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Mark Fortier is a volunteer fire fighter at Placid Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and has been serving as a volunteer firefighter since 1979.

Fortier is dean of county's volunteer firefighters

BY CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
News-Sun Correspondent

LAKE PLACID — Placid Lakes Volunteer Fire Department chief Mark Fortier is the longest serving volunteer fireman in Highlands County. The News-Sun is honored to celebrate him as the Unsung Hero for July of 2014.

We chose him for more than one reason. First, for his 35 years of selfless dedication and outstanding skill, and second because he is the quintessential example of the volunteer firefighter — men and women whom we too often take for granted.

In today's world, volunteer firefighters are only volunteer in the sense that they don't get paid. In every other way they are professionals, as well trained as the men and women who get paid for doing the same work.

Al Coleman was the chief in 1979. Fortier said Coleman was always pushing for recruits. Having arrived in Highlands County in 1972 from New England with a young family,

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ROAD RAGE NEARLY TURNS INTO MURDER

Man hospitalized after being run down

BY LARRY GRIFFIN
Staff Writer

LORIDA — A violent car chase ended Friday night in Lorida with one man severely injured after being hit by a vehicle and another man charged with two counts of attempted murder.

According to a press release from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, at around 10 p.m. an aggressive driver pursued Shawn Zeigler and Carrie Leaphart in their vehicle on U.S. 98. Zeigler pulled into the parking lot of the Lorida General Store. The other driver, later identified as

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Budget focus of Elwell's town hall

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – County Commissioner Don Elwell's seventh town hall-style meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in the Plantation Ballroom of the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring.

The two-hour session will maintain Elwell's format of covering several of the most popular and topical county issues,

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but he promises that the meeting's primary focus will be on this year's county budget. During the budget introduction at a July 15 commission meeting, the county staff outlined that this year's budget faces a

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Lakeshore Mall renovations continue

New owner: Mall will be 'comfortable and fun' for shoppers

BY LARRY GRIFFIN
Staff Writer

SEBRING — B.V. Belk has big plans for the Lakeshore Mall.

After B.V. Belk Properties closed a deal to buy the mall earlier this year and began renovations on both the interior and exterior of the facility, Belk is looking more at what business opportunities the acquisition of the mall opens up and what he can do for the Sebring community.

His stated intention is to make the Lakeshore Mall "a comfortable place to shop and a fun place to come to."

"We want to bring on a lot more tenants," Belk said. "There's not enough to do there for teens and young ladies. We're hoping to bring a restaurant up

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Kelly Tolson on the Lakeshore Mall's janitorial staff works to revamp the mall's interior with new tiles Friday morning, just one step in a long process of renovations the mall is undergoing at the hand of B.V. Belk Properties.

Hammock initiates Junior Ranger program

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — Local youngsters have an opportunity to get involved in the great outdoors as Highlands Hammock State Park has joined in the state parks system's Junior Ranger Program.

"It provides the opportunity for young people to learn, serve and share our parks' natural and

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LPPD helping raise funds for Toby's Clown College

BY PHIL ATTINGER
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LAKE PLACID — Now that police have identified five suspects and plan to charge them with the recent vandalism on the American Clown Museum and School, police want to help prevent future damage.

The Lake Placid Police Department is asking the community to help raise funds to purchase a camera system for the exterior of Toby the Clown Foundation's Clown College to deter vandalism.

Rock-throwing vandals struck twice in seven days, shattering window panes and damaging the aluminum window structures. The first attack came on the night of July 4 when vandals shattered five glass panes in three windows.

Clown college officials made repairs, but just one week to the day later, vandals returned armed with even bigger rocks and busted up the aluminum frames of the windows.

Police have identified suspects and are working with the Department of Juvenile Justice on punishments.

The Clown College has already received several donations from the community. Police believe a camera system with help further by recording future incidents.

"We are planning a similar camera system to those placed at the Historic Train Museum and Nu-Hope," said Police Chief James Fansler in a Facebook post. "Both systems were purchased and installed by Central Security of Lake Placid."

Anyone wishing to donate money toward the security camera system can contact Toby the Clown Foundation or the Lake Placid Police Department.

Money donated to the police with intentions of going towards the clown college cameras should be noted as such on the check/money order or in a note with any donated cash indicating "Toby's Clowns."

News-Journal editor Mat Delaney contributed to this report. Phil Attinger can be reached at phil.attinger@newssun.com or 385-6155, ext. 541

News-Sun file

Brothers Calvin and Kyle Arjona of Xclusive Detailing wash an SUV along Ridgewood Drive in Sebring last month. The brothers have approached the Avon Park Planning & Zoning Board to open a car wash location in the Sunoco gas station parking lot on U.S. 27 in Avon Park

P&Z Board to discuss Avon Park car wash code

BY PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — City officials have a discussion scheduled Monday evening on how Avon Park should handle hand car wash and detailing businesses requesting to set up shop in the city.

It's a matter that came up almost two months ago when Calvin Arjona and Nicholas Caruso of Xclusive Detailing spoke to the Planning & Zoning Board to get permission to set up shop at a local gasoline station.

They were operating at the former BP gas station at Memorial Drive and Cornell Street with permission from the owner, but Avon Park Code Enforcement said they were not allowed in that zoning.

If possible, they wanted to see if the city would allow them to operate at the Sunoco gas station at U.S. 27 and Hal McRae Boulevard.

According to agenda materials for Monday's joint meeting between the Avon Park City Council and the P&Z Board, city code permits car washing and detailing operations at service station lots, but does not specify the types of car washing operations permitted, such as hand-washing, automated or self-service.

Also, "standalone" car washes are not listed in the city code; neither are development and operational standards for such businesses, except that car washing and detailing must have one parking space for every two employees and must be done in an enclosed building, such as a service bay.

Xclusive Detailing was proposing to use a metal pole and aluminum or cloth overhang, similar to businesses at Citgo stations in Sebring and Lake Placid.

However, suggested changes to the code, as stated in the agenda, would require any car wash to be in a fixed, non-movable and roofed structure located on a concrete slab or existing pavement. Colors and finishes of the structure would have to match or blend with that of existing structures, too.

The site would also have to have a minimum of four parking/waiting spaces provided to customers, operating hours no earlier or later than that of any business that's already there, and would have to have on-site restroom facilities, according to the suggested code.

The joint City Council and P&Z Board meeting is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Monday in the council chambers at 123 E. Pine St. in Avon Park.

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Fine Arts & Crafts Festival to host Emerging Artist Program

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SEBRING — The Highlands Art League has announced a new program for beginning artists to participate in the 48th Annual Highlands Fine Arts & Crafts Festival.

HAL's Emerging Artist Program (EAP) is specifically for artists who have no experience exhibiting and selling their artwork at festival venues. Interested artists must be a resident of Highlands, Hardee, DeSoto, Glades, Okeechobee or Polk counties. Emerging artists will not be eligible for jurying or cash awards.

Artists may apply only to the Emerging Artist Program or the standard show, not both. The Festival Committee reserves the right to pre-screen and research emerging artists to make sure they are a fit for this category and that they do not have previous experience exhibiting and selling their work at festivals and art shows. Research will be conducted on all emerging artists who apply to determine eligibility.

Upon submission, emerging artists will pay a discounted booth fee ($10 for half booth table of 4 feet or $20 for full booth table of 8 feet), will display work in the Emerging Artist tent and receive mentoring through the Festival's volunteers.

EAP applicants will apply in the same format as professional artists. Each Emerging Artist must submit four images of their artwork through the HAL website. The fifth image should be a grouping of the artist's work in place of a booth shot. No crafts will be permitted. Art sales not permitted. Deadline to register is Oct. 2.

Both established and emerging artists are invited to apply for the Festival, which will take place on Nov. 1 and offer more than $3,000 in cash awards to juried art. Original works and limited editions of fine art in all media, including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood, and mixed media, will be considered. Only artists displaying their own work are eligible to participate. Fees apply. Submissions must be postmarked by Oct. 2.

HAL is seeking a sponsor for the Emerging Artist Program. Details regarding Festival sponsorship, volunteer opportunities or artist submissions that can be found online at www.HighlandsArtLeague.org or by calling the HAL office at 863-385-6682.

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Take a book, return a book at Little Free Libary

BY MIKE MCMILLAN
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-SUN

Can you name a library that has no card, no fees, no fines and no operating hours — a library that is open 24/7? The answer is the Little Free Library (LFL), concept of Rick Brooks and Todd Bol of Wisconsin in honor of their mothers, who were teachers and avid book readers.

In its most basic form, the Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book and bring back another to share. The LFL Program is designed to help people recycle their gently used books and to discover new favorites.

While the concept of free libraries has existed for 100 years, the idea of placing small structures containing books in high traffic areas is relatively new. The LFL is such a novelty the mere presence of one can stop traffic.

The motto of the LFL is "Take a Book. Return a Book" and since there is no librarian and no late fees, if you decide to keep the book, that's OK, too. Initiated in 2010, there are now over 15,000 LFLs spread over 62 countries, and that number is expected to grow exponentially in 2014 and 2015.

In Highlands County, at least one LFL already exists in the Golf Ham-

Courtesy photo

Steve Becker (left) and Guy Culp work on installing the Little Free Libary at Lake Glenada (below).

mock subdivision. Residents across the country in communities where LFL's have been established have witnessed a sense of community reminiscent of "the old days." Neighbors often meet for the first time at the LFL.

The structures themselves are as varied and imaginative as the books they hold; repurposing of old items is common. Themed LFL's are common, too. For example, one LFL outside a medical center features books on health and wellness and another located outside of an ecology center is filled with books on nature and wildlife.

On a local level, this initiative will be managed by the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department in partnership with the Highlands County Library system. The weatherproof containers, or kiosks, will be built with scrap materials from various construction projects and be of little to no cost. In-house labor forces will build the kiosks — Steve Becker constructed the first County-maintained LFL.

Mary Myers, Director of the Highlands County Library System will supply the books to initially stock the kiosks and then restock as needed. The Friends of the Library are donating the $35 registration fee which adds the LFL to a nationwide system.

Lake Glenada Park received the first county-maintained LFL, which was installed July 15. Other potential locations are county-owned facilities at the Lake Olivia walking trail, George Boulevard Campus (Agri-Civic Center), Istokpoga Park, Windy Point Park, Lorida Schoolhouse and Martin Luther King Park at Carver Park.

Similar to the community garden concept, this program should foster a sense of community for our citizens and visitors as well as enhance the public services provided by these two Board of County Commission departments.

If you would like more information concerning LFLs in Highlands County, please call the Parks & Natural Resources Department at 863-402-6812.

Election books close Monday

BY BARRY FOSTER
NEWS-SUN CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — Supervisor of Elections Penny Ogg is taking one last shot at informing voters that they will have one last opportunity to get registered before the Aug. 26 primary.

The voter registration books for this year's primary election will close Monday at 5 p.m. Any citizen wishing to register to vote or change political party affiliation must do so before then.

This year, the primary will be held to be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26. One change has come at the last minute with the announcement of the withdrawal of Christine Trakas Thornhill from the 10th Judicial Circuit Group 2 race.

In an effort to inform voters, Ogg said she would attach notes to the sample ballots as well as to have them inserted into absentee ballots for voter information. The simple announcement indicates that a vote in that race would not change the outcome.

"Michelle Pincket is deemed by law to be the elected for this race," it reads. The announcement also will be posted at all voting sites.

Voter registration application forms are available and accepted at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 580 S. Commerce Ave., Suite A201, Sebring. Voter registration forms may be downloaded at www.votehighlands.com and mailed with postmark by July 28 to: Highlands County Supervisor of Elections P.O. BOX 3448 Sebring, 33871.

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County's Junior Achievement fundraiser is best around

Special to the News-Sun

Junior Achievement of Highlands County has announced that this year's Celebrate JA Luncheon was the top luncheon fundraiser in all 12 counties in the Junior Achievement of Tampa Bay region.

Scott Crutchfield, JA Chairman in Highlands County, said, "We appreciate Ken Carter with Outback Steakhouse for sponsoring the luncheon along with our other generous sponsors, including a major donation in the amount of $10,000 from Alan Jay Wildstein of the Alan Jay Automotive family."

The 127 luncheon guests, who were invited by Junior Achievement board members, enjoyed the beautiful decorations arranged by board member Ann Hamilton and delicious meal at Circle Theatre.

"Our luncheon guests generously invested $65,800 in donations and pledges for Junior Achievement programs in Highlands County schools. I am proud to announce that the Highlands County Celebrate JA Luncheon was more successful than those in Lakeland, Sarasota, Gainesville, St. Petersburg and Tampa," said Lily Romine, executive director of Junior Achievement of Highlands/Polk.

Luncheon guests learned about the Junior Achievement elementary program in a skit with several adorable first graders from Cracker Trail Elementary School and their JA volunteer from Wells Fargo, Sandra O'Neil.

Speakers including Crutchfield, Superintendent Wally Cox, Avon Park High School economics teacher Cynthia Barrett, JA volunteer Michelle Myers and Domonic Hutchins, Avon Park High School student speaker from Avon Park High School Sylvia Turner, JA Board member, with South Florida State College motivated the guests to give and they gave generously.

Mountain Top

Alan Wildstein made a $10,000 donation to the Celebrate Junior Achievement Luncheon, helping it become the top fundraiser in the Tampa Bay region.

Junior Achievement volunteer-delivered, kindergarten-12th grade programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills, and use experiential learning to inspire students to dream big and reach their potential.

With the help of more than 100 volunteers, JA students develop the skills they need to experience the realities and opportunities of work and entrepreneurship in the 21st-century global marketplace.

Interested in volunteering for JA? Contact either your local Chamber of Commerce office or Scott Crutchfield at 863-402-5650 or Lily Romine at 863-603-0254 ext. 1.

Arc Resale Store offers bag sale

AVON PARK — Ridge Area Arc Resale Store is offering a bag sale on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your own bag and fill it with wearable items (clothing, socks, shoes, hats, belts, even handbags) for just $2 per bag.

The Arc has been blessed with an abundance of donations this year. The bag sale and other posted special sales will help the Arc reduce inventory to make room for newly donated items.

Arc's Resale Store is at 899 W. Main St. in Avon Park.

Fall vegetable class planned

SEBRING — It's that time of year again when we need to start thinking about getting ready for our fall vegetable garden. Soil preparation and proper pH is important to vegetable growth and we can start planting peppers and tomatoes soon.

UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension is offering a fall vegetable class on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Bert J Harris Agriculture Civic Center in Sebring. It is running from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and it is free and open to the public .

Call the extension office at 863-402-6540 to register.

Richmond to read to Scribes

SEBRING — At the next Scribes Night Out meeting today, featured reader Millie Richmond will be reading from her newest book, "Papa's Promise," that is due out in October.

"Papa's Promise" is a light mystery. In settling her parents' estate after they've died in a car crash, the protagonist discovers her dad was not her birth father. Determined to learn who is, she perseveres even though "somebody" is trying to keep her from finding out.

During the open mic session, Scribes Night Out members will read their 150 words or less stories based on one of these three prompts: The worst job I ever had, the best birthday I ever had or the best vacation I ever had.

SNO meets at Brewster's Coffee Shop every second and fourth Sunday of the month. They welcome all writers 18 and over, published or unpublished. There are no dues or admission charges. Meetings start at 6 p.m. Brewster's is south of Home Depot on US 27. For more information contact Art Lefkowitz 385-1554.

Orchid Society meets Monday

SEBRING — The July meeting of the Orchid Society of Highlands County will be Monday at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Jack R. Stroupe Civic Center, 319 West Center St., directly behind the Sebring Library.

This month's speaker is Jeff Adkins. He is from Ft. Lauderdale and is a master carpenter and will surely have some great advice for local orchid growers regarding mounting orchids on unique items and building greenhouses for your prized orchids.

Jeff will be bringing plants for our monthly raffle, as well as some plants he may have for sale. Light refreshments will be served immediately after the main meeting. Members are encouraged to bring their blooming plants in for "show and tell." Guests are welcome to attend the meeting.

For more information, please call Lori Coon at 863-414-3381

SNAPSHOTS
LOCAL NEWS

Woman charged with turning in stolen items for refund

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

SEBRING — An Avon Park woman is facing charges after allegedly taking items stolen from a store shelf and exchanging them at that store's customer service desk for gift cards.

Jennifer L. Barton, 29, of 604 Bill Head St. in Avon Park, has been charged with shoplifting (second offense) and dealing in stolen property, according to Highlands County Sheriff's Office arrest reports.

Reports said that at 4:33 p.m. May 30, she was at Lowe's Home Improvement, 2050 U.S. 27 N. in Sebring. Closed-circuit television recorded her walking through the front door with an empty shopping cart. Surveillance then recorded her in the lighting department selecting an Allen Roth 17-inch semi-flush mounted light valued at $99 and putting it in the cart.

Reports said she then wheeled the cart to the customer service desk and returned the item.

Since she did not have a sales receipt, a Lowe's gift card was issued to her for $105.93, the price of the item plus tax.

Then, on June 16, she entered the same store at 6:32 a.m. carrying a plastic shopping bag containing a South Wire Cable Cutter valued at $149 and two Real Organized Mount Rods valued at $1.68 each, reports said.

Again, she went to customer service and returned the items without a receipt, reports said. She was issued a gift card for $163.03.

In both instances, the items had not been purchased but were stolen from the store, according to arrest reports.

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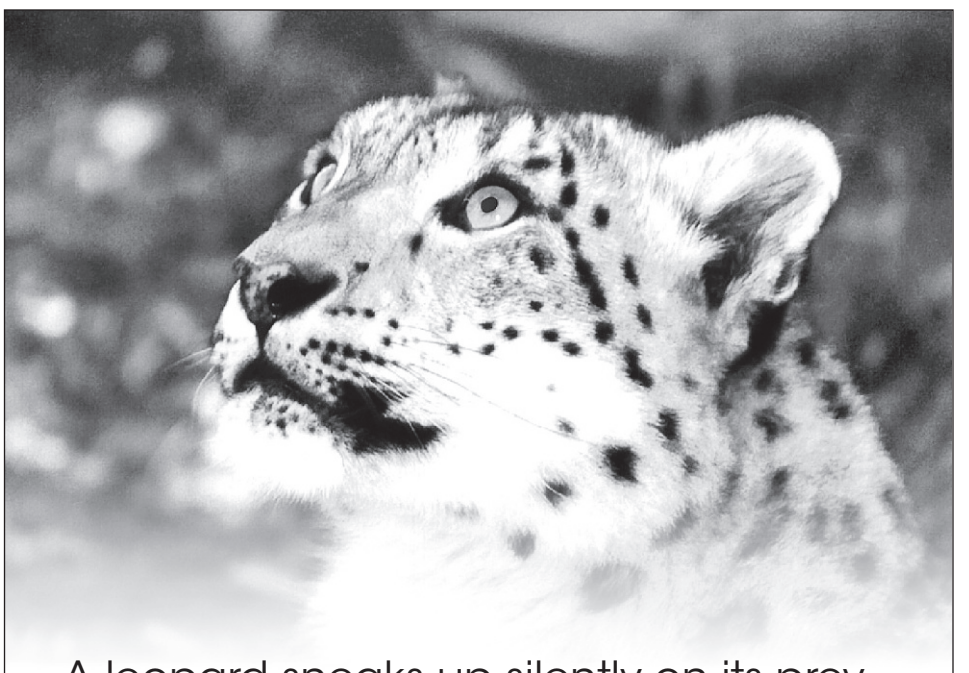
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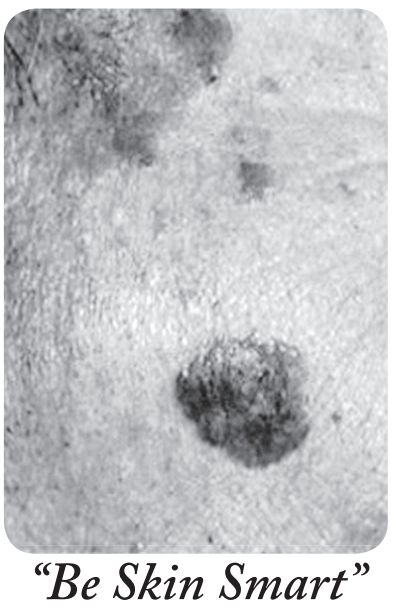
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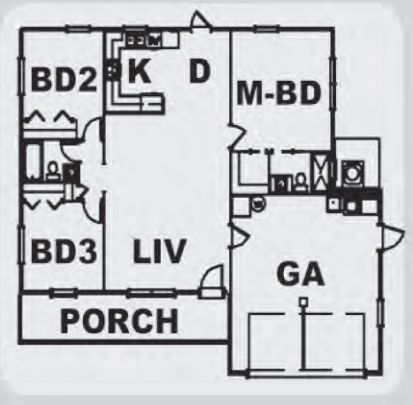

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OUR VIEW

Vote yes on tax measures

This editorial is asking a lot from all of us — maintaining the one-penny sales tax to continue funding county infrastructure projects, and granting The School Board of Highlands County half-cent sales tax.

