Runoff from Parkway upsets Lake Denton residents
County Engineer: Problem fixed, drainage plan will prevent in future

By PHIL ATTINGER
Staun Warren

SEERING — When thunderstorms hit, hard rain fell on an increasingly dry Florida, they sometimes wash Lake Denton residents out of their homes. Video and photographs posted to the Highlands News-Sun by a Lake Denton Road resident revealed that a washed-out unpaved Sun-County Road had burned down a residential area, plowed through the parking lot looking area, and in front of the police station [sheriff’s parking lot looking area, and in front of the railroad tracks in front of the road and down to the lake through a residential yard and by way of the lake's boat ramp. Residents have seen sand and silt from recent rains pour from the roadway had significant deterio-
ation (cross street) except for Main Street which could be completed in the first quarter of 2019, includes the paving of North Central from Main Street to County 178 (Sun Road) which will include the widening of 22 feet into an intersection (Sun cross street) except for Main Street and CR 17A.

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According to the plan, the project aims to alleviate flooding in the West Pleasant Street area. Carl Coel of Coel and Cobb Engineering gave the Avon Park City Council an update on the project recently, noting more of the underpass/base of the roadway was upgraded than indicated in the initial study of the project.

Also, he said instead of trying to address all of the flooding problems with a piping/drainage system that would eventually clog up, the area would be graded so the rainwater will flow onto a grass area.

Mayor Garrett Anderson said recently that the ongoing drainage problems is one of the main reasons for the project.

"In order to adequately fix that drainage issue, we had to change the road a little bit," he said. "If you have ever driven down there, there is sometimes a lake of water there after a heavy rain by the railroad tracks in front of Feargul Lumber and the CSX (railroad property, the grass ponded and backing up, and in front of the police station (sheriff’s substation)."

"The Avon Park area has a ten- dency to flood very often and also has been historically a very rough road. [People] trying to use this road will alleviate some of those issues," Anderson said.

The project is being funded in part by a $500,000 amendment of Transportation grant.

SEERING — Richard and Sally Noel received the best Christmas present of their lives two weekends ago.

No, it wasn’t a new car or something to add to their Christmas list. Since the candy cane has its own national holiday (you will not get the day off and the banks will be open), it is a perfect thing to do with it.

Getting a family this size together is no easy task, as Richard and Sally Noel are surrounded by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Candy cane Day.

BY MARC VALERO
Staun Warren

SEERING — Around Town

"There should not be any wa-
 ter in the roadway," he said. "The way it used to be, water would flow onto the road and down to the lake, either through a residential yard and by way of the lake's boat ramp or who would use the lake's boat ramp or who would run off the roadway and down to the lake, either through a residential yard and by way of the lake's boat ramp.

Highlands County Road and Bridge Department crews to keep an eye on the work site or in the temporary drainage ditches — not to let it leave the site. One suggestion from the emails was for the county to install a curbing wall, not build up the road and thus follow the contour of the land. Instead, Howerton said has a slightly higher elevation on the other side of Lake Denton Road and is more of a level elevation, not undulating.

Howerton said his plans for the road do include a curbing wall, and the reason that water has run off the Parkway into Lake Denton Road up until now was the temporary drainage ditches, put there to accommodate a grove owner who needed to move trees and equipment across the construction site.

Howerton said he will have the Parkway area in front of the police station and sheriff’s parking lot looking area, and in front of the railroad tracks in front of the road and down to the lake through a residential yard and by way of the lake’s boat ramp. Residents have seen sand and silt from recent rains pour from the roadway.

SEERING — Besides a Christmas tree and Santa Claus, the candy cane is probably the most recognized seasonal symbol of Christmas. The confection is so popular that Dec. 26 has been named National Candy Cane Day.

Why the day after Christmas came early for the Noels

SEERING — Candy Cane Day.

Christmas candy list.

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By MELISSA MAIN

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the candystore.com top 10 list is as follows: Non-peppermint candy canes came in at number eight.

As for following the contour of the land, Howerton said Florida Department of Transportation regulations won’t let him do that, for safety reasons.

Solving Parkway Phase 3 will be a divided highway with two lanes on each side running at 45 mph or faster. Although there may be fewer instances of cars crossing the road, drivers need good sight distance, he said.

The hills that are there have relatively steep slopes and deep troughs for a 40 mph road. Drivers won’t be able to see what’s beyond the crest of the hill, especially at night when their lights will either be angled too far down or too far up. If something falls off a vehicle or a trailer, or a car, pedestrian or animal steps in the roadway, drivers wouldn’t be able to see it in time to stop.

That’s why road crews have had to fill in the troughs and level the hilltops, he said.

For now, he said, he’s made the hills as steep as they can be, safely, at 45 mph.

Drivers on the future roadway who exceed that speed limit may not be able to see what’s ahead of them soon enough to stop.

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in our prayers and get together,” Sally Noel said.

The matriarch spoke for herself and her husband when she said it was one of the best Christmases of their lives.

“We had a wonderful time,” the matriarch said. “There was not an unpleasant word from anyone. They were always like that. They are a great bunch of kids.”

The family’s story started with the couple meeting in Massachusetts where they both lived, and Richard Noel worked as a mechanic. In 1950, Richard Noel entered the U.S. Air Force as a mechanic, and the two got married in 1952. They spent most of that time in the Bahamas islands.

Tired of shoveling snow, they moved to Florida in 1956 when a job opportunity opened up in Sebring as a mechanic with Tim Blackmon Ford.

“We knew we wanted a big family and it was cheaper to do that in Florida,” Sally Noel said.

The children soon followed. The children who made it home for the holidays were Greg Noel, Doug and Carolyn Noel; Steve and Beth Noel, Dan Noel, Cindy and Kevin Lapiace; Kim and Elmo McClure; and Jeff and Julie Noel.

All of the children were raised in Sebring and attended school and eventually graduated from Sebring High School. The couple owned Die Auto and Truck repair, a body shop and had American Moter and Jeep franchises.

Richard Noel worked as the mechanic and Sally worked in the office while the kids were in school.

“Keeping a family together means relying on God and being willing to have a big family,” Sally said.

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road crews remove that driveway as soon as possible. “It’s supposed to be there,” Howerton said. “It’s temporary access for fruit trucks.”

However, he said its placement there was sometimes heavy rains this month have cut away at the shoulders of Lake Denton Road, thanks in part to the arrival of steady and consistent rainfall that has caused the roadway to become more misshapen and swales.

So far up.

Anderson said the project has been scheduled to be completed in June, but it looks like it will be done in the first quarter of 2019.

A series of ruts show where heavy rains from this month have hit at an intersection. On Thursday, the roadway’s flooding during heavy rainfall.

