.

A former player under the late Hall of Fame coach Don Haskins at Texas Western (now UTEP), Richardson also guided the Razorbacks to the Final Four in 1990 and 1995.

The 72-year-old Richardson couldn't share the moment with daughter Yvonne Richardson and son Nolan Richardson III.

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CORLEY LIFTS LADY DRAGONS



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files

Breana Corley crushed a grand slam home run Monday night and Holly Krett pitched a complete game as Lake Placid beat DeSoto 4-2 in Arcadia. The Lady Dragons have just two games remaining in the regular season as they host Sebring Thursday and play at All Saints Friday. The District 9-4A tournament then gets underway Monday, April 14, in Frostproof.

Kentucky wilts at foul line in title game loss

DAVE SKRETTA

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Another team coached by John Calipari was done in at that harmless strip of paint just 15 feet from the basket.

After shooting well from the free throw line much of the season, the kids from Kentucky wilted when it mattered most Monday night.

Their inability to make one of the simplest shots in basketball was a big reason why the Wildcats lost 60-54 to Connecticut in the national championship game.

"Well, you could say that, but the way we started the game probably cost us the game," said Kentucky coach John Calipari, whose team found itself in an early

30-15 hole and never led.

Kentucky was 13 of 24 from the line and missed its final three attempts when the game was still in the balance.

The last of them, a miss by Alex Poythress, would have cut the Wildcats' deficit to 56-53 with 3:47 remaining.

Instead, the lead swelled to six when DeAndre Daniels scored at the other end for UConn, and the Wildcats never had a chance to get within a single possession the rest of the way.

Making it all the more frustrating: UConn was 10 for 10 from the line.

Asked whether that decided the game, Kentucky's Aaron Harrison replied, "Maybe so."

So instead of Calipari's latest bunch of one-and-done stars cutting down

the nets during "One Shining Moment," it was UConn joyously romping around the court inside AT&T Stadium, the confetti falling from the rafters as Kentucky players filed slowly toward the locker room.

Their free throw struggles recalled memories of the 2008 title game, when a Memphis team coached by Calipari struggled down the stretch against Kansas.

In that game, the Jayhawks fouled the poor-shooting Tigers when they had to rally late in regulation.

Memphis responded by missing four of its final five free throws.

And that was enough for Kansas to overcome its big deficit and ultimately win in regulation.

During that stretch be-

fore OT, Kansas made all of its shots, including its free throws.

Asked whether it entered Calipari's mind, he replied flatly: "No."

UConn was just as maddeningly efficient as Kansas at the line, though, making the troubles of Kentucky all the more glaring: The Huskies never missed, and their final two free throws by Lasan Kromah with 25 seconds left sealed their fourth national championship.

James Young was 8 of 9 from the foul line for Kentucky, and finished with 20 points.

But the rest of the team was 5 for 15, including lousy shooting from Julius Randle (4 of 7) and fellow big man Dakari

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COMING UP

High School Baseball
Thursday – Avon Park vs. Sebring, 7 p.m.
Friday – Avon Park vs. Booker, 7 p.m.

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

SPORTS ON TV TODAY

MLB		
■ Tampa Bay at Kansas City	2 p.m.	SUN
■ Houston at Toronto	7 p.m.	ESPN2
■ Miami at Washington	7 p.m.	SUN
■ Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs	8 p.m.	WGN

NBA		
■ Miami at Memphis	8 p.m.	ESPN
■ Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers	10:30 p.m.	ESPN

THURSDAY

COLLEGE HOCKEY

■ NCAA Tournament Semifinal	5 p.m.	ESPN2
■ NCAA Tournament Semifinal	8:30 p.m.	ESPN2

GOLF

■ 2014 Masters Tournament	3 p.m.	ESPN
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MLB

■ Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs	2 p.m.	WGN
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NBA

■ San Antonio at Dallas	8 p.m.	TNT
■ Denver at Golden State	10:30 p.m.	TNT

NHL

■ Philadelphia at Tampa Bay	7:30 p.m.	SUN
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SCOREBOARD

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	45	32	.584	—
x-Brooklyn	42	34	.553	2½
New York	33	45	.423	12½
Boston	23	54	.299	22
Philadelphia	17	60	.221	28
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	53	23	.697	—
x-Washington	40	37	.519	13½
x-Charlotte	39	38	.506	14½
Atlanta	34	42	.447	19
Orlando	22	55	.286	31½
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	53	25	.679	—
x-Chicago	45	32	.584	7½
Cleveland	31	47	.397	22
Detroit	28	49	.364	24½
Milwaukee	14	63	.182	38½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	60	17	.779	—
x-Houston	51	25	.671	8½
Dallas	47	31	.603	13½
Memphis	45	32	.584	15
New Orleans	32	45	.416	28
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	55	21	.724	—
x-Portland	50	28	.641	6
Minnesota	38	38	.500	17
Denver	33	44	.429	22½
Utah	24	53	.312	31½
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Clippers	55	23	.705	—
Golden State	48	29	.623	6½
Phoenix	46	31	.597	8½
Sacramento	27	50	.351	27½
L.A. Lakers	25	52	.325	29½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Colorado at Edmonton, late

Wednesday's Games

Montreal at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	4	3	.571	—
Tampa Bay	4	4	.500	½
Boston	3	4	.429	1
Toronto	3	4	.429	1
Baltimore	2	5	.286	2
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	4	1	.800	—
Cleveland	3	3	.500	1½
Kansas City	3	3	.500	1½
Chicago	3	4	.429	2
Minnesota	3	4	.429	2
West	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	4	2	.667	—
Oakland	4	3	.571	½
Houston	3	4	.429	1½
Los Angeles	3	4	.429	1½
Texas	3	4	.429	1½

Monday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 2
L.A. Angels 9, Houston 1
Oakland 8, Minnesota 3
San Diego at Cleveland, p.p.d., rain
Boston 5, Texas 1
Kansas City 4, Tampa Bay 2
Colorado 8, Chicago White Sox 1

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, late
Texas at Boston, late
San Diego at Cleveland, late
Houston at Toronto, late
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, late
Chicago White Sox at Colorado, late
Detroit at L.A. Dodgers, late
L.A. Angels at Seattle, late

Wednesday's Games

San Diego (Erin 0-0) at Cleveland (McAllister 0-0), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Oakland (J.Chavez 0-0) at Minnesota (Hughes 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 1-0) at Kansas City (Guthrie 1-0), 2:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Er.Johnson 0-1) at Colorado (Nicasio 1-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 0-1) at Cleveland (Undecided), 3:35 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (R.Ross 0-0) at Boston (Peavy 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 0-1) at Toronto (Morrow 0-1), 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (A.Sanchez 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 1-1), 10:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 1-0) at Seattle (Elias 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	5	2	.714	—
Atlanta	4	2	.667	½
Washington	4	2	.667	½
Philadelphia	3	3	.500	1½
New York	2	4	.333	2½
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	—
Pittsburgh	4	2	.667	—
St. Louis	4	3	.571	½
Chicago	2	4	.333	2
Cincinnati	2	5	.286	2½
West	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	5	2	.714	—
Los Angeles	5	3	.625	½
Colorado	4	4	.500	1½
San Diego	2	4	.333	2½
Arizona	2	7	.222	4

Monday's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, p.p.d., rain
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 3
San Diego at Cleveland, p.p.d., rain
Colorado 8, Chicago White Sox 1

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, late
Arizona at San Francisco, late
Miami at Washington, late
San Diego at Cleveland, late
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, late
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, late
Cincinnati at St. Louis, late
Chicago White Sox at Colorado, late
Detroit at L.A. Dodgers, late

Wednesday's Games

San Diego (Erin 0-0) at Cleveland (McAllister 0-0), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Cincinnati (Leake 0-1) at St. Louis (S.Miller 0-1), 1:45 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Er.Johnson 0-1) at Colorado (Nicasio 1-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 0-1) at Cleveland (Undecided), 3:35 p.m., 2nd game
Miami (Ja.Turner 0-0) at Washington (Roark 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia (Garza 0-1) at Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 0-1) at Atlanta (Santana 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (A.Sanchez 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 1-1), 10:10 p.m.
Arizona (Arroyo 0-0) at San Francisco (Lincecum 0-0), 10:15 p.m.

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 Pinecrest Golf Club in Avon Park.

The event is a 2-person scramble.

Cost is \$65/person (\$130 per 2-person team.)

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., with a Shot Gun 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

Sottile Memorial Golf

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

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

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

Entry fee includes

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

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

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

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.

Highlands County Summer Leagues

SEBRING – The Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department announces that the 2014 Summer Leagues will start the week of May 12.

Leagues will include Women's, Church and Recreational A and B Leagues and are open to all adults and youth 16 years and older.

Registration and fees are due by Wednesday, May 7, no exceptions.

Fees are \$360 and \$15 sanctioning fee for the year.

For any further information please call Bob Keefe at 863-381-8284, Dustin Ridenour at 381-8269 or the Sports Complex at 863-402-6755.

Bass 'N Trash Tournament

SEBRING – The Sebring Sr. FFA will host the First Annual Bass 'N Trash Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 17, on Lake Jackson at the Veteran's Beach boat ramp.

Cost is \$25 per person, with a maximum of four people per team, with all registered team members receiving a free T-shirt and lunch.

Meet time is 7 a.m. and fishing will get underway at 7:30 a.m.

Weigh-in takes place at Noon.

Cass prizes will be given to heaviest total of three bass, three trash fish, heaviest bass and heaviest trash fish.

All fish must be alive at weigh-in.

Registration deadline is May 1, which guarantees a shirt, registrations after that, up through the day of the tournament, aren't guaranteed a shirt.

To register, or for more information, contact Sarah Cleveland at (352) 214-9883, or Rebekah Wills at (863) 273-0208.

SHS Summer Swim

Sebring High School will be offering swimming lessons with four sessions to choose from.

The first session begins Monday, June 9 and runs through Friday, June 20.

The second session runs from June 23-July 3, the third session July 7-July 18 and the fourth from July 21-August 1.

Registrations are being taken, beginning Monday,

May 5, at the front office of Sebring High School during the day from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., where office secretaries will be able to sign you up.

For questions, call 471-5500, ext. 229, or 381-7092 and leave a message for Ms. Pat.

Emails can also be sent to catonp@highlands.k12.fl.us.

The Sebring High School pool will be open on Wednesday, May 1, Monday through Friday from 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-3 p.m.

Additional hours will be added once school is out for the summer.

Cost is \$2 per swimmer, and family passes are available at \$50 for first family member and \$15 for each additional.

Sebring Summer Swim Program

The Summer Swim Program will again offer four (4) instructional sessions.

Each will last two weeks and the swim class meets each weekday, Monday through Friday.

The Program will offer eight types of instruction:

1. Adult Beginner: Adults Only. For the novice-no experience necessary.
2. Parent and Tot: Water Orientation. Mother/Father must participate with child. (6 months to 2 years of age.)
3. Level I: Introduction to Water Skills. Students first water orientation without Mother/Father.

Part A--Preschool Aquatics (2-4 years of age)

Part B-School Age (4-5 years of age)

4. Level II: Fundamental Aquatic Skills. Students do not need Mother/Father in pool. (4-5 years of age.)

5. Level III: Stroke Development. Students must be comfortable in water.

6. Level IV: Stroke Improvement. Students must be able to swim 10 yards, do a front dive, and float on their backs.

7. Level V: Stroke Refinement. Students must be able to swim 50 yards, tread water 30 seconds, and elementary back stroke 25 yards.

8. Level VI: Part A – Personal Water Safety/Diving Fundamentals. Students must be able to swim 100 yards, tread water for 3 minutes, back-stroke 100 yards. Will learn basics of diving.