The county has had a current one-cent sales tax in place since 1989, but it is due to expire in 2019. Chris Benson, administrative projects manager, said the tax will have generated $235.9 million over its 30-year life. The county is asking to extend it for another 15 years.

In the past the tax has paid for, among other things, a new Veteran's Services building, animal control improvements and new dog pens, Avon Park Library renovations, supervisor of elections equipment and resurfaced 560 miles of road.

Plans for the next 15 years, should the tax be approved, include an EMS ambulance fleet, sheriff's office patrol cars, a downtown EMS station, public works equipment, intersection and road safety improvements and an additional parking lot at the Sebring Health Department.

School boards are dependent on state funding. Through the Great Recession, housing values dropped, meaning property tax revenue dropped as well. Governments were forced to slash budgets, including the public school system.

As a result, maintenance issues were put off, as were upgrades in technology and safety issues.

According to Mike Ayvert, assistant superintendent for business operations, the half-cent sales tax will generate approximately $4.3-4.5 million annually over the next 15 years. This revenue may only be used for capital outlay expenditures.

The tax would be be used for safety and security projects like fencing and and cameras, technology to maintain and upgrade computers and software in the classrooms (essential in preparing our students for the high-tech world that will only transform faster in the future), maintenance projects for 17 schools and the district office, new construction for classrooms at Lake Country and Memorial elementary schools and finally to purchase buses to get back to the district's former 10-year replacement cycle.

We know the the same financial woes that plague governments haunt us citizens as well, and that while a penny and a half may not seem like much, it can take a bite when making a larger purchase.

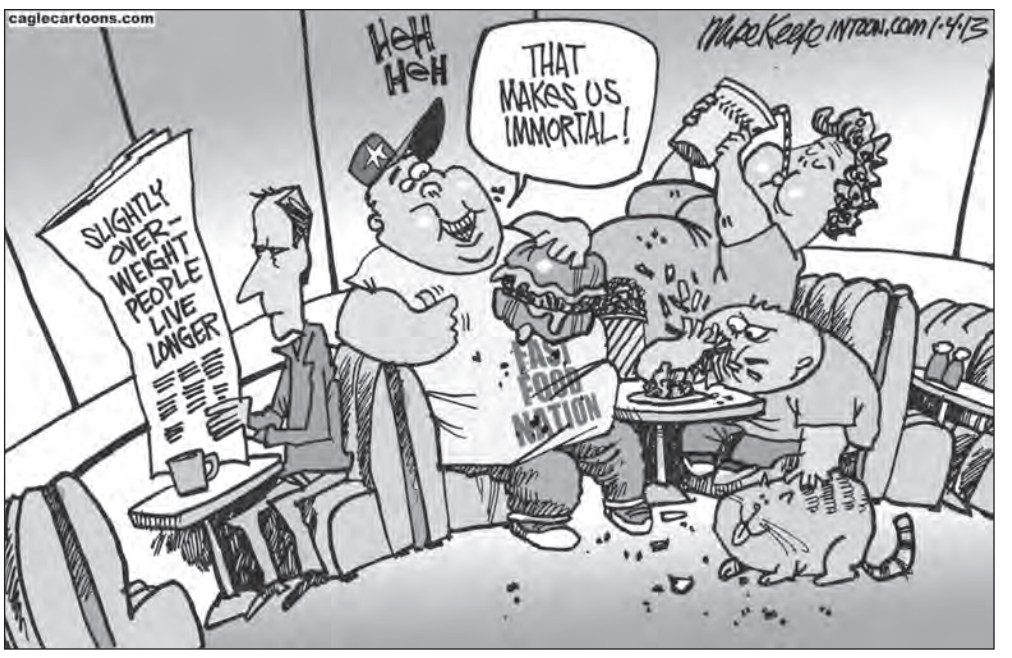
What we need to remember is that overdue repairs, safety issues and crucial emergency vehicles cannot materialize as the result of magical thinking. Funds need to be raised. We feel continuing to pay a penny we already fork over is not too much to ask for.

As for contributing a half-cent when purchasing a product, if it ensures our children a quality and safe education we feel it's not only a bargain in our own self-interest, but a civic responsibility.

Junk food junkies have their day

LAURA'S LOOK

Laura Ware



In case you missed it, July 21 was a holiday that I'm sure many Americans would be happy to celebrate. No, banks didn't close and the post office sent out mail, but it was an important holiday nonetheless, at least if you check out our eating habits.

I'm talking about National Junk Food Day. This was the day when, according to the website www.food.com, you were to forget your diet and "give in to whatever's calling your name…"

Knowing my fellow Americans, there's a good chance that a number of you celebrated this without knowing about the holiday – and have carried on with it extra days as well.

What is "junk food," you ask? Dictionary.com actually lists the phrase and defines it as, "food, as potato chips or candy, that is high in calories but of little nutritional value."

You might think looking at this that as long as you stay away from potato chips or candy you're fine in this department. Oh, no. Most fast food fare falls into this category, and don't forget delicious stuff like ice cream, pretzels, hot dogs…you get the idea.

Unfortunately for our waistlines, we have a love affair with junk food. Don't believe me? Drive down U.S. 27 and count how many fast food places line the road. Check out the parking lots of these establishments and you will see that a lot of your fellow citizens are in them, stuffing their faces with food that experts say will eventually make us fatter than pigs and then kill us.

I am not judging. I like me a good Burger King Whopper with cheese (no pickle, please). I spend my share of money in these fast food places. And do I have to mention my addiction to chocolate?

It is a shame to me that no one has managed to make the food that's good for us as tasty as the food that's bad for us. How come no one can make cauliflower, for example, taste like bacon? Broccoli taste like onion rings? Brussel sprouts taste like anything else?

The Bible tells us our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Many of us have to admit we've been taking lousy care of our temples. And we are going to have to make drastic lifestyle choices in order to get our bodies into any kind of healthy shape.

This probably means cutting back on our visits to those great-tasting fast-food joints. Please note I said "cutting back," not "cutting out." I think there is room in most people's worlds for an occasional Whopper or Big Mac. Just probably not every day.

Hard? It sure is. One of the problems of junk food is it's so convenient. In our hurry-hurry rush-rush lives it sometimes seems easier to grab something quick and tasty on the way home than to take the time to fix a remotely healthy meal. And contrary to what you might have read, a balanced diet is NOT a cookie in each hand.

Balance is the key to all this. Enjoy your junk food at times. Chomp into that burger! Suck down that milkshake! Lick up that ice cream cone! Just remember the healthy, if not quite as delicious, choices available to you that will keep you alive and well. Eat up those lean meats, those colorful vegetables, those luscious fruits! Be healthy and happy. I promise if you give this a try, I won't make you eat Brussel sprouts.

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YOUR VIEWS

Response to Teapublicans comments

Ms. Grimes, can you please point me to the documents that state "Head republicans held secret meetings to not pass any Obama legislation" and "They vowed that any law on the economy would be first on the list"? The facts that I have show the house has passed 40 job bills in the last 18 months that have yet to be acted on by Senate Democrats.

Please show me the documented facts.

"Anti Americans." Pretty harsh words considering an economy has only improved minimally, it definitely has not "dramatically improved."

Statistical facts July 22, 2014: The share of adults who are working is at 1984 levels, this is the worst recovery ever for long-term unemployed, more adults have left the workforce than found new jobs, Six years later, 32 states have yet to recover the jobs lost due to the recession.

Adults working-full time are at record lows prior to recession. Millions of individuals in the 25-45 age group are not working. Millions of jobs created are part time, many in workforce have had their hours lowered from 40 to 30 hours.

Personally I think your comments are totally un-founded, have no facts to back them up, what I have presented here is based on Bureau of Labor statistics, Market Watch, Federal GDP and Forbes. numbers.

JOHN NELSON
Sebring

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What world is that?

I was encouraged by Millie Grimes letter concerning the "economy." Sadly it turned out to be a tirade on the "teapublicans."

As to her version of the economy, we are living in the greatest of times. Her recital about the number of jobs which have been dramatically created, 52 months of "private sector" job growth. It really makes one feel great to think of how our economy and country are growing. But why do we have 40 million people on food stamps?

According to her the "teapublicans" are angry because of this upsurge in this utopian economy.

Then, I look at my country and feel it is going down the tube. Seventeen-plus trillion dollars in debt. The cost of food keeps going up every week, with hamburger at $4 per pound and milk also $4 per gallon. And to top this off the county wants to raise the sales tax.

Our country is being overrun by illegal immigrants, which are not just Hispanics but from all countries including the Middle Eastern people, whose primary concern is to destroy us and our country.

Reality keeps me from enjoying Millie's world, but I am glad that she enjoys the world we are living in today.

DICK FORD
Sebring

Editor's note: The county's one-cent infrastructure tax has been in place for many years and will be the ballot to be renewed. An additional half-cent sales tax on the August primary ballot is intended to fund the School Board's capital improvement projects.

Americans with Disabilities Act turns 24

This month marks the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It's a civ-

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VIEWPOINTS

Technology has its place

GUEST COLUMN

John MacTaggart

Recently, (in a letter to the editor that ran on Wednesday, July 23) Janice Magoon criticized cell phone use in church. Apparently, she has many qualms about cell phones altogether. After attending a worship service in Lake Placid, something she admittedly had not done in a while, she left with this reflection: someone on stage used a cell phone.

And this really bothered her. So much so that she wrote an article expressing her frustration.

The cell phone user happened to be my dad. She tried to explain in the article that she did not understand "cell phone speak" (not sure I have heard it called that before). She also said she understood that this person had downloaded some type of app.

He was actually pulling up his set list.

The irony in this situation burns. As she stands staring into a screen with words projected onto it prompting her on the next line to sing, she is getting frustrated at someone who is … staring at a screen with words projected onto it prompting him on the next song to play. And this blew her away.

Whatever happened to good ol' fashioned hymn books (sarcasm intended)?

In the letter, she made a note about Beethoven and questioned how he ever wrote his Fifth Symphony.

My dad is a volunteer harmonica player at his church. Surely Beethoven was not brought in for comparison. I mean, he is pretty stinkin' good if you ask me, but he is no Beethoven.

But she brings up a good question: Does technology have a place in worship? And does it have any limits? In the larger scheme of the American church, technology may have overstepped its bounds at times. There exist online services where you can create an avatar and select what seat you would like to sit it, and multi-cast projection screens. Maybe we have pushed the limits.

It should be noted, though, that Paul seemed fine using culture to make the Gospel known. In Acts 17, he preaches a sermon using an altar he found attributed to "an unknown god." It appears Paul didn't mind using culture as long as Christ was preached. Much more would need to be said about this passage, but we do see a precedent here.

Wherever the limit may be, I think the point is clear that using a cell phone to pull up a set list on stage hardly deserves as much attention as was given. Especially in the midst of such a glorious occasion as Church worship on Sunday. People for over 2,000 years have gathered together to celebrate the mystery of the death and resurrection of this God-man Jesus.

The bigger problem here is that we are no longer awed as a people by this message, but rather offended as spectators at a seemingly petty thing. The Gospel is surely more captivating than that. Maybe we should all give a better listen.

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RAGE

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Thomas Gabriel Watson, followed.

Zeigler and Leaphart were able to evacuate the vehicle and escape on foot as Watson crashed his vehicle purposefully into Zeigler's.

As Zeigler and Leaphart fled on foot, Watson pursued them in his vehicle and hit Zeigler, according to deputies. Watson left the scene and then paramedics were called. Zeigler was airlifted to a regional medical facility and was in serious condition Saturday afternoon, the HCSO reported.

Candy Crews, a relative of Leaphart's, told the News-Sun that Zeigler had suffered several broken ribs, a broken shoulder, a broken hand and that much of the skin on his back had been torn away.

Law enforcement located Watson's home at 658 Raccoon Lane, and found his truck there, but when deputies tried to make contact with the residents of the home, no one came to the door.

The deputies then learned that Watson may have had "several firearms" inside his home, so the SWAT team and Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) were called to assist at Watson's home and a search warrant was obtained. Watson eventually exited his home without further incident and was arrested. He was booked on two counts of attempted murder and two counts of aggravated assault with a vehicle.

Katara Simmons/News-Sun

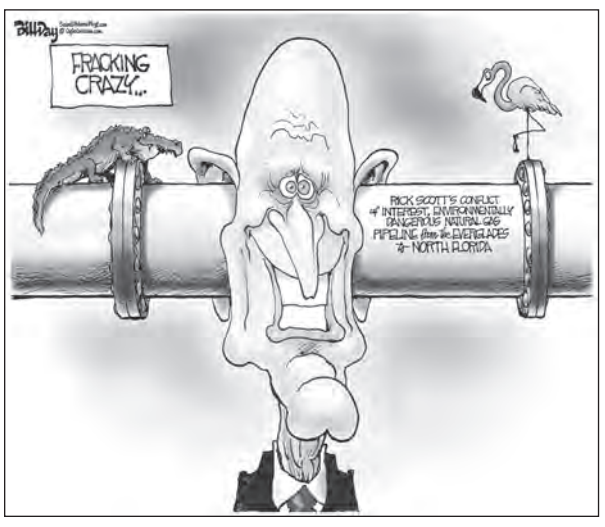
A truck parked behind a home at 658 Raccoon Lane was allegedly used during a hit and run Friday night in Lorida.

Neighbors of Watson's, who declined to be named, said Watson owned several guns and that this is not the first time he has been in trouble with the law. According to one neighbor, Watson has been charged with disturbing the peace and, particularly since last winter, the police have been called out to his Raccoon Lane residence "at least six times."

"(Watson) cusses, rants and raves throughout the neighborhood," Watson's neighbor, who asked not to be identified, said. "He once threatened my 14-year-old son in the middle of the road. He was just up in (my son's) face in the road. I had to go out and stop him."

The neighbor stated Watson was known to have "an arsenal" of guns.

Another neighbor said he used to drink a beer with Watson now and then, but "around five years ago," Watson "started acting weird" so the neighbor stopped seeing him. He said Watson once came to his house with "a couple of AK-47s" apparently just to show them off. He also stated Watson was constantly carrying a pistol. He called Watson "a pretty angry guy."



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il rights law that seeks to eliminate discrimination against people based on their disability. The ADA applies to discrimination in employment, state and local government services, privately operated public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications.

Ridge Area Arc and The Arc of Florida, non-profit organizations that advocate on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), have seen positive changes in these areas since the ADA was signed into law in 1990. Just a few years before its passage, many Floridians with I/DD were institutionalized. Today, many are living and working in their community.

While great strides have been made in our society, discrimination still exists. Attitudes, poor enforcement of the law, underfunded programs and fiscal difficulties in state and local government budgets all contribute to the on-going need to be vigilant advocates for full inclusion and equality.

There are still issues here in Florida. In 1999, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a landmark case Olmstead v. L.C. that unnecessary segregation of individuals with disabilities in institutions is a form of discrimination.

Despite this, our state continues to house some individuals with I/DD in institutions and children in nursing homes.

We hope our elected leaders will work to fund additional community-based programs, ensuring that all Floridians are treated equally and able to live in the community, where they belong.

RHONDA BECKMAN

CEO, Ridge Area Arc

OBITUARIES

JULIANNE HULL SINGLES

Julianne Hull Singles, 55, of Sebring, died July 24, 2014. She had previously resided in New Smyrna Beach, Lantana and Wisner, Neb.

Juli was born May, 1959 in Washington State and was raised by her maternal great grandmother, Adelaide Hull of Wisner, Neb. Juli was a gifted patient advocate by nature and a paramedic and nurse by trade. She earned Florida Paramedic certificate #3244 and became a registered nurse after graduating from Northeast Community College with a degree in nursing.

She moved to Sebring in 1997, where she worked at both Florida Hospital Heartland and Highlands Regional Medical Center as an ER nurse. In addition to her ER shifts, Juli was a flight nurse/medic for Air Trek Inc., where she transferred patients both domestically and internationally.

Prior to residing in Sebring, Juli worked in the Alarm Office for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and in rural healthcare settings in both Florida and Nebraska. Juli previously served on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross of Highlands County.

Juli was preceded in death by her great grandmother Adelaide Hull, her grandfather Henry Hull, and loving father (in law) Elwood Singles. Juli is survived by her husband Robert, her children: Daniel Hull, Winter Garden; and Robinn Lee Singles, Sebring; grandchildren: Dylan, Emma and Ava of Winter Garden; sisters: Jodi Martin-Miller of St. Petersburg and Jackie Martin Ferree of Washington, D.C.

SINGLES

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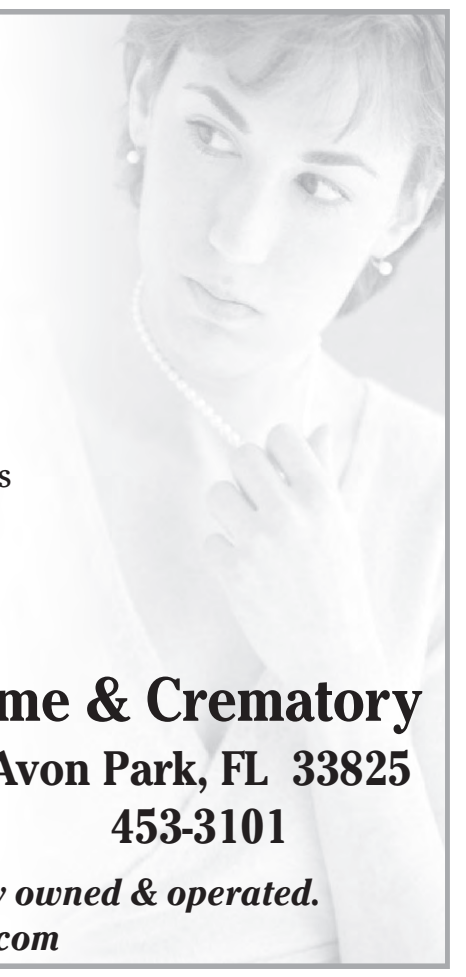

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ELWELL

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deficit of over $10.8 million.

"The commission has balanced the budget for the past few years by cutting expenses, using one-time monies and tapping into our county's 'savings account' — or Fund Balance," Elwell said. "After doing that for several years, we've emptied nearly all of the one-time monies, and the savings account is almost at its minimum threshold as well.

"The remaining options before us at our August budget workshops are to either make massive additional cuts, increase revenues through tax increases or try to find alternative, creative solutions."

Since he was elected back in 2010, Elwell has used the semi-annual meetings to both inform and receive information and ideas from the citizens on county issues. Many of those ideas have helped to stimulate discussion, and even helped to shape decisions at future commission meetings.

"This year's budget deficit is huge", Elwell said. "However, that means we have a responsibility to work even harder to help eliminate or reduce the amount of money needed to balance the budget, and I'm hoping to pick up a few suggestions from the folks in attendance, as I have in the past."

In addition to the budget, Elwell will have other topics of interest on the town hall agenda including the proposed extension of the one-penny infrastructure sales tax, countywide recycling efforts, the Sebring Parkway project and several more.