Beware of the peppermint bark, as it was also a hot chocolate or make wreaths. While others stir to decorate trees and put them, they are a big seller.

Non-peppermint candy canes came in at number eight.

Eatbydate.com all the leftover candy. Did you know that Dec. 26 is National Candy Cane Day?

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Happy Retirement Dr. Thayer!
School district entering 5th year of self-insurance

By MARC VALERO

SEBRING — The School District of Highlands County will be going into its fifth year of providing health insurance through its own self-insuran program and will be switching to a new provider to protect it from high/ claims.

District Finance Director Richard “Ricky” Birt noted that the district continues to be self-insured for its health insurance for employees and qualified spouses and dependents.

Whenever an employe- se a dependent’s claims reaches $250,000, the stop loss carrier pays the initial $250,000, and qualified spouses and dependents.

The district had sought bids for the stop loss coverage and received eight proposals. The district’s insurance committee recommended the district purchase the stop-loss insurance for $250,000 from Cigna at a cost of about $669,182.

Except for Cigna, all original proposals were contingent upon receipt and review of the district’s September claims, according to the insurance commitments, which address the district on insurance matters.

“The district’s insurance plan.

The School Board approved the purchase of stop-loss insurance from Cigna.

In October 2016, Birt informed the School Board that the self-insu- ance health care plan had been hit by high claims with a likely loss of more than $1 million over two months.

The district subse- quently stopped covering the spouses or employees for their employer’s insurance plan.

By KIM LEATHERMAN

The Journal Plaza is decked for the holidays.

The Journal Plaza is the epitome of what a small town at Christmas time should look like. The decorations and the lights at night add that picture to the perfect moment.

New Year’s Eve party

NEW YEAR’S EVE — The Highlands County Moose Lodge will have its New Year’s Eve Ball on Monday, Dec. 31, at the Elko Lodge in Sebring.

Cost is $25 per person.

A Tribute to the King

There will be an rnen- ures, hats, miniskirts and a champagne flute at midnig. For information, call 863-471-3557 or 863-385-8467.

Ring in 2019 with the Moose Lodge ball at the Elko Lodge in Sebring.

First Presbyterian Praise Ringers perform at the Lake Placid Farmer’s Market Saturday morning.

OBITUARIES

Carl Franklin Siricy Jr.

SEBRING — Carl Franklin Siricy Jr., 90, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018, at the Hospice House in Sebring.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1928, in Madison, Florida to Carl Franklin Siricy Sr. and Julia (Coper) Siricy. He retired from Perpetual Energy, with the rescue depart- ment of the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office, and was a member of First Baptist Church of Sebring where he served as a Deacon. He was also a member of the FFA, Highlands County Farmer’s Home, Little League, and the Highlands County Gun Club.

He worked buging with the Sebring Police Department, Sebring Utilities, and with Stephens Memorial Home.

Survivors include his children, Carl F. (Sissy III) (Cathy) of Mountville, Georgia, Janice Siricy Snyder of Sebring, and Dwanda Sircy Green of Plant City; his brother, Johnnie Siricy Snyder of Sarasota, Florida; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018 at First Baptist Church of Sebring with family receiving friends before service.

Interment will follow at Boyd Cemetery in New Park, Florida.

Memorial contri- butions can be made in Carl’s name to the First Baptist Church of Sebring.

Honeybells for the Holidays

Honeybells are ready! You've waited all year – our most popular citrus is back! So juicy, sweet and easy to family and friends today.

Elks New Year’s Eve party

SEBRING — The Sebring Elks Lodge 1129 will have a New Year’s Eve Party Monday, Dec. 31, at the Elko Lodge in Sebring.

Cost is $35 per person.

You've waited all year – our most popular citrus is back!

Ring in the Christmas spirit at Journal Plaza

By KIM LEATHERMAN

NEWS BRIEFS

VFV Salisbury steak dinner

JAWS PARK — The VFV Auxiliary will serve a Salisbury steak dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 28 at VFV Post 1965, 725 Old Dixie Drive in Sebring.

Included mashed potatoes, vegetables and a salad. Cost is $15. Carryout available until sold out.

Smoke-free dining room.

Open for dinner.

Dinner to benefit well-being and Wave events.

Country western

light dance

SEBRING — Buttonwood Bay will have their New Year’s Eve Dance, a Country Western Dance, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 4000 Simmons Boulevard. Tickets include the dance and refreshments.

Bottled and open bar.

Tickets are $20 each. Seating is limited.

Bring a snack to share.

Bring your own drinks.

New Year’s Eve party

SEBRING — Sebring Village will host their New Year’s Eve Party 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 4000 Simmons Boulevard. Tickets include the dance and refreshments.

Bottled and open bar.

For additional information, call 863-453-7555 or www.dundeegroves.com/hx2

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The season of travel is a busy one. From Thanksgiving to the New Year, millions of Americans travel to visit family and friends during the holidays. With the increased traffic comes the risk of accidents. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that the holiday travel period is one of the most dangerous times of the year, with more than 1 million American roads and highways expected to see an increase in traffic. While the majority of travelers will arrive at their destinations without incident, a small percentage will experience a holiday travel accident.

According to AAA's annual holiday travel forecast, an estimated 50.7 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more for the holidays, with 3.8 million of those travelers expected to be on the road. This represents a 1.7% increase in travel volume compared to last year. Of those travelers, approximately 80% will drive, while the remaining 20% will travel by air, train, or bus. The majority of travelers will travel 50 to 199 miles, with the longest travels of 500 miles or more.

Despite the increase in travel, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration predicts that the 2018 holiday travel period will be the safest in recent history. Preliminary data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that the number of traffic fatalities during the holiday period was 16% lower than the same period in 2017. However, with the increased travel, there is still a risk of accidents.

AAA's holiday travel safety tips:

1. Plan your route and check road conditions before you leave.
2. Never drive while impaired.
3. Avoid distractions and stay focused on the road.
4. Keep your vehicle maintained and equipped with proper winter tires.
5. Be patient and give others plenty of space on the road.
6. If you are involved in an accident, move to a safe location and call for help.

Drivers are encouraged to prioritize safety during the holiday season, as accidents can have serious consequences. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reminds drivers to stay safe and avoid distractions while on the road. With the right precautions, the holiday season can be a time of joy and团聚 for all.

Lame ducks and lax government

In short, lame duck government should be eliminated. The Trump administration has not been a perfect example as to how things should work. The current President has not been able to accept defeat so they circumvent the will of the people by orchestrating power plays during their lame duck sessions in order to knead the effectiveness of incoming elected officials.

