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After being told recently by the U.S. Department of Education that the school wasn't permitted to offer federal financial aid at its Sebring or Boca Raton campuses, the Azure College had to tell all members currently in those programs that they no longer had financial aid, or would have to attend the Miami campus. Almost all in the Sebring campus withdrew from the courses.

Azure under review by state, federal agencies

Displaced students may go to SFSC

BY PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — State and federal agencies have begun investigating Azure College, based on complaints from students who lost

federal financial aid, had to withdraw, and now have trouble pulling transcripts.

A U.S. Department of Education spokesperson said Thursday the agency recently told Azure to cease offering financial aid at its two satellite campuses

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Music for the soul

Avon Park veteran plays pan flute to combat personal demons

BY LARRY GRIFFIN
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — In the Gulf War, Randy Livingston faced death several times. He came back with a griefstricken soul, saddled with post-traumatic stress disorder and Gulf War syndrome in 1991.

Though he went through some difficult times, he now finds solace in playing a pan flute.

Livingston recalled some of the most difficult times in the war — such as facing land mines that very nearly could have killed him.

"We went fox-hole to fox-hole in Iraq," he said.

"There's a foxhole before there's a bunker, and that's how you know a bunker is there. I started going down one at a

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Let's help keep Morgan smiling

SEBRING — I've been impressed by the bravery of several young women these past few years. Lindsey Hammortree and Jade Jackson are inspirational to anyone who knows their stories.

But sometimes, bravery can take on an unexpected form — like a blonde-haired, brown-eyed, 5-year-old girl with a personality warm and bubbly enough to melt an iceberg in January.

EDITOR'S DESK
Scott Dressel

Zeus, a German shepherd, normally would have been OK with the attention. In a house full of girls, he was used to being petted and hugged. This time, however, he was sleeping and was apparently startled and lashed out.

Most of you have probably seen



Heather Howell/Facebook

Morgan Douberly was all smiles the day her eye opened, as you can see on her face in this still shot from a Facebook video.

one of those YouTube videos where somebody jumps out to scare a guy, who instinctively reacts by cold-cocking the dude in the Freddy Kreuger mask. This was kind of the same thing.

The attack was over in an instant — when he realized who it was, Zeus stopped and fled to his room — but it left Morgan with a severely damaged right eye and a hole and fractures in the left side of her skull.

Morgan was taken to Highlands

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Push Events pulled from City of Sebring's budget

BY BARRY FOSTER
NEWS-SUN CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — Despite the proposition the Push Event Productions scale back their offering from five to three events, Sebring City Council members

turned it down Tuesday night.

The issue again was money, and where it came from.

"I am not opposed to the events. My problem is I just don't think we should be using taxpayer money

to do it," said Sebring City Council President John Griffin. Just as at the last meeting, Griffin complained that he did not have any backup material on the agenda item.

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SHIP program not ship-shape

Commission wants Housing Authority to be reinstated

BY PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — On Tuesday, county commissioners accepted \$473,577 in new State Housing Initiative Partnership funds, and asked county staff to beef up a citizen's advisory board to help manage it.

They also asked if Chris Benson,

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun

The county receives funds from the State Housing Initiative Partnership to prevent foreclosures, help residents make home repairs and assist in home purchases. On Tuesday, the Highlands County Commission accepted \$473,577 in new SHIP funds to go with last year's \$350,000, and asked county staff to beef up a citizen's advisory board to help manage it.





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Committee looking at downtown Sebring housing

Griffin wants to get report

BY BARRY FOSTER
 NEWS-SUN CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — City Council President John Griffin has called for a report from a committee designed to increase housing in the downtown area in the City on the Circle.

The board reportedly was assembled during a June 9 workshop involving both the council and the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency.

“We discussed things we could do to make things better downtown. We appointed a group to figure out what properties the city owns, where they are located and then to put out a request for proposals to builders interested in putting up houses on those lots,” Griffin said.

Griffin said his recollection was that councilmen Scott Stanley and Mark Stewart had been appointed to the

committee along with CRA board member Mark Gose due to their experience in building and real estate. Additionally, Sebring Police Chief Tom Dettman was to have assembled crime statistics.

Apparently, the committee already has had a meeting this month. “We are doing all that and also trying to come up with a plan to determine the type of housing needed,” Stewart replied, saying he did not have exact details with him at the Tuesday night council session.

Griffin said that at the June workshop, Sebring CRA Executive Director Robin Hinote had offered to hold a luncheon meeting with city officials and local Realtors in an effort to spur the process.

Stanley opined that there may be a perception that real estate agents are not showing people downtown properties. “We want to find out if that is true, and if so, why,” he said.

Griffin said his re-



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

City officials are looking at ways to help spur home purchases in the downtown Sebring area.

search into that question revealed that Realtors apparently had a problem with having to upgrade some of the older homes in the city, as well as getting mortgages for the houses. “There’s a theory there’s something wrong with downtown,” he said.

Mayor John Shoop, a banker by trade, in-

dicated there has been an effort to establish a revolving loan fund with local financial institutions. “It is getting harder and harder under the mortgage laws to do something like that,” he said. “But that is something we are looking at as an alternative.”

Stanley said the committee also was look-

ing at identifying lenders who were willing to work through financial obstacles in regard to downtown properties. Reportedly, the committee has planned several more meetings to deal with those and other problems before making a report back to the council.

No time frame was set for that report.

Inaugural Princess Ball is today

SEBRING — Calling all Princesses and their Prince Charming, also known as “Dad.” The Sebring Macaroni Kid 2014 Inaugural Princess Ball is a father/daughter dance that will be held today from 6-8 p.m. at the Circle Theatre in downtown Sebring.

“The dance is for high school age and below,” explained Mirabel Sanders, publisher of Macaroni Kid. “Girls should invite their fathers or father-figure and enjoy the night.”

There will be a photographer on hand to capture the special moments, and music to twirl the young princesses to.

Tickets are \$10 (cash only) per person. “Proceeds will go towards a large family event in 2015,” said Sanders. For more information visit www.sebringmacaronikid.com.

‘Get Rolled’ culinary art class offered

SEBRING — On Sept. 17, the Highlands Art League will offer a “Get Rolled” culinary art class at 6 p.m. The class will be taught by Jason Cheng, chef/owner at Cang Tong Restaurant, which is sponsoring the class. The class will include a sushi roll demonstration, recipe and roll instructions, saki tasting and sushi roll samples. Advance registration is required; seating is limited.

Class fee is \$30 for HAL members and \$35 for non-mem-

bers. For details or to register, visit www.HighlandsArtLeague.org (Adult Education) or call 863-385-6682.

SHS cheerleaders holding BBQ

SEBRING — The Sebring High School Cheerleaders will be holding their annual chicken barbecue fundraising dinner on Friday, Sept. 19, from 3-7 p.m. at Firemen’s Field. Dine in or take out are available. All pick-ups and dining-in will take place at the main entrance of the fairgrounds near the baseball field.

The dinners include half of a chicken, cooked by the Sebring Firemen, coleslaw, baked beans, cookie and a roll, all for the low cost of \$7 per dinner.

Tickets are available from any Sebring cheerleader or call 863-381-8770.

Habitat for Humanity offering ramps for veterans

SEBRING — Highlands County Habitat for Humanity has been awarded a grant from The Home Depot Foundation through its Community Impact Grants Program to build handicapped ramps for local disabled veterans. Habitat is accepting applications for local disabled veterans who are in need of safe accessibility in and out of their home.

Applicants must live in Avon Park, Lake Placid, or Sebring. Eligibility is defined as a resident living in

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a home in Highlands County, who has served in the U.S. military. Furthermore, applicants must have received an honorable or general discharge and are either wounded warriors or disabled veterans and are of low to moderate income. Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications through Sept. 15. Contact Sarah Pallone, Monday through Friday, at 863-385-7156.

Volunteers sought for Guardian ad Litem program

The Guardian ad Litem program, which serves abused and neglected children across Highlands County, is seeking volunteers. Volunteer guardians help represent children who are involved in dependency court. Guardians must be at least 21 years old and undergo background checks and a certification process.

For more information about the program, call Dawn Shinskey at 863-534-4597 or email Dawn.Shinskey@gal.fl.gov.

Elks Day set for Rays game

SEBRING — Get tickets for Elks Day at Rays ballgame on Sept. 7. This will be the seventh annual Florida Elks fundraiser and is open to all members and guests.

Cost is \$50, which includes transportation and ticket. From each ticket, \$5 will go to support the Harry-

Anna Fund. Everyone participating will receive a free Rays/Elks tote bag.

For information, call Angie Warchak at 863-471-2150.

Chamber lunch relocates

LAKE PLACID — Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon will take place at noon Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center. Please note the change in location.

A presentation will be made by Kim Warnecke, director of Organization and Talent Effectiveness, and Angela Shafer, director of Marketing Initiatives and Sales Strategy for Lake Placid Health Center. Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to the chamber on or before noon Monday, Sept. 8.

DSAC to meet

SEBRING — The Highlands County District School Advisory Council will

meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 in the Garland Boggus Board Room at the School Board of Highlands County, 426 School St.

Agenda items for September’s meeting include the election of new officers, information from Superintendent Wally Cox regarding the half-cent sales tax, a review of district data, the District Instructional Assistance Plan, and information regarding the upcoming district accreditation process.

Sebring Moose Lodge welcomes kitchen manager

SEBRING – The Sebring Moose Lodge welcomes Tammy Teeter as kitchen manager. Teeter is an experienced cook and has many exciting new lunch menu items that will be offered daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The menu will also be offered on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 4-8 p.m. as well as a special each night. Mondays will be Pizza Night from 4-8 p.m.

LOTTERY

LOTTO
 Wednesday, Sept. 3
 6-15-16-20-29-32 X-5
 Next Jackpot: \$22 million

POWERBALL
 Wednesday, Sept. 3
 2-16-43-45-51 PB-35 X-3
 Next Jackpot: \$110 million

LUCKY MONEY
 Tuesday, Sept. 2
 1-9-14-18 PB-15
 Next Jackpot: \$500,000

MEGA MILLIONS
 Tuesday, Sept. 2
 1-8-54-69-72 PB-1 X-3
 Next Jackpot: \$33 million

CASH 3

Monday, Sept. 1
 Day: 1-3-0 Night: 4-6-5
 Tuesday, Sept. 2
 Day: 8-8-3 Night: 6-4-6
 Wednesday, Sept. 3
 Day: 9-0-5 Night: 2-2-8

PLAY 4

Monday, Sept. 1
 Day: 8-1-0-7 Night: 6-0-9-5
 Tuesday, Sept. 2
 Day: 6-0-5-9 Night: 3-3-1-4
 Wednesday, Sept. 3
 Day: 8-6-2-9 Night: 7-3-3-7

FANTASY 5

Monday, Sept. 1
 11-12-13-29-35
 Tuesday, Sept. 2
 3-5-10-14-32
 Wednesday, Sept. 3
 3-12-14-16-30

Eat, drink and be merry in Sebring this weekend



Barry Foster/News-Sun

The Loafin' Around Cafe is regularly set up in the parking lot of the Lowe's at 2050 U.S. 27 N. in Sebring. That is the site where the first Highlands Food Truck Rally will be held today from 5-9 p.m.

Food Truck Rally today at Lowe's

BY BARRY FOSTER
NEWS-SUN CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — The first-ever Sebring Food Truck Rally has grown a bit since the initial announcement late last month.

Organizer Charles Butcher of the Loafin' Around Cafe said at least one more vendor has been added to the list, there will be live music and some new dishes in honor of the first-ever local truck gathering.

"The 'Snowie of Sebring' snow cone truck will be joining us," said Butcher. "That will help to keep everybody cool and will provide another dessert option."

Butcher has announced the first Sebring rally will feature local food trucks and trailers, but may be expanded as other such

events are held around the area. In addition to the array of food to be offered by a half dozen vendors, there will be some live music.

Andre Rodrigues of Sazon Boriqua — a purveyor of Puerto Rican fare — will be bringing a group of "drumberos" to the party.

"They will be playing 'Bomba y Plena,' which is traditional Pureto Rican music," Butcher said.

Butcher also announced that some of the trucks will introduce some special dishes in honor of the event.

"We're adding a Chivito Club and the 'Little Charles Wrap,'" he said.

The "Little Charles" is a bacon Philly cheese steak, grilled on-

ion, American cheese, fried egg, mozzarella cheese sticks, chicken strips, french fries, mayo and ketchup on a 14-inch wrap.

"Actually, it's not little at all," Butcher said.

He explained that he came up with the recipe after his son had a difficult time making up his mind on what to eat.

Another vendor — Good Aah foods, which specializes in Filipino cuisine — has promised that many of his offerings will feature bacon for this event.

Other vendors will include James Brown's Famous Flames Barbecue, and fresh produce offerings from Northern Xposure.

A Facebook page has been set up for additional information on the event at Heartland Food Trucks.

Beer Fest to return Saturday

BY LARRY GRIFFIN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The Second Round of Beer festival, put on by the Children's Museum of the Highlands, will be Saturday evening on the downtown Circle, starting at 6 p.m.

There will be 35 beers and six different food vendors to choose from.

Tickets will be \$30 at the gate and \$25 if you buy them in advance from either www.childrensmuseumhighlands.com or by going into the museum on North Ridgewood Drive in person.

According to outgoing museum director Linda Crowder, the funds from the Beer Fest will go toward improving the Children's Museum.

Those who buy a ticket will receive an arm band, and those with arm bands will be allowed to sample beer and eat food at the tents set up around the Circle.



Local band Longshot will be playing live at the festival as well.

Last year, Crowder said they ran out of tickets — after all, there was only so much beer brought by the vendors. There were 300 tickets last year, but given the popularity of the event, Crowder upped the number of tickets to 500 this year.

The beer fest will also be Crowder's last event with the museum — after Saturday night's event, she is stepping down to make way for new director Cheryl Matthews.

The event is adults only. The Children's Museum of the Highlands can be contacted at 863-385-5437.

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The Highlands Museum of the Arts (MoTA) and the Highlands Art League (HAL) thank the following businesses and individuals for their support of the Citrus Labels & Crate Expectations exhibit MoTA hosted earlier this year.

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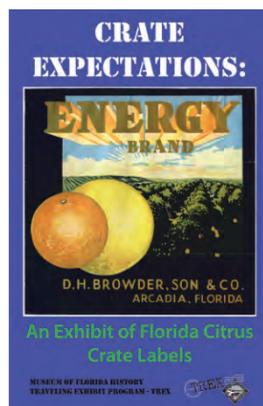
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Roaring 20s Festival

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SEBRING

Even though Push Event Promotions scaled back its proposal to just the Roaring 20s and the Girls Gone Wine Festival, the city council still balked at the price.

PUSH

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“There was an email sent out,” said councilman Mark Stewart, who pushed for the issue. Referencing the event schedule as a business, Stewart pointed out that any start-up company needs as much as three years to achieve solvency.

He told fellow council members that Push had been asked to “tone down” their proposal and now was only suggesting adding on to the Christmas and Roaring 20s events while reprising the original “Girls Gone Wine” event.

“We pay John Spiegel for the Carousel of Lights already don’t we?” Griffin asked. Sebring Community Re-development Agency Executive Director Robin Hinote assured the council the Spiegel’s company received a total of \$14,200 for the display, which is illuminated just prior to the annual Sebring Christmas parade and runs through Christmas Eve.

“That really supposedly brings people downtown through the month of December,” Griffin said. “The CRA used to do the Roaring 20s and I remember former director Pete Pollard said they broke even on that one.”

Adding up the totals, Griffin indicated the CRA would be investing \$32,000 for

the three events with another estimated \$19,000 from the city.

“You’re spending a lot of money,” he said. Again, Griffin asked about donations to the events by downtown merchants and also questioned the level of involvement by the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce.

Organizers Lora Todd and Casey Wohl assured Griffin that there were both cash and in-kind contributions from many of the downtown merchants. However, they said, they got nothing from the chamber.

Wohl told the council that officials from the chamber said they could not justify simply doing a downtown event and turned down the Independence Day activities, which would have a broader scope.

“I don’t know why they deserted downtown,” Griffin said. Todd replied she had been told that the chamber was leaning away from most events except for chamber fundraisers.

Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Barber said her board had considered the request, but had decided they wanted to do things that were more inclusive of the entire chamber area and not just the downtown district.

“As with all of our chamber members, we help to promote events,” she said. “We sent out emails about it to all of our chamber members, we put up posters at both of our locations and put it on the community calendar on our website. We are happy to help promote downtown events.”

In fact, she said, four of the next 12 chamber mixers are in the downtown CRA district.