Elwell invites citizens from all political parties, groups and ideologies to attend.

"The more diverse the crowd, the more viewpoints we'll hear, and the more information that will get shared. That one voice you may not normally hear from might well be the one with the best solution," Elwell said.

As has become a tradition at Elwell's town hall meetings, the commissioner will provide pizza, sodas and bottled water.

For more information, contact Elwell at 863-381-5622.

Larry Griffin/News-Sun

The renovated sign, visible from U.S. Highway 27, was one of the first things B.V. Belk Properties did after acquiring the Lakeshore Mall this summer.

MALL

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front and have events on weekends to draw people in."

Liz Barber of the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce said the rumblings of changes to the mall have renewed interest among the community.

"If there's anything new, people will flock to it," Barber said. "There's a curiosity on what happened with the mall now, lots of neighborhood chatter. When they see what's going on there, there will be more traffic."

Barber's hope is that the renovations will make a difference in the local economy.

"Anything that gets people out and spending money is good for the economy," she said.

Belk is in tune with the pulse of Sebring. Prior to doing anything, he and his people visited Sebring and talked to people around town about what people wanted.

"I wasn't going to buy the mall unless I figured out what made it right," he said.

B.V. Belk Properties started work immediately after closing the deal to buy the mall on May 5. They have already completed the major landscaping repaired and painted the signs outside and done painting on the inside of the mall. They are starting to renovate the food court.

Later this summer, they will begin to paint the outside of the mall.

Belk wants to expand the mall to include more variety in retailers, more restaurants in the food court, new public bathrooms and a children's play area.

He also wants to add new faces in stores already in the mall and freshen them up to look more modern and inviting.

The Cinemarx Theater inside the mall will also be renovated, Belk said, and new lighting will be installed in the parking lot.

To accomplish these goals, Belk said investment management company Jones Lang LaSalle Inc. has been hired on to manage the mall.

They are expected to arrive before the end of the summer.

"We're going to make it a place Sebring can be proud of," Belk said.

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Crist meets with climate change expert

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Former Gov. Charlie Crist was given a climate-change lecture Friday and used the opportunity to point out that Republican Gov. Rick Scott isn't saying much about the issue.

Crist, now seeking his old job as a Democrat, was considered a national Republican leader on the topic when he served from 2007 to 2011 — twice holding climate-change summits that attracted international experts.

The candidate said Friday that he continues to believe it is a serious issue that threatens Florida, the state most vulnerable to rising sea levels. So the half-hour presentation from Florida State University environmental science professor Jeffrey Chanton wasn't to convince Crist there's a problem.

"It's to try to push the dialogue," Crist said. "I'm convinced. I'm a believer and I notice that my opponent, Rick Scott, would not meet with this wonderful scientist. It's important for people who have the opportunity to help direct policy to be open-minded and to listen."

Chanton and nine other scientists offered to meet with Scott on climate change after the governor deflected a question on the topic, saying he wasn't an expert. Crist immediately said he would meet with the scientists. Scott later said he would also meet with them, but he hasn't scheduled anything.

"I haven't heard from his office directly," Chanton said. "I'm sure he hasn't gotten around to it yet. I'm just waiting by the phone."

Scott's campaign on Friday didn't directly answer questions about whether the governor believes climate change exists and whether humans are causing our contributing to it. Instead, the campaign twice pointed out that Scott supports restoring the Everglades and other water projects.

JUNIOR

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cultural resources," said Highlands Hammock Park Manager Brian Pinson.

It is Pinson's latest initiative. He was tapped as the new chief at the Hammock this past February with an eye toward increasing the number of events and programs at the facility, which is one of the oldest state parks in Florida.

"We have all the materials and we are ready to go. It's already out on Facebook," Pinson said. "We have received some pretty good initial response.

Ranger Laura McMullen has been assigned to spearhead the project. As the park's Interpretive Chairperson, McMullen analyzes the park's cultural and natural resources. "As the chair, Laura helps to decide what kinds of programs we do, when we are doing them and what some of our topics or themes will be," Pinson said.

The idea will be to start with an afternoon program, marketed initially to home schoolers so that the initial surge will be manageable.

"If we get, like, 500 kids out here, we don't have the resources currently to support that kind of response," he said.

Later, Pinson said the park might try to get the Junior Ranger program incorporated into school curriculum, possibly with science classes.

It involves a series of worksheets and activities. Once completed, the applicant then can have their information submitted to the state of Florida.

"Once they become a Junior Rangers, the youngsters can get a free admission to the park, come back here and get a 'passport,' then once they do those activities they become eligible for patches, pins and other kinds of rewards," Pinson said.

In fact, the Junior Ranger program may not only be for the young. Pinson said there already has been interest around the state from some who are in their "second childhood."

"It's targeted toward the elementary and junior high school level," he said. "But we did this years ago and there were seniors groups that came in and wanted to be 'Junior Rangers' as well."

There is an initial batch of Junior Ranger program activities packets available at the Ranger Station at the entrance to the park. The first 40 were provided by the state. After that, said Pinson, the park will foot the bill for additional materials.

Reportedly, members of the Friends of Highlands Hammock citizen support group will help with that effort.

"We also are going to do a workshop at the park this Monday from 3-5 p.m.," McMullen said. "We'll go through the packet and explain the program to them."

The idea is to create interest in youngsters in nature and the park in general.

Those wanting more information can go to the Friends of Highlands Hammock Facebook page.

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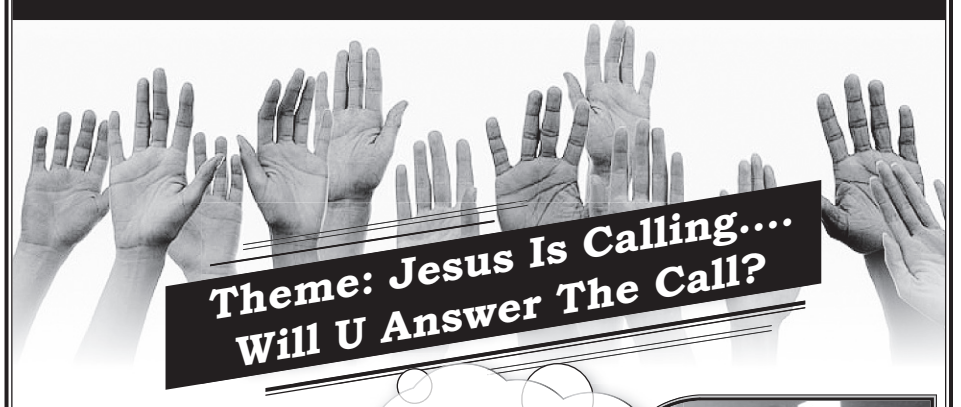

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Mark Fortier puts on his bunker gear Thursday at Placid Lakes Volunteer Fire Department in Lake Placid. When he started as a volunteer firefighter 35 years ago, the gear was a lot less protective.

HERO

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Fortier had been looking for a way to contribute to the community.

Coleman got a hold of him, asking him "What if you had a fire? Who would come?" Fortier said. "It all came together. Then it got into my blood."

"Back then," Fortier said, "there was not too much training. They just stuck you out there. It's a different world now. The county has a training officer, in addition we train all the time in-house. With volunteers ,you don't know exactly who will show up, so we get everyone trained so the first on scene can begin to get things up and going."

Back in the day, Fortier said, firefighters wore rubber boots, a long coat and little plastic helmets. Today's bunker gear is far more protective and weighs about 50 pounds. The gear costs $2,000 per firefighter. The breathing apparatus, perhaps the most life-saving addition, adds weight and costs $5,000. Another technological advance is the thermal imaging camera.

A huge difference, Fortier said, is the use of computers and software. "Back in the day, we didn't do reports, nobody cared — unless there was an injury or death, then there was a pile of it."

Getting Fortier to talk about how things have changed is easy to do. He doesn't have to asked about working with his fellow firefighters, he praises their ability and teamwork — including other departments and the Forest Service.

Getting him to talk about himself, however, is much harder. He doesn't remember his first fire, for example.

He did say his son was killed in an automobile crash. What gave him comfort was the way the Highway Patrol and responding firefighters treated his son and the situation with respect and compassion.

"That's when I tied firefighting with the Christian life, a Christian ministry. It's an important reason I'm still doing it." He added he talks about it to give others comfort.

Lt. Eric Hanks, who along with his brother Lt. Jeff Hanks and father Assistant Chief Scott Hanks have served with Fortier 10 or 11 years, said "He's a great guy and a great chief. He's an asset we'd hate to lose."

Blood smear leads to arrest in 9-month-old burglary case

BY PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Sheriff's deputies have made an arrest in a burglary that took place at the end of October in Lake Placid.

Deondre Mijahn Chisolm, 21, of 443 Maclyn Circle No. 5, in Lake Placid, is facing charges of burglary, grand theft and grand theft auto.

The owner of 234 Baltimore Way was away on Oct. 30, 2013, when the burglary took place, but according to arrest reports, a neighbor saw and reported suspicious activity, including seeing a man.

When Highlands County Sheriff's deputies arrived, they found someone had gotten in through a rear window over a sink. The house was ransacked, reports said., with several items thrown about.

One item was an Airsoft rifle on the victim's bed. It was collected as evidence because it appeared to have a blood smear on it. A swab was taken from it and sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement lab for analysis.

After contacting the absent owner, deputies were able to determine that a total of $10,600 in items was stolen:

- A Suzuki Burgman 650 motorcycle valued at $6,000.
- Eight Airsoft firearms valued at $3,250.
- An arrowhead collection valued at $1,000.
- A 32-inch television valued at $350.
- $500 in U.S. currency.

Deputies found the motorcycle in the brush off Foxhunt Avenue in the Highway Park area of Lake Placid. Then, on March 31, 2014, Detective Stuart Troutman with the Lake Placid Police Department notified the Sheriff's Office that he had received an identification on a blood swab in a police department case as Chisholm. Reports said he cross-referenced his results with the blood sample taken from the rifle and identified Chisolm as a suspect in the Sheriff's Office case.

Ike Lee, M.D.
Internal Medicine

- *Former Director of Geriatrics at Mt. Sinai Hospital*
- *Graduate of Northwestern Medical School of Geriatric Fellowship*
- *Graduate of University of Illinois Medical School*

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE RESCUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Avon Park will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of annual fire rescue special assessments for the provision of fire rescue services within the municipal boundaries of the City of Avon Park.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 25, 2014, in the Council Chambers, 123 East Pine Street, Avon Park, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Council within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Manager's Office at (863) 452-4400, at least three days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's

classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire rescue assessment schedules.

FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES	Rate Per Dwelling Unit				
Residential	$140				
NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES	**Building Classification (in square foot ranges)**	**Commercial**	**Industrial/ Warehouse**	**Institutional**	**Nursing Homes**
	< 1,999	$113	$43	$152	$1,104
	2,000 - 3,499	$226	$85	$304	$2,209
	3,500 - 4,999	$396	$148	$532	$3,866
	5,000 - 9,999	$565	$212	$760	$5,522
	10,000 - 19,999	$1,131	$423	$1,521	$11,044
	20,000 - 29,999	$2,262	$847	$3,040	$22,089
	30,000 - 39,999	$3,392	$1,269	$4,561	$33,133
	40,000 - 49,999	$4,524	$1,692	$6,081	$44,177
	> 50,000	$5,654	$2,116	$7,602	$55,221

Copies of the Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution, the Preliminary Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014-15, and the updated Assessment Roll are available for inspection at City Hall, located at 110 East Main Street, Avon Park, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2014, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Finance Department at (863) 452-4400, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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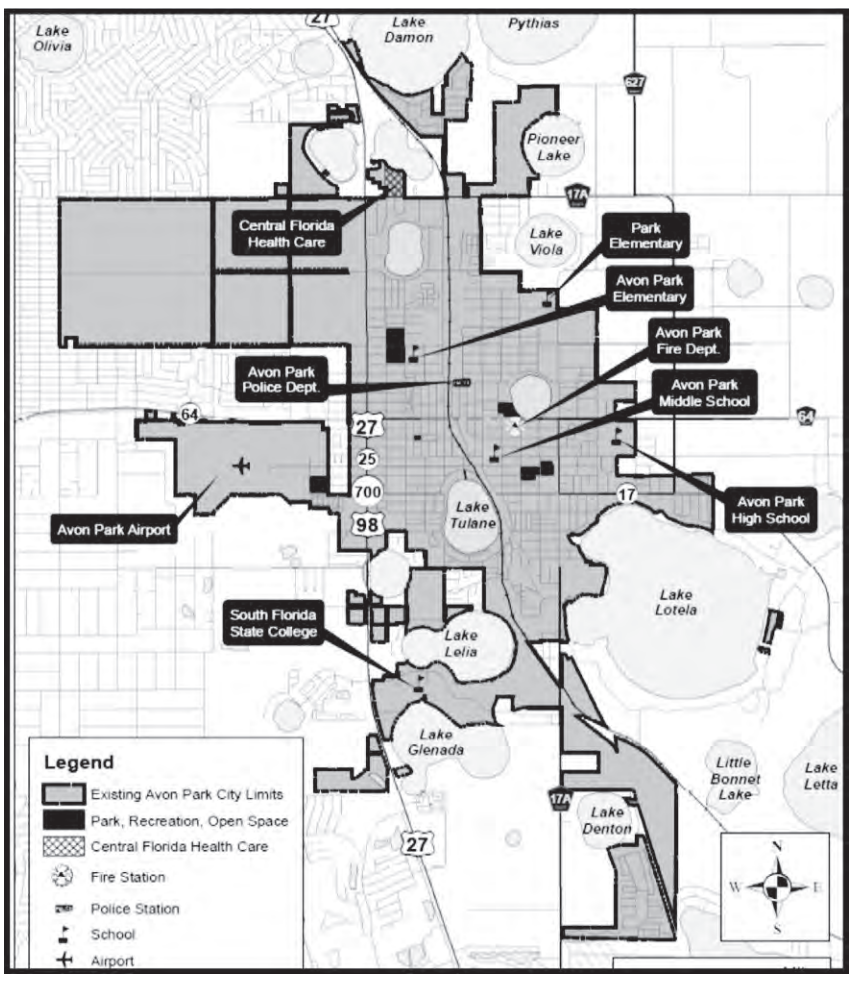

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SPORTS

Courtesy photo

The 2014 Sebring Pitching Machine All-Stars, also known as Team Florida, are the first-ever Dixie AA World Series Champions.

Sebring wins first AA World Series

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-SUN

TEXARKANA, ARK – Add another World Series crown to the annals of Sebring Dixie Baseball.

The Sebring Pitching Machine All-Stars have come so far in the past few weeks and it all culminated in winning the inaugural Dixie AA World Series on Monday in Arkansas.

They first won the District 8 Title in June earning them a spot at the state tournament in Marianna.

Then, on Wednesday, July 2, the boys claimed the State Championship, earning them a spot in the inaugural Dixie Youth AA World Series in Texarkana, Arkansas.

This, of course, lead to the team traveling more than 16 hours, but they sure made the trip worthwhile by bringing home the hardware.

The team, who became Team Florida, won the World Series with a record of 7-1.

Team Florida competed against 10 other states and a host team. Florida was randomly placed in pool play with teams from South Carolina, Texarkana, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi.

On day one, Florida was paired with Tennessee, which was a close game from start to finish.

Going into the sixth inning, the score was 8-7 in favor of Tennessee.

Florida's defense held Tennessee scoreless and needed some runs on the board in the bottom of the inning if they wanted a win.

Aiden Wyatt was able to single with an RBI scoring Jayden Garrett for the tying run, then Zain Carmichael stepped up to the plate with Brody Green, the winning run, on third.

He smacked one straight up the middle for a single and Green came racing in for a 9-8 Florida win.

Day two didn't start off too well as Florida was defeated 16-6 by Alabama as both the team's defense and offense seemed sluggish.

But a little break and some fun during the skills completion got the team back on track for games two and three of the day.

Florida was victorious over Texarkana 6-4.

The last out of the game was an excellent snare by third baseman Clayton Evans, who fired it over to first where Ezera Jackson, doing the splits, caught the ball for the out.

The next game up was against South Carolina, who was undefeated in pool play up until this point.

Theoffense was fired up and ready to go as Cody Littlefield and Jackson both had doubles with an RBI.

George Sebring tripled with an RBI during the game.

In the sixth inning with two outs, South Carolina sent one soaring into the outfield.

Racing into the gap in left-center, Rhett Vaughn leapt into the air for a diving catch that would end the inning and the game to strip South Carolina of their undefeated record with a final score of 12-7.

On day three, Florida's last pool play game was against Mississippi.

Florida needed to win it to stay in it, and that they did.

This was another close one coming down to the very end, with Florida down by two heading into the sixth.

The defense did their job and held them

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Catching up with – Heather Bloemsma

BY DAN HOEHNE
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It is quite an adjustment for anyone, going off to college for the first time.

For former Sebring soccer standout Heather Bloemsma, it was all the more so.

And while the Erskine College she attended in Due West, South Carolina has a student body in just the 500s, considering Bloemsma was home schooled, it was quite a jump.

"I took some classes at SFSC, so that helped prepare me a little for the school setting," she said. "But it was hard at first."

Oddly, it was on a trip home that opened her eyes to the transition.

"I got injured during the fall season and missed a couple of games so I came home for a visit," Bloemsma said. "And I realized that life had moved on and I couldn't wait to get back to school.

"I got to experience my first change of seasons, saw the leaves change in the fall, had a couple of snow storms, which were fun for the first couple of days."

Bloemsma is working toward a degree in special education and is on the fast track, having tested well ahead, but she's in no rush to finish.

"I have my first placement this fall already and could have my degree in three years," she said. "But I want to experience this for as long as I can. You only get four years of college so why rush to grow up. I'll be working for the rest of my life anyway."

That's as far as the whole college experience, while there is also one of the rea-

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Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Former Sebring soccer standout Heather Bloemsma showed she has what it takes as she earned a starting spot with the Erskine College Flying Fleet team as a freshman.

Dolphins talking playoffs as training camp begins

MCT photo

Ryan Tannehill and the Dolphins have high hopes as training camp gets underway.

DAVIE — Loosening up for their first training camp practice, the Miami Dolphins high-stepped sideways up and down the field while House of Pain's song "Jump Around" blared on the loudspeakers.

Pro Bowl cornerback Brent Grimes took in the scene and allowed himself a long yawn.

With the first game more than six weeks away, the Dolphins tempered their excitement Friday regarding the 2014 season.

Even so, every team is undefeated and optimistic in July, and the Dolphins were no different as they opened camp.

"We want to play deep into January and February," quarterback Ryan Tannehill said. "Our goal is to win the division and play in the playoffs. Anything less than that is not up to our standards."

Actually, that's way above the Dolphins' recent standards.

They haven't made the playoffs since 2008, which is also their most recent winning season.

They needed to win only one of their final two games last season but lost both by a combined score of 39-7 to finish 8-8.

Tannehill and coach Joe Philbin are back for their third season with the team, but a woeful offensive line has been overhauled, there's more depth at receiver and running back, and the defense has the potential to be excellent.

"We want to win. That's what we're all here for," new general manager Dennis Hickey said. "We're really excited about this team and what they're going to be able to accomplish."

Some prognosticators rank the Dolphins among the NFL's worst teams, but owner Stephen Ross anticipates postseason play.

"I don't think I start any season without wanting to make the playoffs," Ross said. "If you don't have those expectations, you shouldn't be in the game. You own a team because you want to create a winner."

On a 90-degree day, Philbin was already on the hot seat, and Ross was asked if the coach must make the playoffs to keep his job.