Part B – Fitness Swimmer/Diving Fundamentals. Students will learn necessary skills to make swimming part of their exercise program. Will learn basics of diving.

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There will be no refunds after completion of registration and payment of fees, unless the swim class is cancelled.

There must be at least four swimmers per class for the lessons to be taught.

This Date In Baseball

April 9

1913 — Ebbets Field opened in Brooklyn, and Philadelphia defeated the Dodgers 1-0 before a crowd of 10,000.

The stadium, which cost \$750,000, was named after Charles Ebbets, the club's principal owner.

1947 — Dodgers manager Leo Durocher was suspended for one year by Commissioner Happy

NASCAR THIS WEEK

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

TONY'S TIGERS

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves



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Even NAPA has hitched up to Chase.

Where do you rank Darlington on your all-time favorite tracks?

GODSPEAK: The track "too tough to tame" has a special place in my heart.

KEN'S CALL: Behind Augusta National, ahead of Churchill Downs. In modern NASCAR, I'm torn between Darlington and Richmond.

Are you on that Chase Elliott bandwagon yet?

GODSPEAK: I've been on the "Chasewagon" ever since he tested at Daytona with his daddy in January.

KEN'S CALL: Good grief, even Kevin Harvick was happy for him.

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Remember way back, when Tony Stewart was worried about adding a fourth Sprint Cup team to the Stewart-Haas Racing stable in 2014?

Those fears and doubts must have abated in recent weeks, since the team has notched two wins, and Stewart surprised even himself by winning the pole at Texas.

Stewart's hire, Kevin Harvick, won at Phoenix the week after the Daytona 500, while co-owner Gene Haas' hire, Kurt Busch, grabbed the checkered flag at Martinsville.

Two wins over the first six Cup races have everybody at Stewart-Haas whistling, including Stewart, the team worrywart.

"The whole organization has been doing an awesome job," Stewart said.

"This is the first time I have been able to do something impressive for the team, so I'm excited about that. We have got a good year started. To get two of our cars wins already ... for us to get a pole ... that is something that we are pretty proud of right now."

Stewart is still on the mend after pulverizing his right leg in a sprint-car crash in August. After numerous surgeries and countless hours of rehab, the three-time Cup champion has an optimistic outlook for '14.

"The good thing is it's not just one team," Stewart said. "I don't know that we can really point to one thing, to be truthful. I think it is early in the year. I think the atmosphere at our shop is really good right now."

OH, BROTHER

Kyle and Kurt Busch have a footnote in the Cup record book as the brothers with the most back-to-back victories in the history of NASCAR's marquee tour. When Kyle won at Fontana, Calif., and Kurt finished first at Martinsville it was the sixth time they had turned the brother double. They lead the Flock brothers, Tim, Fonty and Bob, by one win. The Flocks had five back-to-back triumphs back in the day. Tim was

Associated Press/LM OTERO

Was that a "rally cap" Tony Stewart used Friday to win the pole at Texas Motor Speedway?

GODWIN'S DARLINGTON PICKS



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Winner: Matt Kenseth
Rest of the top five: Greg Biffle, Denny Hamlin, Joey Logano, Kurt Busch
Dark horse: Marcos Ambrose

Disappointment: Jeff Gordon
First one out: David Gilliland
Don't be surprised if: Kenseth wins based on race strategy and not speed.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



Associated Press/LARRY PAPKE

Junior's hot start to 2014 got even hotter at Texas, but not by design. He flamed out on the first green-flag lap.

Is Junior blind?

Well, not technically, but when Junior Earnhardt straps into the cockpit of his No. 88 racecar, there's most definitely a blind spot. He admitted as much Monday when he inadvertently ran off the track at Texas, nipped a little sod and was shot into the outside wall on the first green-flag lap. That's when his car caught fire and, like the TV ratings to follow, was doused.

Can blindness be labeled an unintended consequence?

If not unintended, certainly unfortunate. All of the advances in cockpit and chassis safety have resulted in the prescribed safety advances, but not without some visibility issues. Running so closely behind Aric Almirola, Junior took a little look to the inside to consider a pass, but instead hit the grass and then the wall. We've heard drivers complain in recent years about a loss of peripheral vision due to new seat technology, but this is the first time the A-pillar has been blamed for such a thing.

Lessons learned?

Probably nothing Junior doesn't already know, but here are a few to consider: 1. Become a little more familiar with the track; the arrival of a grass field shouldn't be a surprise; 2. If there's any doubt whatsoever, don't pass on the inside when there's grass; and 3. Next time, qualify ahead of Aric Almirola.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



DALE EARNHARDT JR. JAMIE MCMURRAY

Dale Earnhardt Jr. vs. Jamie McMurray: Yes, the Odd Couple when it comes to feuding and such, but McMurray is still fuming about Junior wrecking him at Martinsville. **Godwin Kelly gives his take:** "NASCAR's new emphasis on winning has turned up the heat for all drivers, including these mild-mannered stock-car jockeys."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: Bojangles' Southern 500
SITE: Darlington Raceway
SCHEDULE: Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 2 p.m.), practice (Fox Sports 1, 6:05 p.m.), Sunday, race (Fox, coverage starts at 6:30 p.m., green flag at 7:16 p.m.)
NATIONWIDE: VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero 300
SITE: Darlington Raceway
SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.)



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

JOEY LOGANO Made it look easy at Texas	MATT KENSETH Gathering points, not trophies	JEFF GORDON Getting closer	JUNIOR EARNHARDT Opened a new Texas barbecue	KYLE BUSCH Will finish fourth at Darlington	BRAD KESELOWSKI Speed-trap victim	TONY STEWART Limping back to form	CARL EDWARDS Big lead in Roush Cup	JIMMIE JOHNSON The win finally comes at Darlington	KYLE LARSON First Darlington stripe coming soon
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

TEXAS REWIND

Dale Junior talks about Elliott family's racing future, past

Don't tell anybody, but You might see two Elliotts competing in the Nationwide Series race at Talladega Superspeedway on May 3. NASCAR rookie Chase Elliott might be racing against his father, 1988 Cup Series champion Bill Elliott, at the 2.66-mile tri-oval.

Both would be in cars supplied by JR Motorsports, owned in part by Dale Earnhardt Jr., whose father battled Elliott for nearly two decades in Cup racing. Earnhardt talked about his new driver after Chase Elliott won at Texas.

Talk about how proud you are to see Chase in Victory Lane.

"Yeah, it's pretty awesome to see him succeed. I knew it was just a matter of time."

"He's got so much ability and composure, and he's just years ahead of guys of that age, and he's learning so fast on the fly."

"People ask me if I talked to him or tutored him or anything, but he's learning faster than you can teach him what's going on."

Does Chase remind you of anyone out there?

"His daddy. You know, they're similar in personality. You had to really work him over to get him upset. He was normally just concerned with his car, getting his car faster."

"Back in the mid-'80s when Bill and his brothers just focused on what they were doing, they would show up and whup everybody."

"They weren't arrogant and cocky, they just showed up and ran."

Do you feel like you have something to offer Chase in dealing with the pressure of being the son of a legendary racer?

"Yeah, I think I can help him out if I see him encountering a situation and it's making him uncomfortable. But I don't know whether he will have a problem with it. He's going to become the next best thing, you know, the fans are going to latch right on. I was thinking to myself, 'It ain't going to be long until he's going to be swarmed with attention.' I think he will handle it well."

SFSC
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brought Allen in to cut the lead to 4-2.

But the Panthers were about to squash any Pasco thought of keeping this one close as they exploded in sending 15 batters to the plate the bottom of the frame.

Bingham lead it off with another rocket into the left-center field gap, bouncing it over the fence on one ho for a ground-rule double.

Layner walked on four pitches and Josh Townsend got drilled by a pitch to load the bases, bringing on the first of three Pasco relievers in the inning.

But that didn't slow anything down as Damian Boyum then singled to center to bring one run in and Austin Johnson singled to left to score two.

A Forbes single through the left side reloaded the bases before Trotter bounced one down the third-base line that actually caromed off third base for a two-run double.

Another call to the bullpen was made, with consecutive wild pitches then plating Forbes and moving Trotter to third.

With one out, Jorge Flores worked a walk to put runners on the corners and with two out, Layner crushed another offering for a no-doubt, three-run tater.

Townsend and Boyum kept the parade going with consecutive walks, bringing in the third reliever of the frame, who was greeted by an RBI double from Johnson.

The final out of the inning soon came, but when the dust had settled, 10 runs had come across and the narrow 4-2 lead was now a lopsided 14-2.

Things held there until the bottom of the sixth, when Boyum and Johnson hit back-to-back blasts over the left-field fence – with Johnson's causing only a turn of the left-fielder's head to watch it soar out of the yard.

The Conquistador's did scratch for an unearned run in the top of the seventh, but Bender kept them in check through the eighth before Zach Bailey came on to finish it in the ninth.

The hitting highlights for the game were Layner's two home runs and five RBI, while Johnson also accounted for five ribbies and Bingham



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Above: Tyler Bender got the win Monday, going eight strong innings and giving up just two earned runs. Below: Panther head coach Rick Hitt waves Damian Boyum into third during SFSC's 10-run fourth inning Monday night.



'We may be getting hot at just the right time.'

*Rick Hitt
SFSC head coach*

tallied his trio of doubles.

Bender went a strong eight innings on the mound, scattering seven hits, only walking one, allowing two earned runs and striking out three.

"He did what he's been doing and making the most of his opportunity," Hitt said of Bender, before reassessing his hitters. "There's been a lot of games this year where we were a hit away from breaking open big innings, and tonight we did that.

"We've had a lot of close games, and a few have been going our way lately," he continued. "I think that's three out of the last four and seven out of the last 10. But we re-

ally haven't gone on a big streak yet this year.

"We've had four or five in a row, but not a really big one. We may be getting hot at just the right time."

That time being with 10 games left on the Suncoast Conference schedule, beginning tonight at Winter Haven for the start of a three-game series with Polk State.

The Eagles top the standings at 16-5, with South Florida on the opposite end at 5-13.

But with St. Petersburg topping Hillsborough Monday, the pair stood tied for third at 8-10, leaving the Panthers just three games out of contention for qualifying for the state tournament.

Three games back with 10 to go and coming off a dominant win – it sure does sound like the right time to get hot.

squeeze out victories.

None of those teams was UConn, though.

And none of those games was for the national championship.

"Tough way to go out but at the same time, we proved a lot of people wrong," Johnson said. "We just had a great season and obviously we would have wanted to be on the other end the last game. We just had a tremendous season and we shouldn't feel down."

They were hounded all night by UConn guards Shabazz Napier and Ryan Boatright, who prevented them from getting to the rim as they had all tournament.

The Wildcats, who were seeking their ninth national championship, shot 68 percent from the line for the season.

Only three times had they shot worse than they did in the national championship, twice overcoming the poor efforts to

DEAN
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at a Division I school, whether it's after four months or two years, they have given themselves that option."

An option that will take Peart and Gayle far from home and into a climate they've only heard about.

"The farthest I've been from home is Tallahassee," Peart said with a laugh. "But this will be a good experience, meeting new people, different

people and playing in cold weather.

"I figure once I've played there, in those conditions, I'll be ready to play anywhere."

This marks 41 student-athletes that have gone to play college football under Scott's tenure as the Sebring head coach.

"That's what it's about, helping the kids get their opportunity," he said. "If they want to, and put the work in on the field, in the classroom and in the weight room, we'll do everything we can to get them there."

HALL
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His daughter died of leukemia at 15, and his son and former assistant coach was found dead at his home in Tulsa, Okla., two years ago at the age of 47.