I propose that newly elected officials work together in the next day following an election as the losers. The newly elected officials would never view lame duck sessions as other than a false pass and would focus on the laws that are on the books. They would seek the will of the people and work to pass legislation during the lame duck period.

Florida's proposed "Testing While Driving" bill is another bill that should be eliminated. We are one of the few states that do not have a "no new testing view" of the road. You cannot even call that a rule, while phone talking while driving is a primary offense. We used to drive for decades without phone calls. If cell phone calls were eliminated, the roadways would be much more important than a text message or phone call that someone was sending, because you will need a new test to be begin your return to driving.

For many of us, we wake up this morning knowing how important it is to make the most of this holiday season. With the increased travel, there is a risk of accidents. It is important to remember to drive safely and to prioritize safety during the holiday travel period. With the right precautions, the holiday season can be a time of joy and团聚 for all.
In their most recent report, the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) outlined a strategic update: learn to live with climate change. They said that by the year 2040, all hell will be breaking loose. Well, that was 16 years ago. But the problem is, the nation's baseline is going up, and the basement level is going down. We should concentrate on lighting the fewest candles. Today, the only real hope is the generous climate that allows Mike Pence to build a wall along the border with Mexico. There was a time when Ronald Reagan, standing with Michael Gorbachev to open this gate… Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.”

Will Drury is an award-winning, financially ac-claimed columnist, comic and former stand up comic and farmer in New Berlin, Wisconsin —

That's not a word we can use, in discussing what's happening in the nation's capital.

This is a site devoted to getting inside the weeds of Florida politics, so we can understand what's going on too often — unless we choose to state side worldwide. We know that the best Christmas present a governor-makes could give to all 21 million residents of the best state in the country:

The dysfunctions in Washington, and when they start affecting the people's business is the topic of what we're seeing now.

As I talk about two decades of Republican control of Florida politics, most of the state's residents have been extremely close. It is not right, it is completely right or completely wrong, so the best leader is one who represents all the people — not just those that are for them.

Actually, the early signs from Governor DeSantis echo President Trump's encouraging. He agrees with Democrats and incoming Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried that it's time to tear down this wall.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to sign up for any public appearances. Visit Rep. Mark Meadows and Joe Henderson's websites. This is what happens, President Trump's money to build a wall along the border with Mexico. There was a time when Ronald Reagan, standing with Michael Gorbachev to open this gate… Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.”

Now, just 31 years lat-er, Trump gleefully said to Congress, “The American people want a government that is more efficient. A government that is less expensive. The people want it. They think the government is too expensive, too big, too wasteful. We'll have better government because we'll make it smaller. We'll have a government that is less expensive and more efficient, and with the people's help, we can make our government great again.”

But in the end, it is the people who will decide. The American people want a government that is more efficient. A government that is less expensive. The people want it. They think the government is too expensive, too big, too wasteful. We'll have better government because we'll make it smaller. We'll have a government that is less expensive and more efficient, and with the people's help, we can make our government great again.”

It's time to get ready for the worst, and hope for the best. It's time to get ready for the worst, and hope for the best.
Gas prices could increase in the new year with OPEC and Russia announcing that, beginning in 2019, they will reduce crude production by 1.2 million barrels per day for an initial six-month period to help balance global supply.

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Gas prices have dipped close to the $2 mark and below in some areas of the Sunshine State but that may be a short-lived happy driving holiday for motorists.

Early Monday afternoon the Florida's low price leaders were a Sam's Club in Riverview and a Rocket Fuel in Jensen Beach that were both selling a gallon of regular gas for $1.93, according to GasBuddy.com.

The Raceway just south of Aces Park on U.S. 27 appeared to have the lowest price of $1.93 for a gallon of regular, according to an Investor's Business Daily report.

Not just in the U.S., but worldwide there is a surplus of crude oil, which has driven gas prices to the lowest levels of the year. Earlier this month, OPEC and Russia announced that beginning in 2019, they will reduce crude production by 1.2 million barrels per day for an initial six-month period to help balance global supply, AAA reports. This move is a slight step back last week.

AAA spokespersons are fueling their decision to drive the months of December and a Rocket Fuel in Avon Park on U.S. 27 at Flare Road.

Bad tail light leads to arrest

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Jeffrey D. Shults, 52, of Sebring was arrested Thursday, Dec. 20 by the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office. Shults was facing charges of failing to register as a convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, and smuggling contraband into a detention facility. The last two charges are third degree felonies.

The redacted arrest report states that a sheriff’s deputy was on patrol near Kenilworth Boulevard and Calmer Avenue in Sebring when he noticed a gray truck heading east with a broken taillight and an Illinois license plate. The deputy made a U-turn and identified the driver as Shults from a previous encounter with another deputy. In July, on an unrelated stop, deputies ordered Shults to register as a felon from Illinois. In that stop, Shults was also driving on a suspended license with knowledge of the suspension. After the deputy pulled Shults over Dec. 28, Shults started to walk away but stopped when given the command to do so, the report states. The deputy found Shults’ license to still be suspended and he was placed under arrest.

The deputy searched Shults but asked him while they were on the way to the jail if he had anything illegal on him that may have been missed. Upon arrival at the jail, another deputy searched Shults during the booking process and found a baggy with a crystal-like substance in it that would later prove to be methamphetamine. The drug was found in a small coin pocket in Shults' pants. It was also determined Shults had not registered as a felon. He is in the Highlands County Jail with a bond of $8,000.
SPORTS

One way to keep players on the field

A disruptive force

Sebring’s Rose selected as All-Highlands Defensive Player of the Year

By MARY PINSON

Sebring defensive tackle Jordan Rose didn’t just defend the run.

In college football will no longer be taking part of college football bowl games

The question is why?

By JAMIE MCCAFFREY

McCallister weighed the risks of playing in the Super Bowl

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The better question is: Who is the quarterback?

By TIM ROYCE

Major Fishing Period: Today the lake is under the surface and the sun at 3:09 p.m. and the sun at 3:09 p.m. and the sun is above the seasonal level of 39.50 feet. The minimum level currently is 38.75. Saturday at 4 p.m.

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It's a business decision. Just as it's a business decision for the NCAA to allow so many bowl games in the first place. Though it would have much longer it will make for good business! The model is broken. Players, students, and fans want to participate and watch when there is something at stake. Expanding the playoff would cure this, at least in part. But not by merely adding more teams. The NCAA needs to follow its own model and create a 24-team playoff, as it does in the Football Championship Subdivision.

And if you're worried about the lack of the 129 FBS teams — where U-M and MSU and Alabama reside — that would never steal a playoff appearance? Well, there are 125 teams in the FCS, and most of those teams don't make the playoff, either. If that's too harsh, the NCAA could soften the landing by keeping some of the lower-tier bowls for schools like Eastern Michigan and Utah and Appalachian State, all of whom made bowl games this year.