Several merchants, including representatives of Captain Ron’s Mercantile and GB’s Formal Wear on the Circle, spoke in favor of the city financing the events.

Councilman Lenard Carlisle pointed to the municipal budget, saying that the council had told the city’s department heads to trim their requests.

“We have had to cut \$87,000,” he said. “Now we’re being asked to give enough money away to buy a police car.”

A motion by Stewart to fund the three events failed by a 3-2 margin with Griffin and Carlisle being joined by Stanley in turning down the request. The council later tabled a couple of items setting rules, regulations and fees for special events held in the city.

Man charged with assault, threatening witnesses

BY PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — At 8:07 p.m. last Friday, sheriff’s deputies received word that a man was in the middle of a road threatening that caller and another person with a knife.

Shortly after that, deputies arrested and charged Martin Martinez Zuniga, 31, of Lake Placid with two counts each of assault with intent to commit a felony and obstructing justice by threatening a witness.

He is in the Highlands County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond. The 24-year-old female caller told deputies that Zuniga had been on a three-day drinking binge and got into an argument with her that night.

A 15-year-old boy living at the house where they were staying heard the argument and tried to

make peace with the couple, reports said. He and Zuniga walked away from the house with the woman a few feet behind them.

As the three turned the corner onto St. Lucie Street, Zuniga reportedly pulled out a pocket knife, flicked it open with one hand, grabbed the handle and pointed it at both the boy and



ZUNIGA

the woman, telling him he would kill them, reports said. The teenager grabbed the woman’s shirt and pulled her behind him to keep her from getting hurt, reports said. He told her to run away, but she stayed and called 911.

The boy had to back up to avoid being attacked, reports said.

The woman told Zuniga she had called police, so he threw his

knife into a nearby vacant lot, reports said.

He started fighting with the boy, reports said, but the boy was able to put him onto the ground and hold him until law enforcement arrived. He was sitting on Zuniga and the woman sitting on his feet when deputies arrived.

While deputies escorted Zuniga to a patrol car, the woman began to feel faint, laying on the ground with her head in the teenager’s lap.

As he walked past both victims, Zuniga made a statement that was redacted from reports. However, the tampering with a witness charge came from that statement.

Both victims said he would hurt them when he gets out of jail, and the woman said he had beat her up two weeks prior to the incident, but law enforcement wasn’t called.

OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY WHALLEY

Shirley Elizabeth Whalley, age 88, passed away on Sept. 2, 2014 in Sebring. She was born on Feb. 25, 1926 in Ware, Mass. She grew up and lived in Lake Placid, N.Y. until retiring permanently to Florida in 2004. She was a home economics teacher and had many fond memories of her students over the course of her teaching career. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Sebring. She enjoyed church, music and being a seamstress and quilter.

Shirley is survived by her daughters, Florie Ashley (Stephen) of Sebring, Penny Kolba (Joseph) of Seminole, and Lisa Smith (Tom) of Jay, N.Y.; half-brother, Richard Williams of Georgia; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Irene Hodskins Williams;

her step-father, LeGrand Williams; her daughter, April Jean Whalley; and her son, William Whalley.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014 at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Sebring with Reverend David Juliano officiating. Memorial contributions may be made

in Shirley’s memory to First United Methodist Church — Music Ministry, 126 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870 www.sebring-firstumc.com or Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Rd., Sebring, FL 33870 www.chapter-shealth.org

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Comedian Joan Rivers dead at 81

NEW YORK (AP) — Joan Rivers, the raucous, acid-tongued comedian who crashed the male-dominated realm of late-night talk shows and turned Hollywood red carpets into danger zones for badly dressed celebrities, died Thursday. She was 81.

Rivers was hospitalized last week after she went into cardiac arrest at a Manhattan doctor’s office following a routine procedure. Daughter Melissa Rivers said she died at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, surrounded by family and close friends.

“My mother’s greatest joy in life was to make people laugh,” Melissa Rivers said. “Although that is difficult to do right now, I know her final wish would

be that we return to laughing soon.”

Rivers — who made “Can we talk?” a trademark of her routines — never mellowed during her half-century-long career. She had insults ready for all races, genders and creeds. She moved from long-time targets such as the weight problems of Elizabeth Taylor, of whom she said “her favorite food is seconds,” to newer foes such as Miley Cyrus, and continued to appear on stage and on TV into her 80s.

Comedy was not only her calling, but her therapy, as she turned her life inside out for laughs, mocking everything from her proclaimed lack of sex appeal (“My best birth control now is just to leave the lights on”) to

even her own mortality.

“I have never wanted to be a day less than I am,” she insisted in a 2013 interview with The Associated Press. “People say, ‘I wish I were 30 again.’ Nahhh! I’m very happy HERE. It’s great. It gets better and better. And then, of course, we die,” she quipped.

With her red-carpet query “Who are you wearing?”, the raspy-voiced blonde with the brash New York accent also helped patent pre-awards commentary — and the snarky criticism that often accompanies it, like cracking that Adele’s Grammy wardrobe made the singer look like she was sitting on a teapot. Rivers slammed actors at the Oscars, Emmys and Golden Globes for E! Entertainment.

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ANOTHER VIEW

The high costs of saying no

The decision by Republican lawmakers to reject Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act left nearly 1 million Floridians without better access to health care.

But beyond the human toll is another cost:

The billions guaranteed by the federal government would have bolstered hospitals in the state. It would have created thousands of new jobs in the health care industry. The stated aim of the expansion may have been the well-being of individuals, but a significant side benefit was overall economic development and jobs.

Which just makes the decision by legislative leaders and the Scott administration all the more bewildering.

A new study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Urban Institute gives a detailed breakdown of the unfortunate decision in Tallahassee to opt out of the ACA provision expanding Medicaid eligibility to adults with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level.

In all, 24 states have rejected the expansion — all of them controlled by Republicans.

Florida stands above the others, though: By refusing to cough up its portion of the projected program cost — \$5.3 billion over 10 years — the state is forgoing \$66 billion in federal funding over the same period. More than any other state.

Florida's hospitals also lost out big-time: \$22.6 billion in reimbursements. Altogether, the report said, the hospitals in the 24 opt-out states will do without nearly \$167 billion that was intended to offset projected cuts in other parts of the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement.

The study found:

- The proportion of “non-elderly uninsured adults” in the 24 states fell from 20 percent to 18.3 percent between September 2013 and June 2014 in the opt-out states. Sounds good. In comparison, however, the rate went from 16.2 percent to 10.1 percent in the states that stuck with the program.

- In the first quarter of 2014, some of the nation's hospital chains reported “major differences” in finances between opt-in states — “where hospital finances improved as uncompensated care fell and Medicaid revenue rose, both by significant amounts” — and opt-out states.

- The 24 opt-out states will forgo nearly \$43 billion in 2016, an increase of 30 percent. To receive that funding, they would have been required to ante up \$291 million, an increase of 0.3 percent. Another way of looking at it is that each state dollar invested would have brought in an additional \$147.42.

- According to the Council of Economic Advisors, the expansion would have added 78,600 new jobs in 2014 in the opt-out states. In 2015, the number would have risen to 172,400.

We can expect similar reports in years to come. All of it, we expect, will show how opting out was a mistake. A mistake for individuals. A mistake for hospitals and health care providers. A mistake for the state's overall economic health.

An editorial from the Polk County Democrat.

The taste of government control

They're going to have to get used to it.

I speak of the school students who are complaining about the taste of their government-funded school grub.

As part of the 2010 National School Lunch Program, you see, school districts that want federal funding to feed their kids must follow stringent nutritional guidelines designed to curb childhood obesity.

Schools must provide fruits and vegetables daily, reduce sodium, trans fats and saturated fats, offer more whole grains and switch to fat-free or low-fat milk. They must also abide by strict calorie minimums according to the age groups and grades of school diners.

The nutrition requirements extend well beyond school-meal programs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Smart Snacks in School program requires that school vending machines, and any other school-run food services, ditch soda pop, candy bars, doughnuts and potato chips in favor of healthier fare, such as granola bars.

While some school districts are finding ways to make half-decent food within the strict limitations they face, many others are falling short. Schoolkids across the country are taking to YouTube and social media to complain about the taste and how the small portions cause their stomachs to growl all day.

But they're just going to have to get used to it.

Look, kids, government bureaucrats in faraway Washington, D.C., have your best interests at heart. They think your school districts, you and your parents are too dumb to figure out how to eat right.

Regrettably, they have a point. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, obesity has doubled in children and quadrupled in teens over the past 30 years.

And, as our government continues its massive expansion



GUEST COLUMN

Tom Purcell

into every area of our personal lives — telling us what insurance coverage we must and must not buy, for instance — school meals are expanding, too.

This year, the feds will fund 5.6 billion lunches and snacks for more than 32 million children at a cost of some \$12 billion — twice what the government spent a little more than a decade ago.

That gives the well-intentioned bureaucrats at the USDA power. And they are using their power to determine what schoolkids must and must not eat.

I admit that my school lunches were not very good when I was a kid in the 1970s. That is because my parents, not the government, were responsible for packing my lunch.

I don't know how they did it, but every single day I got a bologna sandwich glued together with warm mayonnaise and two end pieces of bread.

As unappetizing as my lunches often were, I know now that

this was the price my generation paid for freedom.

See, since most kids relied on parents, rather than the government, for food and pretty much everything else, the government lacked the means to boss us around.

Sometimes, my mother came through with peanut butter and jelly on fresh bread, with butterscotch pudding and giant oatmeal raisin cookies for dessert — items that schools are forbidden from selling now.

In any event, to paraphrase an old saying, a government big enough to feed millions of its nation's schoolkids is big enough to determine what the ingredients, fat content and portion sizes must be.

So, kids, if your school is accepting federal funds to feed you, you're going to have to get used to the taste.

Besides, if you think the government grub tastes bad, wait until you get a taste of the high taxes your generation will pay to cover the trillions in debt your country racked up before you graduated from high school.

Bon appetit!

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Embrace your differences

People — all 7 billion of us sprinkled generously across earth — are different. We don't look the same, or act the same.

We are different people with different flaws and perfections, and we should all accept each others' differences. But that only happens in a perfect world, and, unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect world, so I have concluded that whatever you do — good or bad — people will always criticize you.

I took a psychology class this summer that talked a great deal about self-actualization. Personally, I think it is the most efficient way to go about being happy with you. It seems crystal clear to me that without self-acceptance, you will cease to exist as a prosperous individual.

By nature, we yearn for the acceptance of those around us and have a tendency to succumb to the societal hierarchy. “Image” is for some reason a fundament of many young lives. We hold back our feelings and hide them, drowning in thoughts and the idea of our exterior.

I'm not saying I have no inse-



GUEST COLUMN

Gauri Persad

curities, because that would be a big fat ugly lie, but taking our insecurities and weighing them like a grain of salt will make life a whole lot easier.

There is only one of me and one of you, why should you want to “blend”? We are all freaks of nature; that's the beauty of things and

even the people who seem stereotypical aren't. Everyone looks different, acts different and should totally embrace their differences. Otherwise, the world would be a complete oasis of gray, with no color.

So the moral of the story is: Don't live your life to impress others, live life to impress yourself. Be the best you can be for you, and your own personal welfare. Be happy with you for you, and, as Dr. Seuss says, “be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matters don't mind.”

Gauri Persad is a Sebring High School student. The News-Sun encourages students to express their opinions, which are their own and not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

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outside Miami, one of which is Sebring.

Students have also complained to State Senator Denise Grimsley — herself a nurse — whose office contacted Curtis Austin, executive director of the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges. He said he has fielded calls and asked students to send written complaints to the Florida Department of Education's Commission on Independent Education — a regulatory agency enforcing laws on higher education, including consumer protection, institutional policies and licensing.

Those same displaced students met Wednesday with officials at South Florida State College in hopes of continuing training to become nurses.

One is Jennifer Huddleston of Sebring, who quit a job at Agero to study nursing, received \$4,700 in a student loan in April and received \$4,700 in a student loan on Aug. 18, the same day Azure College President/CEO Jhonson Napoleon called a mandatory meeting to tell nursing students that they no longer had financial aid at the Sebring campus.

When she applied for financial aid, Huddleston said, Azure officials had her report her location as the Miami campus, which is reflected on her disbursement statements.

Huddleston said after financial aid was canceled, Napoleon told them they could pay tuition them-



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Barbara Huddleston (left) said although her daughter, Jennifer (right) had federal student loans through Azure College, she still had to buy books and uniforms for her so she could attend classes. Jennifer said nursing is something she has wanted to do since she was a girl. She now worries it may be out of reach.

selves — \$4,000 for licensed practical nurse or \$12,000 for registered nurse courses — or they could attend at the Miami campus on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

She and her mother, Barbara Huddleston, share a vehicle, so taking it three days straight to Miami was not an option.

Napoleon was not available for comment Thursday.

Once the bulk of students withdrew from classes, there weren't enough students to continue and the courses closed, Jennifer Huddleston said.

"Now all of us have wasted six months," Jennifer Huddleston said. "I always wanted to do (nursing) since I was little."

Jennifer Huddleston said she filled out paperwork on Aug. 22 for transcripts and was told it would take three to five days. Then she

was told the transcripts were being held in lieu of tuition payment or repayment of the loan.

She said she has been unable to get calls back from staff in Sebring or Miami.

The situation has infuriated Barbara Huddleston, who said she and her daughter waited more than two hours at Azure in Sebring to speak to the dean, with no results.

She also said had to buy her daughter's books and uniform because of snags in being able to use her financial aid from the start.

Jennifer Huddleston said the training received from Azure was substandard. She said she even had to write out tests for a teacher who didn't have computer skills.

"This kid from day one was teaching herself," Barbara Huddleston said.

Now Jennifer Huddleston may have a

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	Date	Net Disbursement Amount	Date
	04/09/2014	\$ 2988.00	
	08/18/2014	\$ 2988.00	

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Jennifer Huddleston of Sebring has a record of receiving approximately \$4,700 on two occasions this year while enrolled at Azure College to study nursing. One of those payments came the day Jhonson Napoleon, Azure president and CEO, told students federal financial aid was no longer available at the Sebring site. Huddleston said when she applied, school officials told her to give her location as Miami, not Sebring — as noted in the school information — since that campus was eligible to disburse financial aid.

chance to get taught at SFSC.

Leana Revell, SFSC vice-president for Student and Educational Services, said she met Wednesday with 25-30 students who wanted to get started right

away. One option is an abbreviated 12-week course of study along with five general education courses for students who need to get back on track, she said.

"(We're) trying to assist them in any way

we can," Revell said. "It's part of our responsibility to the community."

Transcripts would be handled on a case-by-case basis, Revell said. Azure is accredited through the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, while SFSC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, and the course quality and peer-reviews don't match, she said.

If Azure can't or won't provide transcripts, Revell said SFSC could treat the situation as if the documents were permanently lost, but Austin said that wouldn't be necessary.

He said the student is protected by the Commission on Independent Education, which can secure those transcripts for them.

"It won't be tomorrow," Austin said, but added that it would happen. "The C.I.E. holds a lot of people to the fire."

Credits may not transfer, but Revell pledged that SFSC would do what it could to help.

As for financial aid, she said federal guidelines set financial aid eligibility based on how much financial aid a student has used. Any outstanding balances at Azure or any other college could affect that.

According to the Azure College blog, the school was started in 2004 by medical practitioners and was later bought and transformed into Florida Educational Institute. In June 2011, the name changed to Azure College. The Sebring location at 2940 U.S. 27 S. opened in 2012.

13-year-old charged with sexual assault, false imprisonment

BY LARRY GRIFFIN
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — A 13-year-old boy was arrested Wednesday for allegedly sexually assaulting a classmate.

The incident, as it is alleged to have happened, occurred in August. The incident began when the victim's mother noticed the victim, age 12, had what looked like a hickey on her neck.

Upon asking the victim about this, the victim lied and said she had fallen and bumped her neck into a dresser in her room.

The victim's mother finally confronted her about this, and the victim confessed that she had been sexually assaulted by a classmate she met in ISS (in-school suspension) the previous year.

According to the victim, she met with the defendant, who was 12 at the time, on

Aug. 10 between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m.

From there they allegedly went to the house of a friend of the defendant, where the two of them went into a barn and were allegedly locked in by "something heavy moved in front of the door," according to an arrest report.

It was inside the barn that the victim alleges to have been raped by the defendant.

When presented with a photo lineup, the victim indicated the defendant as her attacker.

When the defendant was questioned by law enforcement about leaving a hickey on the victim's neck, the arrest report states the defendant "became very quiet and did not answer."

It was also discovered through text messages that the defendant told the victim he had "violated his cur-

few," which was 6:30 p.m., by leaving in the early morning hours to meet the victim.