Williams led Maryland, his alma mater, to the 2002 title with a victory over Indiana.

He retired in 2011 with 668 wins, seven 25-win seasons and 22 postseason appearances, including 11 straight trips to the NCAA tournament.

"I was just a coach," Williams said. "To be able to go in with Nolan certainly is great."

Mourning was a seven-time NBA All-Star and two-time defensive player of the year who was among the league's best shot-blockers, while Richmond was an elite scorer who won a title

in a secondary role with the Los Angeles Lakers in 2001-02, his final season.

Richmond's best years were on losing teams in Sacramento.

He averaged a career-high 25.9 points for a 34-48 team in 1996-97.

"You can judge me and you can judge my game," said Richmond, who is 37th on the NBA scoring list at 20,497 points. "I'm a Hall of Famer."

Lithuania star Sarunas Marciulionis was among several candidates already selected by various committees.

Stern went in via the contributors committee, and former Indiana Pacers coach Bob "Slick" Leonard was chosen by the ABA committee.

The late Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton of the New York Knicks was chosen by the early African-American pioneers committee, and the late Guy Rodgers of Temple by the veterans committee.

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Johnson, who was 1 of 4 the line.

It wasn't just the misses that hurt the Wildcats, either.

It was their inability to get there.

Their best foul shooters, twin guards Aaron and Andrew Harrison, made it to the line only once, and Aaron missed.

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Effortless EASTER HAM

Family Features

This year, make your Easter ham effortless by ditching the oven and using your slow cooker instead. While most people think about slow cooking for staples like chili and stew, it's also perfect for center-of-the-plate feasts — like an Easter ham.

Using the slow cooker, you can minimize both prep time and cleanup time, leaving plenty of room in the day for church, hunting eggs and enjoying time with your loved ones.

Ham is a tradition for many families this time of year, and because it pairs well with a multitude of ingredients, you can create a unique dish every time.

For a fresh spin on the classic ham, try this Sweet Southern Slow-Cooker Ham recipe from the National Pork Board. Apple cider and bourbon (or vanilla extract, if you prefer) combine to create a rich flavor complemented by the sweetness of brown sugar.

Round out your Easter menu by pairing your ham with classic sides such as oven-roasted carrots, asparagus wrapped in bacon and mashed sweet potatoes.

You can also use leftover ham for flavor-packed recipes like Ham, Apple and Cheddar Crepes, which are ideal for a family-style brunch.

To get inspired by more ham and Easter meal ideas, visit PorkBeinspired.com or Facebook.com/PorkBeinspired.

Easter Ham Pin-spiration Sweepstakes

Enter the National Pork Board's Easter Ham Pin-spiration Sweepstakes at PorkBeinspired.com/EasterHam for the chance to win an Easter gift basket with everything you need for this year's celebration.

SWEET SOUTHERN SLOW-COOKER HAM

Yield: 12 servings
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 4 to 8 hours

- 1 bone-in fully cooked ham, about 5 1/2 pounds
- 1 cup apple cider
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup Kentucky bourbon
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 4 fresh thyme sprigs

1. Place ham in large slow cooker. Whisk cider with brown sugar, bourbon, honey and mustard. Slowly pour over ham. Scatter thyme sprigs into slow cooker.
2. Cook on high for 4 hours or

on low for 8 hours, or until very tender. Remove ham to rest on cutting board. Pass remaining cooking liquid through fine mesh sieve into saucepan. Simmer for 10 minutes or until slightly reduced.

3. Carve ham into serving pieces. Brush ham pieces with cooking liquid before arranging on platter. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Note: For a non-alcoholic alternative, replace the bourbon with 1/4 cup water and 1 tablespoon vanilla extract.

Cooking Tip: Use leftover ham to make Ham, Apple and Cheddar Crepes.

HAM, APPLE AND CHEDDAR CREPES

Yield: 6 servings
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

- 3 cups ham, shredded and warmed
- 1 3/4 cups 2% milk
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Granny Smith apple, halved, cored and thinly sliced
- Cheese Sauce
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup white cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2 tablespoons fresh chives, finely chopped

1. Pour milk, butter, eggs and salt in blender. Mix until well combined. Add flour. Mix for 15 to 20 seconds or until smooth. Let stand for 10 minutes.
2. Heat an 8-inch crepe pan or nonstick skillet over medium heat. Coat well with nonstick cooking spray. Pour 1/4 cup batter into pan, swirl to fully cover bottom of pan. Cook for 1 minute or until crepe begins to curl around edge.

es. Carefully flip and cook for an additional 30 seconds or until set. Transfer to plate. Repeat with additional cooking spray and remaining batter. Layer cooked crepes between pieces of wax paper to prevent sticking.

3. Lay a crepe on clean work surface. Arrange few slices of apple on quarter of crepe; top with shredded ham. Fold crepe in half to cover filling and fold in half again to create triangular shape. Repeat with remaining crepes, apple and ham. Place on parchment-lined baking sheet and hold in warm oven until ready to serve, or up to 30 minutes.
4. For cheese sauce, melt butter in saucepan set over medium heat. Stir in flour until well coated. Cook, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes or until pale and smooth. Whisk in milk, a splash at a time, until smooth; stir in mustard, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring constantly, for 5 minutes or until thick enough to coat back of spoon. Remove from heat. Whisk in cheese, a small handful at a time, until melted and smooth.
5. Place filled crepes on each plate. Spoon cheese sauce over each crepe and sprinkle with chives.

Serving Suggestion: All the elements of the recipe can be prepared a day in advance and gently warmed before assembling.

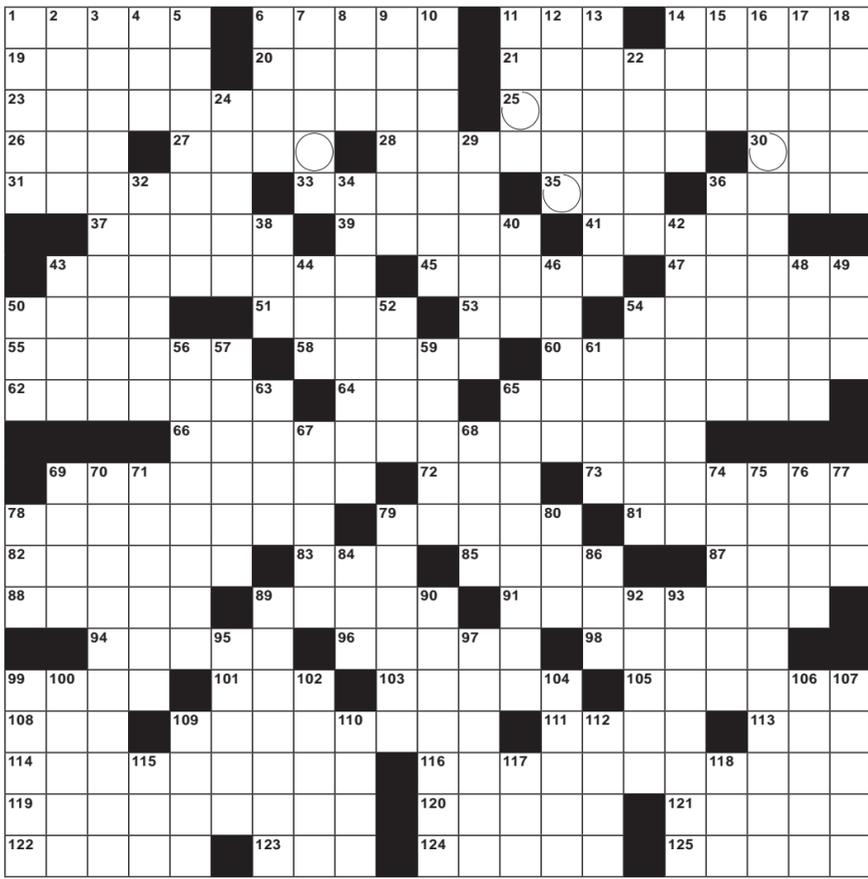


MUSICAL INTERPRETATION

BY PETER A. COLLINS

ACROSS

- 1 Start of the United Negro College Fund slogan
- 6 Old lab burners
- 11 Abbr. at the top of an email
- 14 Something passed between the legs?
- 19 ___ Domingo
- 20 Now and again?
- 21 Like an ode
- 23 Kind of farming
- 25 Like Neptune among the planets in the solar system
- 26 ___ pro nobis
- 27 Echelon
- 28 With the circled letters, 1955 Bill Haley and His Comets hit?
- 30 Sound of sweet nothings
- 31 Having a beat
- 33 Hall-of-Famer Ralph
- 35 Purveyor of the Doublicious sandwich
- 36 ___ Webster, Twain's "celebrated jumping frog"
- 37 With 43-Across, 1973 Deep Purple hit?
- 39 Like Odin
- 41 Sound engineer's knob
- 43 See 37-Across
- 45 Brings in
- 47 Some dreams
- 50 Reverse, e.g.
- 51 Dismissed
- 53 "Eternally nameless" thing, in Eastern religion
- 54 Bath accessories
- 55 Dr Pepper alternative
- 58 Former Disney president Michael
- 60 Dreamy romantic quality
- 62 Olympic leap
- 64 Ring Lardner's "Alibi ___"
- 65 It's put on before takeoff
- 66 1959 Dion and the Belmonts hit?
- 69 Old mattress stuffing
- 72 Pond denizen
- 73 Phil who played 65-Down
- 78 1984 Cyndi Lauper hit?
- 79 Memorable series in "Psycho"
- 81 Dawn-to-dusk
- 82 The continents, e.g.
- 83 "Phooey!"
- 85 Kelly of morning TV
- 87 Haughty affectation
- 88 Rap sheet listing
- 89 Query at the start of a poker game
- 91 Verbally assault
- 94 Rene of "Thor"
- 96 Thumbing-the-nose gesture
- 98 Challenge for F.D.R.
- 99 Mideast V.I.P.
- 101 Meatless day in W.W. II: Abbr.
- 103 Some lawn mowers
- 105 Pertaining to religious



Solution on B5

- rites
- 108 Bugs Bunny addressee
- 109 Where to find screwdrivers and rusty nails
- 111 Like peas in ___
- 113 Suffix with salt
- 114 Made bats
- 116 Primer pair
- 119 Info on a magazine cover
- 120 Real dear
- 121 More cool, in slang
- 122 French thinkers?
- 123 Wink's partner
- 124 ___ State (Mountain West Conference team)
- 125 Runners in the cold?