"I'm not going to say here he has to, because I can understand what the headlines would be," Ross said. "I like Joe Philbin very much. I'm expecting Joe Philbin to be here a long

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SPORTS ON TV

TODAY

AUTO RACING

■ NASCAR – John Wayne Walding 400	1 p.m.	ESPN

GOLF

■ Senior Open Championship	Noon	ESPN2
■ PGA – RBC Canadian Open	1 p.m.	GOLF
■ PGA – RBC Canadian Open	3 p.m.	CBS
■ LPGA – International Crown	3 p.m.	GOLF

MLB

■ Toronto at N.Y. Yankees	1 p.m.	TBS
■ Boston at Tampa Bay	1:30 p.m.	SUN
■ L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco	8 p.m.	ESPN

TENNIS

■ BB&T Atlanta Open	4 p.m.	ESPN2
■ World Team Tennis Finals	6 p.m.	ESPN2

MONDAY

MLB

■ Toronto at Boston	7 p.m.	ESPN
■ Milwaukee at Tampa Bay	7 p.m.	SUN

MLS

■ Los Angeles at Seattle	10 p.m.	ESPN2

TUESDAY

MLB

■ Milwaukee at Tampa Bay	7 p.m.	SUN
■ Colorado at Chicago Cubs	8 p.m.	WGN

WNBA

■ Chicago at San Antonio	8 p.m.	ESPN2
■ Los Angeles at Phoenix	10 p.m.	ESPN2

SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	57	45	.559	—
New York	54	48	.529	3
Toronto	54	50	.519	4
Tampa Bay	50	53	.485	7½
Boston	47	56	.456	10½
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Detroit	57	43	.570	—
Kansas City	52	50	.510	6
Cleveland	51	52	.495	7½
Chicago	50	54	.481	9
Minnesota	46	56	.451	12
West	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	63	39	.618	—
Los Angeles	61	41	.598	2
Seattle	53	50	.515	10½
Houston	42	61	.408	21½
Texas	41	62	.398	22½

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 4
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 4
Texas 4, Oakland 1
Chicago White Sox 9, Minnesota 5
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 4
Miami 2, Houston 0
L.A. Angels 2, Detroit 1
Baltimore 2, Seattle 1, 10 innings

Saturday's Games

Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, late
Baltimore at Seattle, late
Boston at Tampa Bay, late
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, late
Cleveland at Kansas City, late
Miami at Houston, late
Oakland at Texas, late
Detroit at L.A. Angels, late

Sunday's Games

Toronto (Happ 8-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Greene 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Peavy 1-9) at Tampa Bay (Archer 6-5), 1:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Carroll 4-6) at Minnesota (Pino 1-3), 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 2-4) at Kansas City (B.Chen 2-2), 2:10 p.m.
Miami (Ja.Turner 3-6) at Houston (Oberholtzer 2-7), 2:10 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 12-5) at L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 2-7), 3:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 5-5) at Seattle (Elias 8-8), 4:10 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 11-3) at Texas (Mikolas 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING–Altuve, Houston, .337; Cano, Seattle, .330; Beltre, Texas, .325; VMartinez, Detroit, .322; MiCabrera, Detroit, .316; Brantley, Cleveland, .315.
RUNS–Dozier, Minnesota, 72; Trout, Los Angeles, 72; Brantley, Cleveland, 68; Donaldson, Oakland, 68; Kinsler, Detroit, 66; Bautista, Toronto, 65.
RBI–MiCabrera, Detroit, 81; JAbreu, Chicago, 77; Trout, Los Angeles, 76; NCruz, Baltimore, 75; Ortiz, Boston, 73; Donaldson, Oakland, 72.
HITS–Altuve, Houston, 142; MeCabrera, Toronto, 131; Cano, Seattle, 127; Markakis, Baltimore, 123; Brantley, Cleveland, 122; AJones, Baltimore, 122.
DOUBLES–MiCabrera, Detroit, 36; Altuve, Houston, 30; Trout, Los Angeles, 30; Plouffe, Minnesota, 29; Hosmer, Kansas City, 27; Kinsler, Detroit, 27; Pedroia, Boston, 27.
TRIPLES–Rios, Texas, 8; Bourn, Cleveland, 7; Eaton, Chicago, 7; Gardner, New York, 6; 5 tied at 5.
HOME RUNS–JAbreu, Chicago, 30; NCruz, Baltimore, 29; Encarnacion, Toronto, 26; Ortiz, Boston, 24; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Moss, Oakland, 23; Donaldson, Oakland, 21; VMartinez, Detroit, 21.
STOLEN BASES–Altuve, Houston, 41; Ellsbury, New York, 28; RDavis, Detroit, 25; AEscobar, Kansas City, 22; Andrus, Texas, 20; JJones, Seattle, 20; JDyson, Kansas City, 19; Reyes, Toronto, 19.
PITCHING–Scherzer, Detroit, 12-3; Tanaka, New York, 12-4; Porcello, Detroit, 12-5; 8 tied at 11.
ERA–FHernandez, Seattle, 1.99; Kazmir, Oakland, 2.32; Tanaka, New York, 2.51; Lester, Boston, 2.52; Richards, Los Angeles, 2.62; Gray, Oakland, 2.72.
STRIKEOUTS–**Price, Tampa Bay, 183**; FHernandez, Seattle, 173; Kluber, Cleveland, 162; Scherzer, Detroit, 161; Darvish, Texas, 159; Lester, Boston, 149.
SAVES–Rodney, Seattle, 27; Holland, Kansas City, 26; DavRobertson, New York, 26; Perkins, Minnesota, 24; Nathan, Detroit, 21; Uehara, Boston, 20; Britton, Baltimore, 19.

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	56	44	.560	—
Atlanta	55	48	.534	2½
Miami	49	53	.480	8
New York	49	54	.476	8½
Philadelphia	45	58	.437	12½
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	58	46	.558	—
Pittsburgh	54	48	.529	3
St. Louis	54	48	.529	3
Cincinnati	51	51	.500	6
Chicago	42	59	.416	14½
West	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	57	46	.553	—
Los Angeles	57	47	.548	½
San Diego	46	56	.451	10½
Arizona	44	59	.427	13
Colorado	42	60	.412	14½

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 6
Philadelphia 9, Arizona 5
Washington 4, Cincinnati 1
San Diego 5, Atlanta 2
Miami 2, Houston 0
N.Y. Mets 3, Milwaukee 2
Colorado 8, Pittsburgh 1
L.A. Dodgers 8, San Francisco 1

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Washington (Fister 9-2) at Cincinnati (Latos 2-2), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Nuno 0-1) at Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 4-8), 1:35 p.m.
Miami (Ja.Turner 3-6) at Houston (Oberholtzer 2-7), 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-5) at Milwaukee (J.Nelson 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 12-5) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Volquez 8-7) at Colorado (F.Morales 5-5), 4:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 3-12) at Atlanta (Minor 3-6), 5:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 11-5) at San Francisco (Y.Petit 3-3), 8:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING–Tulowitzki, Colorado, .340; MaAdams, St. Louis, .319; AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, .318; Puig, Los Angeles, .315; Lucroy, Milwaukee, .314.
RUNS–Pence, San Francisco, 73; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 72; Rendon, Washington, 71; Rizzo, Chicago, 71; Tulowitzki, Colorado, 71; FFreeman, Atlanta, 68.
RBI–AdGonzalez, Los Angeles, 67; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 66; **Stanton, Miami, 66**; AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, 63; Desmond, Washington, 62; Braun, Milwaukee, 60; Howard, Philadelphia, 60; Morneau, Colorado, 60.
HITS–Pence, San Francisco, 125; **McGehee, Miami, 122**; AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, 121; DanMurphy, New York, 121; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 119; CGomez, Milwaukee, 117; DGordon, Los Angeles, 116.
DOUBLES–Goldschmidt, Arizona, 39; Lucroy, Milwaukee, 33; AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, 29; Span, Washington, 29; FFreeman, Atlanta, 28; Puig, Los Angeles, 28; SCastro, Chicago, 27; DanMurphy, New York, 27.
TRIPLES–DGordon, Los Angeles, 10; BCrawford, San Francisco, 8; Puig, Los Angeles, 8; 4 tied at 6.
HOME RUNS–Rizzo, Chicago, 25; **Stanton, Miami, 23**; Tulowitzki, Colorado, 21; Frazier, Cincinnati, 20; Byrd, Philadelphia, 19; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 18; JUpton, Atlanta, 18.
STOLEN BASES–DGordon, Los Angeles, 46; BHamilton, Cincinnati, 41; Revere, Philadelphia, 28; EYoung, New York, 26; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 21.
PITCHING–Simon, Cincinnati, 12-5; Wainwright, St. Louis, 12-5; Greinke, Los Angeles, 12-6; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 12-7; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 11-2; Lohse, Milwaukee, 11-4; Ryu, Los Angeles, 11-5.
ERA–Wainwright, St. Louis, 2.02; Cueto, Cincinnati, 2.18; Beckett, Los Angeles, 2.52; **HAlvarez, Miami, 2.62**; Teheran, Atlanta, 2.64.
STRIKEOUTS–Strasburg, Washington, 163; Cueto, Cincinnati, 148; TRoss, San Diego, 143; Kennedy, San Diego, 143; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 141; Greinke, Los Angeles, 140.
SAVES–Rosenthal, St. Louis, 30; Kimbrel, Atlanta, 30; Jansen, Los Angeles, 29; FrRodriguez, Milwaukee, 29; **Cishek, Miami, 25**.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	10	5	5	35	29	18
D.C.	10	5	4	34	29	20
Toronto FC	7	5	5	26	26	23
New York	5	6	9	24	32	31
New England	7	10	2	23	24	31
Philadelphia	5	8	8	23	33	35
Columbus	5	7	8	23	23	26
Chicago	3	5	11	20	27	33
Houston	5	11	4	19	22	40
Montreal	3	11	5	14	19	34
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Seattle	12	4	2	38	35	24
Real Salt Lake	8	4	8	32	31	26
Colorado	8	6	6	30	31	24
FC Dallas	8	7	5	29	32	29
Los Angeles	7	4	6	27	26	16
Vancouver	6	4	9	27	29	27
Portland	5	6	9	24	32	33
Chivas USA	6	9	5	23	21	33
San Jose	5	8	5	20	22	20

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Thursday's Games

Real Salt Lake 3, Montreal 1

Friday's Games

Colorado 3, Chivas USA 0

Saturday's Games

Sporting Kansas City at Toronto FC, late
Columbus at New England, late

Sunday's Games

FC Dallas at Vancouver, 5 p.m.
Portland at Montreal, 8 p.m.

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SPORTS

Lake Placid All-Sport Passes

Lake Placid – Lake Placid High School announced immediate availability of All-Sport Passes and football season tickets; enabling students, fans and supporters to purchase discounted passes to all home sporting events and reserved seating at home football games.

Many students and fans have already benefited from purchasing All-Sport Passes. The All-Sport Passes will grant admission to all regular season home contests hosted by Lake Placid High School.

The student All-Sport Pass sells for $50 and the adult All-Sport Pass sells for $75.

The passes will allow Green Dragon fans to attend regular season home contests at a great discount over paying individual admission for each game.

Football Season tickets are now available for all regular season home football games.

The season tickets allow fans to secure reserved seating to all regular season home football games (JV and Varsity).

The cost for football season tickets is $35; however, if an individual decides to purchase an All-Sports pass, they can add reserved seating at Varsity football games for an additional $20.

The All-Sport Passes and Football season tickets can be purchased in the front office at the high school.

Summer Sunrise 5K Series

SEBRING – The inaugural Summer Sunrise 5K Series has one more race this summer, taking place Saturday, Aug. 16 at Highlands Hammock State Park starting at 7 a.m.

The unique series will award trophies to winners in 5-year age divisions whose cumulative times in all four races are the fastest.

Individual races may be entered for $12, but will not be eligible for series awards or shirt.

Entry forms at: *cbrojek@comcast.net* at 385-4736.

Come test your skills in this exciting new race series!

Sebring Summer of Swim

Sebring High School will be offering swimming lessons with one session left on the docket, running from July 21-August 1.

Registrations are being taken 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 is open Monday through Friday from 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-3 p.m.

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

Dr. Tom McDonald 5k Race set

LAKE PLACID – Benefiting Samaritan's Touch Care Center once more, the Dr. Tom McDonald Caladium Festival 5K Race will take place Saturday, July 26, in Lake Placid.

The race will begin in front of Lake Placid's First Presbyterian Church located at 118 N. Oak Avenue at 7:30 a.m. with registration taking place early that morning until 7 a.m.

The entry fee is $20 through Friday, July 18, and will rise to $30 thereafter.

For more information and pre-registration, contact 863-465-2742, or email *info@fpclp.com* .

There will be dri-fit tee shirts available to the first 150 paid entries.

As has been the case in previous years, there will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser and concert the evening before the race, Friday, July 25, at First Presbyterian's Friendship Hall.

The dinner costs $8 and is served from 4-6:30 p.m.

The concert is free, although a love offering will be received for Samaritan's Touch.

The event honors the memory of Dr. Tom McDonald, a beloved dentist who practiced for many years in Lake Placid.

Dr. McDonald was an avid runner and athlete who conceived the idea of a 5K race to coincide with Lake Placid's now famous Caladium Festival.

Sponsors of the 5K race, in addition to First Presbyterian Church, include Smoak Groves, First Baptist Church, Heartland National Bank, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Leisure Lakes Baptist Church, Reynolds Farms, St. James Catholic Church, SunRidge Harvesting Company and "The McDonald Girls."

Golf for Welborn

SEBRING – A golf tournament benefiting a local man recently diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Golf Hammock Country Club.

A shotgun start at 8 a.m. will kick off the Best-Ball tournament supporting Mike Welborn, former West Sebring Volunteer fireman and long-time Dixie Youth Baseball coach.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. the same day, with the cost being $50 per player and $200 per foursome.

Included in the cost is 18 holes, a cart and lunch.

Players can pay $5 for a mulligan, and various prizes will be awarded throughout the day, including a raffle, closest to the pin and a hole in one grand prize.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Jim Higgins at 863-414-3981. Anyone interested in making a donation can make checks payable to Mike Welborn and mail them to 708 Porsche Ave., Sebring, FL 33872 or go to Highlands Independent Bank.

Firemen Memorial gearing up

SUN 'N LAKE – The 15th Annual Sebring Firemen's Memorial Golf Classic is set to tee off Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Sun 'N Lake Golf and Country Club.

The day-long tournament, which serves as one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, begins with registration at 7:30 a.m. and a cannon start at 8:30 a.m.

The format is a Four-person Scramble, flighted by handicap, utilizing both the Deer and Turtle Run courses.

The entry fee remains at $75 per player and includes range balls, lunch and a mulligan.

For nearly 90 years, the Firemen have sought to raise funds to help all area student-athletes and athletic programs, with this golf tournament as one of the most fun and memorable fundraiser of the year.

Deadline for entry is Thursday, Aug. 7, with a Pre-tournament mixer taking place Friday, Aug. 8, at the Sun 'N Lake restaurant, beginning at 6 p.m. for early registration and loads of hors d'oeuvres.

There are $100 hole sponsorships available, as well as $500 sponsorships that include signage on both courses and a free team entry.

Checks should be made payable and remitted to Sebring Firemen, Inc., P.O. Box 1981, Sebring, FL 33871.

Team entry agreements can be faxed to the Sebring Firemen, Inc. at (863) 385-7773.

The tournament is sure to draw an ever-growing field of players, so make sure to get those entries in to be part of a great day of helping the Firemen give back.

Panther Volleyball seeks announcer

AVON PARK – South Florida State College is looking for an announcer for the 2014 home Volleyball season which consists of 11 matches.

Match times are 7 p.m. and are mostly Tuesday and Thursday nights, with the occasional Friday.

The announcer must be have some announcing experience, minor knowledge of sound systems, and possess a high level of verbal enthusiasm.

For more information please contact Heather Schubert in the Panther Athletic department at (863) 784 7035.

SFSC Fall Baseball Clinics

South Florida State College will host two fall pitching and hitting clinics on Saturday's Aug. 30 and Sept. 6 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Camp has 30 pitching spots, and 30 hitting spots open for each day.

Ages 5-14 for hitting clinic, ages 8-14 for pitching clinic.

Cost is $25 per day for each camper.

Applications and payment can be done the morning of the clinic.

Call SFSC coach Rick Hitt to reserve your spot in the clinic today (863) 784-7036.

Florida Trail Association July Activities

Sunday, June 27

Hike at Circle B Bar

Location: Circle B Bar Reserve; 4399 Winter Lake Road (SR 540); Lakeland, FL

This is a moderately paced walk with lots of opportunity to observe wildlife. We will see the new exhibit on the Florida citrus industry along the Lost Bridge Trail. It will be a two-part walk. The first half will be approximately 2.5 miles. Those wishing to leave at this point may.

The second half of the hike will be approximately 2 miles. Meet at the Nature Center parking area. Pets are not allowed.

Bring hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, sun and insect protection, Binoculars and/or cameras.

Contact Jan Wells at 863-608-2046 (no texts) or *bkpknboots@aol.com* for meet up time and other information.

CHAMPS

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scoreless in the top of the inning and Austin Joiner started the offense off in the bottom half with a double.

Three straight singles followed, including a zinger that was hit into left field by Brad Benton.

Jackson then came up to bat with the bases loaded – with the tying run on third and winning run on second.

Jackson hit a grounder to the shortstop and took off running.

Just when he thought he would be out with the throw, the first baseman was unable to make the catch.

The crowd soon erupted as the two runs scored to end the game and move Florida into the number one spot for pool play and advancing them to the double elimination bracket.

The teams remaining for double elimination included Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas and South Carolina.

First up in bracket play for Florida was Arkansas.

In a nerve-racking game where Arkansas scored three runs in the sixth in an attempt to come back, Florida's defense stiffened and they held on for a 6-5 win.

They moved on to one final game of the evening against North Carolina who was undefeated in both pool and bracket play.

Florida jumped out with the lead as Brody Green and Chase Sevigny had key hits with an RBI each.

Florida led 13-3 after the fourth and the game was ended with the mercy rule.

Florida had no losses in bracket play which earned them a bye to the Championship game, with the Carolina's squaring off the following day to determine Florida's opponent.

On Championship day, North Carolina held strong and sent South Carolina home as the third-place team.

And now it was time for the grand finale, what everyone had come here for, the Championship game.

Florida was rested and ready to go and their confidence was shining through.

Courtesy photo

Cheers, hugs and somersaults highlighted the celebration after Team Florida got the final out to claim the Dixie AA World Series title.

A win would mean they were Champions and a loss would force the "if necessary" game.

A survey of the boys was unanimous that they wanted to end this in one game.

North Carolina had home field advantage, but Florida's offense was strong in the first managing two runs against a fierce defense.

Florida's defense was then on point as they put away the first three batters that came to the box.

By the end of the fifth inning, the score had only increased to 4-2 in favor of Florida and in the top of the sixth, Florida managed one more run on the board to nudge it up to a 5-2 margin.

Florida needed to hold North Carolina to two or less runs to avoid a second game.

The first ball of the bottom of the sixth was a grounder to Garrett at short.

He made a perfect throw to Jackson at first for the initial out.

Ball two was an infield fly that went straight into the glove of Sebring like it was a magnet.

The third batter then hit a high pop up over the head of the pitcher, Wyatt.

He made the catch for the final out and win, sending the boys into a wild celebration, raising Wyatt to their shoulders.

Team Florida had accomplished something that noone else can ever say they did – they were now the very first ever Dixie Youth AA World Series Champions.

A city celebration is being planned with a possible parade of the boys down Commerce Avenue on Tuesday, August 5.

The boys would love to see as many people as possible come out to support them.

Team updates can be found on their Facebook page at *www.facebook.com/2014SebringPMAllStars*.

The team would like to thank everyone that has supported them.

Many donations were made to help get them to both the state tournament and the World Series and they are very appreciative of the generosity and support.

MIAMI

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time. But every year you want to see improvement."

The Dolphins desperately need a better locker-room culture after a troubled relationship between offensive linemen Richie Incognito and Jonathan Martin led to a bullying scandal that sent the franchise reeling.

Incognito and Martin are gone, and the Dolphins brought in outside consultants for training sessions with players to foster better leadership.