The defendant was charged with a probation violation, a felony charge of kidnapping or false imprisonment of a child under 13 years of age, and a felony charge of sexual assault on a child under 13 years of age.

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MORGAN

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Regional Medical Center, where Dr. Arthur Williams discovered a hole in her skull that penetrated the brain barrier. He had her immediately airlifted to All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, where she had surgery on her eye and skull.

But the story isn't about what happened to Morgan as much as it is about what happened afterward.

It started almost immediately. Morgan's mom, Erica Douberly, was clutching a bleeding Morgan to her and was in full-on mom panic mode about how long the ambulance was taking to get there.

Morgan, who was "squalling" according to Erica, stopped, looked up at her mom and said, "Mommy, I'm gonna be OK."

"A calmness just came over me," Erica said.

After that 17-minute ride to St. Pete, Morgan's attitude kept helping everyone take the stress in stride.

Anybody who is Facebook friends with Heather Howell got treated to several episodes of the Morgan Douberly Show in the following days. And if you saw one of the short videos, there was no way not to smile.

From taking her medicine to playing air hockey — yes, there is an air hockey table in the hospital — Morgan somehow made being in the hospital look fun. And she makes it sound like fun, too. "I got Oreo milkshakes every day," she said.

Erica said All Children's — both the facility and the staff — is amazing. "It's like a resort for hurt kids," she said.

The video taken the evening she was able to open her eye again (doctors had said it would take two weeks — it took two days), opens with an enthusiastic "Hey guys! My eye is open today and I'm *verrrrry* excited!" She sounded like a little girl talking about what Santa left her.

She also found the time to go across the hall to the cancer ward and give some of her balloons to 19-month-old Carson, who didn't have a parade of visitors like she did. "He was *really* sick," Morgan said of the visit.

When I met Morgan on Monday, I asked her what she thought about all that had happened to her, pretty much the first thing out of her mouth was "I got to ride in a helicopter! And Daddy took a video of it!"

She was much more interested in her other visitors that day — Sofia, Elsa, Belle and Anna from "Frozen" (courtesy of Moore Performing Arts) — than she was talking about what happened.



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Morgan Douberly goofs off with Anna from 'Frozen,' who made a surprise visit to Morgan's house on Monday.

Morgan has no fear of dogs, despite her ordeal. In one video, as she prepares to give herself some medicine (the red kind and the white kind were "yucky," FYI) she points at her eye and matter-of-factly says "I'm at the hospital. Zeus did this, but that's OK."

Part of the protocol at All Children's is to give kids who have been bitten by a dog a chance to interact with a therapy dog, so a greyhound was brought just outside the door of Morgan's room. But it was up to Morgan to notice it and react.

Her reaction, Chad said, was to jump off the bed, run over to the the dog and give it a big hug. "She wanted (the dog) to stay forever."

While Morgan may be OK with big dogs, Mom says she won't be around anything "bigger than a guinea pig" for a long time, even though she doesn't hold any grudges against Zeus.

"People say I should be mad and angry, but you have to look at the situation as it is. He reacted the way he was trained to," Erica said, adding that there was an adult in the room at the time because Morgan wasn't allowed to play with Zeus unless an adult was there.

"It's a tale of two tragedies," Chad said.

Zeus' family was also traumatized by what happened. And

now they are also dealing with the loss of Zeus, who was much more than just a pet. K-9 officers and their dogs are partners. And that partnership had been together for over seven years.

"Two families were impacted here," Chad said.

While Morgan is back to acting like a typical 5-year-old girl (Erica said she about had a connoisseur when she caught her doing a cartwheel not long after coming home), there is still a long road of recovery left.

Her eye was severely damaged. She's going to need at least two more surgeries to rebuild her eyelid and tear ducts, and now the family is learning many more may be needed to correct additional damage. They have insurance, but it only goes so far.

A GoFundMe.com page — appropriately called "Moran's beautiful eyes!" has been set up to help the family pay for the expenses that insurance doesn't cover <http://www.gofundme.com/dtaxbc>. The goal is at least \$18,000. There has also been an account set up at Heartland National Bank. Click on the link. Or stop by the bank. However you do it, make a donation and help Morgan keep smiling.

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SHIP

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community programs and administrative projects manager, could get more office staff to help allocate the funds, since the program still has \$350,000 in it from last year.

Michelle Gresham of Avon Park Lakes said that sounded like a good idea, only if the county will also increase office staff in the Highlands County housing office. She told commissioners that when she called the office last Friday for certification that she had satisfied conditions of her loan from the county, the office worker reported being a year behind on paperwork.

The funds are used to prevent foreclosures, to help residents make home repairs and to help residents buy homes. Gresham said she had a loan from the county for repairs to her home.

Commissioner Jim Brooks moved to have the county accept this year's money and combine it with last year's, but not expend any of it until the county installs a new housing committee, and the motion passed unanimously.

During discussions, Benson said the reason why the county doesn't have a housing committee yet is a lack of interest.

"Let's concentrate a little more on this one: Get the word out," said Commission Chair Greg Harris.

Benson said the advisory committee by law must be 11 people:

- One in residential home building in connection with affordable housing.
- One in banking or mortgage industry in connection with affordable housing.
- One representative of home building labor in connection with affordable housing.
- One advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing.
- One not-for-profit provider of affordable housing.
- One real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.
- One on the local planning agency.
- One who lives in the county.
- One who represents employers in the county.
- One representative of essential services personnel.

Commissioner Don Elwell, who was reluctant to approve the funds without an advisory committee recommendation, asked if the county couldn't just fill the slots normally reserved for professionals in housing fields with average citizens instead.

Benson said that Florida law states the seats have to be allocated to people in certain professions. If no one is available in those fields, then seats can be filled by someone who works in that general industry.

Brooks asked if a following item to approve a partnership with the Florida Housing Initiative Inc. might help provide some personnel to run and monitor the program. While Benson said it would, County Attorney Ross Macbeth cautioned that the advisory committee and administration is not as crucial as having staff to "handle the paperwork."

"We need to hire us some people who are qualified and capable of processing loans properly," Macbeth said.

Clerk of the Courts Bob Germaine said people from his accounting staff could help, and when Elwell suggested contracting with his office, Germaine said he could get the job done.

However, he also said running such a program is a "major undertaking," and Brooks advised against laying this task on the clerk's office.

FLUTE

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45 degree angle to the Earth. I heard someone calling my name. I stopped and looked around, but neither one of my comrades had called my name.

"I looked down and there was a trip wire, about three feet off the ground, right near my boot. If I would've touched that trip wire, I would have been vaporized."

Livingston also recalled seeing enemies killed by poison gas. He said he wanted the opportunity one day "to just share notes, to say 'hey, I love you like a brother. I'm sorry for what hap-

pened. I love you no matter what happened,'" he said.

In his post-war years, after returning to Florida, he went through dark times involving alcoholism, and turned to God to get out of his downward spiral.

"I realized if I turned it over to God and meant it, he would take (the alcoholism) from me," he said. "I remember the meeting...I walked out of the meeting and I said here you go, God, and he pulled it right on out of me."

Now, he sees a psychiatrist in Sebring. His pan flute playing days began nearly three years ago, around Christmas in 2011. His psychiatrist asked him what he enjoyed doing, and he said he liked playing the

pan flute. This prompted her to give him a challenge: get good at playing the pan flute, record an album and show it to her.

Since then, Livingston has been practicing at any opportunity. He plays at Sunny Homes Retirement Home sometimes and is slated to play at his niece's wedding in November, where he'll do a 10-song concert.

Livingston says playing the pan flute helps him deal with his post-traumatic stress disorder and Gulf War syndrome, fighting the personal demons that ail him even now.

"Sometimes when I play, a tear comes out of me," he said. "It comes out of my soul, my anguish and horror over realizing as a person,



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Randy Livingston and Avon Park Historical Society member Jean Jordan at the Avon Park Annual Picnic in August. Livingston played the national anthem on a pan flute at the picnic.

the things I did in the war. I'm practicing because I love it. It's therapeutic to me. I wouldn't say I'm good yet, but I'm OK. I'm learning and

getting better."

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SPORTS

Gridders gearing up for week two

BY DAN HOEHNE
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Heading into the second week of the prep football season, area teams are gearing up for what look like at least two defensive challenges.

Sebring, coming off an offensive outburst in toppling Jupiter Christian, squares off with an Okeechobee squad that fell in a 6-0 loss to perennially explosive Glades Day.

“Glades is a powerhouse, which just



shows how strong Okeechobee is,” head coach LaVaar Scott said. “They moved the ball but just couldn’t punch it in, and defensively, they didn’t allow Glades to score until the last minute or so.



“We’ll have to be sure to get some points on the board and be consistent in the red zone,” he continued. “We also have to take away their big runs and force them to sustain drives. We real-



ly just have to do what we do.”

Avon Park, which had trouble getting its offense on track in their opening loss to Frostproof, meets up

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The Jigging Spoon

For much of the country, the month of September marks the transition from summer to fall.

But here in Highlands County, it’s often just an extension of the hot, humid weather we’ve endured all summer.

Day-time temperatures are still in the low 90’s and overnight temperatures in the mid-70’s continue to keep our lake water warm, pushing bass into the deeper depths of the lake.

Shad, shiners and even bluegills that were once prevalent in the shallower areas of the lake now roam the deeper water in search of food, often “balling” up into massive schools.

And the bass, ever in search of food, move into the deeper water following their food source.

This time of the year, shallow water bass fishermen manage to catch a few bass with all the standard gear; plastic worms, spinnerbaits and top water, but most are lost when it comes to fishing deeper water.

But if you’re ever going to become proficient in deep-water bass fishing, you have to learn to use a jigging spoon.

Drop-shotting a plastic bait, a relatively new concept used by area fishermen to fish deep water brush piles, has become popular over the past decade, but lacks the adaptability of the jigging spoon.

The jigging spoon is probably the most misunderstood lure in the bass fishing arena.

Most consider it a season-specific lure and difficult to fish.

The truth is if bass fishermen ever discover the versatility of the jigging spoon, it would become one of the most popular lures in their tackle box.

Years ago, fishing tournaments on the Ohio River, we fished with jigging spoons and caught hundreds of bass.

Spoons were more popular back then and my favorite was called a Hopkins Shorty.

It was easy to fish, and due to its compact shape and dense weight, you could



FISHIN’ AROUND

Don Norton

throw it a mile. We often fished in 20’ to 30’ of water and most of the bass we caught were schooling bass, although the schools would often be in the three-pound class or better.

Fishing the spoon effectively was a matter of casting it out, letting it sink to the bottom and then “ripping” it back with a sweeping stroke of your rod and picking up the slack.

After the “sweep” the bait would flutter as it fell and most strikes occurred as the bait was falling.

If you’ve ever watched a school of bass attack bait on the surface, they will strike savagely, often stunning the baitfish and then swim back around to pick up the stunned fish as they slowly sink to the bottom.

The jigging spoon has a very similar effect, and as it’s “falling” the bass will easily mistake it for food.

When you consider that bass only remain shallow for 5-6 months out of the year, learning how to fish with a jigging spoon can easily increase your catching success and turn you on to a very exciting method of fishing.

This time of the year, large schools of bass roam the deep water and are often found on or near brush piles, rocks and shell-beds.

They will often suspend just below or near large schools of baitfish, and once located, they’re easy pickings for a spoon jig.

Jigging spoons are the only lure you can position precisely in the strike zone and it’s the perfect size and shape to imitate an injured baitfish.

One of the most popular jigging spoons on the market today is made by Strike King and is

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Lady Dragons sweep Devils

BY JAMES TAYLOR
NEWS-SUN CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK – The Lake Placid Green Dragon volleyball team swept the Lady Red Devils in Avon Park on Tuesday night in their first district matchup of the season.

Lake Placid won by scores of 25-20, 25-18 and 25-18.

With the win, the Green Dragons improve to 3-1 on the season and 1-0 in the district.

Avon Park slips to 0-2 on the season and 0-1 in the district.

“Pretty proud of my girls, especially after a long weekend,” said Lake Placid head coach Charlotte Bauder. “We did not practice yesterday, so I was kind of iffy on what I was going to get today, but I am proud they stepped up, brought their A game and knew how important this match was.”

Each game was similar in that Avon Park held the lead in each when they had 17 points and in each game lost that lead



James Taylor/News-Sun

Lake Placid’s Skyla Stidham flies toward the net to tap the ball over the Avon Park defenders Tuesday.

while still at 17.

Game one stayed fairly close as the Red Devils led 4-1, but Lake Placid battled to a 12-10 lead.

Tied at 16, Avon Park took the lead at what would become the dreaded 17-point mark

at 17-16.

The Green Dragons scored four quick points to retake the lead 20-17 and eventually held off the Red Devils for the 25-20 win.

Game two was also a tight one, with neither team building more

than a two-point advantage until Avon Park broadened that lead to three at 17-14.

Again the Red Devils stalled as Lake Placid reeled off nine consecutive points to surge

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Lake Placid swims past Sebring

BY VICTORIA SAWICKI
NEWS-SUN CORRESPONDENT

LAKE PLACID – After an initial lightning delay at the Lake Placid Pool Tuesday evening, the tri-meet between the host Dragons, Sebring and Frostproof got underway.

And it was Lake Placid that kept things charged as they swept to wins for the boys and girls.

The Lady Dragons totaled 150 points to Sebring’s 102, and the boys finished the meet with 145 to the Streaks 122.

Starting off with the girls 200-yard medley relay, the Dragons came in first with Robbye Teal, Rachel Shatter, Brice Creel and Katie Dye.



Victoria Sawicki/News-Sun

Byron Cobb got a Sebring a second in the diving competition, though the host Green Dragons came out on top overall in Tuesday’s meet at Lake Placid.

The Sebring boys took second in their side of the event with Lukas High, Griffin Chynoweth, Jack Edgemon and Tevin Bullard.

Emma Mooring took first while Eden Taylor

placed second for Dragons in the 200 free and Jennai Hagen got third for Blue Streaks.

Sebring’s Edgemon came in first in the boys 200 free, beating Lake Placid’s Alexander Bo-

gaert by .35 seconds.

In the girls 200 individual medley, Creel came in first for the Dragons, second went to Clara Simpson, and then in third was Gabi Dion.

For the boys, Dragon Andrew Brown placed first with a time of 2:09.14 with Griffin Chynoweth in third.

In the girls 50 free, Dye came in first and Anne Weber-Callahan second for Dragons with a .25 second difference, and Kaitlyn Smith was in third and Sanitha Raghuverra in fourth for Sebring.

Travis Peebles finished first for Lake Placid in the boys 50 free and Bullard was in second for Streaks.

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A Strike King Sexy Spoon.

Courtesy photo

COMING UP

High School Football

Today – Sebring vs. Okeechobee, 7:30 p.m.; Avon Park at Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Lake Placid vs. Moore Haven, 7 p.m.