DOWN

- 1 Org.
- 2 Actress Tierney
- 3 Suffering
- 4 Some versions of Windows
- 5 "Quit stalling!"
- 6 Suffix with major
- 7 Back it up, in a way
- 8 "Seduction of the Minotaur" author
- 9 Bank ID
- 10 "Listen, pal!"
- 11 Tea Partiers, e.g.
- 12 Crack filler
- 13 Casual summer wear
- 14 Medium for love letters?
- 15 Card reader, for short

- 16 What fastidious people can't be
- 17 ___ Scott Card, "Ender's Game" writer
- 18 Competitor of ZzzQuil
- 22 Label for 28-Across
- 24 Alaskan city
- 29 Fake
- 32 Chef Lagasse
- 34 "To sum up ..."
- 36 No longer in fashion
- 38 Info for an airport greeter, for short
- 40 Victorian ___
- 42 Summons, of a sort
- 43 The "T" of Mr. T
- 44 Prefix with thermal
- 46 "Long time ___"
- 48 Boss Tweed nemesis
- 49 New York arrival of '77
- 50 BBC std.
- 52 Bank in need of support?
- 54 Where "hello" is "sveiks"
- 56 Reinforces
- 57 Muff a grounder
- 59 Something you can believe
- 61 Hands on deck
- 63 Chicken ___ (Italian dish, informally)
- 65 NCO of 1950s TV
- 67 Former faddish exercise regimen
- 68 Way off
- 69 Oktoberfest quaff
- 70 John Locke, philosophically
- 71 Out-of-the-way way
- 74 Brand of pickles
- 75 Slanted writing
- 76 Description on many eBay listings
- 77 The "s" in Awacs: Abbr.
- 78 Dose meas.
- 79 Eastern religion
- 80 Place for a mani-pedi
- 84 Graz's land: Abbr.
- 86 Rev (up)
- 89 See 95-Down
- 90 1969 Creedence Clearwater Revival hit?
- 92 Quantum physics particle
- 93 Rubber from Arabia?
- 95 With 89-Down, 1968 Tammy Wynette hit?
- 97 "Twelfth Night" duke
- 99 "___ to the list"
- 100 Inspector of crime fiction
- 102 One inspiring love of poetry?
- 104 "___ alive!"
- 106 "Bonne ___!"
- 107 Longing looks
- 109 Some queens
- 110 Didn't stop in time, say
- 112 ___ ale
- 115 French scene
- 117 Hollywood special FX
- 118 "Selena" star, to her fans

Woman with transgender lover is looking for some family support

DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorced woman with grown children. I have always supported gay rights and thought of myself as straight. But a few months ago, I met a woman, "Stephanie."

We hit it off immediately, and I was shocked to learn she's a transgender woman who was born male. We have spent a lot of time together and are falling in love. Stephanie will be having surgery soon to complete the transgender process.

I have been surprised and disappointed by the lack of support from my family and friends, whom I always thought were open-minded. Some have voiced support, but have shown no interest in meeting her and seem uncomfortable hearing about her.

I'm excited about this relationship and would have thought my family and friends would be happy for me, as I have been alone for a long time. But now I find myself refraining from mentioning Stephanie in conversation.

How can I discuss her with others? We are tak-



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

ing things slowly and not jumping into anything, yet we can definitely see ourselves spending the rest of our lives together. We have already faced disapproving strangers and handled it well.

— LOVES MY FRIEND IN OHIO

DEAR LOVES: It appears Stephanie isn't the only one in your relationship who is in transition. Both of you are, and because it is new to those around you, they may not understand it — which is why they are uncomfortable.

The fact that Stephanie is transgender should not be mentioned right off the bat. It is not the most important thing about her, and it should not be her defining characteristic.

Discuss the matter with your friend and ask how she would like to be introduced and referred to. It's only logical that this will vary according to how close these people are to you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother who has had my share of heartbreak. I was with "Kent" for almost two years. We moved in together and talked often about marriage. Things were going great, but then he lost his job. After that, finding and keeping a job became harder and harder for him.

One day when I came home from work, all of Kent's clothes were gone. He said he had moved back in with his mother because he didn't feel comfortable with me paying all the bills. He assured me he still wanted to remain in the relationship, and once he could keep a steady job he'd move back.

Three months later, he broke up with me. The following week some mutual friends told me he had gotten married!

When I confronted Kent, he told me he still wants

to have a sexual relationship with me. I refused and haven't spoken to him since. Yesterday I learned that I am pregnant with his child.

I am turned upside down without a clue what to do. Is it wrong to feel hatred for him?

— BETRAYED IN TEXAS

DEAR BETRAYED: Under the circumstances your feelings are understandable. Now, here's what to do. Contact Kent AND his wife and tell them the "happy" news that he is going to be a father — and you expect him to shoulder all the responsibilities that go with it. Then talk to a lawyer to be sure he does.

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Time to get rid of the winter grime

The days are getting longer, y'all! And you know what that means? It's just about time to get those gardens in, the patio furniture out, and to tackle that spring cleaning.

I like to keep a clean kitchen, but every few months I just love giving the kitchen a good scrub down and getting everything all freshened up and organized. And now that spring is upon us, it's time to get to work.

Kitchen cleaning tips
■ Scrub the cast iron. A good cast iron pan will give you a lifetime worth of cooking so give it the TLC it deserves. Pour a good layer of coarse salt on the surface of the pan and give it a good scrub with a soft sponge. The salt will lift away stuck on food and absorb oil without ruining the seasoning on the pan. If your pan needs another coat of seasoning, it will take better after a salt scrub.
■ Clean your oven. Self-cleaning ovens are a Godsend. But if you have an old-fashioned model, now's the time to give it a good going over. For a (non-toxic) cleaning solution, make a paste out of water and baking soda. Coat the oven surfaces with that paste (not any heating elements or bare metal) and let that stand overnight. In the morning, put on some rubber gloves and scrub the paste off with a plastic spatula. A wet sponge should take off all remaining residue.
■ Clean cutting boards. If you use a wooden cutting board, every few weeks give it a good sprinkle of coarse salt and scrub with a sliced lemon. Rinse well with hot water and your board



DINNER DIVA

Leanne Ely

will be nice and fresh.
■ Clean the fridge. Take everything out of the fridge and wipe all interior surfaces down with some hot, soapy water. As you put everything back, toss out all outdated condiments and items you're not going to use. Replace the box of baking soda!
■ Pantry purge. Take everything out and wipe down the shelves. Toss out anything that hasn't been used and won't be used. Spices lose their spiciness after a while! Treat yourself to some new staples. A good clean sweep in the pantry will perk it up like nothing else. Ditch the stuff you don't use and donate it to a food bank if it's worthy. Get that pantry magazine-photo worthy!

■ Meal planning. One essential tool that I think every home cook needs is a subscription to Saving Dinner Premium Menu Mailer! I swear this will change your life. This is the product that really put Saving Dinner on the map, and once you use our menu planning system you will have a hard time going back to anything else.

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

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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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ANSWER:

FOOD

Egg whites work magic to make filling omelet for 2

SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

Leaving aside anything made with powdered eggs (which don't really count as eggs at all in my book), I've never met an egg dish I didn't like. But at the tip-top of my list of favorites is the edible magic trick known as the souffled omelet.

The magic is built into the whites of the egg. A three-egg omelet made the usual way comprises a substantial meal for one person. But a souffled omelet made with three whole eggs — plus two whites — makes the traditional omelet look like a midget and is more than enough for two people.

How can so few eggs produce such an ample dish? Something about separating the whites from the yolks, beating them, then adding them back to the yolks inflates the omelet to almost comical proportions.

Though I personally have never wavered in my partisanship, eggs have shown up now and again as a target of the food police. Eggs are high in cholesterol!

Happily, the most recent studies question whether the sort of cholesterol found in eggs is what we need to be worried about. And, cholesterol aside, eggs are a terrific source of protein, vitamins and antioxidants — and all at about 77 calories per egg. And did I mention they are very high on the satiation chart? Eggs fill you up. In this recipe, the extra egg whites contribute more protein to the mix with very few extra calories.

This recipe serves two. To make enough for four people, prepare a double batch, pour it into two medium skillet, then bake them in the oven at the same time.

GREEK-STYLE SOUFFLED OMELET

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 2

- 1 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 5 ounces baby spinach
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 2 ounces feta cheese, finely crumbled
- 3 large whole eggs, separated, plus 2 egg whites
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- Chopped fresh dill, to garnish

1. Heat the oven to 450 F.
2. In a large skillet over medium, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the spinach and a pinch of salt and cook, stirring, until the spinach is wilted. Sprinkle the feta on top and set aside.

3. In a medium bowl, whisk the egg yolks with a hefty pinch of salt, several grinds of pepper and the lemon zest, until the mixture is fluffy, about 4 minutes. In a separate bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the egg whites with a pinch of salt until they hold soft peaks; stir one fourth of the whites into the egg yolks, then fold the remaining whites into the yolks gently, just until they are incorporated.

4. In a 10-inch nonstick skillet with an oven-safe handle over medium, heat the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of oil. Pour the egg mixture into the skillet, gently spread it evenly. Place the skillet in the oven on the middle shelf and bake until it is puffed and almost cooked through, about 3 minutes. Meanwhile, reheat the spinach mixture over medium heat, stirring.

5. Remove the omelet from the oven and make an indent down the center with a spatula. Spoon the spinach mixture over one half of the omelet, then use the spatula to fold the other half of the omelet over to cover the filling. Return the omelet to the oven and bake for another 2 to 3 minutes. Divide the omelet in half, sprinkle each half with the dill and serve right away.

■ Nutrition information per serving: 320 calories; 200 calories from fat (63 percent of total calories); 22 g fat (7 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 295 mg cholesterol; 11 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 19 g protein; 710 mg sodium.

Cooking risotto is a labor of love

When I was first taught how to make risotto, my chef told me that it can be thought of as a labor of love because it takes some effort to prepare risotto properly. You can't cook it the way you would if you were cooking white rice.

Risotto is usually made with rice called Arborio, which is Italian short-grain rice that is named after the town of Arborio, in the Po Valley.

When cooked, the grains have a firm but creamy texture that blends well with other flavors that can be added to the dish.

Arborio has high starch content and when it gets to the right temperature the starch is released and your risotto will become very creamy and have a rich flavor. I

like to add wild mushrooms and fresh thyme to the dish about halfway through the cooking process to infuse the rice with the earthiness of the mushrooms and the undeniably great flavor of thyme.

The labor of love part is the stirring you have to do while making it. You have to ladle in small amounts of stock and constantly stir the rice while the rice absorbs the stock.

I have always imagined that there are chefs in Italy that have silky smooth skin from stirring risotto all their lives.



MCT

Risotto is a firm but creamy dish usually made with Arborio rice.



CHEF'S CORNER
Tim Spain

Risotto can be made with other grains, like barley and farro, but Arborio is the best. So here is a simple — but a bit challenging — recipe that I would like to ask you to make the next time your meal calls for a rice dish.

Remember, you can add other flavors to it to make it even tastier.

Don't forget to top it with some shredded parmesan at the finish. Cheers, Chef.

RISOTTO

- 1-1/2 cup vegetable stock
- 3/4 tsp olive oil
- 1/2 cup dry arborio rice
- 2-1/8 tbsp fresh, diced yellow onions
- 1/4 cup white wine

1. Pour vegetable stock in a medium sauce pot, bring to boil, reduce heat to keep warm.
2. Heat a large skillet or braising pan over medium high heat. Mist pan with olive oil, stir in onions and sauté for 2-3 minutes. Stir in rice to toast and coat well with onions and olive oil. Stir continuously until onions are translucent, about 5-7 minutes. (Do not brown. If more moisture is needed add 1 tablespoon of stock).
3. Stir in white wine and reduce until almost dry about 1 tablespoon.
4. Add vegetable stock about 1/2 cup at a time and reduce heat to slow simmer to allow rice to absorb stock. Repeat cooking rice in this manner for about 13-15 minutes. Under cook rice 3-4 minutes before the point of andante.
5. Remove par-cooked risotto from pan and spread evenly on baking pan and refrigerate to stop cooking. Reserve for later use.

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Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 8 large mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 cup baby spinach
- 4 Indian flatbreads (naan) or pocketless pita
- 1 cup Sabra Hummus
- 4 teaspoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup part-skim mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- Red pepper flakes, optional
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1. Heat oil in skillet over medium heat.
2. Add garlic, onion bell pepper and mushroom. Cook, stirring frequently, for about 8 minutes or until veggies are soft.
3. Remove from heat and stir in spinach. Set aside.
4. Place flatbread on grill or stovetop gas flame; grill for a couple of minutes or until lightly browned, turning once.
5. Place all four flatbreads on baking sheet.
6. To assemble flatbreads, evenly spread surface with hummus. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top of hummus. Top with veggies then mozzarella cheese. Sprinkle with oregano and red pepper flakes. Place in oven and bake for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar.