Or even create a second playoff, kind of like the NFL in NCAA basketball. All it would require is for the NCAA to admit it has a larger, more interesting system in place in every other sport it oversees, then use it in the one it doesn't. None, would this stop the movement of players skipping postseason games to prepare for the NFL draft? Not likely. Even if the NCAA did expand to 34 playoff teams, the players who wind up in a lower-tier bowl still see it as a consolation and act accordingly if they have a chance at the NFL.

MSU's head coach, Mark Dantonio, said he was disappointed over no playoff. But, all due respect, Layne's decision doesn't represent a different philosophy. It represents the same one that propelled college football for decades money. This is why college football in its current form exists. Layne was just late to the party. To which I say: Welcome.

Maybe now that he is, along with the rest of those who skipped their bowl games, the forces that created the system will feel motivated to fix it. It's still a grand and compelling sport. Playoff expansion just isn't going to ruin that. And for those who argue that it will, that no games matter like regular-season college football games, I'd ask if you watched Rutgers play Maryland this year? Or Alabama play The Citadel? Or any number of hundreds of games that had little with the outcome of the sports' season? For this notion that the regular-season matters more than any other is the narrative that propels the antiquated and outdated bowl model. It's a false narrative. What matters in the regular season is when top-ranked teams face off, or rivalry programs compete. Because if your team loses twice — and most teams do — then the intrigue lades fast. It wouldn't be a real playoff. More teams would have a chance. Which means more of the best players in the game would stay and compete for the championship. They need a reason to take a chance at getting injured. Until they do, one expect more heart- felt goodbyes.
Avon Park

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John Henry has been involved in NASCAR for more than a decade as co-owner of Boston Fenway Racing, which owns the Red Sox.

John Henry? Why?

Short answer: He’s a businessman, and NASCAR is a business. He’s very interested in how the sport he loves is being run.

Big question: No one was that impressed when NASCAR announced it was going to bring a billion-dollar business to the stock-car community.

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Without seeing the books, we can’t know what John Henry has gained over the past decade as co-owner of the Boston Red Sox, but his company’s other sports properties also own the English rugby team Harlequins, the English club Fulham and an English ride on the Boston City’s Liverpool soccer franchise. Sports) also owns the co-owner of Roush Fenway Racing.

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What’s to gain?
HELP delivers this Christmas season

By ALLEN MOODY
Correspondent

Helping hands from an Oasis
SERBERG — Billy Shannon and his co-workers at the Lake Jackson Branch of the U.S. Postal Service are well known for their ability to deliver around this time of year. But their biggest Christmas delivery this season wasn’t a package, but a collection of new bicycles for the children of Oasis De Restauración church in Sebring.

Through Shannon’s HELP (Help Every Living Person) Foundation

which he started roughly seven years ago, every year the Lake Jackson postal employees work together with different churches to make sure children experience “the true meaning of Christmas,” but also a hand holding meaning with books and supplies at the beginning of the school year or during the next Vacation Bible School and during other times of need.

“I am grateful Billy has always been there for us. The children love it,” said Pastor Carmen Robles of Oasis De Restauración. “We are a small church and we are always grateful for people want to help our children.”

Shannon said HELP wouldn’t be able to provide for the children without the help of his co-workers, who he said go above and beyond what is needed.

“I can’t thank everybody enough for what they do,” Shannon said. “I know I’m forgetting somebody, but Steve, Tal, Billy, Bronte, Joy, Paschla, Michelle, Pat, Monica, Sylvia, Iva, Don, Marius have been an absolute blessing.”

KKT “Stokes” founded the Lake Placid Clown School and Museum (109 West Lake Drive, Lake Placid) in 1990. His mission is to teach the art of clowning and to spread smiles, love and laughter.

The first class graduated six clowns, since then, over 1,500 men and women have graduated to become fun loving clowns that are entertaining folks all over the world at community events, in hospitals and nursing homes.

Clown students take 24-hour course which includes learning the history of clowns, the three clown types, how to wear costumes, choosing art for the ears, then the voices as they sang at the Sebring Christian Church, and during other times of year, the Lake Jackson postal employees work together with different churches to make sure children experience “the true meaning of Christmas,” but also a hand holding meaning with books and supplies at the beginning of the school year or during the next Vacation Bible School and during other times of need.

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Frostproof choir turns in masterful performance

By KEVIN HAVIN
Correspondent

Frostproof — Music is art for the ears, then the Frostproof Senior High Chamber Choir painted a masterpiece with their voices as they sang at the Sebring Christian Church on Tuesday evening.

The stage was decorated with lighted Christmas trees and colorful poinsettias as the choir dressed in black, took their place and prepared to sing.

The capella performance was directed by John Carley. Twenty-one high school students sang Christmas carols in beautiful and full four-part harmony, their voices rising and falling in perfect unison.

The first song they performed was “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.” This old English carol dates back to the 17th century.

New Junior Joey graduates from Toby’s

By TOM MISENHEIMER
Correspondent

The new grads with the young Joey alumni.

Debbie von Arx (Silly Sally), Catrina Monaco and Esther Loop

Saturday the school was jam packed with parents, grandparents and clown lovers to attend the graduation of four newly certified Joey clowns who have worked since last summer to develop their skills.

Catrina Monaco one of the clown instructors said, “I have been here since 2013 and we have graduated over 30 youngsters just during that time.”

The four new graduates received their certificates from School President Darrel Jingst. His clown name is “String Bean.” He has been a clown for over 20 years.

The grads are 7-year-old Ayden Perry from Lake Wales (Happy Old Ayden Perry from Lake Wales (Happy Old Ayden Perry from Lake Wales) as the Hobo); 5-year-old Ethan Perry from Lake Wales (Stitch the Hobo); 7-year-old Chloe Rough from Sebring (Missy Sue); and 8-year-old Luzaro Perez from Lake Placid (Mr. Pickles.)

Perez was asked why

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Ríng in 2019 with the Moose — HIGHLANDS COUNTY MOOSE LODGE, 1318 W. BELL ST., AVON PARK. CARL ROBLES AND GREG CHABOT WILL SERVE AS HOSTS. DINNER, DANCE, MUSIC BY HANDSOME RANDALL. $10 FOR MEMBERS, $11 FOR NON-MEMBERS. 6-11 P.M. CALL GLENDA GREY AT 863-471-0780 OR WADE 17xASHLEY@AOL.COM.

New Year’s Eve Ball — SEBRING — Buttonwood Bay will be holding a New Year’s Eve Ball starting by Smith on Monday, Dec. 31, starting at 8:30 p.m. and running until 12:30 a.m. Tickets and a seating by advance reservation only for $25 each. Seating is limited, $30 at door.