Center Mike Pouncey, implicated in the scandal, said the culture will be much healthier this season.

"Coach Philbin and Mr. Ross have done a bunch of things to change that," Pouncey said. "Right now we're heading in the right direction. Everyone has bought into the way we want it done around here."

The start of camp came as Pouncey and his brother Maurkice were named in a lawsuit filed by three people who said the twins attacked them at a Miami Beach nightclub July 12.

The Pounceys' attorney has said the brothers were not involved in any altercation.

As anticipated, Pouncey (hip) and running back Knowshon Moreno (knee) began camp on the physically unable to perform list.

Both worked on the side Friday, and while Pouncey is expected to miss at least a couple of games, he said he's ahead of schedule in his recovery.

Moreno, who signed a $3.275 million, one-year contract after a breakout season with Denver last year, is expected to join practice sometime during camp.

Every other player passed his conditioning test.

Defensive end Dion Jordan practiced and will be allowed to play in exhibition games, even though he has been suspended for the first four games of the season after testing positive for a stimulant prohibited by the NFL.

Receiver Brian Hartline and Brandon Gibson were back on the field after recovering from knee injuries last season.

Koa Misi remained at middle linebacker after moving there from the outside as an offseason experiment deemed successful.

The first practice was predictably sloppy.

With Pouncey out, quarterback Ryan Tannehill dropped at least three snaps.

He misfired deep to Mike Wallace — a frequent occurrence last year — the first time he threw long, but they later connected on a 40-yard throw that brought a cheer from spectators.

While the stands were only half full, season-ticket sales are up, and the first three home games are projected to be sellouts.

"Miami wants to support a winner," Ross said. "We start winning, we'll have a lot more support, and there will be a lot more enthusiasm."

AP NFL website: www.pro32.ap.org and http://twitter.com/AP_NFL

New Zealand early winners in rugby sevens

DENNIS PASSA
Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — New Zealand extended its Commonwealth Games winning streak in rugby sevens to 26 matches with a 39-0 win Saturday over Canada to open the competition at Ibrox Stadium, the 115-year-old home of Rangers football club.

The teams met in the Glasgow final of the IRB sevens tournament in May, when New Zealand again dominated 54-7.

There were a number of other one-sided matches early Saturday in the two-day, 16-team tournament — Wales beat Malaysia 52-0, South Africa blanked Trinidad and Tobago 36-0 and Australia defeated Sri Lanka 62-7.

More than 185,000 sevens tickets have been sold, with all medal matches sold out on Sunday.

New Zealand has won all four previous Commonwealth Games golds.

Rugby sevens will debut as an Olympic sport in 2016 at Rio de Janeiro.

Ben Lam scored two tries for New Zealand.

"It was great to keep them at zero points," Lam said. "We got on top of them early, pushed and kept the press on them."

Fiji, which has won two silver medals and a bronze at the Commonwealth Games, will not be competing.

Although the country was partially reinstated to the Commonwealth after a promise to hold democratic elections, the decision came too late for organizers to revise the draws to include the South Pacific island team.

ENGAND WINS TEAM TRIATHLON: England continued its domination of Commonwealth Games triathlon when it won the mixed teams relay Saturday, with South Africa second and Australia taking bronze.

Olympic champion Alistair Brownlee and Jodie Stimpson, who won the individual men's and women's races on Thursday, were members of the four-person England team.

The two women and two men in each team complete a mini-triathlon of swimming, cycling and running before tagging their teammate.

HEATHER

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sons she chose to attend Erskine – to play soccer.

The Flying Fleet are in a rebuilding process, with a lot of younger players, which Bloemsma knew would give her a chance to compete for playing time.

And that she did.

"We had an intrasquad game during the preseason for the coaches to evaluate us and I won the MVP of that game," she said. "I came in with a recruiting class of 11 players and four of us ended up starting."

"It was tough for us as a team at first though because there were girls coming from very different types of soccer," Bloemsma continued. "There were two girls from England, two from Australia and from different states, so it kind of took us a while to come together and figure out how best to play with each other."

There were also some physical match ups that taught her some new things.

"In high school, I would only have match-up problems with some school's, like McKeel Academy, which had bigger girls," she said. "In college, everyone's bigger. I mean I'm strong and a physical player, but there are disadvantages to being 5-2."

But Bloemsma just took it on as another challenge to get better, work harder and make those match ups more even.

"It was humbling, but it showed me what to do to catch up."

And with her first season, and year away at school behind her, Bloemsma is eagerly looking ahead.

"We have another recruiting class of eight girls coming in that we'll be working into the team and how we play," she said. "I have a core group of friends there and it's been tough this summer. It's nice to be home, but I'm anxious to get back.

"It's been an adventure, I've grown up a lot and learned some life lessons through stepping out alone," she added. "At times it has been a challenge to stand on my own two feet, but I had fun through it all and I'm ready to go back and do it again."

Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Bloemsma faced some challenges both on the pitch and with college life, but made adjustments and is eager to get back to it.

Time trial stage underway at Tour de France

BERGERAC, France — Riders are setting off one-by-one in the Tour de France's Stage 20 time trial, with two places on the final podium beneath yellow-jersey holder Vincenzo Nibali up for grabs.

Last-placed Ji Cheng of China was first off on the 54-kilometer (34-mile) rolling route from Bergerac to Perigeuex as riders set off in reverse order of the overall standings.

Italy's Nibali has a near lock on victory, leading by more than 7 minutes over second place Thibaut Pinot of France.

Three-time world time-trial champion Tony Martin of Germany is the favorite to win the stage.

Florida's Whitney wins world junior 200 meters

EUGENE, Ore. — Kaylin Whitney of Florida overcame a yellow card to win the 200 meters Friday night in the IAAF world junior championships at Hayward Field.

The world youth record holder in the event, Whitney was shown a yellow for what appeared to be a false start but she was not disqualified, going on to win in a wind-aided 22.82 seconds.

At 16, she became the youngest gold medalist at the international event that runs through Sunday.

"There was an issue with the blocks, but I knew it would be OK because I was here for a reason," she said.

This month at the U.S. junior championships, the 16-year-old broke the world youth record in 22.49, besting the 17-and-under mark of 22.58 set by Marion Jones in 1992.

This week at the worlds, the incoming junior at East Ridge High School in Clermont, Florida, claimed the bronze medal in the 100.

The U.S. team got another gold with Trentavis Friday's wind-aided 20.04-second victory in the men's 200.

Friday is an incoming freshman at Florida State.

"It was windy today but I just wanted to try to win the race," he said. "Time didn't matter, fast is fast and I just wanted to win today."

Fellow American Kendall Baisden, who will be a sophomore at Texas, won the women's 400 in 51.85.

It is the first time the junior world championships have been held in the United States.

Nearly 1,600 athletes from 170 countries are taking part in the event that runs through Sunday.

Sanctioned by the sport's international governing body, the junior worlds include athletes born between 1995 and 1998.

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You Nailed It

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Tips for a Perfect Manicure

With so many wonderful nail care products available, it's easy to turn your home into your own mini salon. Here are a few simple tips to achieve a perfectly manicured set of nails.

REFRESH YOUR LOOK

Brighten up any day or night with brilliant color. Give your nails personality with the beautiful shades from the Revlon ColorStay collection with flirty hues, such as Bubbly or Trendy.

BRIGHTEN UP WITH HOT HUES

Small, chic updates to your look don't require spending a fortune. Paint those nails pretty with the most sought-after colors of the season — vibrant neons. To get the look, check out the Sittin' Pretty or Vices Versa shades by Essie.

AT-HOME INNOVATIONS

While many women rush to their local salon for professional gel procedures, new at-home products provide the same look, feel and durability. Some manufacturers even offer gel products that don't require an LED light for application.

Tips for perfectly pretty nails

Polish Your Look

Whether you want a pop of color to match a new outfit or a subdued nude overlay, a perfect polish is the final step needed to complete a well-crafted look. No matter your personal style, there are hundreds of shades to choose from. To nail your ideal shade, visit a store that has a wide color selection of nail polish, like Walgreens, which has over 8,000 convenient locations for all your beauty needs.

Make Moisturizing a Habit

Before you break out the polish, be sure to also give proper attention to your hands. Invest in a deeply hydrating formula of hand cream or body lotion and apply to hands throughout the day, every day. Some key ingredients to look for include retinol, vitamin B and alpha-hydroxy acids, which work together to provide smooth, supple skin from the fingertips to the palms.

Maintain Your Manicure

The signs of healthy nails include a strong, smooth surface, free of dents and dings, with a consistent, uniform color throughout. Invest in quality nail care supplies to keep them looking their best. A complete kit should include a fingernail clipper, cuticle stick, emery board and a buffer. While the rate at which your nails grow can vary from person to person, filing about once a week is a good way to keep up with maintenance. Of course, filing is a good idea any time chips, breakage or rough edges appear. For the best results, cut and file right after bathing when your nails are soft. The Studio 35 beauty line offers nail implements and all the basics you need to maitain your manicure, such as Nail Polish Remover Liquid, Jumbo Cotton Balls and Buffing Blocks.

Cuticle Care

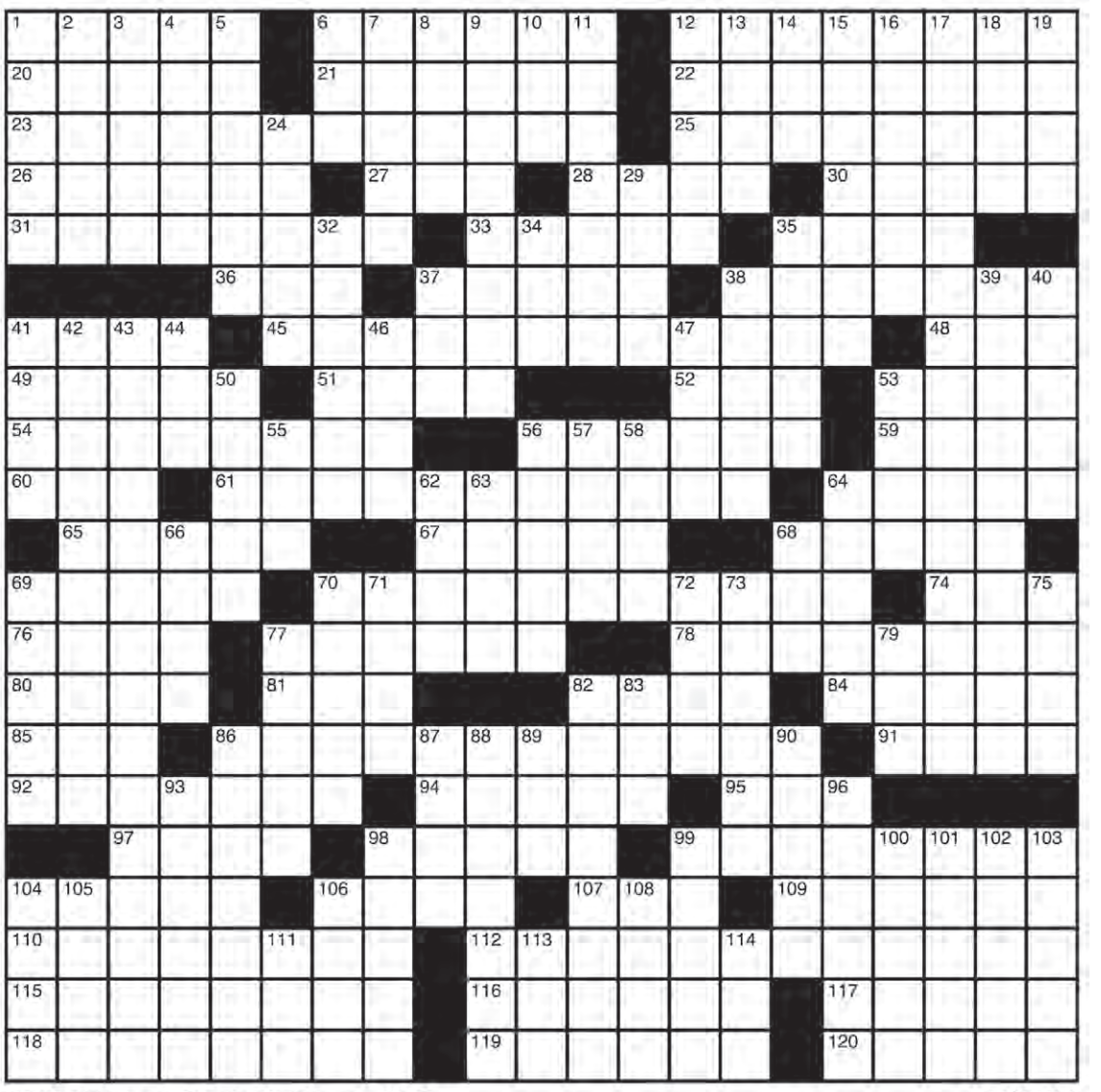
The cuticle located above the nail bed also requires proper moisture, so be sure to use a special cuticle formula or your favorite lotion to apply onto this area. If you have brittle nails, invest in a strengthening base coat before you begin to polish, such as Essie Grow Stronger Base Coat, Smooth & Protect.

By keeping your nails looking maintained, clean and polished, you'll set the tone for your beautiful appearance.

For your nail care needs, visit your local Walgreens or shop online at walgreens.com.

Double talk

By Ed Sessa



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Solution on B5

Across

1 Be a slacker
6 Soft-bodied swimmers
12 Kin of raspberries
20 One may be seen with glasses
21 Forgoes
22 Like sloths
23 "Uh-oh, there's a ball and glass shards under the window"?
25 "No sweat"
26 Prohibited
27 Organ with a drum
28 Small strings on the Big Island
30 Presages
31 Destroys, as illusions
33 Forced with a crowbar
35 68-Down maker
36 __Kosh B'Gosh
37 Rhone feeder
38 "The Great Schnozzola"
41 Taj Mahal setting
45 "Give 20% for great service"?
48 St. leader
49 Dull-edged
51 Trekkie, to some
52 Get into
53 "__ se habla espa–ol"
54 Wrigley's Big Red flavoring
56 Silver lining
59 Pitch
60 RR stop
61 "You shoulda seen the one that got away"?
64 Composer Camille Saint-__
65 Link up with
67 "The Dark Knight" director Christopher
68 Brazilian dance opener
69 Jamboree quarters
70 "The children were angels and in bed by eight"?
74 "Enough already!"
76 Therefore
77 Like this answer
78 Things
80 Indian flatbread
81 Mauna __
82 Part of a family business name
84 Unmanned flier
85 Copier size: Abbr.
86 "Hooray, you're up!"?
91 Hold 'em opener
92 Most monumental
94 Aloe targets
95 Batt. terminal
97 Sources in a modern bibliog.
98 Playwright Chekhov
99 Mason
104 '50s first lady
106 Cocktail hour spread
107 Hieroglyphic serpent
109 Wisconsin city on Lake Michigan
110 Mass approval
112 "Here's a good way to use your comb"?
115 Beltway
116 Each
117 Like a good watchdog
118 Chant
119 Headed for the Styx
120 Helps through difficulty, with "over"

Down

1 Lou of Fox Business Network
2 TV book club creator
3 Actress Davis
4 "__, Therefore I Am": Dennis Miller book
5 Become fond of
6 Possess
7 Cockatoo quarters
8 '90s "New Yorker" editor Brown
9 Didn't shop around, maybe
10 Benchlike seat
11 Distributing
12 Liked, with "for"
13 Greek war god
14 Not decided, in skeds
15 Comic with a satiric news show
16 Colorful ring
17 "Who's ahead?"?
18 Zap
19 Stone and others
24 Caesar's "that is"
29 Maintain
32 Endangered Sumatrans
34 Kim Possible's sidekick __ Stoppable
35 "An Inconvenient Woman" novelist
37 Three-mo. period
38 LED component
39 Open, for one
40 Bad things
41 Kindergarten basics
42 People people
43 "A daily jog is good for you"?
44 Gothic novelist Radcliffe
46 Phnom __
47 God in both Eddas
50 Political family spanning three centuries
53 Cries of discovery
55 Mine in Milan
56 Citrus hybrids
57 It may contain steps
58 Perform, in a way
62 Digging
63 Have-__: disadvantaged ones
64 Reliable, as a citizen
66 Prince William's alma mater
68 35-Across order
69 Workout wt.
70 Jamboree attendee
71 Some savings accts.
72 Prefix with diction
73 Not posted yet
75 "Understood"
77 Puzzled, after "at"
79 La-la lead-in
82 Script outline
83 Aptly named Quaker cereal
86 Master again
87 Ain't good?
88 Place for a to-do list
89 Garden product word
90 Bankruptcy result, briefly
93 "__ Viejo": Carlos Fuentes novel
96 Plague
98 "Duck Dynasty" airer
99 Rub ingredient
100 Bacteria found in the GI tract
101 Stuck in muck
102 Wrestler known as "the Giant"
103 Tweeting locales
104 Spouse on the Seine
105 Ugandan despot
106 Organic fuel
108 Poppy prop
111 Minn. shopping mecca
113 GI's address
114 Beatty of "Deliverance"

WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

ARIES — Now is a great time to research a potential career change, Aries. You're feeling motivated and ready to try something new, so now might be the time to take that leap.

TAURUS — Technology plays a big role in your life this week, Taurus. Your office may be upgrading new equipment, or you have decided to rewire your home.

GEMINI — Gemini, take a deep breath and go with the flow when you find yourself unusually busy this week. A change of plans may find you spending more time at the office.

CANCER — You're in for a nice financial surprise this week, Cancer. Whether it's a raise at work or some other financial windfall, money is coming your way shortly.

LEO — Leo, expect some unexpected visitors this week. Straighten up around the house and make the most of this unplanned time with a few old friends.

VIRGO — Friends or colleagues at work may introduce you to something that captures your interest, Virgo. You are ready for something new in your life, and this will tickle your fancy.

LIBRA — Travel is in your immediate future, Libra. Enjoy this escape from the daily grind and invite a few friends or family members along to make the trip that much more memorable.

SCORPIO — Good news is on the horizon, Scorpio. It may be a pending promotion at the office or a chance to go out with friends, but either way it will put a smile on your face.

SAGITTARIUS — Expect your life to change dramatically this week, Sagittarius. An intriguing bit of news could have you imagining all sorts of interesting things for the months to come.

CAPRICORN — Capricorn, if you're itching for change, look no further than your own family members for inspiration. Good advice is always available if you care to ask.

AQUARIUS — Aquarius, a busy week ahead will also be a happy week. That's because you will be busy doing something that you enjoy and the time will fly by. Enjoy the ride.

PISCES — Pisces, jump at the chance to get away and enjoy an unplanned adventure. The next few days may provide the experience of a lifetime.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

July 27: Maya Rudolph, Comic Actress (42); July 28: Manu Ginobili, Athlete (37); July 29: Josh Radnor, Actor (40); July 30: Laurence Fishburne, Actor (53); July 31: Zac Brown, Singer (36); August 1: Jason Momoa, Actor (35); August 2: Kevin Smith, Director (44)

Everyday walk in the park is marred by man's silent stare

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my 30s. Every morning I walk my dog in the park near my house. Each morning I see the same maintenance man in the park and he stares at me in a way that makes me uncomfortable. I have tried saying "Good morning," but he doesn't reply and just continues to stare.

I don't think I should have to stop frequenting the park because this creepy man works there. Is there a way I can confront him about his staring without making the situation more uncomfortable? — DOG WALKER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR DOG WALKER: Has it occurred to you that the man may be mute, or perhaps doesn't speak English? Talk to some of the other women who frequent the park and ask if this happens with them, too. There may be an explanation for his behavior, and he may be perfectly harmless.

If you are still uneasy after that, contact the parks department. But I'd hate to see someone lose his job who might be concerned only about whether you're picking up after your dog.

DEAR ABBY: When my son visits me, he stays in a hotel with his family instead of in our home. When he visits his parents-in-law, he stays in their home. His in-laws would consider it disrespectful if he didn't.