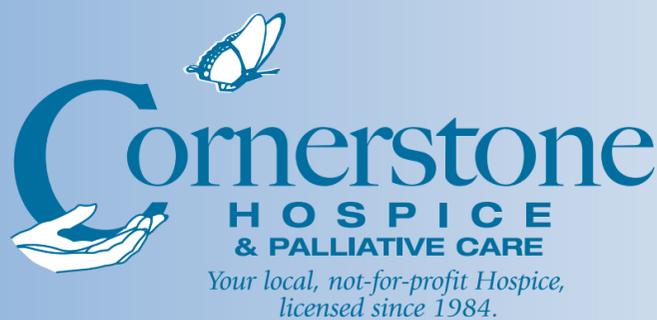


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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Rotary Club of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — The Rotary Club of Lake Placid recently welcomed Lori Roulette of Roulette Designs & Art as a new member. Roulette is a local independent graphic designer working with persons and companies of all sizes.

With experience in website, logo and brochure design, Roulette offers professional products and original art. She also has experience in image editing and copy writing. Roulette's goal is to provide clear, creative and original designs. For more information about visit www.roulettedesigns.com.

The Rotary Club of Lake Placid meets Wednesdays at 6:44 a.m. at Platters Restaurant.

TOPS 632

LAKE PLACID — This TOPS group was conducted by co-leader June Elam. While the weight recorders were tallying up their figures Ethel Emanuel shared some jokes with the club that she had received.

Emanuel also led the group in a rousing rendition of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" called "The TOPS Drinking" song. That is drinking water.

Mary Lou Lilya gave a very interesting program about "Weight Loss Secrets Around the World. It seems we Americans eat to fast; our food is bland compared to other countries; we eat an entire meal between meals; eat out more often; we skip breakfast; we drive instead of ride a bike or walk; and it is something to do and so it isn't an exciting experience enjoyed."

Karen Goodwin took roll call. This was the first week since the new year that there was a net gain. The moan could have been heard in Washington. Everyone is determined to change the gain.

The No No this week is candy and the yes's are blueberries and cabbage.

Winners of the alphabet contest are Ida Wyland, Jean Ottoway, Janet Mitchell and Theresa Rhodes. The next letter is "Z" and that will conclude the contest.

The meeting ended by those losing telling just how they had accomplished their loss. Some dusted off their bikes, another pulled weeks, one went on a gluten diet, and although donuts were a big temptation, one member refrained from eating one, and another made a big pot of vegetable soup and used it for a meal.

This TOPS club meets for weigh in between 3 and 3:45 p.m. Mondays at the Women's Club House in Lake Placid. The meet-

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CLUBS NEWS

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ing starts at 4 p.m.

African Violet Society to meet

SEBRING — The Heartland African Violet Society will hold its regular meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday. Member Carol Ann Burrell will provide information on how to keep your African violets happy and blooming. If you are having a problem with a plant, bring it for some advice.

Guests are welcome to attend to learn about growing African violets. Meetings are held in the Founders Hall Room at 3003 Fairway Vista Drive in Highlands Ridge (off Powerline Road).

For information or directions contact shirley.b@juno.com or call Shirley at 863-385-0744.

Retired educators to meet

SEBRING — The Highlands County Retired Educators and Support Personnel Association will be meeting on Thursday at the Highlands County School Board Meeting Room (426 School St., Sebring) and will begin at 11 a.m.

Speaker will be Superintendent Wally Cox and entertainment will be by the Sebring High School Show Choir. Lunch will be provided. This meeting will be the last meeting of the year. All retired school educators and support personnel are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Tinka Howe at 699-2353 or Betty Hurlbut at 465-5722.

Woman's Club of Sebring to meet

SEBRING — The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the clubhouse on Lakeview Drive.

LAKE PLACID ELK LODGE'S OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Courtesy photo

Vince Connell, PER was awarded Lake Placid Elks Lodge's Officer of the 2013-2014 year. Connell has been held many officer positions in his many years of membership. John Grant, PER said Connell's talents have benefited the lodge from repairing and building various projects within the lodge. He steps forward as chef for many special events along with lodge events.

LAKE PLACID ELK OF THE YEAR



Courtesy photo

Lake Placid Elks lodge is pleased to award Earl Hunt as Elk of the Year. John Grant, PER is honored to present this special award to an Elk member that has gone out of his way to be there whenever needed. Hunt is there when needed for Bingo night, special events, lodge events. He has been an exemplary member of the lodge.

The Community Service Education Committee will host the meeting and the speaker, Margaret Scheer, will discuss home schooling. The luncheon will be catered by Mae Lee's Deli at a cost of \$10 per person for members and guests.

RSVP by calling Barbara King at 382-3559 or Judy McLaughlin at 471-3295.

Aglow en Español to meet

SEBRING — Sebring Aglow en Español's next meeting on Saturday April 12, at 9 a.m.

The meeting will be held in the Spring Lake Activity Center, 209 Spring Lake Blvd. Breakfast and door prizes are included. All denominations welcome. Call Rosa at 655-9163 for any additional information.

Legendary star Mickey Rooney dies at 93

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mickey Rooney's approach to life was simple: "Let's put on a show!" He spent nine decades doing it, on the big screen, on television, on stage and in his extravagant personal life.

A superstar in his youth, Rooney was Hollywood's top box-office draw in the late 1930s to early 1940s. He epitomized the "show" part of show business, even if the business end sometimes failed him amid money troubles and a seesaw of career tailspins and revivals.

Pint-sized, precocious, impish, irrepressible — perhaps hardy is the most-suitable adjective for Rooney, a perennial comeback artist whose early blockbuster success as the vexing but wholesome Andy Hardy and as Judy Garland's musical comrade in arms was bookended 70 years later with roles in "Night at the Museum" and "The Muppets."

Rooney died Sunday at age 93 surrounded by family at his North Hollywood home, police said. The Los Angeles County Coroner's office said Rooney died a natural death.

There were no further details immediately available on the cause of death, but Rooney did attend Vanity Fair's Oscar

party last month, where he posed for photos with other veteran stars and seemed fine. He was also shooting a movie at the time of his death, "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," with Margaret O'Brien.

He was nominated for four Academy Awards over a four-decade span and received two special Oscars for film achievements, won an Emmy for his TV movie "Bill" and had a Tony nomination for his Broadway smash "Sugar Babies."

"I loved working with Mickey on 'Sugar Babies.' He was very professional, his stories were priceless and I love them all ... each and every one. We laughed all the time," Carol Channing said.

A small man physically, Rooney was prodigious in talent, scope, ambition and appetite. He sang and danced, played roles both serious and silly, wrote memoirs, a novel, movie scripts and plays and married eight times, siring 11 children.

His first marriage — to the glamorous, and taller, Ava Gardner — lasted only a year. But a fond recollection from Rooney years later — "I'm 5 feet 3, but I was 6 feet 4 when I married Ava" — summed up the man's passion and capacity for life.

Rooney began as a toddler in his parents' vaudeville act in the

1920s. He was barely six when he first appeared on screen, playing a midget in the 1926 silent comedy short "Not to Be Trusted," and he was still at it more than 80 years later, working incessantly as he racked up about 250 screen credits in a career unrivaled for length and variety.

"I always say, 'Don't retire — inspire,'" Rooney said in an interview with The Associated Press in March 2008.

"There's a lot to be done." This from a man who did more than just about anyone in Hollywood and outlasted pretty much everyone from old Hollywood.

Rooney was among the last survivors of the studio era, which his career predated, most notably with the lead in a series of "Mickey McGuire" kid comedy shorts from the late 1920s to early '30s that were meant to rival Hal Roach's "Our Gang" flicks.

After signing with MGM in 1934, Rooney landed his first big role playing Clark Gable's character as a boy in "Manhattan Melodrama." A year later, still only in his mid-teens, Rooney was doing Shakespeare, playing an exuberant Puck in Max Reinhardt's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which also featured James Cagney and Olivia de Havilland.

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

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Doris Recchia of Sebring will celebrate her 90th birthday this month. Born April 19, 1924 in Girard, Pa., she worked and raised four children in Pennsylvania before moving to Sebring in 2005 where she enjoys the beautiful weather, volunteering at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, visiting Walt Disney World, and worshipping at Sunridge Baptist Church. She has two daughters, Sandra Miller of Sebring and Sharyn Madison of Cortland, N.Y.; and two sons, Blaine Eppheimer of Meadville, Pa., and Rev. Wayne Eppheimer of Jameston, N.Y.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jordan Douglas

Eric Rakem Douglas and Courtney Anita Crenshaw, both of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Jordan Rakem Doulgas, at 8:26 p.m. on March 30, 2014 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Jordan weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches in length. Matrnal grandparents are Michael and Sharon Crenshaw. Paternal grandmother is Rebecca Fault.

Jeremiah McLean

Radcliffe R. McLean and Jessica Stephney Thompson, both of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Jeremiah Alexander Haile McLean, on April 2, 2014 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Jeremiah weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length. Matrnal grandparents are Lenford and Dorothy Nelson. Paternal grandparents are Artel and Valerie McLean.

100 MILES FOR DIABETES



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Highlands County podiatrist Dr. Olga Luepschen raised \$1,974 for the American Diabetes Association by completing the 100-mile Tour de Cure bicycle ride. The American Diabetes Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Strait wins entertainer of the year at ACM Awards

CHRIS TALBOTT
AP Music Writer

George Strait won his second entertainer of the year — 25 years after he won his first — and Miranda Lambert and Keith Urban teamed up to earn top honors Sunday night at a jam-packed Academy of Country Music Awards that had a little something for everyone. Strait's victory was not unexpected. The 61-year-old is a few months from retiring from the road and won the same trophy at the rival Country Music Association Awards five months ago. But the ACMs entertainer award is fan-voted and some wondered if Strait's older fan base might vote.

"I've always said I have the best fans in the world," Strait told the crowd. "I heard this was a fan-voted thing, so I rest my case."

No one will begrudge Strait the win, including co-hosts Blake Shelton and Luke Bryan, who were also nominated in the category with Lambert and Taylor Swift.

"Our hero," Shelton said in a genuine moment. "Our hero won tonight!"

Until that point Bryan and Shelton had overshadowed much of the ceremony, held in Las Vegas. Urban and Lambert tied for the most trophies but it was Lambert's husband, Shelton, and Bryan who were on a winning streak.

They deftly stole the

show with a mix of self-deprecating, celebrity-skewering jokes and two performances apiece. And as Shelton noted, he also gets to share Lambert's bed.

"Honestly, I think we're the biggest celebrities in the room," Shelton said during the show's funniest moment — a recreation of Ellen DeGeneres' selfie moment at the Oscars — and it may just be true.

Shelton is the star of "The Voice" and a platinum-selling hitmaker with 11 straight No. 1s. Bryan was the reigning entertainer of the year, and both were up for that award again this year with Lambert, Taylor Swift and George Strait, the genre's top stars.

They zinged Eric Church over the likelihood of finding marijuana in his dressing room, poked fun at Britney Spears (who performs on the Las Vegas strip) and ribbed Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, in the audience, about his team's disappointing playoff record (Shelton and Bryan announced the 50th edition of the ACM Awards will be held at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium next year).

Each performed twice with Shelton offering a subdued but powerful version of his song "My Eyes," playing an acoustic guitar while seated with Gwen Sebastian at his side, before returning flanked by Shakira on their duet "Medicine."

Bryan performed "Play It Again" while standing on a revolving replica of a vinyl album, then teamed with vocal duo of the year winner Florida Georgia Line on "This is How We Roll."