High School Volleyball

Monday – Lake Placid at Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

TODAY

AUTO RACING

• NASCAR – College Savings 250 7:30 p.m. ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

• Pittsburgh at Boston College 7 p.m. ESPN
• Washington State at Nevada 10:30 p.m. ESPN

GOLF

• EuroPGA – Omega Masters 9:30 a.m. GOLF
• PGA – Quebec Championship 11:30 a.m. GOLF
• PGA – Chiquita Classic 1:30 p.m. GOLF
• PGA – BMW Championship 4 p.m. GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

• Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs 2 p.m. WGN
• Baltimore at Tampa Bay 7 p.m. SUN

TENNIS

• U.S. Open, Women's Semifinals 12:30 p.m. CBS

SATURDAY

AUTO RACING

• NASCAR – Federated Auto Parts 4007:30 p.m. ABC

BOXING

• Adrien Broner vs. Emmanuel Taylor 9:25 p.m. SHOW

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

• Oklahoma at Tulsa Noon ABC
• Missouri at Toledo Noon ESPN
• Akron at Penn State Noon ESPN2
• Johnson C. Smith at Charlotte Noon WTTA
• SMU at North Texas Noon SUN
• South Carolina State at Clemson 12:30 p.m. WTOG
• USC at Stanford 3:30 p.m. ABC
• Fordham at Villanova 3:30 p.m. WTTA
• Ball State at Iowa 3:30 p.m. ESPN2
• Missouri State at Oklahoma State 3:30 p.m. SUN
• Mississippi at Vanderbilt 4:30 p.m. ESPN
• Michigan State at Oregon 6:30 p.m. FOX
• Rhode Island at Marshall 7 p.m. WTTA
• Michigan at Notre Dame 7:30 p.m. NCB
• The Citadel at Florida State 7:30 p.m. SUN
• Virginia Tech at Ohio State 8 p.m. ESPN
• Colorado State at Boise State 10:15 p.m. ESPN2
• Northwestern State at Baylor 11 p.m. SUN

GOLF

• PGA – BMW Championship 1 p.m. GOLF
• PGA – BMW Championship 3 p.m. NBC
• PGA – Chiquita Classic 5 p.m. GOLF
• PGA – Quebec Championship 7 p.m. GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

• Baltimore at Tampa Bay 1 p.m. FOX
• Chicago White Sox at Cleveland 7 p.m. WGN

TENNIS

• U.S. Open, Men's Semifinals Noon CBS

SCOREBOARD

MLB					Thursday's Games				
American League					Friday's Games				
East	W	L	Pct	GB					
Baltimore	81	57	.587	—	Cincinnati at Baltimore, late				
New York	71	66	.518	9½	St. Louis at Milwaukee, late				
Toronto	71	67	.514	10	Arizona at San Diego, late				
Tampa Bay	67	73	.479	15	Pittsburgh (Worley 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Doubront 1-0), 2:20 p.m.				
Boston	61	78	.439	20½	Philadelphia (Je. Williams 3-0) at Washington (Strasburg 11-10), 7:05 p.m.				
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	San Francisco (Peavy 3-4) at Detroit (Porcello 15-9), 7:08 p.m.				
Kansas City	77	61	.558	—	Atlanta (Harang 10-9) at Miami (Cosart 3-1), 7:10 p.m.				
Detroit	76	63	.547	1½	N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 12-11) at Cincinnati (Simon 13-9), 7:10 p.m.				
Cleveland	71	66	.518	5½	St. Louis (Lackey 2-1) at Milwaukee (Fiers 4-2), 8:10 p.m.				
Chicago	63	76	.453	14½	San Diego (Stults 6-15) at Colorado (Matzek 4-9), 8:40 p.m.				
Minnesota	61	78	.439	16½	Arizona (Nuno 0-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Haren 11-10), 10:10 p.m.				
West	W	L	Pct	GB	Wednesday's Games				
Los Angeles	83	55	.601	—	Seattle 2, Oakland 1				
Oakland	79	60	.568	4½	N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 1				
Seattle	75	63	.543	8	Baltimore 6, Cincinnati 0				
Houston	61	79	.436	23	Cleveland 7, Detroit 0				
Texas	53	86	.381	30½	Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 4				
Wednesday's Games					Thursday's Games				
Seattle 2, Oakland 1					Boston at N.Y. Yankees, late				
N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 1					Cincinnati at Baltimore, late				
Baltimore 6, Cincinnati 0					Detroit at Cleveland, late				
Cleveland 7, Detroit 0					Toronto at Tampa Bay, late				
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 4					Seattle at Texas, late				
Minnesota 11, Chicago White Sox 4					L.A. Angels at Minnesota, late				
Houston 4, L.A. Angels 1					Friday's Games				
Kansas City 4, Texas 1					Chicago White Sox (Carroll 5-9) at Cleveland (House 2-3), 7:05 p.m.				
Thursday's Games					Kansas City (Shields 12-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 3-3), 7:05 p.m.				
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, late					San Francisco (Peavy 3-4) at Detroit (Porcello 15-9), 7:08 p.m.				
Cincinnati at Baltimore, late					Baltimore (W.Chen 14-4) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-7), 7:10 p.m.				
Detroit at Cleveland, late					Toronto (Hutchison 9-11) at Boston (Buchholz 6-8), 7:10 p.m.				
Toronto at Tampa Bay, late					Seattle (Iwakuma 13-6) at Texas (S.Baker 3-3), 8:05 p.m.				
Seattle at Texas, late					L.A. Angels (Undecided) at Minnesota (Nolesco 5-10), 8:10 p.m.				
L.A. Angels at Minnesota, late					Houston (Oberholzer 4-10) at Oakland (Sarmardzija 4-4), 10:05 p.m.				
Friday's Games					Saturday's Games				
Chicago White Sox (Carroll 5-9) at Cleveland (House 2-3), 7:05 p.m.					National League				
Kansas City (Shields 12-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 3-3), 7:05 p.m.					East				
San Francisco (Peavy 3-4) at Detroit (Porcello 15-9), 7:08 p.m.					Washington				
Baltimore (W.Chen 14-4) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-7), 7:10 p.m.					Atlanta				
Toronto (Hutchison 9-11) at Boston (Buchholz 6-8), 7:10 p.m.					Miami				
Seattle (Iwakuma 13-6) at Texas (S.Baker 3-3), 8:05 p.m.					New York				
L.A. Angels (Undecided) at Minnesota (Nolesco 5-10), 8:10 p.m.					Philadelphia				
Houston (Oberholzer 4-10) at Oakland (Sarmardzija 4-4), 10:05 p.m.					St. Louis				
Wednesday's Games					Central				
Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 4					St. Louis				
St. Louis 1, Pittsburgh 0					Milwaukee				
Colorado 9, San Francisco 2					Pittsburgh				
Washington 8, L.A. Dodgers 5, 14 innings					Cincinnati				
Baltimore 6, Cincinnati 0					Chicago				
N.Y. Mets 4, Miami 3					West				
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 2					Los Angeles				
Arizona 6, San Diego 1					San Francisco				
					San Diego				
					Arizona				
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					Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 4				
					St. Louis 1, Pittsburgh 0				
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					Washington 8, L.A. Dodgers 5, 14 innings				
					Baltimore 6, Cincinnati 0				
					N.Y. Mets 4, Miami 3				
					Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 2				
					Arizona 6, San Diego 1				

Fall Softball

Leagues

The Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department announces that the 2014 Adult Fall Leagues will start the week of Monday, Sept. 22.

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

Registration and fees are due by Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Fees are \$360, plus \$15 sanctioning fee for new teams.

For any further information please call Bob Keefe at 863-381-8284 or Dustin Ride-nour at 381-8269.

Cheerleader BBQ

SEBRING – The Sebring High School Cheerleaders will be holding their annual Chicken Barbeque fundraising dinner on Friday, Sept. 19, from 3 – 7 p.m.

It will be held at Fireman's Field, dine in or take out are available.

All pick-ups and dining-in will take place at the main entrance of the Fair Grounds near the baseball field.

The dinners include ½ chicken, cooked by our very own Sebring Firemen, coleslaw, baked beans, cookie and a roll – all for the low cost of \$7 per dinner.

Tickets are available from any Sebring Cheerleader or please call 381-8770.

Please help support these young athletes. Cheers and thanks for your support.

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

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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.

Devil Football tickets

AVON PARK – APHS Football season tickets, reserved seats, parking passes and sponsorship opportunities are now available.

Membership in the newly formed APHS Football Booster Club (the AP Touchdown Club) is available for as low as \$30 for the season.

Contact Jeanna at (863) 449-1672, Melanie at (863) 449-1047 or email aptouchdownclub@gmail.com for more information.

Champions Club Golf Tourney

AVON PARK – This year's 2nd Annual Avon Park Champions Club golf tournament will be held at River Greens Golf Club on Saturday, Sept. 20, with an 8 a.m. tee time.

Entry fee is \$60 per player and will include golf, cart, refreshments on the course, prizes and post-round meal in the clubhouse.

Corporate level sponsorship of \$275 will also include a business tee sign and four-person entry.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$50. All proceeds go to benefit the academic and athletic needs of Avon Park schools.

Contact tourney director Chet Brojek at cbrojek@comcast.net or call him at (863) 712-3524 to have an entry form sent to you.

Entry deadline is Monday, Sept. 15, so get those teams together and join in the fun.

Sebring Chamber 5K

SEBRING – The Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce announces its 3rd Annual Major Thomas B. McGuire Jr. 5K and 1 Mile Veteran Honor Walk.

The race will take place on Saturday, October 4, at 8 a.m. at Highlands Hammock State Park.

The event will have two portions: a traditional 5K race, followed by a 1-mile veteran honor walk to show support for all veterans who have served, past and present.

All veterans registering for the event will receive a special race shirt recognizing them for their service to our

country.

In addition to the 1-mile honor walk, the Sebring Chamber will also donate 10-percent of the race entry proceeds to the Honor Flight Network, an organization that transports veterans to Washington D.C. to celebrate their stories as a veteran to be honored.

The early entry fee is \$20, which includes a commemorative t-shirt if registered by Sept. 26.

Entries from Sept. 27 through race day are \$25, but a shirt is not guaranteed.

Veterans and children 12 and under qualify for a reduced entry fee of \$10 if registered by Sept. 26, or \$15 if registered from Sept. 27 through race day.

Registration will take place from 7:00-7:45 a.m. on the day of the race.

For more race information, to register, or to sponsor the event, please contact the Sebring Chamber at (863) 385-8448, contact information@sebring.org, or visit the Sebring Chamber office at 227 US 27 North, Sebring.

NU-HOPE Fun Shoot

LITHIA – Attention all shooters, the NU-HOPE Fun Shoot, presented by Mosaic, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, at FishHawk Sporting Clays in Lithia.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., with the competition beginning at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is \$75 per shooter and includes a great steak and shrimp lunch, sponsored by Lykes Bros.

Awards will be given to the top male, female, youth and team score. Each team may have up to 4 shooters.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

This year, the event also includes a 2-Gun raffle sponsored by Boom Boom's Guns and Ammo.

Guns to be raffled include a Kel-Tec PMR-30 and a Mossberg Silver Reserve 12 Gauge Over/Under Shotgun.

Tickets for the gun raffle are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Proceeds from this event will benefit NU-HOPE Elder Care Services and be used to enhance services for seniors.

For more information, please contact Laurie Murphy at (863) 382-2134 or via email at MurphyL@nuhope.org.

You may also visit our website at www.nuhopeeldercare.org for additional information and a copy of the registration form.

So come on out, have fun and help seniors to maintain their health and independence and to remain

vital members of our community.

Green Dragon 5K

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid High School Green Dragons Cross Country team is having their 4th Annual Green Dragon 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 8 a.m.

Please visit the high schools' webpage for an entry form and more information.

The cost is \$20 and includes a Dry-Fit shirt.

All K-12 students are \$10.

All proceeds support this year's team.

Haunted Halloween 5K/10K

AVON PARK – Ridge Area Arc's Sixth Annual Halloween 5K/10K Race will have a haunted twist this year on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 8:30 a.m. in Highlands Hammock State Park.

The race, coordinated by Chet Brojek, will benefit Ridge Area Arc, providing opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

There will also be a One Mile Fun Run for kids under 10.

Awards will be given to the 5K and 10K overall male and female winners; first, second and third place finishers in each age category; participant with the most money raised for the Arc; and the best Halloween Costume.

Early entry fee is \$20, which includes a Dri-Fit shirt.

Starting Tuesday, Oct. 21 through race day, the fee is \$25.

Shirts are guaranteed for early registrations only.

Children 10 and under may participate for \$10, but a shirt is not included at this rate.

The registration fee also includes admission to the park.

Checks should be made payable and mailed to Ridge Area Arc, 120 W. College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825.

Donations raised may be turned in the day of the race.

Entry forms and pledge sheets are available at the Arc, on Facebook at Ridge Area Arc, at www.ridgeareaarc.org, or by e-mail at beckman@ridgeareaarc.org.

Call Rhonda Beckman at 452-1295, ext. 112 with any questions.

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with Mulberry on the road tonight.

And while Mulberry's offense was similarly inefficient in their opening-week loss, its' defense only allowed one score to Ft. Meade in the 7-0 defeat.

"When you go back and watch the film against Frostproof, the first two times on defense we did real well," head coach Wade Jackson said. "Then once we gave up the snap over the head for a touchdown, we deflated.

"We are having trouble believing in ourselves," he added. "Football is like a roller coaster. You will have your ups and downs, we have to learn how to get past that."

In Lake Placid, last week's last-minute defeat at the hands of Celebration has been a help for the Dragons

in practice this week.

"I think the close loss, and knowing we should have won, is motivating us," head coach Jason Robinson said. "We have had good days of practice."

Lake Placid will be facing a Moore Haven squad that took a 37-0 loss to a strong Dade Christian team last week.

Which might seem like an easy task, though there are challenges for the Dragons.

"They feature some speed and talented skill guys," Robinson said. "We will have to pay attention to formations and find their key guys before the snap of the ball.

"But I think we match up well with them in terms of size and speed," he continued. "So I see another opportunity to win."

Lake Placid and Avon Park kick off tonight at 7 p.m., while the Blue Streaks are slated for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Firemen's Field.

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past Avon Park 23-17 and win the game at 25-18.

Game three followed the trend of the first two with neither team having more than a two-point lead.

And like the first two games, Avon Park held a lead at 17-16.

Also like the first two games, the Green Dragons went on a six-point run to take the lead 22-17 and soon seal the 25-18 victory.

"We have been working on that – pulling away late in games," said Bauder. "That happened to us in DeSoto and they learned that they have to finish games, otherwise good teams will come back and take it away from them. They did not like it when DeSoto did it to them."

At a loss for words, Avon Park head coach Shane Wirries pointed out the 17 phenomenon.



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Avon Park's Aaliya Eastburn (7) gets her shot attempt blocked by Lake Placid's Jacalyn Baldwin.

"It seems we get 17 or 18 and we give them six in a row," he said. "I don't know what to do as a coach to change that, I said what I've got to say, I have changed people around, it just seems that right at that point we give up five or six points."

Despite the loss, Wirries stated that he was not discouraged.

"You know you can beat them, you are right there," said Wirries. "Things just seem to tilt the other way. It is going to be exciting every time we play."

Keuanna Robinson led the Red Devils with seven kills, Krystal Rivera had 46 digs and Aaliya Eastburn had 22 assists.

For Lake Placid, Mad-

die Wilson served up four aces, Dani Daigel had 24 digs and Jacalyn Baldwin had four kill shots.

Both teams have the Frostproof Bulldogs slated as their next opponent.

Lake Placid played Frostproof at home Thursday and Avon Park travels to Frostproof on Tuesday.



Above left: Hannah Kaszubowski blocks this Moore Haven scoring attempt for the Lady Streaks Tuesday. Above right: Caylin Webb swings through one of her team-high 12 kills in Sebring's Tuesday win over Moore Haven.



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Lady Streaks topple Terriers

BY DAN HOEHNE

NEWS-SUN SPORTS EDITOR

SEBRING – Blue Streak volleyball had an easier time of things Tuesday night in a three-set sweep of visiting Moore Haven.

After last Thursday's loss on the road at Okeechobee, Sebring had gotten a glimpse of the level of competitiveness they needed to play at and it showed against the Terriers.

After a 25-12, opening-set win, the Lady

Streaks took the second set 25-16 and closed it out with a dominating, 25-9 win.

"I kept telling them to run things faster," head coach Venessa Sinness said. "After facing Okeechobee, we needed to keep playing up to that level and we did. Our serve receive was great and I was impressed with how we played.

"Even in the second set, our serving was off, we missed at least four serves, so that's why it was as close as

it was."

Caylin Webb lead the offense with 12 kills on the night, with Hannah Gotsch and Hannah Kaszubowski adding seven each.

Kylie Bowers set up the offense with 21 assists, while Kiersten McSheffery dished out 14.

Cadie O'Hern had four blocks to lead the front-line defense and Sam Allison totaled nine digs to lead the back.

The Streaks opened up their district sched-

ule Thursday night against DeSoto, and Sinness knew what she needed from her team in order to succeed.

"We need our middles to be more consistent in order to beat DeSoto," she said. "We weren't consistent enough there tonight, so we need to make sure and work on that."

Sebring goes back out of district play Monday and into rivalry mode with a visit from Lake Placid.

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In diving, Ambrielle Myers took first with 127.10 points and Mary Patterson was second with 119.50 for Sebring.

Byron Cobb took second for the Streaks with a score of 213.70.

Dragons Garret Main took third with 152.10 and fourth went to Jarred Browning with 133.50.

Hali Pollard came in first in the 100 fly for Lake Placid while Streak Silva came in third.

Edgemon, for Sebring, placed first in under one minute in the boys 100 fly and eight seconds behind was Lake Placid's Travis Russell.

Dragons Webber-Callahan placed first in the girls 100 free with Courtney Sapp second.

Peoples came in first for Lake Placid on the boys side, while Bullard came in third for Streaks.

Emma Mooring came in at 6:16.26 to win the girls 500 free for the Dragons as Sebring's Silva took third.

Hilton Teal took second for the Lake Placid boys in the event, while High came in third for the Streaks.

Creel, Taylor, Teal and Webber-Callahan won the girls 200 free relay. Amanda Copeland,

Patterson, Hagen and Anna Frietas took third for the Lady Streaks.