DEAR ABBY

He used to stay here before he got married. His siblings and I feel hurt and disrespected, and we also think it is inappropriate. When his siblings visit, they stay at our home.

My wife died 19 months ago. I know if she were here, he wouldn't even think of staying anywhere else. How should I (and my other children) handle this? — PROUD DAD IN NEVADA

DEAR PROUD DAD: The important thing is that they are visiting and sharing good times with you, not where they stay. I'm sure they have their reasons for wanting to sleep at the hotel. At the end of the evening, they may crave some private conversation. Or, your daughter-in-law may feel uncomfortable now that your wife is gone. The way I would handle it is to simply ask them why, without being confrontational.

DEAR ABBY: When I attended the recent funeral of a family member, I saw someone walk up to the open casket and begin taking photos of the deceased. Then, if that wasn't enough, the person asked the deceased's caregivers to pose by the body!

I feel it was in extremely poor taste. Am I wrong? I know I'll see the "photographer" again at future funerals. — BAFFLED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR BAFFLED: In some cultures it is not offensive to take photos of people in their coffins; it is accepted, and relatives cherish these last mementos of their loved one. If you follow that logic, then it's understandable that having a photo of the deceased with the people who cared for him or her at the end would not only NOT be in poor taste, but would be desirable. I don't advise challenging the photographer unless you're sure everyone else feels as you do.

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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!

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ANSWER:

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

Business

B&E Graphics & Signs ready to spread art around Sebring

By LARRY GRIFFIN
Staff Writer

SEBRING — We all love expressing ourselves in creative ways. For a business especially, an eye-catching graphic, logo or sign can go a long way towards establishing a unique identity and gaining recognition.

Enter B&E Graphics & Signs. Started by Sebring residents Brian and Liz Dalke (who previously worked a lawn business) after they saw a wrapped trailer that caught their eye, the business has been up and running since early 2014. They specialize in wrapping full-size graphics onto hard surfaces for pure aesthetic beauty or for business purposes.

"Wrapping" in this case means colorful, imaginative graphics designs printed on vinyl. Then they are laminated and laid onto a trailer, a car or anything else with a hard surface.

After the initial "Eureka" moment, the Dalkes spent three months preparing to open their new venture. They sought education in Fort Lauderdale, at a 3M installer training class that taught them how to install wrap onto trailers, concrete, brick, motor vehicles and "anything else they can wrap a sign to," according to their Facebook page.

The set up of their own space proved to be more time consuming. After moving into a location on North Ridgewood Drive in January, they had to acquire the equipment to produce and laminate their designs — which they did one piece at a time, until, in February, they finally had everything they needed.

Even then they weren't done. To ensure that they knew how to use every piece of equipment they bought, the Dalkes also brought in technicians to teach them how to use it. This process took three days, but once it was finished, the Dalkes were finally feeling confident in their graphic-designing abilities.

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Liz and Brian Dalke stand outside their B&E Graphics location, with a flashy sign sure to draw many wandering eyes in exactly their intention.

Since opening, the monthly Wine Walks in downtown Sebring have proved an asset in gaining customers. Especially since, as Liz admitted, B&E Graphics does not do much advertising.

The advertising, however, is done for them in the form of the colorful, exuberant graphics that adorn customers' vehicles. Sometimes, these graphics are merely for show, such as one they did for an individual's PT Cruiser: they made his hood a shiny chrome color that looked better against the black exterior of the rest of the car.

Other times, they do work to make business vehicles and carts more attractive. Liz relayed one story of a food cart owner who was pleased with the graphic they wrapped onto his cart.

"His excitement (over the graphic) made me realize, wow, this is all real, we're running a business now," Liz said. "Their excitement makes it all worth it."

B&E Graphics is located at 104 N. Ridgewood Drive, and can be reached at 863-385-9727. They are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fast food workers prepare to escalate wage demands

CHICAGO (AP) — Fast food workers say they're prepared to escalate their campaign for higher wages and union representation, starting with a national convention in suburban Chicago where more than 1,000 workers are expected to discuss the future of the effort that has spread to dozens of cities in less than two years.

About 1,300 workers will attend sessions Friday and Saturday at an expo center in Villa Park, Illinois, where they'll be asked to do "whatever it takes" to win $15-an-hour wages and a union, said Kendall Fells, organizing director of the national effort and a representative of the Service Employees International Union.

The union has been providing financial and organizational support to the fast-food protests that began in late 2012 in New York City and have included daylong strikes and a protest outside this year's McDonald's Corp. shareholder meeting that resulted in more than 130 arrests.

"We want to talk about building leadership, power and doing whatever it takes depending on what city they're in and what the moment calls for," said Fells, adding that the ramped-up actions will be "more high profile" and could include everything from civil disobedience to intensified efforts to organize workers.

"I personally think we need to get more workers involved and shut these businesses down until they listen to us," perhaps even by occupying the restaurants, said Cherri Delisline, a 27-year-old single mother from Charleston, South Carolina, who has worked at McDonald's for 10 years and makes $7.35 an hour.

Delisline said she and her four girls live with her mother, but the family still has difficulty paying utilities and the mortgage while providing for her children. She said she has not been to a doctor in two years and does not get paid if she stays home sick.

"To have a livable wage, it's going to need to be $15 an hour," said Delisline. "We make the owners enough money that they have houses and cars and their kids are taken care of. Why don't (they) make sure I can be able to do the same for my kids and my family?" she said.

The campaign comes as President Barack Obama and many other Democrats across the country have attempted to make a campaign issue out of their call to increase the federal and state minimum wages.

The current federal minimum wage of $7.25 an hour translates to about $15,000 a year for someone working 40 hours a week, though many fast-food workers get far fewer hours. Obama and others have called for increasing it to $10.10.

Fast food workers say even that's not enough because most people working in the industry now are adults with children, rather than teenagers earning pocket money. The restaurant industry has argued that a $15 hourly wage could lead to business closings and job cuts.

A McDonald's spokeswoman did not return a message seeking comment.

But the National Restaurant Association said Thursday that increasing wages to $15 will not solve income inequality and that the campaign was an attempt by unions to boost dwindling membership.

"Instead of demonizing an industry that opens doors for workers of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels, the focus should be on finding better solutions to lift individuals out of poverty," including policies that increase education and job training, said Scott DeFife, the association's executive vice president of policy and government affairs.

Turnout for the protests has varied, but they've struck a chord at a time when the gap between the country's rich and poor has widened. Executive pay packages also are coming under greater scrutiny, including that of McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, who was given a pay package worth $9.5 million last year. Nevertheless, shareholders this year overwhelmingly voted in favor of McDonald's executive compensation practices.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbclp.com. Email: information@fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a..m., Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. ($4 per person, reservations required — dinner is not held during the summer). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com.

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

First Baptist Church, Sebring, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Rev. Matthew D. Crawford, senior pastor; Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults; and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website www.fbsebring.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

Cornerstone Christian Church, (Saxon Hall) 1003 W. Pine St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-7679.

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Avon Park, 910 W. Martin St., Avon Park, FL 33825 (U.S. 27 across from Wells Motor Co.). Rev. Canon George Conger. Sunday services: Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.; Bible study Wednesday at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Come and worship with us; we would love to meet you. Church office, 453-5664; fax, 453-4853. Visit us at our website at redeemeravonpark.com. Email redeemer1895@aol.com. Call the thrift store for hours open and donation pick up at 664-9668 or 453-5664.

St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Father Scott Walker. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Nursery available for the 10 a.m. service. Wednesday Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Worship: Summer Sunday schedule, June 1-Sept. 1, 2014: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship 6 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Healing. Call the thrift store for hours open - 699-0221.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

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

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INDEPENDENT

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director Education Hour, 8:45 a.m.; Worship service, 10 a.m. Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Children's Church scheduled during worship service, 4-year-olds through fifth grade. Nursery provided during worship service for infants to 3-year-olds. Seasonal Mid-Week Services each Wwednesday evening during Advent and Lent. Call church office at 465-5253 or visit the website at www.Trinitylutheranlp.com. Other activities and groups include: Choir; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies; Trinity Tots Pre-school, and Youth Group.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Bible Fellowship Church, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, 33872-4458. Sunday Summer schedule: 9:00 a.m. Worship service. Sermon & songs signed in American Sign Language. (Nursery & Sunday School for Kindergarten through 5th grade) 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all adults in Sanctuary. (Nursery and Sunday School classes for Kindergarten through Youth). Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: Youth, 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Church office 863-385-1024. Website: bfcsebring.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Union Church, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. (October through Easter) and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church available. Wednesday night worship with Pastor Tiger Gullett and CrossTalk with Pastor Bill Breylinger at 6 p.m. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org.

Unity Life Enrichment Centre,new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

Lake Placid — First Presbyterian Church, ARP, www.fpclp.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:10 a.m. In addition, children's church (K-2nd grade) will be provided during the 11 a.m. worship service, and children's junior church (3rd-5th grade) is at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evenings: Adult small group Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group (6-12th grades) 7 p.m., nursery and children's ministry, 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

Sebring — First Presbyterian Church, ARP, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@strato.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Summer camp for 6th to 8th graders, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. A nursery is available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA), 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Nursery available. Session meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday. Adult Bible study is Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Pastors: John and Harriet Davis. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, http://slpc.embarqspace.com.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

St. John United Methodist Church, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

Spring Lake United Methodist Church, 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Amazing love

PAUSE & CONSIDER

Jan Merop

When I think of the term, "amazing love," I immediately think of God's love.

It is deeper than the ocean, higher than the heavens, wider than the ends of the earth and unfailing. Because of who he is, his love is matchless, sacrificial, protective, unending and beyond our human comprehension.

His love is painted across the heavens in each morning sunrise. He repeats this majesty in a new way in the evening sunset. Then he hangs the curtain of stars and the extraordinary light of the moon to brighten the darkest sky. Flowers, trees, mountains, streams and waterfalls beckon us to receive his loving care as do the animals.

He expresses himself through the love of spouses and children, parents and other extended families and friends. A simple smile from a stranger can hug us on a dreary day.

And because of who he is, we can become all that he has created us to be.

Today is my parents' 68th wedding anniversary!

In 1946, two vibrant and loving people united in holy matrimony promising to love and cherish in sickness and in health till death would part them. Together they raised my brother and myself and taught us by example about love, devotion, trust and consideration.

Theirs is a 1 Corinthians 13 love.

Does that mean they were always patient and kind; never envious; always humble; never proud or rude; unselfish at all times; etc.? No. They weren't perfect. But, most importantly, they walked hand in hand with the Lord seeking to emulate I Corinthians love.

For that to happen, there were tests along the way. In each of those, they turned together to God and sought his direction.

Today, the tests continue with Mom, 92 and Dad, 95.

Dad's steps are faltering and his mind and speech are slower. Mom, in turn, has issues with her eyes and has partially lost sight in one eye. Yet, her spirited approach to life keeps Dad cared for and content while she continues to keep their home and prepare their meals. They are an incredible duo to watch even now.

"Love bears all things," says I Corinthians 13: 7, NKJV. "Believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

We have watched how God's amazing love has infused their marriage with keeping power, belief, hope, trust and endurance. And, so, we can agree with verse 8, "Love never fails."

Happy anniversary, Mom and Dad. We celebrate God's amazing love demonstrated in your marriage. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Rejected atheist booth in city hall draws lawsuit

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union in Michigan and two other groups filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday seeking an injunction against a Michigan city's ban on an atheist booth in a municipal building.

The groups said the Detroit suburb of Warren lets a church group run a "prayer station," distribute religious materials, discuss religious beliefs and pray with visitors in a City Hall atrium but refuses to let atheist Douglas Marshall use the same space.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State and the Freedom from Religion Foundation also are part of the lawsuit in U.S. District Court that says Marshall's request in April to install a "reason station" was rejected by Mayor Jim Fouts.

"Once the government opens public space for use by private groups, it cannot pick and choose who can use the space based on the content of their message or whether public officials agree with that message," said Dan Korobkin, ACLU of Michigan deputy legal director, adding "The city cannot allow speech supportive of religion and reject speech supportive of atheism."

Fouts told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Marshall's "reason station" would be diametrically opposed to prayer.

"The city has certain values that I don't believe are in general agreement with having an atheist station, nor in general agreement with having a Nazi station or Ku Klux Klan station," Fouts said. "I cannot accept or will not allow a group that is disparaging of another group to have a station here."

The city of Warren is just north of Detroit in Macomb County, and has a population of about 140,000 people.

The city doesn't endorse the "prayer station," but has allowed religious groups to set up tables in the atrium for several years, according to Fouts.

"They don't walk up to people," Fouts said. "They are just there if someone wishes to seek solace or guidance from them. The atheist station does not serve that purpose. It will not contribute to community values or helping an individual out."

In December 2011, Warren prohibited the Madison, Wisconsin-based Freedom from Religion Foundation from displaying an anti-religion sign next to a nativity scene at City Hall. A federal judge later ruled Fouts had authority to bar the poster because he felt it was antagonistic and would cause hostility.

The judge also said city officials were not excluding a religious group or a non-religious group.

Fouts said the issue is not about his faith or one faith. The city allows Ramadan displays during the Islamic holy month.

"I'm a Christian but I believe in freedom of religion for all groups," he said.

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Very bad week: Airline disasters come in a cluster

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 300 passengers perish when their plane is shot out of the sky. Airlines suspend flights to Israel's largest airport after rocket attacks. An airliner crashes during a storm, and yet another disappears. Aviation has suffered one of its worst weeks in memory, a cluster of disasters spanning three continents.

Industry analysts and safety experts shake their heads at the seeming randomness of the tragedies, saying they can find no common themes. Nor do they think the events indicate that flying is suddenly becoming less safe.

Less than one in 2 million flights last year ended in an accident in which the plane was damaged beyond repair, according to the International Air Transport Association. That includes accidents involving cargo and charter airlines as well as scheduled passenger flights.

"One of the things that makes me feel better when we look at these events is that if they all were the same type event or same root cause then you would say there's a systemic problem here, but each event is unique in its own way," said Jon Beatty, president and CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation, an airline industry-supported nonprofit in Alexandria, Virginia, that promotes global aviation safety.

But Beatty said he also finds the disaster cluster "a cold reminder" that airline accidents are likely to increase because the industry is growing, especially in developing countries. The more flights there are, the more potential for accidents, he noted.

The misfortunes began July 18 when Malaysia flight 17 was shot down over eastern Ukraine with 298 people on board. It's still uncertain who fired the missile that destroyed the plane, but Ukrainian officials have blamed ethnic Russian rebels and U.S. officials have pointed to circumstantial evidence that suggests that may be the case.

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Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down in eastern Ukraine, July 17 en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. All 295 people on board were killed.

A relative of the Chinese passengers aboard the missing Malaysia Airlines MH370 flight reacts March 25 in Beijing, China, after Malaysian Prime Minister Razak said a new analysis of satellite data showed the plane had ended its journey in remote seas southwest of Australia. So far, the airliner has not been found.

The shootdown doubled Malaysia Airlines' misfortunes this year. The mysterious disappearance of Malaysia Flight 370 with 239 people on board in March combined with the destruction of Flight 17 added up to more than twice the total global airline fatalities in all of last year, which was the industry's safest year on record. Ascend, a global aviation industry consulting firm headquartered in London, counted 163 fatalities in 2013 involving airliners with 14 seats or more.

On Wednesday, a mere seven days after the shootdown over Ukraine, a TransAsia Airways plane crashed in Taiwan in stormy weather trailing a typhoon, killing 48 passengers, injuring 10 others and crew, and injuring five more people on the ground. The next day an Air Algerie flight with 116 passengers and crew disappeared during a rainstorm while en route from Burkina Faso to Algeria's capital. The plane was operated for the airline by Swiftair, a Spanish carrier. A Burkina Faso official said late Thursday that wreckage of the plane had been found in Mali.

Together, the disasters have the potential to push airline fatalities this year to over 700 — the most since 2010. And 2014 is still barely half over.

"With three tragedies in such quick succession, many people will, understandably, be asking questions about aviation safety," Tony Tyler, director general of the International Air Transport Association, whose members include most airlines that fly internationally, said in a statement. He sought to assure the public that "despite the events of the past seven days, flying is safe."

Aviation industry analyst Robert W. Mann Jr. said he doesn't expect the recent events to deter travelers from flying.

"They're all tragic, but the global air travel consumer has a very short memory and it's highly localized to their home markets where they fly," he said. "The places where these things are happening, 99 percent of passengers never go to or fly to. ... This isn't a headline issue for most people, and that's why people continue to fly despite the headlines."

Airline passengers interviewed by The Associated Press said they weren't overly concerned about their safety.

"It could be happening every day or never again," said Bram Holshoff, a Netherlands traveler at Berlin's Tegel Airport. "It's a bit much that it happened three times this week, but for me nothing will change."

Lam Nguyen, 52, of Tahiti, who was headed to Los Angeles from Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport, said he considers flying "a very safe mode of transportation."

"And if it has to happen, it will happen. … It doesn't prevent me from taking planes," he said.

The shootdown of flight 17 has raised questions about whether airlines — and the aviation authorities in their home countries — are adjusting flight routes quickly enough when unrest in troubled parts of the world threatens the safety of planes. But aviation safety consultant John Cox, a former airline pilot and accident investigator, said he sees no connection between that event and the other disasters.

"I don't know how you could respond to anything when there is not a commonality of events," he said. "We don't have a full understanding of the Taiwan accident and certainly not on the" Air Algerie plane.

Cox attributed the Federal Aviation Administration's decision Tuesday to prohibit flights to Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv to "hypersensitivity" to the possibility of another shootdown. The FAA issued the order after a Hamas rocket exploded about a mile from the airport. The prohibition was lifted 36 hours later.

Aviation is "fundamentally safe and getting safer, but it can always fall prey to the mistakes or ill will of man," said former FAA chief counsel Kenneth Quinn, a partner in the Pillsbury law firm in Washington. "We sometimes forget the magic of flight, or the fragility of life, but this week has brought home the need to appreciate this more and protect both better."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Spring Lake Improvement District Office, 115 Spring Lake Blvd, Sebring, Florida, for the purpose of hearing comments from the public on the adoption of the proposed budgets for the Fiscal Year 2015, and to hear public comments of certain rates, fees, charges, and operating policies for the District's water utility system and lot mowing program. A copy of the budget(s) is available at Spring Lake Improvement District Office, 115 Spring Lake Blvd, Sebring, Florida, as well as the District website at www.springlakefl.com. The Board will also consider any other business, which may properly come before it.
EACH PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING IS ADVISEDTHAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE INCLUDING THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

Joe DeCerbo
District Manager
July 27, 2014 and August 3, 2014

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

CITY OF AVON PARK

AIRPORT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

AT

CITY OF AVON PARK AIRPORT

AVON PARK, FLORIDA

The City of Avon Park

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) No. 14-01

The City of Avon Park will receive sealed bids for:

ITB 14-01 – Avon Park Airport Drainage Improvements

Specifications may be obtained by visiting the City Website at www.avonpark.cc or contacting Carl Cool, Project Engineer, located at 203 W. Main Street, Avon Park, FL 33825 Telephone: 863-657-2323, Email: carl@coolandcobb.com

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on _08/05/2014 at 1545 Florida 64, Avon Park, FL 33825 in the Airport Terminal Building. All potential bidders are required to attend this meeting.

Submit one (1) original, and one (1) copy by either hand delivery or mailing of your bid form and other required data in a sealed envelope, if necessary, to Project Engineer's address listed below:

Project Engineer
Cool and Cobb Engineering Company
203 W. Main Street
Avon Park, FL 33825

Bids must be delivered to Cool and Cobb Engineering Company in Avon Park, Florida, so as to reach said office no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday; on 08/21/2014 at which time they will be opened. Bids received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The City of Avon Park will not be responsible for the late deliveries of bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail or any other type of delivery service.

The City of Avon Park 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 responsive and responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of The City of Avon Park. The City of Avon Park reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid process.