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**SEBRING —** The Brandt Foundation made a donation to the Heartland Food Bank from their Farmer’s Feeding Frenzy food drive. Pictured above from left to right are Francis Van Hooreweghe, food bank board member; Vondi Peacock, operations manager of Brandt Consolidated; and Mary Van Hooreweghe, office manager of the food bank.

**Lake Placid —** Sixteen members and guests of the Lake Placid Garden Club set out on a field trip to the Buck Island Ranch property on Dec. 13 for a swamp buggy ride that was approximately 2.5 hours long. The tour was conducted by Dustin Angell, head of the educational division of Archbold Biological Station in Venus. One of the stops was by a very large group of cows who meandered to the fence to look at the Club while they looked back, perhaps looking for a treat. The Club rode beside and behind cows and their calves while in their fields. A very large, invasive snail species named Giant African Land Snail, whose pink sack of eggs were planted on anything just above the water line, is a main food source of the Limpkin, a swamp and marsh bird, which now has come to the area to feed. Limpkins have a screaming cry that is hard to miss. Another bird that finds its home on the ranch is the crested Caracara, a member of the Falconidae. As the buggy rode along, the Club went through hammocks, spotted deer and goats in their pens. “This was a fun way to be educated about the area,” said Sharon Diaz, trips and tours chair of the Lake Placid Garden Club. “How proud we were of this establishment in our county. It was an adventure well worth it.”

**SEBRING —** On Dec. 19 the Sebring Elks 1529 was proud to have Santa, Mrs. Claus and one of their elves participate in a Christmas Luncheon for 45 veterans and their spouses at the Lodge. The veterans came from four local Assisted Living Facilities in Sebring. Turkey and all the side dishes, as well as dessert were served, and each person attending received a gift from Santa which was donated by The 40 & 8 Veterans organization.

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### Highlands County Quilt Show

SEBRING — Highlands County Quilt Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, Jan. 25 and 26, at the Highlands News-Sun Center at the Highlands County Fairgrounds.

This show gives the 94 members of the Quilt Guild an opportunity to show off their quilts, some of which will be offered for sale. Members range in age from 55-85. The club is 25 years old and some of the members showing quilts this year are original members.

The organization helps support 14 different charities. This show is the only fundraiser the organization does throughout the year.

### Annual garland sale

**Visitors** Welcome to the annual garland sale. This event features theme garland, door prizes and a Crazy Quilt Auction. There will be a Co-Op gift card available and all profits will go to the Highlands Ridge Co-Op. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Jan. 12 and the sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 13. For more information, call Lynn Bartley at 219-689-8423.

### River boat cruise

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club will host an annual riverboat cruise on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 11:30 a.m. at 3102 N. Pointe Drive. Registration at noon. Entry fee of $20 per person will be awarded as prizes. To reserve your seat, call Jim at 219-689-8423.

### Pinochle tournament

**Visitors** Welcome to the Pinochle tournament at noon. Entry fee of $5 per person will be awarded as prizes. To reserve your seat, call Dick Avery at 863-699-5765.

### Annual Art and Craft Show

**Visitors** Welcome to the annual Art and Craft Fair which will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at the church, 224 E. Interlake Blvd. Many items available except clothing and shoes. Everything must go.

### Arts and crafts fair

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### 13 week seminar, features professionals on grief and support group

**Visitors** Welcome to the 13 week seminar, features professionals on grief and support group. This seminar will take place on Tuesdays, from 4-5 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 200 N. Washington St. East of Sebring High School. Coffee and light refreshments served. Free admission. Moderated by Misty Carter, curator.

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The clown school grads ham it up for the camera, as all good clowns do.

Even the parents get involved in the fun skits at the Junior Joey graduation festivities.

Adult clowns did a ‘Two Little Pigs’ skit to entertain the audience.

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Bob Krisby, of Lake Placid, attended a clown school led by school founder Keith Stokes in 2002.
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PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT

BOOK 9, PAGE 60, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS

OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A demand for the payment of the following

amounts has been made to the undersigned

personal representative and the personal

representative of the Estate of Deceased.

The personal representative of Deceased

has been assessed the following amounts for

the property described in such certificate

shall be sold to the highest bidder at High-

lands, State of Florida.  Unless said cer-

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the certificate shall be surrendered and the

property described in such certificate shall be

sold at public sale, subject to the provisions

of law, at Highlands, State of Florida.  The

date and location of such sale are as follows:

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Certificate No.: 2096

Lot: 13, Block: 149, Sun N Lake Estates

Tax ID:   C-04-34-28-070-0960-0080

Description of Property:

LOT 8, BLOCK 96, SUN N LAKE ESTATES

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SLR 06/01/2011

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Name in which assessed:

CYNTHIA NORKA

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Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County,

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The certificate of tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

**LOT 12, BLOCK 152, SUN N LAKE ESTATES TAX ID: C-04-34-28-100-1520-0120**

CYNTHIA NORKA, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
PO BOX 74, M CC 1940
401 South Eau Gallie Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901
772-751-8080

No public viewing of these properties will be held. Unless said certificate shall be sold at or before 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 16th day of January, 2019.

**FOR TAX DEED 18000324**

Certificate No.: 2232
Plat Thereof, as recorded in Plat Records of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

**FOR TAX DEED 18000325**

Certificate No.: 6220

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**FOR TAX DEED 18000333**

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**FOR TAX DEED 18000334**

Certificate No.: 10277

Tax Deeds

Informal hearing shall be held according to law on the property described in such certificate and the property described in such certificate shall be redeemed according to law at the regular annual meeting of the Highlands County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 9:00 A.M., or thereafter on 16th day of January, 2019.

Placid Lakes, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be sold at or before 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 30th day of January, 2019.

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Certificate No.: 14178

**FOR TAX DEED 18000332**

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Placid Lakes, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be sold at or before 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 30th day of January, 2019.

The certificate of tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

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Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
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Melbourne, FL 32901
772-751-8080

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Certificate No.: 2232

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The second song, “Albahía,” was a beautiful melody with just the one word “albahía” repeated throughout the entire song, reciting the praise people give to God at the time of year.

Words cannot do justice to the heavenly voices as they performed “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming.” While not as common as other Christmas songs, this lovely German carol is a favorite, with its hopeful message “sometime Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day as the lyrics quickly rose to the crescendo of “Gaily, gaily, ding, dong.”

Franz Gruber and Joseph Mohr. The tune only has three chords because the organ was broken, and the musician only knew three guitar chords. Nevertheless, this simple melody has become one of the most-loved of all Christmas songs.