Isaac McLean, Lance Feagley, Clayton Waldron and Sapp took first for Lake Placid in the boys 200 free relay while Matthew Sutermeister, Reese Helvey, Luke Smith and Evan Reed took third for Sebring.

Dye then took first by .5 seconds from Dion in the girls 100 back.

Mason Million won for Lake Placid and High took third for the Streaks on the boys side.

Rachel Shatter came in first and then Creel second for Dragons in the girls 100 breast, while Sebring's Simpson finished third.

Brown came close to clipping one minute in the boys event by three seconds to come in first for Lake Placid and Chynoweth came in third.

Dye, Pollard, Sapp and Webber-Callahan came in first for Lake Placid in the girls 400 free relay, while Blue Streaks Dion, Silva, Simpson and K. Smith tagged in for third.

The boys ended the night with Lake Placid in first for the 400 free relay consisting of Peoples, Russell, Million and Brown.

Then Sebring finished in second with High, Chynoweth, Bullard and Edgemon.

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coming in later this fall.

I'm confident business will pick up as the weather cools off and the snowbirds return but stop in and check us out and get ready for the best fishing of the year!

Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass fishing guide, and custom rod builder. He lives in the Golf Hammock area of Sebring with his wife Lexie,

and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The American Fisherman". He is also the owner of REDS II, a full-service fishing tackle store located at 3603 Sebring Parkway, in Sebring, FL. You can reach him at 863-273-4998 or by email at donorton13@gmail.com. Visit his REDS FISHING facebook page or one of his websites at theamericanfisherman.com. or RedFish-ingTackle.com or stop by the store to see him anytime.

WHY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MATTERS

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TIPS TO PREVENT STORM DAMAGE

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Preparing for an unexpected emergency, especially one brought on by severe weather, is one of the most important ways you can protect your home and family. Proactively addressing storm-related issues ranging from property damage to power outages can minimize a potentially disastrous situation.

Step 1: Verify Your Homeowners Insurance Covers Storm Damage

Nearly all homeowners carry some form of insurance on their home, as required by their mortgage lender. But policies can vary, and the aftermath of a powerful storm is no time to find out you're underinsured.

To ensure your homeowners policy adequately covers your needs, take time to review the policy every year at renewal time, and any time you make any significant improvements to your home. Check that the coverage amount for your main residence accurately reflects the finished square footage of your home, including any upgrades or changes such as a newly renovated bathroom or expanded deck structure. Also confirm that the replacement cost your homeowners insurance agent has determined is consistent with what you would expect to pay to rebuild your home.

In addition, take time to understand any exclusions, especially those for weather-related incidents. For example, many homeowners insurance policies do not automatically include flood protection.

Finally, take time to thoroughly document your personal possessions with video or still images and record their value. Store the documentation in a safe place, such as a safety deposit box or remote-access electronic file, that you will be able to access in the event of an emergency. Not only will this help expedite your claim if you need to replace items, but you'll have a list ready when you face the daunting task of replacing your belongings.

Keep Up on Home Maintenance

Stepping outside after a significant storm is no time to remember that you forgot to trim the tree or secure a loose section of fencing. Making time to provide ongoing home maintenance for exterior features of your home, such as landscaping, decking, siding, roofing and shutters, will ensure they are in good function when bad weather strikes.

While little can be done to prevent damage from high-impact storms, routinely checking that everything is in good repair will minimize the chances of preventable destruction.

As you assess your home and yard, ask yourself: Are the trees and shrubs properly trimmed and set far enough away from structures that they are unlikely to topple in high winds? Are shutters affixed securely to the house? Are there any cracked or otherwise weakened windows that should be replaced to prevent shattering during a storm?

Prepare for Backup Power

Loss of power is one of the most common occurrences in severe weather. And the financial impact of outage-related expenses (e.g. spoiled food replacement, supply purchases or home repair) can add up quickly.

"Storm-related power loss can be costly for a family," said Greg Inwood, vice president for Briggs & Stratton Standby Power. "An unexpected power loss can result in a number of inconveniences if the outage requires special arrangements such as meals out and overnight hotel stays."

One way to prepare for a weather-related power outage is by installing a standby generator in advance of the storm season. Fortunately, attaining the safety and comfort provided by a standby generator during a storm event has become more reasonable thanks to emerging technology that has made generators smaller, smarter and, therefore, more affordable.

"In the past, having a generator was cost-prohibitive for many households," said Amanda Grandy, marketing manager for Briggs & Stratton Standby Power, which is the exclusive licensee of GE Generator Systems. "Today, technology has advanced to make owning a standby generator far more affordable for the average family."

Improved technology features such as GE's Symphony® II power management system, which manages a home's power demands automatically and electronically during an outage, allow more of a home's lights and appliances — up to two AC units — to be powered with a smaller standby generator. A home that would typically need a larger 20 kW home generator to power all of the home's power demands could now be powered with GE's 10 kW unit paired with Symphony® II technology. The smaller, more affordable 10 kW home generators also boast the smallest footprint on the market, making it ideal for homes with tight lot lines.

Learn more about the home standby generators available to homeowners at www.gegenerators.com.

Common Types of Backup Generators

A power outage is a common result of weather-related emergencies, but it's also one of the easiest to correct by using a generator. There are two common generator types: portable generators and standby generators.

- **A portable generator is an immediate but temporary solution.** Typically powered by gasoline, it is lower in cost and doesn't require installation time, but it can only power a few items for a few hours.
- **A standby generator is an automatic, permanent backup power solution.** It requires professional installation outside the home. It is powered by natural gas or liquid propane and turns on automatically during a utility power outage to keep a home's lights, furnace, AC units and other appliances on while the power is out.

Emergency Preparedness Kit

Having an emergency preparedness kit of items that your household may need in an emergency situation is critical. Basic utilities such as electricity, gas, water, sewage and phone service may be unavailable after a storm strikes, so the kit should contain food, water, any necessary medications, lighting and backup battery supplies.





DEAR ABBY

Animal lover forced to choose between boyfriend and her pets

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Chris" for almost five years. He's my high school sweetheart. We still live with our parents, but we feel we're ready to move out and start our lives together.

The issue is I have a cat ("Silky") and a dog named "Chips"; Chris can't stand them. He has said he doesn't want Silky to live in our home and he would make her an outdoor cat. He also doesn't want Chips to come with us because Chips can be whiny and vocal.

I feel it's my responsibility to take my pets with me when I move out. I don't want to abandon them and leave them with my parents, and I absolutely refuse to put them up for adoption. I feel if I decide to bring them with me, Chris will make them feel miserable. Silky is afraid of him, and Chris doesn't like Chips getting close to him.

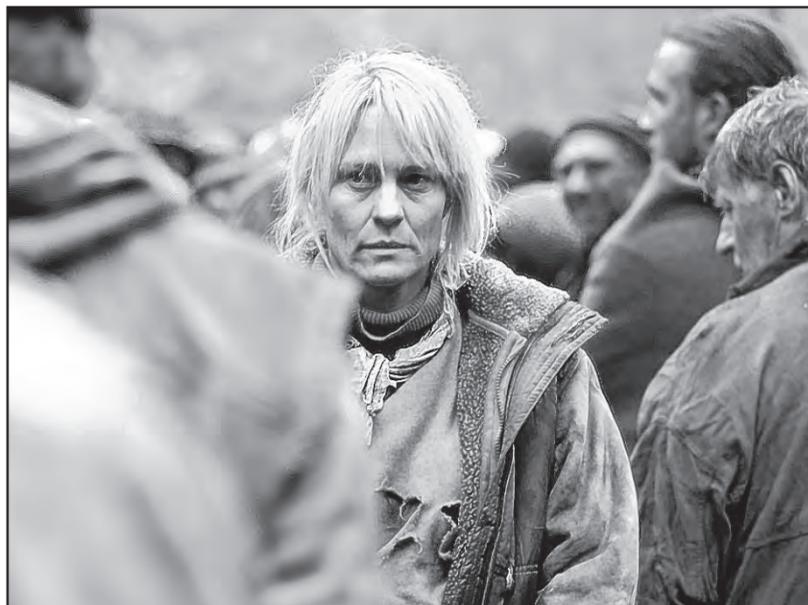
I love my boyfriend, but I love my pets, too. Please tell me what to do!
— STUCK IN THE MIDDLE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR STUCK: Wake up! You are an animal lover; your boyfriend clearly has an antipathy toward them. Your cat is afraid of Chris because she knows he doesn't like her or he did something that scared her. If he makes Silky become an outdoor cat (or she gets loose "by accident"), she may be at serious risk. And your dog will be miserable on the receiving end of constant rejection.

It is very important that you learn to live independently. Because Chris is your high school sweetheart and you haven't dated many others, it's important that you take some time and date other people before deciding to move in with ANYONE. You and Chris may care about each other, but your compatibility is in question because, face it, you two have differences.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Bernd Spauke/Drafthouse Films

Robin Wright Penn stars as Herself in Drafthouse Films' "The Congress."

Meta and mad, 'The Congress' is a trip

BY JAKE COYLE
AP FILM WRITER

Movie Review

CRITICS RATING ★ ★ 1/2

"Very soon, this whole structure that we all love so much will be gone," prophesies Danny Huston's wide-grinning movie studio head in Ari Folman's "The Congress."

He's speaking to Robin Wright, who plays a version of herself in the film. In a meeting with Wright and her perplexed agent (Harvey Keitel), Huston's Jeff Green, the head of the wryly fictional Miramont Studios, relishes foretelling a coming doomsday for actors: a reckoning that will rid the movie business of their gross inefficiency.

All the trappings of movie stardom — "the trailers ... the skipping out on PR ... the coke ... the sexual kinks," he glowers, is disappearing. The industry is changing, and he couldn't be happier to see picky actors like Wright vanish.

What he wants is to scan her, to "sample" her and turn Wright, or as he says, "this thing called Robin Wright," into a digital avatar that the studio can control completely. She just has to sign, never act again, and she (or specifically a younger, 34-year-old computer-generated version of her) will live on in whatever movies Miramont wants.

"I need Buttercup from 'Princess Bride,'" Green says. "I need Jenny from 'Forrest Gump.'"

This is the brilliant, high-concept start of Folman's follow-up to "Waltz With Bashir," the hypnotic, Oscar-nominated, animated documentary about a (real) Israeli soldier's nightmares of regret from a 1982 massacre of Lebanese civilians. Like that film, "The Congress" is wholly unique hallucinogenic concoction of psychological trauma and florid cartoon.

A defeated Wright goes in for the scan. Her agent urges her to, lamenting the squandering of her once-promising career: "Lousy choices. Lousy movies. Lousy men." Ouch. (The sound you hear is a thousand actresses shuddering.)

The film shifts forward 20 years and it gets trippy in a hurry. When Wright arrives in a "restricted animated zone," she drinks down a vial that converts

her and her surroundings into loony, "The Yellow Submarine"-style animation. The road turns to rainbow. A sperm whale breaches alongside her convertible. You'd swear Ringo is in there somewhere.

Wright's avatar is now a global star, her image beamed across adverts on floating blimps. A future forecast by a cynical doctor played by Paul Giamatti has come to pass: people leave their lives behind in a bizarre, animated playground of chemically induced fantasy.

Green is still presiding over Miramont, but he's now preparing for another revolution, pushing still further away from reality. He now wants to bottle celebrities like Wright, allowing them to be ingested, drunk in a milkshake. (Tom Cruise is also among the flavors.)

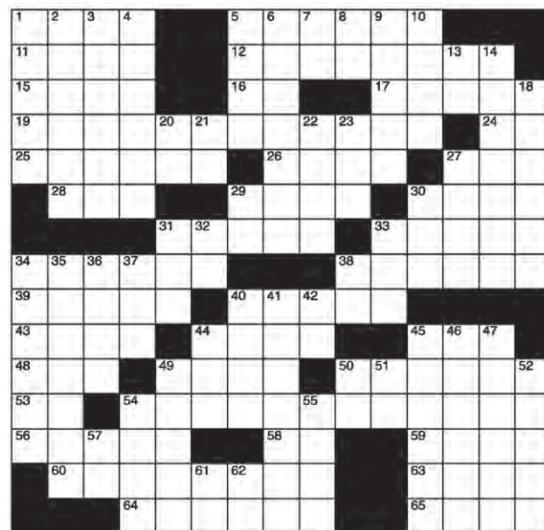
"The Congress" gets lost in its surrealism and turns into a metaphysical mess. It's the whole structure of "The Congress" that falls apart, quite intentionally. Wright's animated odyssey is lengthy and muddled (Jon Hamm drops in as the head of animation for Miramont), and the inelegant imagery saps the film of its energy, even if it fits Folman's scheme.

Yet this mad, ambitious movie is also urgent and unforgettable. The deal offered Wright (whose steely, meta performance is a marvel) isn't so far-fetched. The digital cloning of actors is well underway. The commodification of movies and celebrity is already in hyper-speed. If Wright were signing up with Marvel, the deal might not look so different.

Loosely adapted from the sci-fi novel "Futurological Congress" by "Solaris"-scribe Stanislaw Lem, "The Congress" — a trip, to be sure — is busting with ideas, from ageism in Hollywood to the soullessness of digital life. It's a cautionary tale about escapism, hitting theaters after a summer of little else at the movies.

"The Congress," a Drafthouse Films release, is not rated. Running time: 122 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

PUZZLE CORNER



CLUES ACROSS

- Nuclear near reach weapon
- Delicately beautiful
- Queen of the gods
- Reordered letters
- Representation
- 24th state
- Irritated
- Large black dog breed
- Atomic #18
- Followed
- Ivy University
- Equal, prefix
- Cablegram (abbr.)
- Affront
- 7th Hindu month
- Competed
- Slur over
- Shape before marketing

Solution on B4

- Comes into being
- White House architect
- Brazilian dance
- Somalian supermodel
- Yield
- Electric Cobra model 80
- Local area network (abbr.)
- Substitution
- "Thornbirds" actress Ward
- Not out
- Male ice dancing champion
- Tops of birds' heads
- Carrier's invention
- Children's author Blyton
- Anise liqueur
- Listing
- Adult females
- Yellow Dutch cheese

CLUES DOWN

- Emit light
- Not long past
- Casually inspect
- Masculine
- Wish harm upon
- Capable of soothing
- Farm state
- Initials of HLN legal host
- Planets 120 degrees apart
- An enclosed field
- Initials of one of the Olson twins
- Coastal
- Remote control aircraft (pl.)
- Oersted (abbr.)
- Blue Hen school
- Praise
- Vestment
- Egyptian goddess
- Atomic #21
- Boxer Muhammad
- Past gallop
- Indicates position

- Geological time
- Elizabeth's Prince
- Balkan nation
- Israeli politician Abba
- Indicates ability
- Universal recipient blood group
- Clairvoyant
- Blandish
- OF I
- Former OSS
- Deviously plan
- Polished shoes
- Visual processing membrane
- Tibet's capital
- 2nd musical tone
- Expression of sympathy
- Bog Labrador-tea
- To furnish with a ceiling
- Frosts
- Natural logarithm
- , denotes past
- Atomic #22

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Oktoberfest. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = e)

A. 5 1 1 16
Clue: Alcoholic beverage

B. 15 3 13 15 3 25 1
Clue: Miraculous food

C. 25 1 16 20 3 4
Clue: Language

D. 21 1 15 10 26 14 3 11
Clue: Period of celebration

Answers: A. beer B. sausage C. German D. festival

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

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

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

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

ANSWER:

OKTOBERFEST WORD SEARCH

WORDS

ADMISSION	INTERNATIONAL
AMUSEMENT	KEG
BARTENDER	LEBKUCHENHERZ
BEER	LEDERHOSEN
BIERZELT	LIVELY
BLASMUSIK	MEADOW
BRASS BAND	OKTOBERFEST
BRATWURST	PRETZELS
BREWERY	PROST
CAROUSEL	STEIN
CELEBRATION	TAP
COSTUMES	TENTS
CROWDS	TRADITION
DIRNDL	TRAVEL
FESTIVAL	VENDORS
GERMANY	VISITORS
HERITAGE	WAITRESS

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

HEALTHY LIVING

The reason behind the Ice Bucket Challenge

During the past several weeks people from all over have been dumping buckets of ice water over their heads. Is this a crazy fad? Why are they doing it?

The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge involves daring someone to dump ice water over their head. It has raised awareness and millions of dollars in donations towards fighting a disease called ALS. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (a-mi-o-TROE-fik LAT-ur-ul skluh-ROE-sis), or ALS, is a rapidly progressive fatal disease that attacks the nerve cells (neurons) in the brain and spinal cord.

ALS is also referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease after the famous New York Yankee who died from it in 1941.