The principal features of the Project are:

Drainage Improvements:

Construction of a new 10 acre retention pond in southeastern portion of the Avon Park Airport with connecting gravity storm sewer pipes and swales and an outfall lift station and storm water force main.

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The City of Sebring is soliciting Bids in the City Purchasing Department for:

#ITB: 14-025 Orange St., Fern Leaf Ave. & Rose Ave. – Milling, Repaving, Curb & Sidewalk Replacement and Drainage Improvements

BID documents may be downloaded from publicpurchase.com or they may be picked up at Sebring City Hall. Any questions regarding this solicitation, submittal procedures, and insurance requirements can be clarified by Kirk Zimmerman, 368 S. Commerce Avenue; Sebring, FL 33870, phone: (863) 471-5110, fax: (863) 471-5168, Email: purchasing@mysebring.com.

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chasing@mysebring.com.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for July 31, 2014 at 10:00 AM in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 368 S. Commerce Avenue; Sebring, FL 33870.

Time is of the essence. Any bid received after August 21, 2014 at 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time, whether by mail or otherwise, will be returned unopened. The time of receipt shall be determined by the electronic date/time stamp located in the receptionist area. Shortly thereafter bids will be opened and read aloud. Submittals received later than the specified date and time will be rejected. Bidders are responsible for insuring that their bid is stamped by office personnel by the deadline indicated.

All BIDs must be delivered to: City of Sebring, Purchasing Department, 368 South Commerce Avenue; Sebring, Florida 33870. The City is not responsible for BIDs received by mail service or courier after above stated deadline.

ENVELOPES CONTAINING BIDS MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON OUTSIDE WITH BID #ITB: 14-025 Orange St., Fern

Leaf Ave. & Rose Ave. – Milling, Repaving, Curb & Sidewalk Replacement and Drainage Improvements, Bids due Thursday July 31, 2014 @2:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Savings Time and the BIDDER NAME.

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Publication: News-Sun
Date: July 28, 2014

INVITATION TO BID 14

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
HISTORICAL ROOF RESTORATION
RAND BUILDING AND
GENERATOR BUILDING
ARCHBOLD BIOLOGICAL STATION

1.1 PROJECT INFORMATION
A. Notice to Bidders: Qualified bidders may submit bids for project as described in this Document. Submit bids according to the Instructions to Bidders.
B. Project Identification: Historical Roof Restoration Rand Building and Generator Building at Archbold Biological Station.
1. Project Location: 123 Main Drive, Venus, Florida.
C. Owner: Archbold Biological Station, 123 Main Drive, Venus, Florida 33960.
1. Owner's Representative: Hilary Swain, Ph.D., Executive Director.
D. Architect: Parker/Mudgett/Smith Architects, Inc.
E. Project Description: Project consists of reroofing of the Rand Building and Generator Building and restoration of damaged copper flashings, facias, soffits, gutters and downspouts as shown and etailed in the Drawings and as specified.
F. Construction Contract: Bids will be received for the following Work:
1. General Contract (all trades).
1.2 BID SUBMITTAL AND OPENING
A. Owner will receive sealed lump sum bids until the bid time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:
1. Bid Date: 27 August 2014
2. Bid Time: local time. 6:30 pm
3. Location: Archbold Biological Station, 123 Main Drive, Venus, Florida 33960
B. Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud.
1.3 BID SECURITY
A. Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of five percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.
1.4 PRE-BID MEETING
A. A pre-bid conference for all bidders will be held at Archbold Biological Station on 6 August 2014 at 10:00 a.m., local time. Prospective bidders are required to attend.
1. Bidders' Questions: Architect will provide responses at Pre-bid conference to bidders' questions received up to 2 business days prior to conference.
1.5 DOCUMENTS
A. Printed Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain after, by contacting. Documents will be provided to prime bidders only; only complete sets of documents will be issued.
1. Deposit: $30.00
2. Shipping: Additional shipping charges of will apply.
B. Online Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain access after 24 July 2014 by contacting Architect. Online access will be provided. Compact Disc will be available.
C. Viewing Procurement and Contracting Documents: Examine after 24 July 2014 at the locations
1. Architect's Office.
2. Archbold Biological Station.
1.6 TIME OF COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES
A. Successful bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time. Work subject to liquidated damages.
1.7 BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS
A. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. A Performance Bond, separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.
1.8 NOTIFICATION
A. This Advertisement for Bids document is issued by Archbold Biological Station.

NOTICE OF ACTION 16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY,
FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2014-CA-000289
U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, WMALT SERIES 2007-OA3,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KENNETH ALAN HENIGSON, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:
KENNETH ALAN HENIGSON
Last Known Address: 4961 E BUTLER ROAD, AVON PARK, FL 33825
Also Attempted At: 119 SUNFLOWER CIR, ROYAL PALM BEACH, FL 33411
Current Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
A PORTION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 9; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 29'00" EAST AND ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 9 A DISTANCE OF 40.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 50'33" WEST A DISTANCE FO 40.00 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 50'33" WEST AND ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BULLER ROAD A DISTANCE FO 145.66 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 28'54" EAST A DISTANCE OF 625.16 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 52'13" EAST A DISTANCE FO 145.67 FEET TO THE POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF C. HILL ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 29'00" WEST AND ALOGN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A IDDSTANCE OF 625.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Choice Legal Group, P.A., Attorney for Platiniff, whose address is P.O. BOX 9908, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33310-0908 on or before August 27, 2014, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in The News-Sun and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Platiniff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
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 particpate in the court program or service.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of July, 2014.

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

11-13318

July 27; August 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. **14000196GCAXMX**
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (``FNMA")
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANDREW E. ABEL, et.al.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: **ANDREW E. ABEL AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREW E. ABEL.**
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

Lot 8 and Lot 9, of RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 29, OF THE TOWN OF AVON PARK, according to the plat thereof as recorded In Plat Book 1, Page 75, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before **August 6, 2014** (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Highlands County, Florida, this **8th day of July, 2014.**

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
DEPUTY CLERK

14-41524

July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. **14000290GCAXMX**
ONEWEST BANK, FSB,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HOWARD I. USEMAN A/K/A HOWARD IRVING USEMAN, et.al.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: **ROBERT USEMAN; TOM P. USEMAN AKA THOMAS USEMAN; KENNETH USEMAN and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIAIRES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HOWARD I. USEMAN A/K/A HOWARD IRVING USEMAN**
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

Lot 9-A, CORMORANT POINT SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded In Plat Book 13, at Page 47, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before **August 26, 2014** (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Highlands County, Florida, this **18th day of July, 2014.**

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ **Toni Kopp**
DEPUTY CLERK

14-51278-SUY

July 27; August 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 13000588GCAXMX
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALIX GLAUDE, DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALIX GLAUDE, DECEASED
2240 AVALON ROAD
SEBRING, FL 33870
AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property lcoated in Highalnds County, Florida:

GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL OF LOT 9 AND THE SOUTHERLY PORTION OF LOT 10, BLOCK 264, OF LAKE SEBRING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 9, BLOCK 264, AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG AVALON NORTH 50 DEGREES 24'30" WEST A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 15 FEET FROM AND PARALLEL TO THE LOT LINE COMMON TO LOTS 10 AND 11 A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET TO A POINT THENCE ALONG THE REAR LOT LINE OF LOTS 9 AND 10, SOUTH 50 DEGREES 24'30" EAST A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE LOT LINE COMMON TO LOTS 8 AND 9 A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, in THE NEWS-SUN on or before August 27, 2014; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 15th day of July, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ Brenda Liz Jimenez
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 590 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 863-534-4686. If hearining or voice impaired, contact (TDD) (800)955-8771 via Florida Relay System.
(33585.0251/SS)

July 27; August 3, 2014

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that ROBERT FRANCIS POIRIER died on July 2, 2014, whose last known address was 4316 Medina Way, Sebring, Florida 33875. The estate does not require a probate. The name and address of the surviving spouse and sole beneficiary of the deceden't estate is as follows: Elizabeth S. Poirier, c/o McClure & Lobozzo, 211 South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, Florida 33870, attention John K. McClure, P.A.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with the Successor Trustee WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is July 20, 2014.

Person Giving Notice
John K. McClure,
Attorney for Elizabeth S. Poirier
Florida Bar Number: 286958
MCCLURE & LOBOZZO
211 S. Ridgewood Drive
Sebring, Florida 33870
Telephone: (863) 402-1888
Fax: (863) 402-2346
E-Mail: jkmpleadings@mllaw.net
Secondary E-Mail: johnmc@mllaw.net
July 20, 27, 2014

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY,
FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: **2010CA00539**
U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-FT1 TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-FT1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
AMYN PANJWANI; IQBAL PANJWANI; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the **8th day of May, 2014**, and entered in Case No. **2010CA00539**, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-FT1 TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-FT1** is the Plaintiff and **AMYN PANJWANI; IQBAL PANJWANI; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY** are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the **11th day of August, 2014,** the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PORTION OF LOT 3, IN BLOCK 94, OF ORIGINAL TOWN OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART AND IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 3, BLOCK 94; THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 3 FOR 140.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR 70.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 3 FOR 265.00 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO THE SHORELINE OF LAKE JACKSON; THENE MEANDERING SAID SOUTH SHORELINE IN NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO THE INTERSECTION OF A LINE THAT BEARS SOUTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR 270.00 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING; COMMENCE AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 3, BLOCK 94, FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 3, FOR 25.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR 140.00 FEET, THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR 25.00 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR 140.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively particpate in the court program or service.

Dated this **9th day of May, 2014**.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s / **Toni Kopp**
Deputy Clerk

10-08436

July 27; August 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10000396GCS
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
VS.
ERNEST RENZETTI; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on **June 17, 2014** in Civil Case No. **10000396GCS**, of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein **JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** is the Plaintiiff, and **ERNEST RENZETTI; LORI J. RENZETTI; AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION** are Defendants.
The clerk of the court, Robert Germaine will sell to the highest bidder for cash the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at 11:00 a.m. on the **7th day of August, 2014**, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 10 AND SOUTH 14 FEET OF LOT 9, BLOCK 7, SIRENA SHORES EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 922 LAKE DRIVE EAST, LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA 33852

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 the seal of this court on **June 18, 2014.**

Robert W. Germaine, Clerk
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, 255 N. BROADWAY AVENUE, BARTOW, FLORIDA 33830, (863)534-4686, AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF TEH TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARNCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.
1031-1545

July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000545
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA.
Plaintiff,
VS.
ERNEST E. WOOD SR.; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on **June 18, 2014** in Civil Case No. **28-2012-CA-000545**, of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.** is the Plaintiff, and **ERNEST E. WOOD SR.; ADLONIA T. WOOD; AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION** are Defendants.
The clerk of the court, Robert Germaine will sell to the highest bidder for cash the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at 11:00 a.m. on the **7th day of August, 2014**, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 21 THROUGH 24, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 20, AVON PARK LAKES RED-HILL FARMS ADDITION, UNIT H, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 49 THROUGH 57, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 601 NORTH OLIVIA DRIVE, AVON PARK, FLORIDA 33825-7233

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 the seal of this court on **June 18, 2014.**

Robert W. Germaine, Clerk
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Toni Kopp**
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, 255 N. BROADWAY AVENUE, BARTOW, FLORIDA 33830, (863)534-4686, AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF TEH TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARNCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.
1113-13065

July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICITION DIVISION
Case No. 2012 CA 000499 GCAXMX
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company fka Bankers Trust Company of California, National Association as Trustee for the Holders of the Vendee Mortgage Trust 2003-2,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Joseph Kuriakose; Unknown Spouse of Joseph Kuriakose; The Unknown Beneficiaries of the 2009 East Recreation Drive Land Trust pursuant to a certain Land Trust Agreement dated 01/11/2005; Palm Beach Realty Sales LLC, as Trustee of the 2009 Recreation Drive Land Trust pursuant to a certain Land Trust Agreement dated 01/11/2005; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 18, 2014 entered in Case No. 2012 CA 000499 GCAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company fka Bankers Trust

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Company of California, National Association as Trustee for the Holders of the Vendee Mortgage Trust 2003-2 is the Plaintiff and Joseph Kuriakose; Unknown Spouse of Joseph Kuriakose; The Unknown Beneficiaries of the 2009 East Recreation Drive Land Trust pursuant to a certain Land Trust Agreement dated 01/11/2005; Palm Beach Realty Sales LLC, as Trustee of the 2009 Recreation Drive Land Trust pursuant to a certain Land Trust Agreement dated 01/11/2005; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2 are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the courthouse, 430 South Commerce Ave, Sebring, FL 33870, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 7th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 17, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 65, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 18th day of June, 2014.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

File #12-F01787

July 20, 27, 2014

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

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000504

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,
VS.
MICHAEL D. JOHNSON A/K/A MICHALE DENNIS JOHNSON; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on **June 17, 2014** in Civil Case No. **28-2012-CA-000504**, of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP** is the Platiniff, and **MICHAEL D. JOHNSON A/K/A MICHAEL DENNIS JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL D. JOHNSON A/K/A MICHAEL DENNIS JOHNSON; LINDA K. JOHNSON A/K/A LINDA KAY JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA K. JOHNSON A/K/A LINDA KAY JOHNSON; REGINA M. JOHNSON;** are Defendants.

The clerk of the court, Robert Germaine will sell to the highest bidder for cash the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at 11:00 a.m. on the **7th day of August, 2014**, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 3, AVON ACRES, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 26, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on **June 18, 2014.**

Robert W. Germaine, Clerk
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, 255 N. BROADWAY AVENUE, BARTOW, FLORIDA 33830, (863)534-4686, AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF TEH TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARNCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

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July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. **2008-CA-001350**

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABC CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE7,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRAD KECK; BRENDA L. KECK; ORPHA CORDERO-GONZALEZ; SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A ALEXA BOWLES; UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION #2 N/K/A DAVID BOWLES
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **July 7, 2014**, and entered in Case No. **2008-CA-001350** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABC CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE7,** is the Plaintiff and **BRAD KECK; BRENDA L. KECK; ORPHA CORDERO-GONZALEZ; SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A ALEXA BOWLES; UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION #2 N/K/A DAVID BOWLES** are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on **August 12, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 25, BLOCK 36, OF SEBRING HILLS SOUTH, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this **10th day of July, 2014.**

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled apperance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

13-14871

July 27; August 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. **14000096GCAXMX**

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DONNA G. COTTON F/K/A DONNA G. SMITH A/K/A DONNA GAIL SMITH; CLIFFORD P. COTTON; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **July 7, 2014**, and entered in Case No. **14000096GCAXMX** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,** is the Plaintiff and **DONNA G. COTTON F/K/A DONNA G. SMITH A/K/A DONNA GAIL SMITH; CLIFFORD P. COTTON; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1** are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on **August 12, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 116, LAKEWOOD TERRACES SHEET #3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 94, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this **10th day of July, 2014.**

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled apperance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

13-18960

July 27; August 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.
282012CA000163XXAXMX

PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ARTURO G. GUARDADO; ELIZABETH J. GUARDADO
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **April 29, 2014**, and entered in Case No. **282012CA000163XXAXMX** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO,** is the Plaintiff and **ARTURO G. GUARDADO; ELIZABETH J. GUARDADO** are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on **August 6, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1, IN BLOCK 70, OF THE SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SECTION THREE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this **30th day of April, 2014.**

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Toni Kopp**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled apperance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

13-20740

July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. **14000055GCAXMX**

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (``FNMA''),
Plaintiff,
vs.
CARLOS E. FUENTES; MILDRED FUENTES A/K/A MILDRED M. FUENTES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARLOS E. FUENTES N/K/A MILDRED FUENTES; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A CARLOS FUENTES, JR.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **July 10, 2014**, and entered in Case No. **14000055GCAXMX** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (``FANNIE MAE''), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** is the Plaintiff and **CARLOS E. FUENTES; MILDRED FUENTES A/K/A MILDRED M. FUENTES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARLOS E. FUENTES N/K/A MILDRED FUENTES; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A CARLOS FUENTES, JR.** are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on **August 12, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK 2, OF K. F. SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this **10th day of July, 2014.**

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled apperance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

13-26138

July 27; August 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. **2013-CA-000905**

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-3,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH W. ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH P. WINSTON ERDMANN INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH W. ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH P. WINSTON ERDMANN; CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTH PLATTE; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; UNKNOWN TENANT #1,2,3, & 4 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **July 9, 2014**, and entered in Case No. **2013-CA-000905** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-3,** is the Plaintiff and **ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH W. ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH P. WINSTON ERDMANN INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH W. ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH P. WINSTON ERDMANN; CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTH PLATTE; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; UNKNOWN TENANT #1,2,3, & 4 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH W. ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH P. WINSTON ERDMANN INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH W. ERDMANN A/K/A ANNALEIGH P. WINSTON ERDMANN; CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTH PLATTE; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE ANNALEIGH WINSTON ERDMANN DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; UNKNOWN TENANT #1,2,3, & 4 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY** are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on **August 12, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 796, SEBRING RIDGE SECTION ``D'', ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE(S) 14, 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 **10th day of July, 2014.**

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled apperance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

14-44215

July 27; August 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 13000896GCAXMX

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KAITLYN A. ZELENENKI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAITLYN A. ZELENENKI; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA;; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 3, 2014, entered in Civil Case No.: 13000896GCAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, and KAITLYN A. ZELENENKI; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM, on the 8th day of August, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, IN BLOCK 1, OF SEBRING SHORES DEVELOPMENT SECTION ONE, ACORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDSOF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; ALSO 5 FEET BY PARALLEL LINES OF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT 3, IN BLOCK 1, EXTENDING 92.66 FEET NORTH TO SOUTH OF SAID LOT 3, IN BLOCK 1, OF SEBRING SHORES DEVELOPMENT SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A: 1611 SUNSET DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33870

If you are a person claiming a right of 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 July 3, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE COURT (COURT SEAL)
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
13-37253

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 contac the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830, (863)534-4686, at least seven days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if teh time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. **2013-CA-000921**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TOM MASON, JR.; AUDREY E. REID; TENANT
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **July 7, 2014**, and entered in Case No. **2013-CA-000921** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-FT1 TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-FT1,** is the Plaintiff and **TOM MASON, JR.; AUDREY E. REID, TENANT** are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on **August 12, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK 4, DOUGLAS ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 12, 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 **10th day of July, 2014.**

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled apperance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

14-45002

July 27; August 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. **2013-CA-000315**

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROXANNE ARNOLD; TENANT
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **July 7, 2014**, and entered in Case No. **2013-CA-000315** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,** is the Plaintiff and **ROXANNE ARNOLD; TENANT** are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on **August 12, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK ``B'', AVON PINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 74, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this **10th day of July, 2014**.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled apperance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

14-45565

July 27; August 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2009-CA-001483

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE10,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PELLETIER, KIM M., et. al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001483 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE10, Plaintiff, and PELLETIER, KIM M., et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., on the 4th day of August, 2014, the following described property:

LOT 29, BLOCK 63, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 1st day of July, 2014.

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

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 590 S COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 863-534-4686 at least 7 days before your schedulede 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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July 18, 25, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001086

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
QUINN, SOL, et. al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-0014086 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE1, Plaintiff, and QUINN, SOL, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., on the 4th day of August, 2014, the following described property:

LOT 1021, SEBRING HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 1st day of July, 2014.