Lambert did her best to upstage her husband, who gave her a peck on the forehead after she won single record of the year for "Mama's Broken Heart," co-written by Kacey Musgraves. Lambert also won her fifth straight female vocalist of the year award.

"I was just hanging out with (presenter) Trisha Yearwood back there, holy crap, and I was standing next to Sheryl Crow, a complete and utter rock star," Lambert said of Crow, a fellow nominee. She also spoke about others in the category: "Kacey Musgraves, I grew up with her. She wrote the single of the year this year. And Carrie Underwood's my buddy, y'all, and she's a phenomenon. I can't believe it, I'm so grateful and humbled. I love my job."

Lambert teamed with Urban to win vocal event of the year for their "We Were Us" collaboration, for which Urban won trophies as producer and performer. Urban won video of the year with Tim McGraw and Taylor Swift for "Highway Don't Care." The three wins Sunday night gave Lambert 18 trophies at the ACM Awards since she first won best new female artist in 2006.



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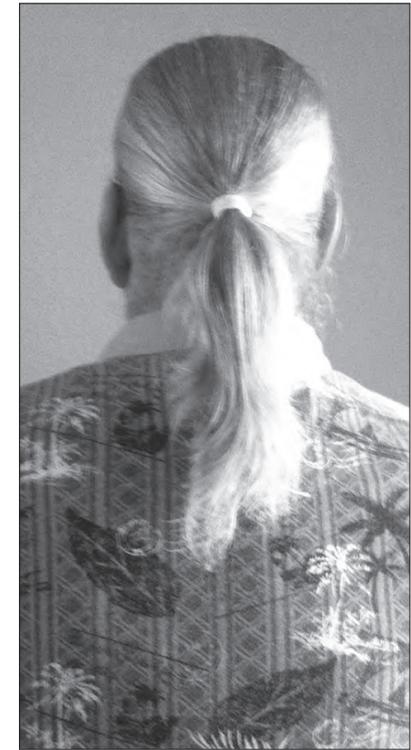
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More than two years of letting his hair grow long allowed Dean Williams to go back to having short hair and helping cancer victims by donating his ponytail to Locks of Love.

Tanglewood resident doesn't lose sight of giving spirit

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Dean Williams and his wife, Lois, arrived at Tanglewood 11 years ago in their motorhome. Dean Williams already knew that they weren't long for RVing as he had suffered a detached retina three times in a short period. They soon bought a house and settled into life in Tanglewood.

Williams had worked in heavy construction and road building as a supervisor and estimator before retirement. At Tanglewood, he was able to utilize his wood-working talents to turn out beautiful bowls, trays and more with wood gathered across the country or grown in his own backyard. He later turned a bowl and a cup out of alabaster purchased in Fort Collins, Colo.

After the hurricanes struck in 2004, Williams collected wood from a tree that had blown down and created four "Charley" bowls. He sold two and donated one to the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit raffle. It was a big hit and raised lots of money to help in the fight against cancer.

As his eye sight deteriorated from another detached retina and macular degeneration, Williams was frustrated that he couldn't do the same high-quality woodworking he had once done. Taking a cue from good friend, George Robbins, Wil-



Courtesy photo

Tanglewood resident Dean Williams shows some of his wood and alabaster creation.

liams decided that if he couldn't turn wood, at least he could grow hair. So for two years and three months, that's exactly what he did. After about a year, Lois had to start tying it in a ponytail.

When visiting family in Colorado (Dean and Lois have a son, two daughters, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren with two more on the way) the grandkids thought Granddad looked cool with his ponytail.

Recently, Williams had more than 10 inches of hair cut off. He tied it, put it in a plastic bag and sent it off to "Locks of Love," which makes wigs for kids under 21 who suffer from long-term medical hair loss.

Williams felt great that he had been able to do something special for others. Once cut, everyone noticed the change and the ladies started running their fingers

through his short hair, something he hadn't enjoyed since his teen years.

An example had been set for the family. One granddaughter has had her long hair shorn and a grandson has taken up the challenge and is growing his long.

Locks of Love is but one charity making wigs with human hair. Interested readers should check the internet for more information about Wigs for Kids, Pantene Beautiful Lengths, Children with Hair Loss and the Childhood Leukemia Foundation.

St. Baldrick's doesn't collect hair, but organizes head-shaving events where hair can be pledged to other charities.

Now legally blind, Dean hasn't been able to drive for the past six years and can't read the newspaper, but he hasn't lost sight of the value of helping others.

Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID — The Placid Lakes Social Circle will be attending the June 11 matinee performance of "Mid Life Crisis" at the Palm Theater in Fort Myers beginning at 11:45 a.m. with a buffet dinner (all you can eat). The group will be leaving by bus, and reservations are being accepted, payable by May 15. Call Joyce Briski at 699-6331 or 465-4888 to reserve a spot for this activity. The cost is \$65 per person, which includes the buffet dinner, play, tips and gratuities, and the bus.

"Mid Life Crisis" is a hilarious comedy, and you have to assume it is a counterpart to the play "Menopause". Sounds like a winner. All details and itineraries will be available in May, and we have front row seats! The next meeting is May 8. Be there.

The Dalton Gang will have their cook-out at Tobler Park at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Members are free, and guests will be charged \$5. If you are bringing guests, call 699-6331.

Our Wednesday Line Dance group is looking for a volunteer instructor. After a wonderful, successful run of line dancing instruction, Dee Grayber will be leaving us and Placid Lakes for a new adventure with husband Phil, traveling the country and enjoying retirement. We wish them well, Godspeed, and thanks for all the two of you have done to make Placid Lakes a better place. We'll miss you; you made a difference!

The Line Dance group is a fun group, getting together for exercise and fellowship and believe in the K.I.S.S. (Keep it Simple Silly). We need someone by the first of May; can you help us?

The Pioneers meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 17 at the Placid Lakes Country Club. We're hearing a lot of good recollections from different sources, and we have to chronicle all the information and get it together. We need Pioneers at this meeting to do that, the "Newbies" do not have the knowledge, you do. The old saying, "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink" holds true here. So come out of the woodwork and make yourself heard if you want this group to continue.

The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will be having

their Easter Bunny Hop from 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday, April 19 at the Elks Hall in Lake Placid. Chrissy will be our featured musician. The Kinga-Kanteen will have soup, chili, hotdogs, and Jalepeno-filled pretzels and chili dogs available at 5 p.m.

The King-Birds are here for their annual nesting time and had a free-for-all with the Wood-ducks regarding their real-estate. The Wood-Ducks need more housing, so they tried to horn in on the King-Birds estate, the local developer noticed this through his binoculars and will be constructing another Wood-Duck estate. The King-Birds won, they had the original deed and kicked those Wood-Ducks off their property! Nobody messes with King-Birds.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — The Tropical Harbor Choral Group gave their program March 29. Even though it was a rainy night, there was good attendance. The 20 songs were put into five categories: Disney Spectacular, Country Tunes, Sing-a-long, Ma Ma Mia, Sacred Segment, and Patriotic Segment. Our performance was applauded and we hope that they enjoyed our singing as much as we enjoyed singing for them. Ruth Pilgun was the director and Ruth Ann Walls is the pianist. Both are very accomplished.

We also appreciate Arlene Dammer, who handles all the music, which certainly is a big job. March 27 was the Memorial Fundraiser Dinner. It was a South of the Border dinner — burritos with chicken or beef. All the trimmings were available just the way you liked them. Everyone there liked them and it certainly was for a worthwhile cause.

Heather and John Snoddy gave a farewell gathering at their home for Grace and Jim Becker on March 30. The open house was held Sunday afternoon so all their friends could say goodbye. Betty Cosgrove and Heather Snoddy hosted the party.

Monday morning coffee was served and hosted by Pat and Brent Loritz. Pat loves to serve homemade goodies. Peggy Sue Teague, with the funny jokes, emceed. Carol Noel was called upon for the well wishes for Helen Burgan, Norm Hebel, Pat Wall, and Evelyn Guiney. Peggy Sue read

the birthdays for the week, and Bonnie Ilg and Adria Steigerwalt were present, so we sang Happy Birthday with the help of Ruth Ann Walls playing the piano.

Eunice Brown had an open house in the clubhouse for her 80th birthday on March 23. It was a Sunday afternoon five-cake birthday party. Jim Van Camp was the emcee.

Paula Bannister reported that the total for the park for the Relay for Life was \$5,600, which is our highest amount. Thank you Paula for all your hard work for pushing us to a new high.

It is late in the season but we still have new residents, or six new couples, and a big welcome to them: Dave and Janice Shock at 113 Bearwoods Ave.; Marty and Mary Williams at 509 Beechcraft St.; Mac and Marie Zions at 333 Beauville; Larry and Nan Laux at 528 Beechcraft St.; Cornelius and Linda Breemes at 114 Bearwoods Ave.; and Michael and Christine Littell at 114 Beauchamp St. Sitting at the Wisconsin table Monday morning were Bob and Mary Quasius from Stockbridge, Wis., guests of John and Judy Witters.

The Men's Lunch Out on Tuesday, April 15 will be at Sonny's Bar-B-Que. Bob Reed will be making the arrangements.

April 13 is the Helping Hands soup and sandwich meal at 5 p.m. Get your tickets in advance.

Tuesday Ladies Coffee on April 1 had the coffee made by Marysue Willeke and Marilyn Cromer. Marysue led the meeting. There will be an Easter dinner on Easter Sunday. It will be a ham and scalloped potatoes dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Tickets for \$6 will be sold in advance. The dinner will be held at 4 p.m.

On April 15 is the Ladies Lunch Out. It will be held at Don Jose' Mexican Restaurant in Sebring at 11:30 a.m. Arlene Clouston is making the arrangements.

The Mustangs had their Breakfast Out at the Truck Stop on U.S. 27 on April 1. Fifteen men were there for breakfast and enjoyed their comradeship. Charlie Price is the host.