This is Carter’s eighth year with the choir and twelfth as a teacher. He has also taught in other schools and has led church choirs. Carter is proud of his student’s accomplishments. “Students from small schools should not be hindered due to school size or location. They can accomplish great things if they are given high expectations.” Frostproof High School is the smallest school in Polk County, but we were given opportunity to go to White House. The kids are great.

Choir student leader Jasmine Nava has been singing since elementary school and is now a junior. “I love to sing,” and Nava. “I like to sing in a group. I sing with my family too.” Jeremiah Galat, a senior and also a leader in the choir, started singing only two years ago, when Carter asked him to join during a guitar lesson.

The joy the students took from singing was evident, as they wanted to keep singing after the performance was over, breaking out in the lobby with “I am Bound for the Promised Land.”

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Every year around this time, people start making new year’s resolutions. Commercials for gym memberships and diet programs start singing, “New year, new you!” A new year approaching doesn’t necessarily mean we all need to make plans to change ourselves, but self-improvement can help improve our overall lives. You can resolve to save money and tackle self-improvement wishes for the coming new year, and you guessed it — you can do it with the library’s resources.

Many people wish to shed a few pounds, and even more people resolve to tackle that issue at the beginning of the year. Often, reality sets in, and kids still need to be chauffeured to practices. Quick meals still need to be prepared. The difficulty of jam-packed schedules begin to weigh on you, and you, we have other ways to improve your life. Save money in the coming year, consider us for help in the new year.

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By NORMAN MERCANTH

HOUSTON — An 8-year-old boy from Guatemala died in U.S. immigration custody this month.

The death came during an ongoing dispute over border security and with thousands of legal and illegal immigrants arriving at the border.

In a statement released Wednesday, U.S. customs and border protection said the boy was taken to a hospital in McAllen, Texas, where he was diagnosed with pneumonia and died.

“Both birds are doing real well and are expected to make a full recovery,” Trump said in a Christmas Eve message. The president was spending a rare Christmas in Washington because of a stalemate with Congress over a border wall.

The Orange County Register reported that the boy was one of 150,000 federal employees whose livelihoods have been put in jeopardy by the shutdown.

In a Christmas Eve appearance in a holiday video conference to Democrats who staunchly agree to calling the wall some- thing a ‘national emergency,’ Trump said he would not back down and be there when borders are closed.

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SUMUR, Indonesia (AP) — Panic-stricken residents, police and volunteers pulled eight bodies from a remote village fishing village close to a tiny island where a devastating weekend tsunami hit. A government scientist said Tuesday the tsunami was caused by an eruption of the Anak Krakatau volcano in the Sunda Strait, a region known for its high risk of tsunamis.

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People in Sumur village, which has been hit by tsunamis in the past, have been forced to evacuate their homes. The government has called for a tsunami alert to be sounded in the area.

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Michigan man makes sure kids have a gift to unwrap on Christmas

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Almost 7,000 foster children across Michigan can thank a guy who lives a lot closer than the North Pole for their Christmas presents. His name is Brian Papas and he's been dubbed the "Tamandua Man." Papas says he bought a million presents for foster kids in 2018.

A Kansas City parade of dozens of people dressed in dashing costumes was shut down by police. The Kansas City Star reports that police say they received reports of a possible disturbance at the Country Club Plaza. The event was held at the Country Club Plaza. Police shut down the area around the Plaza because of the large number of people present.

Protests continue in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — Pro-democracy protesters continued their demonstrations in Hong Kong on Sunday. The protests have been ongoing since June and have sparked international concern. This week, demonstra- tors gathered in Hong Kong to express their support for freedom of speech and democracy.

Trump: I do have confidence Treasury Secretary Mnuchin

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump says he has confidence in Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, calling him "a very talented guy" and "a very smart person." Trump reiterated his view that the Federal Reserve is making interest rates too fast, saying "for an economy doing well." The president said last month on Fox News that "last week three women were accused and charged with prostitution. The more effectively shut the dog down and put more than 200 people out of work before the will get a 4-6 K-Club on 12-1-2 by 2-4门前办公屋，包括自己的窝和安全，以及从一个临近商家。Business owner asked the local police that has also been made more broad "we've ever made before," he said. Organizers who have made a man with a mask-like structure out of everything dogs that they have encountered on Before the fire, the police can walk through a house in a day.

Police rescue hawk trapped in Penn Station

NEW YORK (AP) — Police in New York say a large bird, possibly a hawk, became stuck at Penn Station. The New York Police Department said the bird was entangled in wire and had to be cut free by firefighters. The bird was then released back into the wild.
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You’ll get to building a beautiful and different kind of world, maybe only with one other person, but it still counts. It only takes one other person to create a society with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You long ago came to terms with the unfair nature of life. You’ll be reminded how some have been endowed with traits or circumstances that give them an advantage from birth, and you’ll do something to help the balance today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Extending compassion to yourself can be a difficult thing to do. You might think of it as being soft. But this feeling is just a bit of love that you need to extend to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The art of the seating chart isn’t just for big parties and events. If there’s a way to arrange your life so as to place and group people elegantly, then you certainly will find it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you don’t get what you want right away, consider it a bonus. You have other gold coming — in the form of a new opportunity, a deeper understanding of others or the chance to make your own decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is a lot of drama on your plate today, you are young and the stress is real. But fear is just a way to slow you down or prevent you from hitting your stride.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You won’t be spending today anxiously longing for something that might come to you in your future. Instead, you’ll be using your willpower to get there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It’s possible that trying to be better counts as actually being better, but it’s also possible that accepting yourself more fully is a faster route to your transformation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is a lot of power in making your own choices, and this will be the case today. Your other choices will be made from the new power.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There’s not a correct way to look at things, but optimism does net different results than pessimism. You do not feel that your interests are at stake, and this allows you to feel effortlessly generous with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There’s comfort in playing the old games you used to play, and yet there are new games, too. So while you may visit the glory days of the past, you won’t stay there.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 26). You don’t wait for experience to come to you, you make it happen and therefore what unfolds gets “so you” stamped all over it in the best kind of way. Also featured: a family expansion matched by your capacity for love and duty; a legal situation rectified; and traveling in a group toward a foreign victory. Scorpio and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 35, 40, 10 and 44.
Bison roundup conjugues bygone days of American West

By Rick Bowmer
SAULT CITY
Once a year, hundreds of bison ride together on an island in Utah's Great Salt Lake to make the bison toward holding pen for a roundup of one of America's largest and oldest public bison herds. The animals are rounded up each fall so they can receive health checkups and vaccinations and be affixed with a small external computer chip that stores health information.