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

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 590 S COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 863-534-4686 at least 7 days before your schedulede 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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July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. **09001158GCS**

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
QUARRY L. REPPERT A/K/A QUARRY LEE REPPERT, SAMANTHA L. REPPERT A/K/A SAMANTHA LYNN REPPERT, UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed **June 30, 2014** entered in Civil Case No. **09001158GCS** 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 **6th day of August, 2014**, at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK A, COUNTRY CLUB OF SEBRING, PHASE 2, SECTION 4, ``ENCHANTED OAKS'' according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 16, Page 42, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

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

Dated this **7th day of July, 2014**.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
Deputy Clerk

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July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURTOF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. **28-2012-CA-001018**

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
v.
JESSICA GRANT; et. al.,
Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated **July 9, 2014**, entered in Civil Case No.: **28-2012-CA-001018,** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,** is Plaintiff, and **JESSICA GRANT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JESSICA GRANT; 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 SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,** 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 ***12*th day of August, 2014**, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 24, BLOCK 147, LAKEWOOD TERRACES, SHEET NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 94, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The property is located at the Street address of: **4023 Elson Ave, Sebring, FL 33875.**

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 **July 10, 2014.**

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE COURT
(COURT SEAL)
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
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 not cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

FILE #**8377-41244**

July 27; August 3, 2014

NOTICE OF HEARING 24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR A VARIANCE REQUEST
HEARING NO. 1,750

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the HIGHLANDS COUNTY Board of Adjustment on the 12th day of August, 2014, beginning at 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible in the County Commissioners' Board Room, Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, to consider a variance to allow for a 5.2 foot side yard setback instead of the required 7.5 foot setback for an existing dwelling and 17.4 and 23.1 foot street line setback insead of the required 25 feet for a detached garage, within the area described as follows: An approximate 0.25 acre parcel located approximately 0.37 miles west of US 27, north of Cloverleaf Road, on the west side of Red Water Point; the address being 124 Red Water Point, Lake Placid, Florida; and legally described as follows: Lot 15, of Red Water Point, according to the plat thereof as

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NOTICE OF HEARING 24

recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 16 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Any person or persons interested or affected by this change are invited to attend this hearing. You may submit comments in writing to the attention of Linda Conrad, Zoning Supervisor, P.O. Box 1926, Sebring, Florida 33871-1926, or you may call (863) 402-6638, for further information. Please reference the above hearing number when calling or writing.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED ABOVE. ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COMMITTEE/GROUP, IN PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD WILL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.
THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE UPON THE BASIS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY STATUS. THIS NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY INVOLVED EVERY ASPECT OF THE BOARD'S FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING ONE'S ACCESS TO, PARTICIPATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TREATMENT IN ITS PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES. ANYONE REQUIRING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OR SECTION 286.26, FLORIDA STATUTES, SHOULD CONTACT MRS. MELISSA BRUNS, ADA COORDINATOR, AT 863-402-6509 (VOICE), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 711, OR BY E-MAIL: MBRUNS@HCBCC.ORG. REQUEST FOR CART OR INTERPRETER SERVICES SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO PERMIT COORDINATION OF THE SERVICE.
ONE OR MORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.
Rick Ingler, Chairman
July 27; August 1, 2014

NOTICE OF SALE 30

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY,
FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 13000827GCAXMX
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff
vs.
STEVEN E. NEW, et al.
Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment dated July 8, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number 13000827GCAXMX, in the Circuit Court for Highalnds County, Florida, wherein PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff, and STEVEN E. NEW, et al., are the Defendants, Highlands County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
LOT 9976, 9977 AND 9978, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT 30, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 32, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida
at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Jury Assembly Room, in Basement of Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33871 at 11:00 AM, on the 8th day of August, 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 aftere the sale.
Dated: July 8, 2014.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Highlands County Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
CA13-04731/DB
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) workding days of your receipt of this Notification; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 14-244 GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK,
a Florida banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
PATRICIA ANN WARD, an Unmarried Woman, if living including any unknown spouse of said Defendant, if remarried, and if deceased, the respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s);
BARBARA J. McGRIFF, an Unmarried Woman, if living including any unknown spouse of said Defendant, if remarried, and if deceased, the respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and
ARNETTA WARD, a Single Woman; if living including any unknown spouse of said Defendant, if remarried, and if deceased, the respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s);
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT-PROPERTY
TO: PATRICIA ANN WARD, an Unmarried Woman, if living including any unknown spouse of said Defendant, if remarried, and if deceased, the respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s);
1010 Carefree Parkway, Sebring, FL 33872
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:
The Property: a/k/a 126 Highlands Lake Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852
Lot 7, Block 9, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION D, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 86, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Parcel I.D. C-20-36-30-040-0090-0070
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to John K. McClure, Esquire, JOHN K. MCCLURE, P.A., 211 South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before August 12, 2014 otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 15th day of July, 2014.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; telephone (863) 402-6591, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
10-4502-052
July 20, 27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY,
FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: **28-2012-CA-000244**
DIVISION:
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTONIO VENTURA, et al,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **July 8, 2014**, and entered in Case No. **28-2012-CA-000244** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,** is the Plaintiff and **ANTONIO VENTURA, LIDIA VENTURA, UNKNOWN TENANT #1, UNKNOWN TENTANT #2, Orangewood Acres Homeowners' Association, Inc.,** are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00AM on the **8th day of August, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
LOT(S) 82A, OF ORANGEWOOD ACRES, UNIT 5 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 8, ET SEQ, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 1710 W ORANGEWOOD PL, AVON PARK, FL 33825
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated in Highlands County, Florida this **9th day of July, 2014**.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
Deputy Clerk
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certaina ssistance. Please contac the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt fo the Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863)402-6591; Fax: (863)402-6664.
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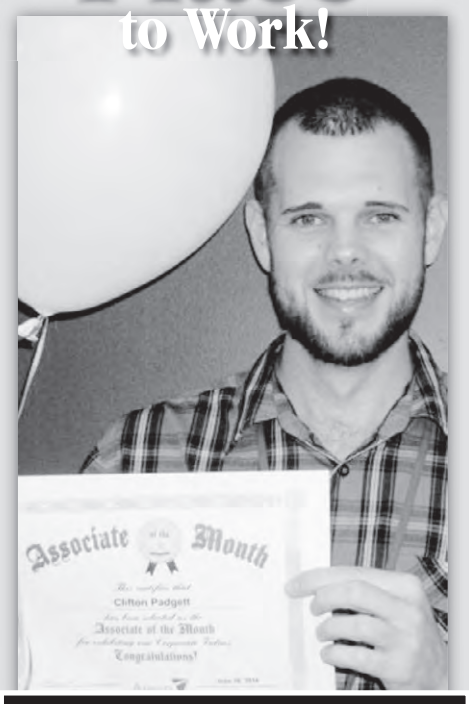

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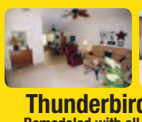

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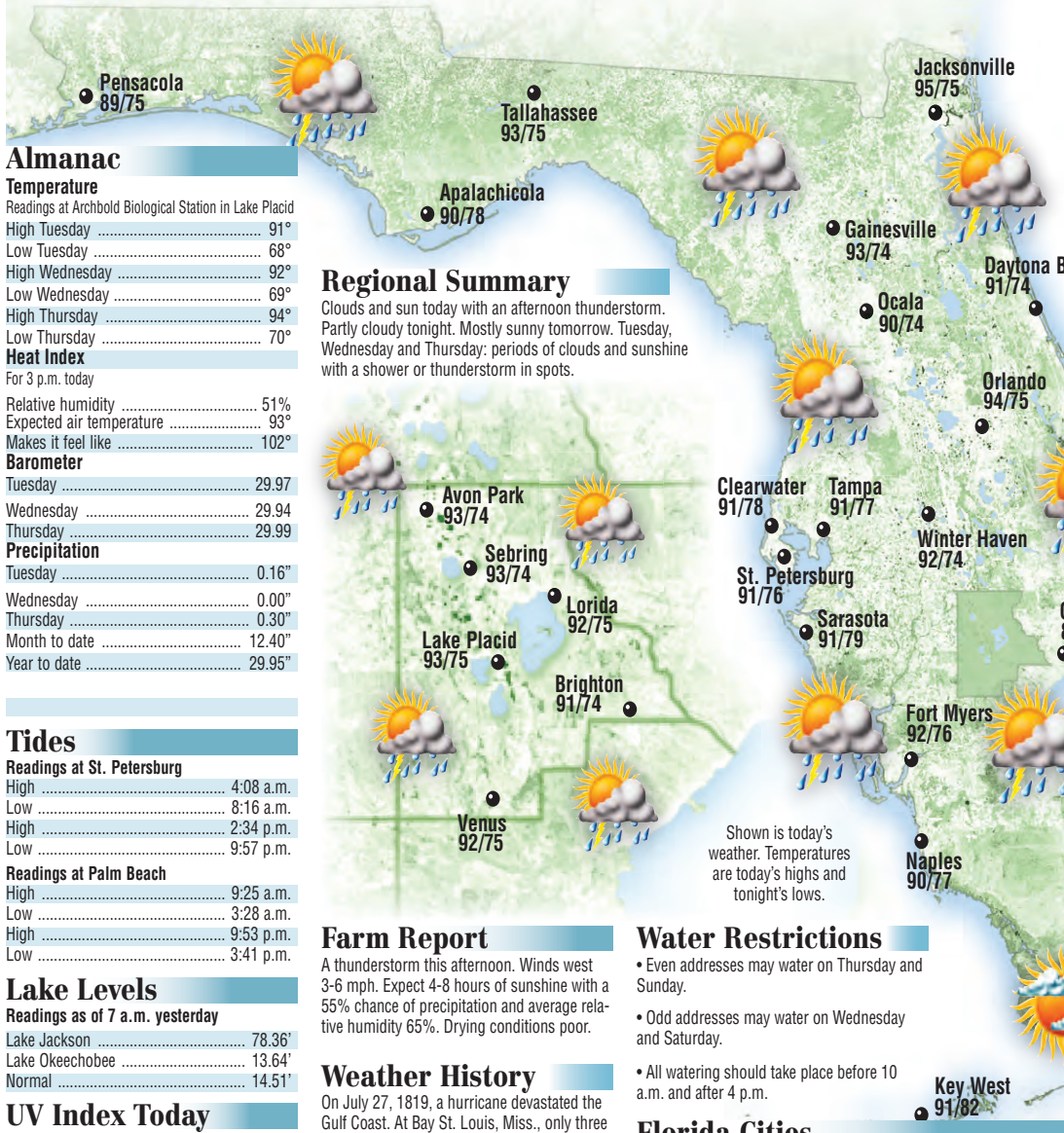
Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
An afternoon thunderstorm	Mostly sunny	Clouds and sun, a t-storm in spots	A couple of t-storms, mainly later	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm
93° / 74°	93° / 74°	92° / 75°	92° / 72°	92° / 72°
Winds: WSW at 3-6 mph	Winds: WSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: WSW at 7-14 mph	Winds: SW at 6-12 mph	Winds: WNW at 4-8 mph



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with an afternoon thunderstorm. Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: periods of clouds and sunshine with a shower or thunderstorm in spots.

Almanac

Temperature

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	91°
Low Tuesday	68°
High Wednesday	92°
Low Wednesday	69°
High Thursday	94°
Low Thursday	70°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	51%
Expected air temperature	93°
Makes it feel like	102°

Barometer

Tuesday	29.97
Wednesday	29.94
Thursday	29.99

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.16"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.30"
Month to date	12.40"
Year to date	29.95"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	4:08 a.m.
Low	8:16 a.m.
High	2:34 p.m.
Low	9:57 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	9:25 a.m.
Low	3:28 a.m.
High	9:53 p.m.
Low	3:41 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.64'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index™** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.
6	10	10	5

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

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Farm Report

A thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds west 3-6 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 65%. Drying conditions poor.

Weather History

On July 27, 1819, a hurricane devastated the Gulf Coast. At Bay St. Louis, Miss., only three houses were left standing, and 6 feet of water flooded the streets.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:49 a.m.	6:50 a.m.
Sunset	8:16 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
Moonrise	7:25 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Moonset	8:37 p.m.	9:13 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
July 26	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17

Water Restrictions

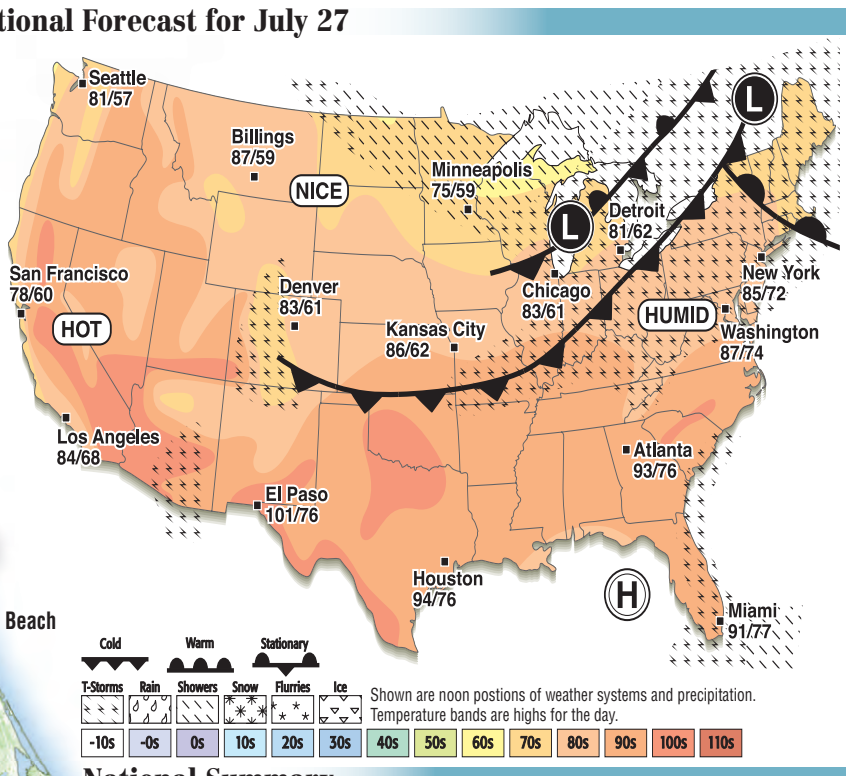
- Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.
- Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.
- All watering should take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Florida Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Cape Coral	92/76/t	92/76/pc	91/77/pc	Miami	91/77/pc	91/76/pc	91/76/pc
Clearwater	91/78/pc	92/79/pc	89/80/pc	Okeechobee	89/73/t	89/73/s	90/72/pc
Coral Springs	90/77/pc	91/77/pc	92/77/pc	Orlando	94/75/t	94/76/s	91/75/pc
Daytona Beach	91/74/t	92/76/s	89/74/t	Pembroke Pines	91/76/pc	91/75/pc	91/76/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	91/78/pc	92/78/pc	92/78/pc	St. Augustine	93/76/t	95/77/pc	89/75/t
Fort Myers	92/76/t	92/77/pc	91/76/pc	St. Petersburg	91/76/pc	91/78/pc	88/78/pc
Gainesville	93/74/t	92/74/pc	86/70/t	Sarasota	91/79/pc	92/80/pc	91/77/pc
Hollywood	91/76/pc	91/75/pc	91/76/pc	Tallahassee	93/75/pc	91/74/pc	91/68/t
Homestead AFB	90/75/pc	90/75/pc	91/75/pc	Tampa	91/77/pc	90/79/pc	88/78/pc
Jacksonville	95/75/t	95/76/pc	90/70/t	W. Palm Bch	90/76/t	90/76/pc	89/75/pc
Key West	91/82/pc	91/83/pc	90/81/pc	Winter Haven	92/74/t	92/76/s	89/75/pc

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

National Forecast for July 27



Shown are noon postions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary

An uptick in humidity along with a cold front will bring the risk for heavy downpours and severe thunderstorms today across the eastern Great Lakes through the Ohio Valley. Flooding downpours and gusty winds will be the biggest threats with these storms. Spotty storms will rumble across the Northeast and mid-Atlantic. Behind the front, another blast of refreshing air will overtake the Upper Midwest and western Great Lakes. A few showers may dampen the region but conditions will gradually improve.

U.S. Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	95/68/pc	89/68/t	87/67/pc	Los Angeles	84/68/pc	85/67/pc	84/68/s
Atlanta	93/76/pc	88/66/t	82/62/s	Louisville	91/68/t	82/58/pc	79/59/s
Baltimore	85/70/t	89/61/pc	78/59/pc	Memphis	95/73/pc	86/68/pc	82/61/s
Birmingham	96/76/pc	89/68/t	84/61/pc	Milwaukee	79/59/t	71/54/pc	75/60/pc
Boston	81/67/t	83/65/t	81/62/pc	Minneapolis	75/59/pc	78/58/s	80/61/s
Charlotte	98/75/pc	93/66/pc	83/63/s	Nashville	96/70/pc	85/61/pc	80/58/s
Cheyenne	76/55/pc	77/54/pc	78/56/t	New Orleans	89/75/pc	89/75/t	87/72/t
Chicago	83/61/t	74/53/pc	77/59/s	New York City	85/72/t	86/64/pc	79/64/pc
Cleveland	80/63/r	69/56/sh	69/54/pc	Norfolk	92/78/t	93/71/t	82/68/pc
Columbus	84/65/r	75/58/c	73/56/pc	Oklahoma City	99/70/pc	89/67/pc	88/66/pc
Dallas	100/77/s	93/71/t	93/72/t	Philadelphia	88/73/t	88/64/pc	82/63/pc
Denver	83/61/pc	84/59/t	83/60/t	Phoenix	107/87/t	103/88/pc	105/90/pc
Detroit	81/62/r	73/54/c	73/57/pc	Pittsburgh	78/64/r	70/53/sh	69/52/pc
Harrisburg	86/68/t	77/58/pc	74/57/pc	Portland, ME	75/64/t	74/59/t	77/57/pc
Honolulu	90/76/pc	91/75/pc	89/76/s	Portland, OR	88/61/s	92/62/s	90/62/pc
Houston	94/76/pc	96/76/pc	93/76/t	Raleigh	95/75/pc	94/65/t	82/62/s
Indianapolis	85/62/r	73/53/c	73/54/s	Rochester	82/64/pc	68/56/t	70/55/sh
Jackson, MS	94/75/pc	88/68/t	87/62/pc	St. Louis	91/67/pc	81/62/pc	81/62/s
Kansas City	86/62/s	80/58/pc	80/60/s	San Francisco	78/60/pc	77/61/pc	78/61/pc
Lexington	90/65/t	77/55/c	75/54/pc	Seattle	81/57/s	84/57/s	84/59/pc
Little Rock	96/73/pc	88/67/pc	84/63/pc	Wash., DC	87/74/t	89/66/pc	80/64/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	89/78/t	89/78/t	91/78/t	London	76/58/c	73/57/sh	79/59/pc
Athens	91/73/s	91/72/s	91/73/s	Montreal	75/64/t	72/60/r	72/55/pc
Beirut	84/75/s	86/76/s	86/76/s	Moscow	82/59/s	86/61/pc	86/63/s
Berlin	86/66/t	82/66/pc	83/66/t	Nice	79/69/s	81/67/t	78/65/pc
Bermuda	85/77/t	83/76/r	81/73/pc	Ottawa	76/58/c	73/52/r	71/51/pc
Calgary	76/50/s	80/52/s	82/54/pc	Quebec	72/58/t	73/57/r	73/50/pc
Dublin	66/53/sh	68/54/pc	68/51/pc	Rio de Janeiro	75/68/r	76/66/r	75/65/sh
Edmonton	75/47/s	78/50/c	81/51/s	Seoul	84/68/pc	87/69/pc	87/72/s
Freeport	87/77/pc	87/77/pc	87/76/pc	Singapore	89/79/t	88/79/r	88/79/t
Geneva	74/57/pc	69/56/r	65/56/t	Sydney	66/42/s	67/47/pc	70/47/pc
Havana	92/72/t	94/71/t	92/71/t	Toronto	81/60/t	70/54/c	72/57/pc
Hong Kong	89/80/r	90/81/t	90/81/t	Vancouver	74/56/s	77/57/s	76/58/pc
Jerusalem	83/63/s	82/65/s	85/64/s	Vienna	81/65/t	80/65/t	80/65/t
Johannesburg	60/40/s	63/42/s	61/41/s	Warsaw	86/66/pc	87/67/pc	86/67/pc
Kiev	85/62/s	84/59/s	84/60/s	Winnipeg	72/51/c	75/52/s	78/55/pc

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