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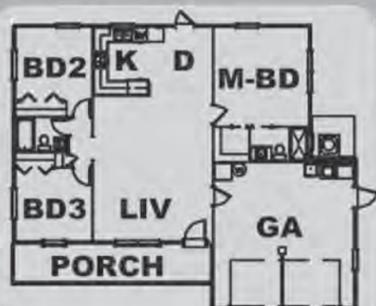
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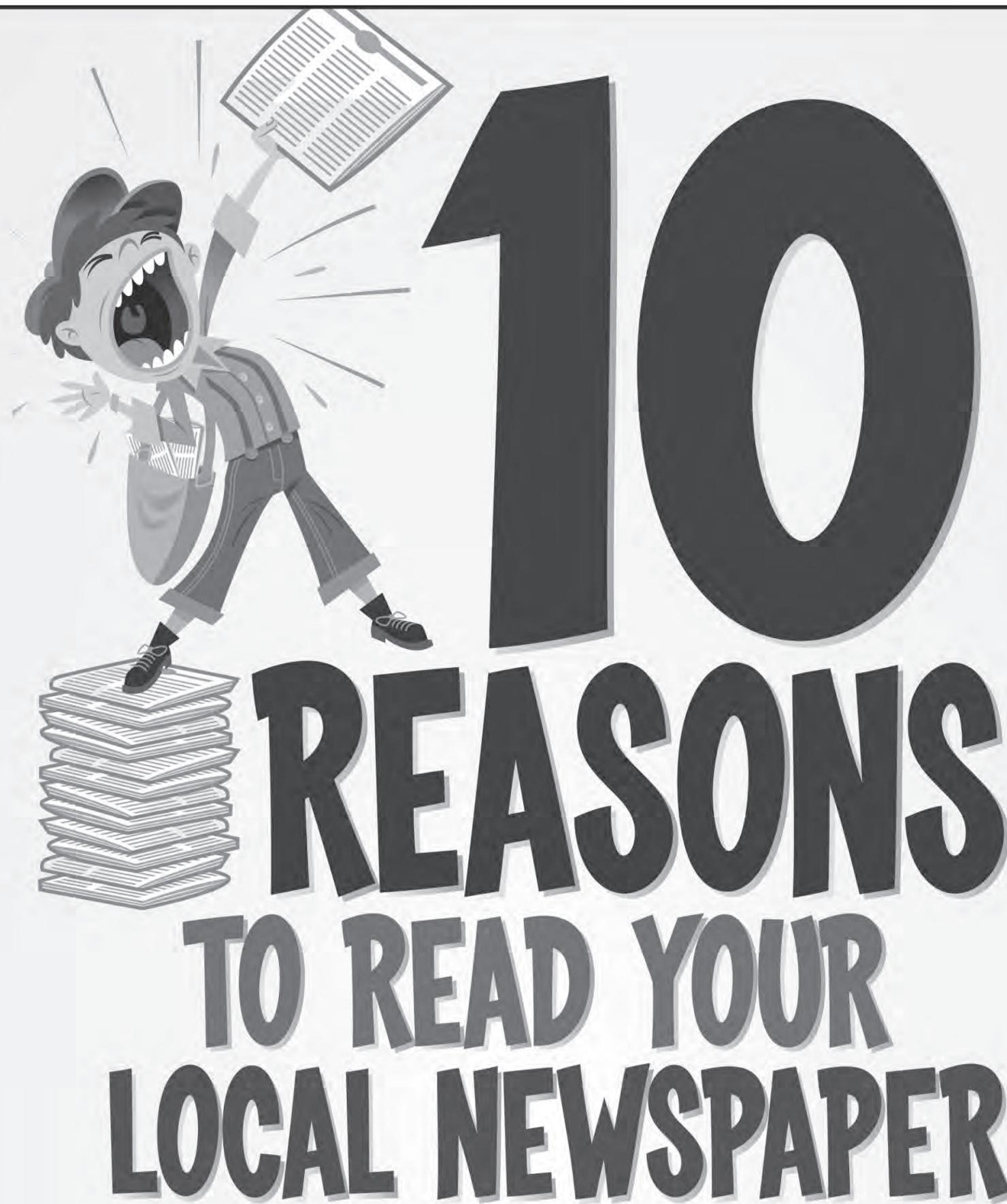
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 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001152-GCAX-MX GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff, vs. KENNETH L. PENDARVIS, et al. Defendant(s).

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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 CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000685-GCAX-MX JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. AUREA MIRANDA, et al. Defendant(s).

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 CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000386GCAX-MX FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. MABLE PARRISH, et al. Defendant(s).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000789 THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF EMMA H. PREVATT, DECEASED; JACKIE BERNETT, HEIR; DEBBIE KATHOLEE, HEIR; PENNY PREVATT A/K/A PINNIA PRATT A/K/A PINNIA PREVATT, HEIR; MELINDA COPELAND, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF EMMA H. PREVATT, DECEASED; JACKIE CATORELLE, HEIR. Whose residence(s) is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HERBY required to file your answer or written defenses, is, any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED at HIGHLANDS County this 1st

day of April, 2014.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Brenda Jimenez 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.

April 9, 16, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000112 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, vs. ROSEMARY TESSMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROSEMARY TESSMAN; HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK; PLACID LAKES HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER THE SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment entered, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2011-CA-000112, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is Plaintiff, and ROSEMARY TESSMAN, HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK AND PLACID LAKES HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are Defendant(s).

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, the Clerk of Court shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the Basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, 33870 on the 29th day of April, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 13, BLOCK 68, PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 The property is located at the Street address of: 243 Tangerine Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852.

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. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 27, 2014.

CLERK OF THE COURT
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk (COURT SEAL)
 Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A. 350 Jim Moran Blvd, Suite 100 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 354-3544 Facsimile: (954) 354-3545 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 at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service) before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001148-GCAX-MX BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff, vs. NICHOLAS C. WUNDERLICH, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:
 LOTS 26 AND 27, BLOCK 231, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 88, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Property address: 688 LAKE BETTY DR, LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA 33852-8741 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 April 29, 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 27th day of March, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, 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.

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 April 9, 16, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000789-GCAX-MX JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTINA BLANCO, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:
 LOT 12, BLOCK D, PINE HILL, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Property address: 312 S Lotela Ave. 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 April 29, 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 27th day of March, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, 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 Sys-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-0000681GCAXMX DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE HS1 ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-HE1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE1 Plaintiff, vs. TRISTAN ALFRED HEISS; JENNIFER C. LAFAVE-HEISS; JENNIFER C. LAFAVE-HEISS; CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 5, 2014, and entered in Case No. 28-2012CA000681GCAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE HS1 ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-HE1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE1 is Plaintiff and TRISTAN ALFRED HEISS; JENNIFER C. LAFAVE-HEISS; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC.; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA 33870-3867, at 11:00 a.m., on the 8th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 THE SOUTHWEST HALF OF LOT 8, ALL OF LOTS 9 AND 10, AND THE NORTHEAST HALF OF LOT 11, BLOCK 124, LA PALOMA SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 44, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 8; RUN THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG CYPRESS STREET A DISTANCE OF 25 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE LINE DIVIDING SAID LOTS 8 AND 9 TO THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 8; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOTS 8, 9, 10 AND 11 AND DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE LINE DIVIDING LOTS 10 AND 11 TO A POINT ON CYPRESS STREET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF CYPRESS STREET A DISTANCE OF 125 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated this 6th day of March, 2014.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000789-GCAX-MX JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTINA BLANCO, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:
 LOT 12, BLOCK D, PINE HILL, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Property address: 312 S Lotela Ave. 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 April 29, 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 27th day of March, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

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tem, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012CA000681GCAXMX DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE HS1 ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-HE1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE1 Plaintiff, vs. TRISTAN ALFRED HEISS; JENNIFER C. LAFAVE-HEISS; JENNIFER C. LAFAVE-HEISS; CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 5, 2014, and entered in Case No. 28-2012CA000681GCAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE HS1 ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-HE1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE1 is Plaintiff and TRISTAN ALFRED HEISS; JENNIFER C. LAFAVE-HEISS; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC.; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA 33870-3867, at 11:00 a.m., on the 8th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 THE SOUTHWEST HALF OF LOT 8, ALL OF LOTS 9 AND 10, AND THE NORTHEAST HALF OF LOT 11, BLOCK 124, LA PALOMA SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 44, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 8; RUN THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG CYPRESS STREET A DISTANCE OF 25 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE LINE DIVIDING SAID LOTS 8 AND 9 TO THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 8; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOTS 8, 9, 10 AND 11 AND DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE LINE DIVIDING LOTS 10 AND 11 TO A POINT ON CYPRESS STREET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF CYPRESS STREET A DISTANCE OF 125 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated this 6th day of March, 2014.

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

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

File #11-08512 SPS

April 2, 9, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 000573315728-2012-CA-000416 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

v. GILBERTO CASTILLO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GILBERTO CASTILLO; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 25, 2014, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on March 26, 2014, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
LOT 11, BLOCK 5, OF ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT NO. 9, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, AT PAGE 50, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, k/a/k/a 4224 MANDARIN RD, SEBRING, FL 33875-4542

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 April 29, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM.

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 27th day of March, 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 an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863) 534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

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April 9, 16, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-296

IN RE: ESTATE OF CARMINE GUERRIERI, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CARMINE GUERRIERI, deceased, File Number PC 13-296, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatrued, contingent, or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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, including unmatrued, contingent, or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 2, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ George Guerrieri

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Michael L. Keiber
MICHAEL L. KEIBER, ESQUIRE
Law Office of Michael L. Keiber, P.A.
2557 US Hwy 27 South
Sebring, FL 33870
P. (863)385-5188 F. (863) 471-1111
Florida Bar No. 620610
service@keiberlaw.com

April 2, 9, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2012-CA-000329

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-20,

vs. REMONA ANDERSON AKA REMONA MITCHELL, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed February 13, 2014 in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000329 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 13th day of May, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 12, Block 4, LUCAS LAKES ESTATES SUBDIVISION, according to plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 55 at the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

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

Dated this 28th day of March, 2014.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: /s/ Priscilla michalak

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If you are a person with a disability who needs an 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 Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 14-103 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOYCE C. WALLACE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JOYCE C. WALLACE, deceased, whose date of death was February 7, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 2, 2014.

Personal Representative: Carolyn J. Smeggil
13698 McCormick Woods Court
Jacksonville, Florida 32225

Attorney for Personal Representative: Charlotte C. Stone, Esq.
Attorney for Carolyn J. Smeggil
Florida Bar Number: 21297
STONE LAW GROUP, P.L.
3200 U.S. Hwy 27 S., Suite 307
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)402-5424
Fax: (863)402-5425
E-Mail: charlotte@stonelawgroupfl.com
Secondary E-Mail: kelly@stonelawgroupfl.com

April 2, 9, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 14-112 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF CLARENCE E. POLSTON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CLARENCE E. POLSTON, deceased, whose date of death was January 24, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 9, 2014.

Personal Representative: Edward O. Koch, Jr.
P.O. Box 1965
Sebring, Florida 33871

Attorney for Personal Representative: Charlotte C. Stone, Esq.
Attorney for Edward O. Koch, Jr.
Florida Bar Number: 21297
STONE LAW GROUP, P.L.
3200 U.S. Hwy 27 S., Suite 307
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)402-5424
Fax: (863)402-5425
E-Mail: charlotte@stonelawgroupfl.com

April 9, 16, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 14-88 Division: COWDEN

IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL T. HENNES, SR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MICHAEL T. HENNES, SR., deceased, whose date of death was July 3, 2012, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-3796, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South 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 April 9, 16, 2014

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is April 9, 2014.
Personal Representative: /s/ Leslie Ann Hennes
4587 Morgate Circle NW
Canton, OH 44708
Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Nicholas G. Schommer
Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 221090
Email: ngsqa@embarqmail.com or tinasharpe_law@yahoo.com
329 South Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870
Phone: 863-385-5139
Fax: 863-385-2566

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 13000501GCAXMX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. JAY D. ROYAL; VELMA J. ROYAL, ET AL. Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in THE NEWS SUN)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 5, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000501GCAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and JAY D. ROYAL; VELMA J. ROYAL, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room of the Courthouse; 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, at 11:00 a.m., on the 8th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 17 AND 18, BLOCK 427, SEBRING SUMMIT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 62, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 6th day of March, 2014.

(SEAL) ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

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

NS1065-13/ns

April 2, 9, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 14-141 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY B. ANDERSON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GARY B. ANDERSON, deceased, whose date of death was July 25, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 9, 2014.

Attorney for Personal Representative: JOHN K. MCCLURE
Attorney for MICHAEL R. ANDERSON
Florida Bar Number: 286958
211 South Ridgewood Drive
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863) 402-1888
Fax: (863) 402-2436
E-Mail: jkmpleadings@mllaw.net
Secondary E-Mail: johnmc@mllaw.net

April 9, 16, 2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice of Public Sale of the contents of self-storage unit(s) in default of contract per F.S. 83:801-809. Units will be sold by sealed bid at 10:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014, at Highlands Self Storage Inc. 7825 S. George Blvd. Sebring, FL 33872. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted. Any vehicle within units sold for parts only.

UNITS TO BE SOLD #19 & 72

April 9, 16, 2014

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

Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City Of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 24, 2014, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of any other type of delivery service. There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference 10:00 AM, April 14, 2014 located at 355 East Center Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870.

The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances

1055 Highlands County Legals

of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §863.287, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §863.287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.