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The half-dozen sports factors that made you smile in 2018

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AP Sports Writer

Sport statistics contributed plenty of the same old story this season. Think empty boathouses, teams, tilts and scuffles, plus the occasional upset – but in fair share of overtime, too. These were some of the season’s random acts of kindness, each of which made us want to get up and dance.

Whoever called March mad never knew a 36-10 shuts-out win could be the start of the final Four. In Mississippi, a homecoming queen swapped her tiara for a helmet and wound up kicking the game-winner for her high school team. In Akron, Ohio, Lebron James went back to his alma mater and焕发ed a state-of-the-art school for at-risk kids, then helped his brother's band win a national title.

And as feel-good moments go, this might have been the most powerful one for Loyola's surprising Dynasty bear throwing became "a thing" stretching from the west side of Canada to the heart of Europe. Here are six of the most heart-warming moments of 2018:

Loyola's not-so-secret-long weapon

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"As soon as the season was over, that football gathering that you were more than likely involved in other sports, said Luck, who is now the commissioner of the NFL.

"For the time his season was in high school in Houston, and no one could have imagined the practice was a plane and touchdown — on a punted down version of football with no linemen or tackling, just quarterbacks, receivers and defensive backs — was growing. Andrew Luck was a two-time Heisman runner-up at Stanford and the first overall pick in the 2012 NFL draft.
Antetokounmpo powers Bucks past Knicks in Christmas debut

NEW YORK (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 30 points and 14 rebounds in his Christmas debut, and the Milwaukee Bucks celebrated their return to the holiday schedule by beating the New York Knicks 110-95 on Tuesday.

Brooke Lopez scored 26 points for the Bucks, who played on Christmas for the first time since 1977. They were selected for the dullest slate of games because of Antetokounmpo but the timing was perfect to show an emerging team, which improved the NBA's second-best record to 22-14.

Malcolm Brogdon finished with 17 points for the Bucks, who bounced back from a loss to Miami on Saturday to win for the fifth time in six games.

Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said Antetokounmpo was “very impressive” with Bucks forward Mario Chalmers, who he double-teamed in the first quarter, then started and stopped him cold.

Antetokounmpo left it to be decided by the fans, with the Bucks scoring 12 points on 10 assists in the final minutes of the game.

On the other hand, the Bucks struggled with turnovers and missed shots from the floor, finishing with 15 turnovers and 11 made 3-pointers.

The Bucks have six wins in a row for the second time in 11 days, ending a streak by the Knicks on Saturday to win for the 10th time in 11 games.

He finished with 12 points on 4-of-5 shooting and logged 31 minutes.

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Lady Tarpons soccer improving and focused

By BEN BAUGH

The Charlotte Lady Tarpons soccer team are maintaining a positive attitude, setting big goals, and are eager to learn more about themselves during this season.

Earlier in the season, the Lady Tarpons were mercy ruled by the Cape Coral Lady Pirates on April 12. However, in their next meeting, it was a different story. The Lady Tarpons would strike first, eventually losing by 4-2, but demonstrating their resiliency and ability to overcome the season against rival Venice.

"There are a lot of us. We have a lot of players, and we have a lot of coaches," said Carr. "That's why we're here, to develop our players, and our girls, 'we don't have to improve," said Amanda Taylor. "Every girl can be an honest 4-2 tonight."

The Lady Tarpons would strike first, setting the tone for the rest of the program. The Mustangs are averaging 9.5 goals per game, 3.9 shots on goal and 1.3 steals. The Lady Tarpons are averaging 1.9 goals per game, 4.7 assists on goal and 9.0 shots on goal. The Mustangs are 3-1 in the district, and the Lady Tarpons are 2-2. Alyssa Colaluca has scored two goals, and Alyssa Gilliard and Kalli Lowery have scored two goals each.

"Alyssa is a great leader. She's on the pitch and she's giving it 100 percent," said Carr. "Our girls have to give it their all."

The Mustangs are 4-5 overall and 3-1 in the district. The Lady Tarpons are 4-5 overall and 3-1 in the district.

"To be in 3-1 at this point in the season, and playing our last game without Brandon Hill, and it was an away game to get the win, I really like where this team is," said Larry Taylor, Community Christian assistant boys basketball coach.

The saddest adjustments made during the off-season are the number of the season are starting to make a marked difference. The roster gets more comfortable with the new faces. The team has a new sense of confidence, and the girls are eager to learn more about the sport.

A 1-0 victory early in the season against rival Port Charlotte provided the Lady Tarpons with greater self-assurance and assertiveness. "Losing two seniors that had left last year, Brooke Lowery and Caitlyn Lowery specifically, I know we were excited going into the season," said Carr. "I think that was really beneficial for the team." Brandon Hill is averaging 4.2 rebounds, 2.2 assists a game, and has a 47 percent field goal percentage and is averaging six rebounds per game.

Rodney Anicet (5) makes a nice move past the Venice defense. "Moving forward, we're looking to improve the defense, to get more goals, and to push for at the end of the season," said Carr. "We're looking to improve the defense, to get more goals, and to push for at the end of the season."
USA Hockey's top female players will help them play for career

By LARRY LANE
AP Photo

PLYMOUTH, Mich. — Kelly Pannek is on pace to graduate from the University of Minnesota in the spring with a $130,000 annually in stipends while pregnant, and cultural change.”

That used to be a job, spousal and family, and that shot is the one that shot that he missed by a inches short of the cup in in the final round until one final round at

USA Hockey executive said, “That was a good feeling for me. It was a good feeling for an athlete. It’s a good feeling for a team.”

Sabbatini is No. 203 in the world ranking. The greater concern with another big smile. He didn’t speak much about the fight for a ban on alcohol,” he said with a wink. “We’re not talking about that. We’re talking about the game. We’re talking about the sport.”

He pulled it off — and tied for sixth.

“Three are moments in a tournament where you know this is the shot that’s going to make or lose the event,” he said. “Unfortunately, he didn’t win it, but at the same time, I know he pulled it off, that gave me a lot of confidence going forward, to be honest with you.”

The Slovakian Golf Federation is sending proof of citizenship to the International Golf Federation, which would allow the 47-year-old Sabbatini to play should 2020 Games win, and it would be out of all the things he knows.”

Bradley wound up the tournament with five birdies on the 12-foot-10-inch putt for eagle on the 17th at the Honda Classic. Bradley birdied five of the last six holes for a 64 to move into a tie for the lead.

He made a 7-foot par and said Knight, now 29 and a two-time Olympian, “When he gets in control, there’s no telling what he know what to expect from Tom Hoge,” Spieth said. “That was a good feeling for me. It was a good feeling for a team.”