In the U.S., approximately 5,600 new cases of ALS are diagnosed per year. This is about one new case every 90 minutes. ALS can affect anyone regardless of race, ethnicity or socioeconomic status. Usually people who develop ALS are between 40 and 75. It is more common in white, non-Hispanic men.

With ALS, the nerve cells that control the voluntary muscle



FOOTPRINTS

Olga Luepschen

movement of your muscles gradually deteriorate. In approximately 60 percent of people who have ALS, muscle weakness is the initial sign. It often, but not always, begins in the hands, feet or limbs, then spreads to other parts of the body. In the beginning the symptoms may be so subtle that they can be easily overlooked.

Early symptoms may include:

- Difficulty walking, or climbing stairs, tripping over things like a throw rug
- Weakness in feet, ankles or legs
- Weakness in hands such as dropping things
- Muscle cramps and twitching

Foot drop and Babinski's sign are two early symptoms that your podiatrist may detect. With foot drop you are unable to lift

the front of your foot, causing your toes to drag when you walk.

People find themselves lifting the whole leg to keep the toes from dragging. Foot drop can be connected to brain, nerve, spinal or muscle conditions. These can include peroneal nerve injuries, stroke, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, trauma, polio, ALS and muscular dystrophy.

Babinski's sign is a reflex when the sole of the foot is tickled and the big toe turns upward instead of downwards.

"It is important to see your healthcare professional when you have these symptoms as early diagnosis can improve your quality of life with the use of braces called AFO's and also with respiratory support," said chiropractor Dr. Edward Vickers Jr. of Sebring, who has ALS.

No one test can definitively diagnose ALS. Instead, the diagnosis of ALS is based mainly on the symptoms and sign your doctors observe and a series of tests to rule out other diseases.

ALS eventually spreads to all parts of the body. The muscles of the limbs, and those that control



The Gentle Foot Care Center took part in the Ice Bucket Challenge recently, with Dr. Olga Garcia Luepschen (far left) getting the first dousing.

talking, swallowing, and breathing will eventually get weaker, waste away and become paralyzed. Most people with ALS will die from respiratory failure within three to five years onset of symptoms. But, 10 percent can survive for 10 years or more.

Although there is no cure, there is a medication that slows down the progression of this disease. Dr. Vickers believes the earlier you get on the medication, Riluzole, generally the longer your life expectancy.

"Also important, is getting enrolled in an ALS clinic through one of the teaching hospitals in the

state," he said.

He and his family are thankful for the public awareness the Ice Bucket Challenge has brought ALS.

So the next time you are dared to dump a cold bucket of ice water on your head consider it a privilege because your donations are helping to promote awareness and research to find a cure for ALS.

Dr. Olga Garcia Luepschen and the Gentle Foot Care Center are located on U.S. 27. If you have any questions about foot problems call (863)-314-9255 or go to www.gentlefootcare-center.com. This information is not intended to diagnose, prevent, treat or cure your condition.

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Were you lied to about vaccines and autism?

Many of you have wondered about the connection of vaccines and autism. The rising cases of autism worldwide have to be attributed to something right? But many wonder if it's related to vaccines, mercury, GMO foods or something else?

The biggest story in years broke when a leading researcher at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) helped uncover how they manipulated data and obscured a ridiculously higher incidence of autism. I mean ridiculous, upwards of 340 percent higher incidence in autism, in the African-American boys who received the MMR vaccine. Dr. William Thompson came forward after a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) was enacted.

The CDC knew in 2003 (more than a decade ago!) that the risk for autism went up but key people kept it hush-hush. Like many studies that naive consumers believe, the data was statistically skewed to hide the risks from parents, pediatricians and the general public. My heart aches for all the parents who unknowingly trusted...

It's so sad. Dr. Thompson has worked for the government agency for over a decade and confirmed that "the CDC knew about the relationship



DEAR PHARMACIST

Suzy Cohen

between the age of first MMR vaccine and autism incidence in African-American boys as early as 2003, but chose to cover it up." He remarked "we've missed 10 years of research because the CDC is so paralyzed right now by anything related to autism. They're not doing what they should be doing because they're afraid to look for things that might be associated." He alleges criminal wrongdoing by his supervisors, and he expressed deep regret about his role in helping the CDC hide data.

This calls into question the nine additional studies cited by the CDC as evidence denying a link between vaccines and autism. If you have a computer, the story is still unfolding and you can use the following hashtags to get the play-by-play on this story: #CDCwhistleblower and #CDCfraud. A couple of things to note here. One is that the MMR vaccine is

the one in question, not all vaccines. (I'm not saying all the other vaccines are safe, I'm just putting this in perspective). Also, it occurred in African-American males and specifically showed a dramatically higher risk when kids were inoculated before age 3. We don't know what causes the problem, for example the vaccine itself or an additive. Finally, there is no current discussion or data regarding the impact of giving the MMR vaccine after age 3.

We need to be more proactive and think big picture. There's been a suspicion of harm for years when perfectly healthy children become disabled after a shot, or series of shots. As a population, we've followed the herd, sweeping all the disturbing stories from autism-touched families under the rug. "It won't happen to my child." Now there's going to be a hostile group of parents who demand answers. The CDC isn't ready and I promise you this is one of many medical debacles to come.

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A painful pinch

Writing, turning keys, picking up dishes, brushing your teeth, and using tools are just a few of the many things that require pinching the thumb and forefinger. When using your thumb like this becomes painful, it is very disabling.



GUEST COLUMN

Dr. Diana Carr

cannot open to grasp things and the next joint is bending backwards to open the hand — may require surgery. Standard treatment in the 1950s saw the small bone forming the base of the joint removed (fascial arthroplasty). Results were generally good, but there was some loss of thumb strength. Fusion, making the joint stiff, relieved the pain, but many patients had problems with the loss of motion.

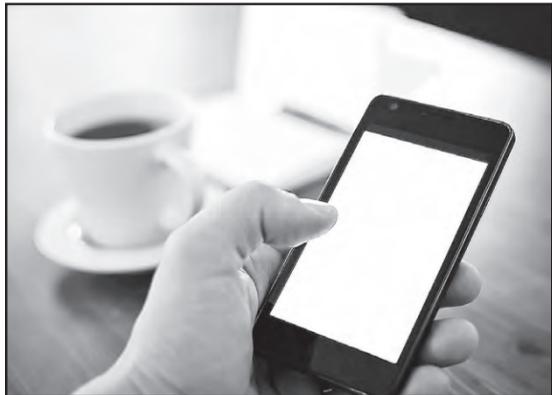
Implants of many materials, and in several different shapes, have been tried, but have a poor long-term track record. The fascial arthroplasty was modified by holding the joint stable in a cast or with temporary pins and a splint for several weeks after the surgery. Since X-rays looked as though the base of the thumb was just “hanging” in space, an operation was developed to make a “sling” using a wrist tendon. A recent study found that even in experienced hands, the tendon sling surgery took twice as long as the simple bone removal and the outcome scores were essentially the same.

The thumb is important, so if pain is keeping you from your activities, don't put up with it. Go see your hand surgeon. We can treat the majority of thumb problems without surgery and get you back to being pain-free.

The extensor tendons that extend the thumb and fingers go through tunnels at the wrist. For the finger tendons, it is a straight path across the back of the hand to the finger. Because the extensor for the thumb moves in many directions as the base joint of the thumb rotates, it is more vulnerable to inflammation as it “rubs” on the end of the tunnel.

To see if this is the cause of your pain, bend your thumb across your palm towards the base of the little finger and then make a fist. If bending the fist toward the little finger is painful, then you have DeQuervain's Syndrome. This is treated with steroid injections, splints and anti-inflammatory medicines like Naproxen and Meloxicam. If the pain persists in spite of treatment, then a simple surgery to open the tunnel is needed.

The flexor tendons that bend the thumb also go through a series of tunnels. If they become inflamed and



Pain in your thumb can be caused by several factors, but all of them can lead to difficulty in doing everyday tasks that involve grabbing an item.

thicken they “catch” and release as they go in and out of the tunnel. The sudden release that often occurs has led to the name trigger finger. Steroid injections and anti-inflammatory medication may help. If the thumb continues to trigger, then surgery is needed.

Fingers can only bend and straighten, but the thumb can rotate at the basilar joint, allowing it to oppose the fingers in pinching and gripping. This joint is under a lot of force in many activities. Painful wear in this joint is about five times more common in men than women, but 30-50 percent of postmenopausal women will have arthritic changes on X-ray. One third will be painful.

Early changes can often be successfully treated with steroid injections, anti-inflammatory medication and splinting. Later changes — particularly if the thumb

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RELIGION

The role of repentance in salvation

Over the past two weeks, we have read in the Bible that in order for anyone to become a Christian, he must first hear the good news of Jesus Christ and then choose to believe it (or, have faith in it). We also saw clearly where the scriptures teach that one cannot stop at the point of faith (James 2:24) to be saved.



KEVIN'S KOMMENTS

Kevin Patterson

To truly follow the Bible's plan of salvation, one must follow all of the steps God has laid out for us in His word. That is why once we have established our faith in Jesus Christ, we are then called to repentance.

Twice Jesus said in Luke 13:3, 5, “I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” Thus, one cannot be saved unless he first repents. So, what is repentance? Repentance is best described as a complete change or total turnaround. I often demonstrate this by walking in one direction and then completely turning around and walking in the opposite direction.

In a similar way, without Jesus, we are lost. This is because we are walking in the direction of sin and an eternal separation from God. But, we can make a change and turn our lives around to walk in the footsteps of Christ. Acts 3:19 reads, “Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

Jesus came to the earth, lived as a man, and died on a cross

for one reason. That reason was to make the forgiveness of sins available to all of mankind. Without the removal of our sin, how could we ever enter into the presence of a sinless God? When we realize the magnitude of the gift given to us, despite the pain and anguish our sins caused the Lord, the sorrow in our hearts brings us to the point of repentance.

Because we love God and seek His forgiveness, we turn our lives from the service of sin to the service of righteousness. 2 Corinthians 7:10 reads, “For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

Some years ago, a murderer was sentenced to death. The murderer's brother, to whom the state was deeply indebted for former services, asked the governor of the state for the brother's pardon. The pardon was granted, and the man visited his brother with the pardon in his pocket.

“What would you do,” he said to him, “if you received a pardon?” “The first thing I'd do,” the brother answered,

“is to track down the judge who sentenced me and kill him. Then, I would track down the guy who testified against me and kill him, too.” The man rose from his brother with great sadness and left the prison with the pardon still in his pocket.

If there is no repentance, then there can be no pardon. As we are all sinners, we all need a pardon from our sins in order to have the hope of Heaven some day, but we must repent of those sins first.

According to the New Testament (the law under which we currently live), repentance is part of God's plan for us to be saved. That is why Acts 17:30 reads, “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent.”

One can neither become a Christian nor receive eternal life without repentance. Luke 15:7 emphasizes the importance of this point. It reads, “I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

But, what about confession? Next week, we will take a closer look at this vital part of salvation.

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Ostomy Support Group meets

SEBRING – The Highlands County Ostomy Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month with the exception of June, July and August.

The group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Homer's, 1000 Sebring Square.

Outreach events

Ace Homecare will

SNAPSHOTS LOCAL HEALTH NEWS

offer the following free community outreach events this week:

- Monday – 10:30 a.m., Chatham Point Apartments (Wauchula), health fair.
- Tuesday – 10 a.m., Change of Pace (Sebring), Music and Motion.
- Wednesday –

10:30 a.m., Chatham Pointe (Wauchula), Music and Motion; 1 p.m., Pine Key Community (Sebring), health fair.

Thursday – 10 a.m., Balmoral Assisted Living and Memory Care (Lake Placid), Music and Motion.

All programs are free of charge and are open to the public. For more information, call ACE Homecare at 863-385-7058.

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Travailing conference returns

SEBRING – The ninth annual Travailing Women and Men's Conference will be held at 7 p.m. nightly Friday through Sunday at 3700 Schumacher Road.

The theme this year is “A Time of Bringing Forth – The Year of Manifestation.” The host is apostle, pastor, prophetess, evangelist and teacher Barbara J. GilbertRobinson of Ruth House Ministries Intl.

There is no registration fee. There will be special guests and a Saturday brunch. Call 561-767-1778 for information.

SNAPSHOTS LOCAL RELIGION NEWS

GriefShare coming to First Presbyterian in LP

LAKE PLACID — GriefShare, a recovery seminar and support group, begins Sept. 16 at First Presbyterian Church, 118 North Oak Ave.

The group will meet from 1:30-3 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the church library.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include, “The Journey of Grief,” “The Effects of Grief,” “When Your Spouse Dies,”

Your Family and Grief,” “Why?,” and “Stuck in Grief.”

For more information and to register, call church office at 863-465-2742. Or go online to www.griefshare.org.

Prime Timer's lunch is Tuesday

LAKE PLACID — The Prime Timer's covered dish luncheon will be held at noon on Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, 119 E. Royal Palm St.

Pastor Wayne Godwin will speak about being a real cowboy in today's Florida. Bring a covered dish and a friend.

For more information, call 863-465-3721 or visit www.fbclp.com.

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ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC) We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catelyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptist.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; Dr. Howard Leman, associate pastor; Matthew Price, minister of youth, 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.; Ignite, 7:30 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.fbcpl.com. Email: information@fbcpl.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.fbcpl.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 Gardena 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 Ar buckle 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. 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@st-cathe.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., fr-jose@stcathe.com or 385-0049; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 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/lakeplacidofc/.

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. Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson. Sunday Worship: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Bible Study beginning in October. Call the office for date and time. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Holy Communion with Healing on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the church and Thursday at 9 a.m. in the chapel. Call the thrift store for hours open - 699-0221.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

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

GRACE BRETHREN

Grace Brethren Church, 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.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 Wednesday evening during Advent and Lent. Call church office at 465-5253 or visit the website at www.Trinitylutheranlp.com. Other activities and groups include: Choir; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies; Trinity Tots Pre-school, and Youth Group.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Bible Fellowship Church, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, Songs signed first & second Worship services. First Worship Service 9 a.m.; Second Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and S.S. classes both hours. Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Church office 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, lindsaydowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

Crossroads of Life, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long - empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English - no problema. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7

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RELIGION

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p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

Faith & Familylife Worship Center, Pastors Leroy and JoAnn Taylor invite you to discover one of Sebring's hidden treasures at 2349 U.S. 27 South (Banyan Plaza off Sparta Road and Lake Jackson). We provide biblical solutions for everyday challenges through our multicultural worship services available on Sundays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Child care is available for all who attend. For more information, all 385-1800. Plan your first visit. Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Our guests are very important, so please let us know how we can meet your need by emailing theffwc@gmail.com. Our mission at Faith & Familylife is centered around Restoring Lives, Families and Communities.

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

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

Union Church, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. (October through Easter) and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church available. Wednesday night worship with Pastor Tiger Gullett and CrossTalk with Pastor Bill Breylinger at 6 p.m. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.wea-reunion.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.pcsebring.org. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

Avon Park — First Presbyterian Church ARP, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on La-Grande), 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. Tuesday: Youth Groups 3:30-6:30 p.m., middle and high school students (transportation available from Sebring and Hill Gustat Middle Schols and SHS); 4-5:30 p.m., elementary school. Programs include devotions/Bible study, crafts, sports activities and dinner. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. A nursery is available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

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: avonparkdsa@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. Web site 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 Sebring Ward, 3235 Grand Prix Dr. Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 273-2284 Steve Austin, Bishop; Del Murphy, 1st counselor, Laris Keefer, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meetings, 9:00-10:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 10:20-11:00 a.m.; Priesthood/Relief Society, 11:10: to 12:00 noon; Primary for children, 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Youth Activities: Wednesdays 7:00-8:20 p.m. Scouts; First and third Wednesdays 7:00-8:20 p.m.; Activity Days 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Lake Placid Branch, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 399-9066 Mark Swift, Branch President, Allen Short, 1st counselor, Dan Ressler 2nd counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting 1:00 -2:10 p.m.; Gospel Doctrine 2:20-3:00 p.m.; Priesthood/Relief Society Meetings, 3:10-4:00 p.m.; Primary for children, 2:15-4:00 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays 7:00-8:20 p.m. Scouts; first and third Wednesdays 7:00-8:20 p.m.; Activity Days 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, 2nd and 4th 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 David Juliano. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 11 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 11 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available for the 9:30 and 11 a.m. 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

Emmanuel United Church of Christ, Jesus didn't reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you'll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We're at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; sebringemmanuelucc.com.

Avon Park Christian Church

AVON PARK — Are you praying for your friends? The pastor will be bringing a message from Psalm 122 Sunday and will ask that very question.