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

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Sebring, Florida 2014
April 9, 16, 2014

HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED 13000203TDS
CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that US BANK AS C/F FL DUNDEE LIEN INV LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 11522
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2010
Tax ID: C-14-37-29-190-0990-0010

Description of Property:
LOT 1 BLOCK 99 PLACID LAKES SECTION 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9 PAGE 14 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY FLORIDA.

Name in which assessed:
NAZZI CHAR;
All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 23rd day of April, 2014.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2014.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida

Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk
March 19, 26; April 2, 9, 2014

1100 Announcements

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If We can assist you, please call us:

385-6155 News-Sun Classified

1200 Lost & Found

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5050 Mobile Homes For Sale

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freezer, misc. 8am-1pm,
Thurs.-Sat., April 10-12.

SEBRING - CHURCH YARD SALE
Saturday, April 12, 8am-1pm.
House of Change, 4011 US Hwy 27
S. Little bit of everything! Clothes,
shoes, furn., tv's, fishing equip-
ment, dishes, small appliances.

SEBRING - YARD SALE, 306
Swallow Ave., Fri.-Sat., 4/11-12,
7am-? Something for everyone!

SEBRING YARD SALE 3307 Baxter
Ave April 11th & 12th, 8 to 1,
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Toys, Christmas Items, Clothes,
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Thompson Ave. US 27 to
Hammock to Lakewood to Golfview
to Thompson. Friday April 11,
through Sunday April 13, 8am to
4pm. Home decor items, green and
deep wine sofas, sofa table,
washer/dryer, king Broyhill BR
furniture, kitchen items, linens,
lamps, oriental figurines, 4
Wolfgang Puck lidded pans, Pyrex,
framed art, mirrors, small tables,
towels, King sheets (some queen),
nice ladies clothes various sizes,
accessories, paper shredder, 3 sp.
fan, bed frames, hand tools,
hardware, lawn items, 70s rock n
roll records (covers are in very poor
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www.estatesales.net
Sunday will be half-price day on all
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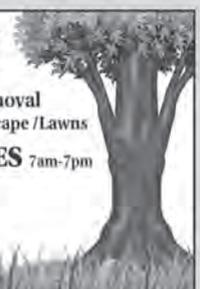
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny and breezy	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny
77° / 55°	81° / 58°	83° / 60°	85° / 62°	87° / 65°
Winds: NW at 10-20 mph	Winds: ENE at 6-12 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph	Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	87°
Low Friday	53°
High Saturday	89°
Low Saturday	53°
High Sunday	90°
Low Sunday	60°
High Monday	93°
Low Monday	67°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	38%
Expected air temperature	76°
Makes it feel like	76°

Barometer

Saturday	29.98
Sunday	29.88
Monday	29.73

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.02"
Month to date	0.02"
Year to date	7.03"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny and breezy today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow and Friday. Saturday: mostly sunny. Sunday: partly sunny.

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	12:30 p.m.
Low	5:15 a.m.
High	11:03 p.m.
Low	5:21 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	4:56 a.m.
Low	11:08 a.m.
High	5:19 p.m.
Low	11:31 p.m.

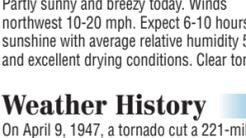
Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.46'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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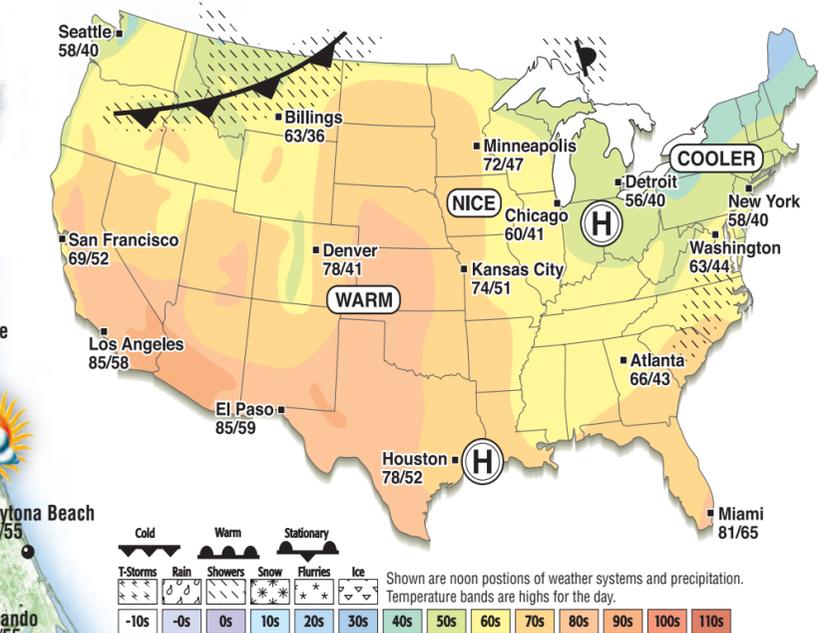


0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

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National Forecast for April 9



National Summary

It's shaping up to be a cool and breezy day across New England today behind an area of low pressure departing the region. A few snow showers are also possible in the mountains of northern New England, mainly during the morning hours. The remainder of the East looks to be dry with the exception of a few spotty showers over the Carolinas. High pressure will promote a warm and sunny day across the Plains with highs topping out in the 70s as far north as North Dakota. High pressure will also span over the Southeast.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	80/52/s	80/50/s	78/52/pc	Los Angeles	85/58/pc	80/56/pc	77/56/pc
Atlanta	66/43/s	72/50/s	75/53/s	Louisville	62/44/s	74/53/pc	70/51/sh
Baltimore	60/37/pc	70/48/s	71/47/c	Memphis	67/48/s	75/56/s	76/60/pc
Birmingham	65/42/s	73/51/s	75/55/s	Milwaukee	56/43/pc	53/37/c	55/41/pc
Boston	54/36/pc	59/45/s	63/45/c	Minneapolis	72/47/s	62/41/pc	67/45/c
Charlotte	68/41/pc	73/46/s	78/50/s	Nashville	63/43/s	72/51/s	74/55/pc
Cheyenne	68/39/s	63/37/pc	69/40/s	New Orleans	70/51/s	74/58/s	74/62/pc
Chicago	60/41/s	62/38/c	61/42/pc	New York City	58/40/pc	62/48/s	67/46/c
Cleveland	49/38/pc	65/41/pc	55/39/pc	Norfolk	63/45/pc	69/53/s	75/55/pc
Columbus	56/41/pc	70/48/pc	62/45/pc	Oklahoma City	80/52/s	84/56/s	80/59/s
Dallas	79/56/s	81/60/s	80/62/pc	Philadelphia	62/41/pc	68/48/s	68/49/c
Denver	78/41/s	72/40/pc	75/42/s	Phoenix	95/71/s	97/72/s	94/70/pc
Detroit	56/40/pc	65/39/pc	58/40/pc	Pittsburgh	54/36/pc	70/44/pc	60/40/sh
Harrisburg	58/36/pc	68/47/s	68/42/sh	Portland, ME	48/25/pc	53/37/pc	60/36/c
Honolulu	80/67/s	82/68/s	83/69/pc	Portland, OR	61/40/pc	63/44/pc	64/43/pc
Houston	78/52/s	78/60/s	80/62/s	Raleigh	69/39/pc	74/49/s	78/52/s
Indianapolis	60/43/s	70/46/pc	63/46/pc	Rochester	46/32/pc	65/38/pc	57/36/pc
Jackson, MS	74/43/s	75/52/s	78/56/s	St. Louis	65/48/s	77/50/pc	70/56/pc
Kansas City	74/51/s	69/46/pc	70/54/pc	San Francisco	69/52/s	70/52/s	66/50/pc
Lexington	60/40/s	70/50/pc	70/51/sh	Seattle	58/40/pc	59/43/pc	61/43/pc
Little Rock	70/47/s	76/54/s	77/58/c	Wash., DC	63/44/pc	70/52/s	72/51/c

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	91/70/s	90/75/s	90/72/s	London	62/44/pc	61/47/pc	57/43/c
Athens	71/55/s	69/50/r	62/53/s	Montreal	41/28/pc	54/39/sh	54/37/pc
Beirut	69/56/s	66/53/s	69/60/s	Moscow	40/21/c	39/25/s	40/31/s
Berlin	55/43/r	56/44/c	57/41/c	Nice	69/55/pc	67/54/s	68/53/pc
Bermuda	74/63/pc	69/63/sh	69/63/s	Ottawa	39/30/pc	55/32/sh	52/31/pc
Calgary	47/32/sh	52/35/c	50/24/c	Quebec	36/18/sf	43/36/sh	43/30/pc
Dublin	54/33/pc	54/36/sh	50/39/pc	Rio de Janeiro	88/75/pc	87/74/pc	88/74/pc
Edmonton	45/31/c	53/34/pc	48/25/c	Seoul	68/46/pc	69/46/c	63/47/c
Freeport	74/65/pc	76/68/pc	78/69/pc	Singapore	91/79/t	91/77/t	90/79/t
Geneva	63/34/s	68/44/s	67/44/pc	Sydney	79/64/pc	75/64/t	77/64/pc
Havana	79/61/s	80/61/s	86/66/s	Toronto	46/34/pc	58/34/c	53/31/pc
Hong Kong	79/70/pc	77/71/pc	77/71/pc	Vancouver	53/41/pc	54/44/pc	56/43/pc
Jerusalem	68/49/s	63/48/s	69/52/s	Vienna	58/45/pc	57/40/sh	65/50/s
Johannesburg	68/48/pc	69/49/s	71/48/s	Warsaw	52/39/sh	48/38/sh	50/38/c
Kiev	68/44/r	55/40/r	53/41/r	Winnipeg	49/31/pc	46/30/pc	52/29/c

Farm Report

Partly sunny and breezy today. Winds northwest 10-20 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 55% and excellent drying conditions. Clear tonight.

Weather History

On April 9, 1947, a tornado cut a 221-mile path through Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. The storm took 169 lives and caused more than \$10 million in damage.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	7:09 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	7:47 p.m.	7:47 p.m.
Moonrise	3:03 p.m.	3:54 p.m.
Moonset	3:28 a.m.	4:05 a.m.



Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	78/56/pc	82/59/pc	84/61/pc	Miami	81/65/pc	80/69/pc	81/71/pc
Clearwater	73/59/pc	79/63/pc	80/64/pc	Okeechobee	76/58/pc	77/62/pc	80/62/pc
Coral Springs	79/62/pc	79/67/pc	81/69/pc	Orlando	77/55/pc	79/59/pc	80/60/pc
Daytona Beach	74/55/pc	76/59/s	76/60/pc	Pembroke Pines	80/62/pc	80/67/pc	82/69/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	80/67/pc	80/71/pc	80/72/pc	St. Augustine	72/55/pc	73/58/s	75/60/pc
Fort Myers	78/58/pc	82/61/pc	84/62/pc	St. Petersburg	73/59/pc	78/63/pc	82/64/pc
Gainesville	75/48/pc	78/50/s	80/53/pc	Sarasota	74/56/pc	80/60/pc	82/61/pc
Hollywood	80/62/pc	80/67/pc	81/69/pc	Tallahassee	74/43/s	78/47/s	80/51/pc
Homestead AFB	79/62/pc	79/67/pc	80/68/pc	Tampa	72/57/pc	79/61/pc	83/63/pc
Jacksonville	73/49/s	76/52/s	78/55/pc	W. Palm Bch	78/62/pc	78/67/pc	79/69/pc
Key West	76/68/pc	78/70/pc	80/73/pc	Winter Haven	75/56/pc	80/60/pc	82/61/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



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