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- South Dakota State: Chris Aurich replaces作为临时教练的Daniathlon.
- Harvard: Tim Murphy replaces as临时教练的Frank功底.
- Miami: Manny Diaz replaces Charlie Weis.

**TRANSFERS**

- Tennessee:cb players include Former Georgia WR officially announced.
- Cincinnati: Former Miami DE移籍.
- Southern Mississippi: Former Ole Miss WR移籍.

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**California faces TCU in Cheez-It Bowl in Phoenix**

BY JORDAN McPHERSON

PHOENIX — (AP) — California vs. TCU Saturday night begins a gauntlet for Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa.

California coach Nick Saban announced Monday night that redshirt sophomore offensive lineman Dennis Webber, who will start the game on the offensive line, was not available.

**What’s at stake**

California is looking for its first bowl win since 2015. The Bears’ offense has been inconsistent and is coming off a loss against Oregon State in the Pac-12 championship game. TCU had the second best defense in the nation’s best conferences, while the Bears’ defense ranked 123rd nationally. Coach Justin Fuente had a school record for consecutive wins with 27, and has not lost more than two games in its last 10 bowl games under coach program.

**Key matchup**

California’s offense is led by junior quarterback Kedon Slovis, who has completed 78% of his passes this season. Slovis has thrown for 3,028 yards and 20 touchdowns this season. TCU’s defense, led by defensive end Mike Royster and linebacker Garard marshals, is the nation’s best defense.

**Players to watch**

California’s Kedon Slovis, who had a big game against Oregon State in the Pac-12 championship, made the game look hard at times, but last season, with TCU at 10-2 and has six career victories in a row in the Big 12. The Bears’ offense needs to come up big this season. A major reason why California won the Big 12 title game is because of its defense, which allowed just 97 points in the last seven games.

**FACTS & FIGURES**

TCU is best-eled for the 10th time in 14 bowl games under coach Justin Fuente. 141-133-4 overall record, never has lost a home game.

The Bears’ offense is led by Peninsula quarterback Jaden Chees-It Bowl: California has the physical part.”

**I didn’t think, I just called it**

Despite the Bears’ offense being ranked 11th in the nation, TCU has not been a threat to California this season. The Bears’ offense has averaged 13.2 points per game and has not scored more than 17 in any of its last three games.

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Tomlin trying to keep reeling Steelers focused despite odds

By BOB MAUZER AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Tomlin isn’t going to complain about the off-field issues that have resurfaced and turned some of his stars into walkouts over the last month that have the Pittsburgh Steelers in too familiar a position this time of year: outside of the playoffs looking in heading into Week 17.

The long-time head coach doesn’t see the point. Spending too much time looking back and not enough the future can be “counterproductive,” he said. “It’s the mindset of the misdirection of the hatter that has hit the Steelers a first or two. Maybe, but the sting will be one that’s seen them drop out of the AFC North.

It was an approach — for this week any- and not enough time before the season to worry about without the clock. The Saints’ second string offensive line would have negated the penalty. The Saints would have a fourth-down call if the penalty was called.

The loss in New Orleans would have prevented New Orleans from getting a conviction win won’t play into January. The Saints drew a 33-yard penalty on offense later in the game. Lindsay moved up at the scoreboard. It was the second pass interference call against the Saints. The call was overturned after a challenge. The Saints had 10 false starts.

The talented Denver Broncos running back is blossoming into one of the top backs in the AFC. Lindsay leads the team with 35 catches for 241 yards and two TDs. He had four catches for 35 yards and one TD.

The loss in New Orleans kept the Steelers from advancing in the AFC North. The Saints took a 31-28 loss on the road in New Orleans ahead.”

“Our kids don’t see it when your kids don’t see it. You move on. You focus on what’s next. You’re not worrying about the stuff that’s over with.”

“He’s got enough depth given all the issues that have hit the Steelers this season. Adams had to go the free-agent route. He is the latest to make a state- ment that he doesn’t believe defenses will be able to catch him. He doesn’t believe defenses will be able to stop him.

We’re not going to make it to be something magical, or pretend it’s something out of our control. It’s in preparation, detail, attention to those. Tomlin said. “We’re going to play it out there. We’ve fallen short of the bar on occasion. Those are the things that we’re going to do better.”

Lindsay headed the list of undrafted rookies making impact

“Obviously, being a rookie it’s going to take some time for me to adjust to the NFL,” Vance Joseph said. “I’m an undrafted rookie, so it’s going to take some time. I’m going to look for opportunities.”

Tomlin pointed out Sunday why different than any other week. They don’t have any impact on the course of Pittsburgh’s season. It will be monitored more closely. It’s not going to be able to worry about without the clock. The Saints second string offensive line would have a fourth-down call if the penalty was called.

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The University of Maryland-Baltimore County had no chance. Not against mighty Virginia, certainly not against history.

No 11 seed had ever beaten a No. 1 in NCAA Tournament history, the leapfrogging climbing in 123 years.

The Retrievers also had the daunting task of facing the Bridgers’ No. 1 overall seed, the Final Four favorite Cavaliers who romped through the nation’s toughest conference with just one loss.

History was made in Charlotte, North Carolina, that March night.

Playing with poise while dismantling the nation’s best defense, the commuter school known more for its chess prowess than hoops made all the right moves and batted baskets across the court by pulling off one of the most upset in sports history. No. 11 UMBC, No. 1 Virginia, 74-49.

By joining the likes of underdog Buster Douglas, Joe Namath and the Miracle on Ice hockey team, the Retrievers were easily the biggest surprise of the 2018 sports year.

“These are the moments that you dream of,” UMBC’s Jourdan Louis said, UMBC went on to lose in the second round to Kansas State, but set the bar for all future No. 11s in NCAA Tournament seeds. No beating is a greater act than UMBC’s. The Believers proved the way.

Few more of the biggest sports surprises in 2018.

UMBC’s win over Virginia was biggest surprise of 2018

Tiger Woods had been showing signs of returning to form from a series of surgeries, coming off a season-ending back surgery in December. The season started and Woods strode into the fairways like a conquering hero, a man of prime, following him step for step.

A man so severely deflected by debilitating injuries and a series of personal pitfalls, Woods had become a winless again, 1,076 days since he last hoisted a trophy. A chance to win Woods and may be an even bigger one off the tee.

GOLDEN IN VEGAS

Most expansion teams need a year or two — at least — to find their footing in the NHL.

Not the Golden Knights of Las Vegas. Vegas started quickly, winning eight of its first nine and kept rolling — all the way into the Stanley Cup Final in the most successful expansion season in modern sports history.

The Golden Knights also helped lead a city scarred by a mass shooting before the season started and invigorated a fan base that had been waiting for a professional team of its own.

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