Wednesday evening adult Bible study class are exploring the Bible, history and the church today in a Bible study led by Lee Taylor.

Avon Park Christian Church is at 1016 W. Camphor St. (behind the Wells Fargo Bank). Call 863-453-5334 or email avonparkchristian-church@yahoo.com.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Salty Rebels: Part 2" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study will not meet this week.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — Pastor Cecil Hess will begin a series on old miracles with new meaning with the subject of "He's Not One of Us!"

The Church of Buttonwood Bay meets on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. For information, call 863-382-1737.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver a sermon Sunday based on Joshua 3:7-17.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 863-471-1999 or visit sebringemmanuelucc.com.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — Sunday, Faith Lutheran celebrates the 13th Sunday after Pentecost. The guest pastor, Rev. Tony Douches, will deliver his sermon titled "What Do We Owe?"

Confirmation classes will start for seventh and eighth grades on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays will be a fellowship dinner and Bible study. Sept. 10 will start a study on the Mormons.

On Sept. 9, Faith Lutheran Church starts a Beth Moore class titled "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman". The class is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; it is a nine-week class.

Faith Lutheran will also be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of Sept. 9. This is also a nine-week class. For more information, call the church office at 863-385-7848 or go to daveramsey.com, then search for classes nearby — Sebring.

For information on any event, call the church office at 863-385-7848.

First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — Senior pastor is Rev. Jon Beck; associate pastor is Howard Leman. Pastor Beck's Sunday sermon will be "The Purpose of the Church — Building Up."

Nursery is available for the morning and evening services.

The church is located at 100 N. Lake Ave. Call 863-453-6681 or email info@fbcap.net.

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CHURCH SERVICES

First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine

SEBRING — Pastor Kevin Ahrens will be preaching on "The Power of One" Sunday morning and is continuing his series on "The Armor of God" Sunday evening.

Wednesdays are back in the swing with Family Meals. At 5:15 p.m., kids through fifth grade eat along with their teachers so they can be ready for music at 5:30. At 6 p.m., children will have Pioneers Club. The rest of the church eats at 5:30 p.m. for the Family Meal (\$4.50/per or \$12/for a family) followed by Bible study and prayer at 6:10 p.m. for the adults and for our youth.

For more information, call 863-655-1524.

First Christian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Sunday's message from Pastor Ron Norton is from 1 Timothy 5:1-7 and is titled "How To Treat Your Elders."

The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave. Call 863-385-0352.

First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — Rev. Darrell A. Peer will preach on "The God of Jonah" Part II from Jonah 4:11 on Sunday.

The church is at 319 Poinsettia Ave. Call 863-385-0107.

First United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Pastor J. David Juliano's message for Sunday is "Kissing Convenient Christianity Good-Bye" with scripture from Matthew 16:21-28.

Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING — The church meets at Sebring Hills Clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave. a block behind Aspen Dental. The sermon this week is on the month of Elul from the Hebrew calendar. Tuesday home Bible study continues "Messiah: Shadow to Image." Call the church office at 863-658-2534 or go to www.gracepointeministries.net for directions.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore will be continuing a three-sermon series on "Why we Exist as a Church: the Three Sacrifices" with "Sacrifice of Suffering" on Sunday. Scripture will be from Hebrews 13:13-14

The service will include special music by George Kelly.

Bible study resumes Tuesday, Sept. 9 and Wednesday, Sept. 10

Tuesday will be snacks at 5 p.m. and adult Bible study taught by Pastor Moore at 6 p.m.

Wednesday will feature a free meal from 6-6:30 p.m. and from 6-7:30 p.m., George Kelly teaches the young adults with the first sessions on "Miracles!"

Amanda and Jon Armentrout teach the older kids including teens and a new addition to the Wednesday teachers, Debra Kelly, will lead the little children.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South in Sebring (behind Publix). Call 863-314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Tim Haas will preach "A Whole New Perspective" using Exodus 12:1-14 at both services. Holy Communion will be served at both services.

Because of the trip to Night of Joy, the youth will not meet on Sunday evening.

A Beth Moore Bible study, "Children of the Day" exploring first and second Thessalonians, will begin on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. Kelly Reynolds will lead the study. Call the church office at 863-465-2422 to order a workbook.

The church is located behind the Tower at 500 Kent Ave.

New Beginnings Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, Pastor Gary Kindle's sermon is titled "Who is the Greatest?" based on Matthew 18:1-20.

The church's present location is The Morris Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave. For more information, call 863-835-2405.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "A Vision of the Future," is taken from Jeremiah 30. Pastor Jim Skaggs will be bringing the message.

Thursday Bible study is in the Gospel of John.

The church is at 3413 Sebring Parkway. Call 863-382-3552 for information.

St. Agnes Episcopal Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, the church observes the 13th Sunday after Pentecost with the Holy Eucharist Rite I and Rite II. A parish covered dish dinner follows the Sunday morning Holy Eucharist.

On Tuesday, there will be a midweek Eucharist commemorating Constance and her Companions at 6 p.m.

For more information about church activities, please call the church office at 863-385-7649.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s sermon topic on Sunday will be "The First Passover." Biblical reference is from Exodus 12:1-4.

Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Robert Pitman will preach the sermon "Confronted by God with an Unheard of Request" and guest vocalist William (Bill) Schahn will be at the piano on Sunday. Lunch will follow to celebrate Grandparents Day. Dr. Robert Pittman will share "Mapping the Mission."

Dinner will be served on Monday and Tuesday at 5 p.m. to talk about "Where Do We Grow from Here."

The Church is at 5887 U.S. 98. Look for the big white cross. Contact the church at 863-655-0713.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday sermon will be "Israel's Grandparents." The church will honor all grandparents. Fellowship follows the service.

The church is at 4180 Cozumel Lane.

RELIGION

I will build my church, part 2

When Jesus made the promise in Matthew 16:18, "I will build My church", He was bringing into focus many centuries of prophecies relating to salvation. "And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed" (Genesis 12:3) opened the flood gates of events in the unfolding of Jehovah's eternal plan.

Paul's letter to the churches of Galatia proclaims: "The Scriptures foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'All the nations will be blessed in you'" (Galatians 3:8). We continue our examination of the promise of Jesus to build His church. We center our attention now on the "MY" of the promise.

We understand "my" relates to "me" or "myself" and is an object of action. Jesus was the only one ever with Divine authority to make such a claim, "I will build My church"! This authority was not given to or shared with John, the baptizer, Peter, Paul or any present day man or woman! Jesus did not commission his apostles to win the world through denominational glamour or sectarian foolishness! The ageless message of Psalm 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it," still rings loud and clear today.

The mindset of Israel in the time of Samuel differs very little from that of modern Christendom..."we

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want it our way!" When they asked Samuel for a king to judge them like all the nations, the Lord replied, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them" (1 Samuel 8:7).

Though warned of the destructive behavior of the kings, they insisted on having a king! Early in His preaching, Jesus warned, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15) and "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted" (Matthew 15:13). These same warnings were continued through the Holy Spirit via Paul (Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Timothy 4:1-5), Peter (2 Peter 2:1-3), John (1 John 4:1-3) and Jude (Jude 3-7).

No respect for Divine authority continued rampant through the kings leading to a division of Israel and Judah. As a foretaste of things today, Jeroboam consulted (with whom?) and made two golden calves that were placed in Bethel and Dan. (1 Kings 12:25-33) This was to replace Jerusalem, the God ordained place of worship at that time.

But as today, the snowball effect continued when Jeroboam

made priests from among all the people who were not of the sons of Levi and devised in his own heart a feast for the sons of Israel at Bethel.

Once again we draw vital information from the prophets of old, "Thus says the Lord, 'Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls..." (Jeremiah 6:16). The plea to Judah rings with the same message today to the some 35,000 denominations in "Christendom".

But sadly the response also is the same today as then, "We will not walk in it" and "We will not listen" to the sound of the trumpet.

We return again to history to be challenged in the 21st century! Josiah (2 Kings 22,23) was challenged by the Book of the Law to return to the old paths and in doing so it was necessary to clean house! This involved removing all the unauthorized things from the temple and land and restoring what had been neglected for years.

How appropriate that same message is today to go back beyond apostasies of Protestantism and Catholicism to the simplicity and purity of the "I will build My church." (To be continued)

Frank Parker can be contacted at frankparker27@gmail.com. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

Suds, faith found at laundromat

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Over the long months that Victoria Mitchell lived in her car with her infant daughter, there was one bright spot in her life: doing laundry.

Every month, Mitchell would trek to a local laundromat and take advantage of Laundry Love, a growing faith-driven movement that helps those who are homeless or financially struggling by washing their dirty clothes for free.

Amid the comforting routine of fluffing and folding, volunteers befriend their patrons and often find ways to help that go beyond free soap and quarters.

Mitchell, for example, now has a job and place to live after the Laundry Love volunteers pooled their money to help her family rent a starter apartment. They have also watched her daughter Jessica grow from a newborn to a curly-haired toddler.

"You're not just checking a box to give a donation. You're spending the whole evening with these people and getting your hands dirty and it's intimate — you're doing people's laundry," said LuzAnna Figueroa, who volunteers at the group's Huntington Beach chapter and has grown close to Mitchell and her daughter.

Richard Flory, a religion expert from the University of Southern California who has studied Laundry Love extensively, said Mitchell is just one example of how the organization can profoundly impact people through something as simple as

washing their clothes.

"It's an opportunity for people to live out their faith out in a concrete way, in a frankly elegantly simple model where you do something that's necessary for people who don't have the means to do it for themselves," Flory said.

The movement began about 10 years ago with a small Christian church in Ventura, California, and has since spread to more than 100 locations throughout the country to people from all faiths.

Christian Kassoff started the Huntington Beach chapter two years ago with his wife, Shannon. On a recent warm summer night, Kassoff glanced around the laundromat and smiled at the dozens of people who depend on him and the other volunteers for clean laundry each month.

Classic hits from David Bowie and The Clash blasted through speakers as patrons pushed around wheeled metal baskets full of laundry and stuffed loads of dirty clothes — some not washed for weeks — into industrial-sized machines.

Those doing their laundry also lined up outside to eat their fill of tacos as volunteers prayed inside before starting the night's washing.

David Clarke, who has been coming to the laundromat for four months after losing his job as an aerospace machinist, estimates he's saved \$200 on laundry in that time, but said he gets a lot more from the washing sessions than savings.

"These people are wonderful people. They want to know what's going on in your life," he said. "They really care about you and how you're doing."

Kassoff, his arms laced with tattoos, recalled a time in his life just over 10 years ago when he was in a similar situation to many of those who come — addicted to heroin and living in his car. At his lowest point, he said, he started attending services at his local Episcopal church.

His newfound faith, he said, saved his life and motivated him to help others in need.

"I'm not wealthy but I have the gift of time and a heart for it, so this fits," Kassoff said.

Flory said that's why the movement has taken off — the simplicity and necessity of washing clothes. The Huntington Beach chapter began as an Episcopal outreach, but now welcomes volunteers of any faith, including members of a local mosque who started showing up recently.

Juan Montes was reluctant to attend Laundry Love several months ago after a friend invited him to volunteer. He now goes every month and looks forward to the conversations he will have, even though his friend has stopped going.

"It's changed me in the way that now when I see people who are homeless, I don't see them like an object. Now their stories come to mind, names come to mind because I've had conversations with them," he said.

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NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM PARAPROFESSIONAL JOB DESCRIPTION AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing amendments to the Instructional Program Paraprofessional Job Description. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the job description at a regular meeting of the Board on October 7, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 21 days of the date of this notice, a development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify the plan to update in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. The following topics will be amended in the Instructional Program Paraprofessional Job Description: For Instructional Program Paraprofessional pay grade 8, minimum qualifications include Instructional Program Para with South Florida State College Certificate of Completion of Instructional Assistant or passing score on Para Pro Assessment; For Instructional Program Paraprofessional pay grade 9, minimum qualifications include Instructional Program Para with AA, AS, AAS degree or higher. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes and any other statutory provisions that may be cited in the current version of the job description, or relating to the requirements for School District job

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descriptions. The School District believes that the proposed amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary September 5, 2014

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ENHANCEMENT PARAPROFESSIONAL JOB DESCRIPTION AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing amendments to the Enhancement Paraprofessional Job Description. The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the job description at a regular meeting of the Board on October 7, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested

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by an affected person in writing within 21 days of the date of this notice, a development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify the plan to update in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. The following topics will be amended in the Enhancement Paraprofessional Job Description: For Enhancement Paraprofessional pay grade 7, minimum qualifications include a high school diploma/GED certificate; For Enhancement Paraprofessional pay grade 8, minimum qualifications include South Florida State College Certificate of Completion, Instructional Assistant or passing score on ParaPro Assessment; For Enhancement Paraprofessional pay grade 9, minimum qualifications include AA, AS, AAS degree or higher. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes and any other statutory provisions that may be cited in the current version of the job description, or relating to the requirements for School District job descriptions. The School District believes that the proposed amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing

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the proposed amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary September 5, 2014

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 4.11 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY is developing amendments to Rule 4.11, Student Progression Plan (2014-2015). The School Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on September 23, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. If requested by an affected person in writing within 21 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify the plan to update in accordance with annual review and implementation of statutory and district changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. The following topics will be amended: Remove the reference to "Common Core" and replace with "Florida Standards throughout the Plan; Replace the acronym "FCAT" with "Florida Standards Assessments," where appropriate. Chapter 1.2: add "on District website" to annual report-

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ing. Chapter 1.7: revise so that students in grades K-12 can participate in specific virtual school courses during the school day at home. Chapter 1.14: Delete Writing Performance, FCAT scoring changes, and paragraph "Beginning with student entering grade 9....."; Add: "Students with Medical Complexity may be exempt from participation in statewide testing" SB1642; Progress Monitoring (second paragraph) delete "and to reduce paperwork." Chapter 1.18: Add "Terrorist attacks occurring on September 11, 2001 and the impact of those events on the nation." Chapter 2.1: Parents will be notified in writing by April 17 of the possibility of retention. Chapter 2.2: Delete "Students who score lower than a Level 3.5 on the FCAT Writing test at grade 4 may be required to receive remediation as determined by the district SPP;" Language Arts- change "reading" teacher to "Language Arts" teacher; delete "Writing" paragraph; Delete-Promotion for Disabled Students Receiving Exceptional Student Education Pursuing Special State Student Performance Standards in Grades K and its content; Replace Academic Acceleration with "Grade Level Acceleration." Chapter 2.6: Revise Language in Step 2-The principal will review and make a written decision within ten school days. Chapter 3.0: Transfer of Credit for New Students-HB 7031-Revise language with regards to student transfers relating to Florida assessments and requirements for transfer students during second semester of 8th Notification of Academic Progress HB 850-Add new language regarding industry Certification. Chapter 4.0: Delete midterm and final examinations for EOC courses; EOC changes-revise language- HB 7031- Middle school students must take the EOC if they are in the class but do not have to pass the EOC to get the high school credit; the student must pass the EOC to earn a standard diploma; the student is not required to take the corresponding

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subject and grade level statewide assessment. Chapter 4.2: Promotion-Delete last sentence "Grading for Students with Disabilities..." Chapter 4.3: Levels of Performance for Student Progression-HB 850- Add language regarding Early Warning System. Chapter 5.1: Revise language to "Testing"; Add PSAT language; Delete 3 year standard college preparatory program language; Delete 3 year career preparatory program grade; Parent language; Delete paragraph regarding career preparatory and college preparatory programs; Add the I8 Credit Option language; Delete Diploma Requirements and Designation chart and its contents; Delete all language relating to graduation options no longer available; Add 18 credit Option language; Add ACCEL language-HB 7031; Delete paragraph regarding FCAT writing; Alternative Course Options Related to Graduation Requirements: Revise language pursuant to HB 7031; Delete language with regards to College English; Revise language with regards to Three-Year Career Preparatory Program. Chapter 5.2: Delete requirement of student to submit letter and principal approval for early graduation; Delete "A student who graduates early may not participate in FHSA activities;" Delete high school graduation and Assessment requirements; Standard Diploma-Delete section and replace with graduation charts; Delete Section regarding Special Diploma. Chapter 5.3: Add equally rigorous courses identified as EQ under the Course Code Director; Add Certificate of Comprehensive language. Chapter 5.4: Add "Secondary" to Credit by examination language; Diver's Education online meets the 'on-line' graduation requirement-HB 7031. Chapter 5.6: Change calculations for final grades in any EOC course; Add "and any course requiring a State EOC" to Semester Exams section; Delete the word "academic" in Course Weighting section. The specific legal authority includes

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Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42, Florida Statutes and the statutory provisions cited in the current version of the rule. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Marlene Welborn) George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida 33870, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary September 5, 2014

NOTICE OF ACTION 16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: **28-2014-CA-000419**
 DIVISION:
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST PETER SAVACOOOL A/K/A PETER E. SAVACOOOL, DECEASED, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO:
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST PETER SAVACOOOL A/K/A PETER E. SAVACOOOL, DECEASED,
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: **UNKNOWN**
 CURRENT ADDRESS: **UNKNOWN**
THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE GREGORY MATTHEW SAVACOOOL IRREVOCABLE TRUST U/A DATED 08/16/2013
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: **UNKNOWN**
 CURRENT ADDRESS: **UNKNOWN**
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: **UNKNOWN**
 CURENT ADDRESS: **UNKNOWN**
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:

LOT 10, BLOCK 144, LAKEWOOD TERRACES SHEET NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 94, 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 within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with 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. This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in The News-Sun. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 11th day of August, 2014.

Robert W. Germain
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ **Toni Kopp**
 As Deputy Clerk

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**See Americans with Disabilities Act if you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
 August 29; September 5, 2014

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. **CC 14-325**
HIDDEN ACRES ESTATES, INC.,
 a Florida corporation,
 Plaintiff

vs.
FRANCES P. GAIMARI, or if dead, then his or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees, and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status if unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereafter described
 Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: **Frances P. Gaimari**
 Address Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a claim of lien on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

Lot 3117 and share of common elements in Hidden Acres Estates, Inc.
964 CR 721, Lorida, FL 33857
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on E. MARK BREED III of E. MARK BREED III, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 325 North Commerce, Sebring, FL 33870, on or before **October 15, 2014**, 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.

NOTICE OF ACTION 16

Dated this 25th day of August, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ **Priscilla Michalak**
 Deputy Clerk (SEAL)
 In Accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office to the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 (863)534-1686, 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."
 August 29; September 5, 12, 19, 2014

NOTICE OF AUCTION 19

PUBLIC AUCTION: SEPTEMBER 19, 2014 AT: 9:00 AM LOCATION: AVON TOWING 1102 KERSEY ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. **PC 14-304**
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF **PATSY D. EVANS a/k/a PATSY DIANA EVANS**
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of **PATSY D. EVANS a/k/a PATSY DIANA EVANS,** deceased, whose date of death was **June 9, 2014**, and whose last four digits of the Social Security Number are **4063** is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is **September 5, 2014.**
 Personal Representative:
Bruce M. Evans
5395 Osceola Drive
St. Cloud, Florida 34773
ZIES WIDERMAN & MALEK
 Attorney for Personal Representative
Scott C. Dixon, Esquire
Florida Bar Number 0109797
1990 W. New Haven Ave.,
Suite 201
Melbourne, Florida 32904
321-255-2332
Email: sdixon@zwmlegal.com
 September 5, 12, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. **PC 14-324**
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF **JEANNE B. WELCH,**
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of **JEANNE B. WELCH,** deceased, whose date of death was **August 7, 2014**, and whose social security number is **XXX-XX-7538**, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is **September 5, 2014.**
 Personal Representative:
Byron E. Welch
6 Bellevue Avenue
Lincoln, RI 02865
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Robert E. Livingston
 Florida Bar No. 0031259
 445 S. Commerce Avenue
 Sebring, Florida 33870
 Telephone: (863) 385-5156
 livingston@livingstonpa.com
 August 29; September 5, 2014

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. **CC 14-325**
HIDDEN ACRES ESTATES, INC.,
 a Florida corporation,
 Plaintiff

vs.
FRANCES P. GAIMARI, or if dead, then his or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees, and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status if unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereafter described
 Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: **Frances P. Gaimari**
 Address Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a claim of lien on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

Lot 3117 and share of common elements in Hidden Acres Estates, Inc.
964 CR 721, Lorida, FL 33857
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on E. MARK BREED III of E. MARK BREED III, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 325 North Commerce, Sebring, FL 33870, on or before **October 15, 2014**, 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.

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personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is **September 5, 2014.**
 Personal Representative:
 /s/ **James Strausberger**
531 1/2 S. 5th Street
Dekalb, IL 60115
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Robert E. Livingston
 Florida Bar No. 0031259
 445 S. Commerce Avenue
 Sebring, Florida 33870
 Telephone: (863) 385-5156
 livingston@livingstonpa.com
 September 5, 12, 2014

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO. **2012-CA-000497**
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 PLAINTIFF,
 vs.
GERALD D. SHARP A/K/A GERALD DONALD SHARP; ET AL.,
 DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **August 13, 2014** and entered in Case No. **2012-CA-000497** in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.** was the Plaintiff and **GERALD D. SHARP A/K/A GERALD DONALD SHARP, ET AL.,** the Defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 on the **30th day of September, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: **ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS AND STATE OF FLORIDA, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: "A" THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 10, BLOCK 1, RIVER RIDGE RANCHES (UNRECORDED) IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST; ALSO KNOWN AS: THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST.** ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER, AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Clerk, Circuit Court
 /s/ **Toni Kopp**
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: **14000260CC**
WAUCHULA STATE BANK
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
DON SEWELL and BETTE SEWELL, husband and wife,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS dated **August 28, 2014**, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, at the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 A.M. on **October 2, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, to wit:

Lot 42, Block 27, Sun 'n Lakes Estates of Sebring, Unit 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 48, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Parcel ID: **C-04-34-28-020-0270-0420**
 Commonly known as: **4301 Lamancha Circle, Sebring, FL 33872**
 Dated this 29th day of August, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE,
 Clerk of Court
 By: /s/ **Lisa M. Osha**
 As Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 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.
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 September 5, 12, 2014

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NOTICE OF SALE 30

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: **09-000442-CA**
 Division
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORP TRUST 2007-NC1
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
JAMES H. ARTHUR, JR. A/K/A JAMES H. ARTHUR, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES H. ARTHUR, JR. A/K/A JAMES H. ARTHUR, JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on **April 16, 2014**, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as: **LOT 20 BLOCK 20, OF LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 61, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.** PARCEL/TAX I.D.#: **C-01-35-28-030-0200-0200** and commonly known as: **932 GROGAN AVE, SEBRING, FL 33875**; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue,

NOTICE OF SALE 30

Sebring, Florida 33870, on **September 30, 2014** at 11 a.m.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 26th day of August, 2014.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 By: /s/ **Toni Kopp**
 Deputy Clerk
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 September 5, 12, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: **2011-CA-000185**
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION,
 Plaintiff
 vs.
KIMDALIN K. WACK, et al.
 Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated **August 26, 2014**, entered in Civil Case Number **2011-CA-000185**, in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION,** is the Plaintiff, and **KIMDALIN K. WACK, et al.,** are the Defendants, Highlands County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as: **LOT 8, BLOCK 20, OF ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT NO. 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 65, 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 **30th day of September, 2014.** Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated: **August 26, 2014.**
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Highlands County Clerk of Court
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ **Toni Kopp**

CA10-10639/CL
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notification; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
 September 5, 12, 2014

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: **14000260CC**
WAUCHULA STATE BANK
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
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 Defendants.

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 Clerk of Court
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 As Deputy Clerk

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 September 5, 12, 2014

NOTICE OF SALE 30

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: **09-000442-CA**
 Division
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORP TRUST 2007-NC1
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
JAMES H. ARTHUR, JR. A/K/A JAMES H. ARTHUR, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES H. ARTHUR, JR. A/K/A JAMES H. ARTHUR, JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on **April 16, 2014**, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as: **LOT 20 BLOCK 20, OF LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 61, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.** PARCEL/TAX I.D.#: **C-01-35-28-030-0200-0200** and commonly known as: **932 GROGAN AVE, SEBRING, FL 33875**; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue,

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated **August 26, 2014**, entered in Civil Case Number **2011-CA-000185**, in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION,** is the Plaintiff, and **KIMDALIN K. WACK, et al.,** are the Defendants, Highlands County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as: **LOT 8, BLOCK 20, OF ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT NO. 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 65, 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 **30th day of September, 2014.** Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated: **August 26, 2014.**
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Highlands County Clerk of Court
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ **Toni Kopp**

CA10-10639/CL
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 September 5, 12, 2014

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: **14000260CC**
WAUCHULA STATE BANK
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
DON SEWELL and BETTE SEWELL, husband and wife,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS dated **August 28, 2014**, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, at the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 A.M. on **October 2, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, to wit:

Lot 42, Block 27, Sun 'n Lakes Estates of Sebring, Unit 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 48, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Parcel ID: **C-04-34-28-020-0270-0420**
 Commonly known as: **4301 Lamancha Circle, Sebring, FL 33872**
 Dated this 29th day of August, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE,
 Clerk of Court
 By: /s/ **Lisa M. Osha**
 As Deputy Clerk

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A couple of showers and a t-storm	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	A couple of afternoon thunderstorms	Some sun, a t-storm in the p.m.	A t-storm or two in the afternoon
92° / 74°	92° / 74°	92° / 74°	92° / 74°	91° / 73°
Winds: SSW at 3-6 mph	Winds: SSE at 3-6 mph	Winds: SE at 3-6 mph	Winds: ESE at 3-6 mph	Winds: SE at 3-6 mph

Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	96°
Low Sunday	74°
High Monday	95°
Low Monday	70°
High Tuesday	94°
Low Tuesday	70°
High Wednesday	94°
Low Wednesday	68°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	55%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	100°

Barometer

Monday	29.99
Tuesday	29.94
Wednesday	29.82

Precipitation

Monday	0.58"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.58"
Year to date	35.47"

Regional Summary

Times of clouds and sun today with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm. A shower or thunderstorm in spots in the evening; otherwise, partly cloudy tonight. A shower or thunderstorm tomorrow.

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	12:57 a.m.
Low	4:33 a.m.
High	11:01 a.m.
Low	6:44 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	5:21 a.m.
Low	11:46 a.m.
High	6:07 p.m.
Low	none

Farm Report

A couple of showers and a thunderstorm today. Winds south 3-6 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Weather History

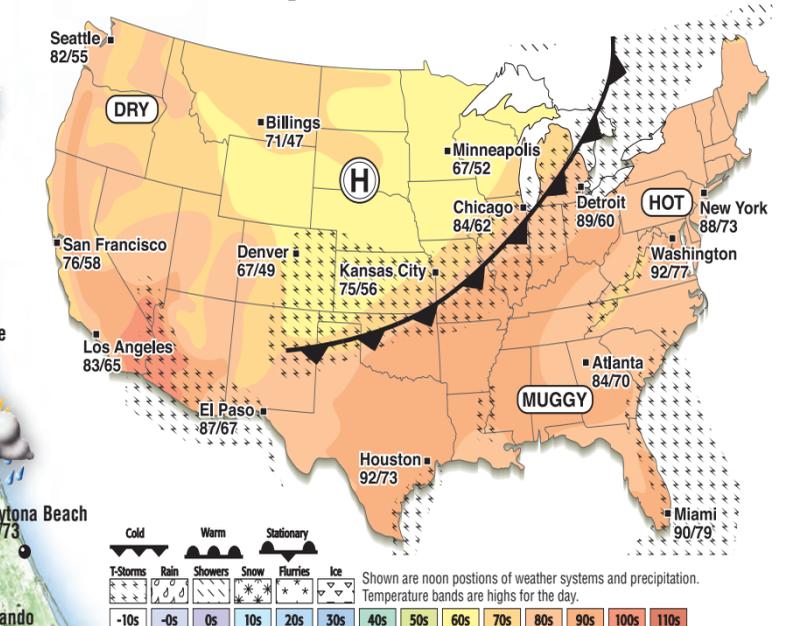
Strong southwesterly winds on Sept. 5, 1881, fanned flames into a mammoth forest fire on Michigan's "thumb" region. The fire consumed a million acres and killed over 500 people.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	7:41 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise	4:53 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
Moonset	3:14 a.m.	4:19 a.m.



National Forecast for September 5



National Summary

A cold front stretching from the Great Lakes to the central Plains will continue to push slowly eastward today. As it does, showers and thunderstorms will erupt across the Ohio and Mississippi valleys as well as the Plains. Although these storms will remain below severe criteria, they could produce heavy downpours. Abundant moisture will lead to slow-moving thunderstorms across the Southeast as well. Temperatures will drop and more comfortable air will stream in from the Dakotas to Wisconsin.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	81/61/t	75/61/t	80/60/t	Los Angeles	83/65/pc	89/71/pc	92/71/pc
Atlanta	84/70/pc	86/71/t	86/70/t	Louisville	92/73/t	79/59/t	77/57/s
Baltimore	89/71/pc	90/62/c	78/58/pc	Memphis	93/75/pc	89/71/t	85/65/t
Birmingham	88/71/s	89/71/t	89/69/t	Milwaukee	78/58/pc	71/56/s	73/58/s
Boston	87/71/s	86/61/t	74/59/pc	Minneapolis	67/52/s	74/55/s	76/58/s
Charlotte	88/69/pc	87/69/t	83/65/t	Nashville	90/71/pc	88/66/t	81/61/t
Cheney	60/46/s	68/47/t	76/52/s	New Orleans	88/74/t	89/76/t	90/75/t
Chicago	84/62/t	72/56/s	75/56/s	New York City	88/73/t	89/64/t	78/62/pc
Cleveland	90/63/t	70/54/pc	72/51/s	Norfolk	88/75/s	89/74/pc	78/71/t
Columbus	92/69/pc	76/53/t	78/55/s	Oklahoma City	94/64/t	74/58/t	84/64/t
Dallas	96/76/s	94/73/pc	90/74/t	Philadelphia	89/72/t	89/66/t	80/60/pc
Denver	67/49/pc	72/52/pc	80/55/s	Phoenix	102/83/t	102/78/t	96/78/t
Detroit	89/60/t	82/51/pc	75/53/s	Pittsburgh	88/65/pc	73/51/t	73/51/s
Harrisburg	87/68/pc	83/58/t	76/54/s	Portland, ME	83/66/s	83/53/t	72/52/pc
Honolulu	88/76/pc	89/76/s	89/75/s	Portland, OR	90/60/s	95/60/s	93/59/s
Houston	92/73/t	92/73/pc	91/73/t	Raleigh	89/71/pc	87/70/t	79/65/t
Indianapolis	88/65/t	73/51/pc	73/51/s	Rochester	91/62/pc	69/51/t	73/51/s
Jackson, MS	90/70/t	89/71/t	89/68/t	St. Louis	92/66/t	76/58/pc	77/56/s
Kansas City	75/56/t	72/51/pc	75/57/s	San Francisco	76/58/pc	76/57/pc	75/57/pc
Lexington	89/71/pc	80/59/t	76/56/s	Seattle	82/55/s	85/55/s	84/57/t
Little Rock	94/74/pc	87/69/t	83/65/t	Wash., DC	92/77/pc	91/66/t	81/64/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	89/78/t	89/77/t	89/77/t	London	74/58/pc	71/56/c	67/50/pc
Athens	84/69/t	84/69/t	82/68/t	Montreal	88/69/pc	71/48/sh	71/52/s
Beirut	87/77/s	83/76/s	83/75/pc	Moscow	68/49/s	68/51/s	67/50/pc
Berlin	77/58/pc	79/59/pc	76/55/t	Nice	80/68/pc	79/68/pc	78/67/s
Bermuda	83/72/s	79/73/pc	82/75/s	Ottawa	87/61/t	67/46/sh	72/49/s
Calgary	70/42/pc	71/48/s	74/45/s	Quebec	80/64/t	67/44/sh	68/45/s
Dublin	65/49/sh	61/46/pc	60/45/pc	Rio de Janeiro	73/63/pc	76/63/s	80/66/s
Edmonton	70/44/pc	75/44/s	72/42/c	Saoul	82/66/pc	84/63/pc	85/65/pc
Freeport	86/76/pc	87/76/pc	88/77/t	Singapore	86/76/t	86/76/t	86/77/t
Geneva	77/55/sh	77/54/pc	77/54/pc	Sydney	62/51/sh	62/52/pc	64/49/sh
Havana	90/73/pc	89/73/t	90/71/t	Toronto	89/59/t	71/49/pc	75/50/s
Hong Kong	91/82/t	93/82/t	92/82/pc	Vancouver	73/56/s	76/57/s	75/56/s
Jerusalem	84/63/s	79/61/s	79/61/s	Vienna	75/60/t	74/59/pc	75/60/t
Johannesburg	71/46/s	74/49/s	78/49/s	Warsaw	69/48/s	71/50/pc	73/52/s
Kiev	69/47/s	71/49/s	74/51/s	Winnipeg	67/44/pc	71/45/s	72/52/pc

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