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Frewin-Hays inducted to LPGA Hall of Fame

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Many people know Nell Frewin-Hays in her capacity as the public information officer and crime prevention specialist for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office or perhaps her work with the SALT group — that's Seniors and Law

Enforcement Working Together.

What many may not know is that she is an accomplished golfer — so accomplished in fact, the Ladies Professional Golf Association has named her as one of three Teaching and Club Professionals to be inducted into the LPGA Teaching and Club



Frewin-Hays

professional at Placid Lakes Country Club in Lake Placid for eight years. Pursuing a

Professional Hall of Fame. Among other things, Frewin-Hays was the head professional at Placid Lakes Country Club in Lake Placid for eight years. Pursuing a

golf course management goal, she signed on with American Golf Corporation in 1987. At the time it was the largest golf course management company in the nation. She then was assigned to the south Florida market where she managed AGC courses for more than nine years. In 1997 Frewin-

Hays returned to Highlands County and managed Golf Hammock Country Club until 2001. For 14 years Frewin-Hays served in various officer positions in the LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Division.

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Christmas at the Y



The Berrones family makes arts and crafts together Friday night as they enjoyed this year's Christmas at the Y event. The Berrones kids made reindeer hats along with several other crafts during their time at the Y.

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Christmas at the Y a big hit

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — A bigger and better Christmas celebration took over the Highlands County YMCA for all those cheery enough to handle it. The annual Christmas at the Y event was filled with fun and games Friday and Saturday night and left children smiling from ear to ear.

Bowling, fishing, bounce houses and train rides were just a few of the activities that the young kids (and young at heart) enjoyed.

Families lined up to have their photos taken with Santa and his helpful elf by Delany Photography.

"This is great we are having a great time," said Jonelle Brown. "She's never been to this before; she's

enjoying it. We all are."

Brown's 4-year-old, Zoei, created unique reindeer antlers at the arts and crafts station with the help of a couple YMCA staff members.

Many of the kids enjoying the festivities were first-timers to the Christmas at the Y celebration. Nonetheless, they took it all in with family members and friends.

The Berrones family made more Christmas crafts, while the Walkers watched their boys participate in a game of twister.

The Christmas at the Y is one of the YMCA's biggest event fundraisers of the year. The family-orientated event is designed to celebrate the season in a safe atmosphere and spread Christian values to guests.



Zoei Brown, 4, gets a little help sizing her reindeer antlers from YMCA staff member Sandy Stewart Friday night.

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR



Lea Holler (left) takes a shy bow after reading a piece about a birthday surprise party. She was one of seven fourth-grade students from Sun 'N Lake Elementary School to perform at Brewster's Coffee House Thursday night. Alexandra Collier, who wrote about the beach, sits on the couch.

News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Student writers tell their stories

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Thursday night, seven intrepid Sun 'N Lake Elementary School fourth-grade students stood up in Brewster's Coffee House, approached the microphone in front of an audience and read aloud pieces they wrote themselves.

The annual event was the brain child of Bruce Rogers, Brewster's owner and operator, and Scribes' Night Out, an informal writer's support

group and sounding board that meets weekly at the coffee house.

In 2011, they decided to reach out to the elementary schools and give young writers a venue to share what they'd written. The idea is to motivate and excite them.

"It's an optimal activity," said Millie Anderson, one of the organizers. "To write and then get up and read in public. It's a very good start," she smiled. "While there are common threads, you hear a wide range of topics.

"We chose fourth-graders because they face their FCAT writing test this year. You should see them all working in the classroom," Anderson said. "They write and rewrite, all year."

It was an event to showcase student work. There was no judging or competition.

"We all have to do something with writing in our life," Anderson told the students and their gathered families. "Express yourselves, it

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Win Heimer lends a shoulder to JoAnne Bauer during a candlelight vigil in Hartford, Conn. Bushnell Park on Friday to honor the students and teachers who died at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

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The Crumb Snatchers

Educators team to create children's book

By **JoLYNNE CROUT**
Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Educators at Park Elementary School are the epitome of a good example of cooperation while synergizing together to accomplish a goal, specifically creating a children's book.

Debra Thompson, assistant principal of Park Elementary, along with the help of several other staff from the school, recently published her first children's book called "The Crumb Snatchers." The story is a humorous tale about the adventures of a 7-year-old girl named Penny, the youngest of three sisters, and the little girl's cat, Heidi. The girl's dad, Mr. Lenske, knick-named them the "crumb snatchers," which was given to them for a list of mishaps that occur in the book.

The book teaches children to tell the truth and make good choices in things they choose to do in their lives. "It is a true story of my life," Thompson said. "Every event in the story was about the trial and tribulations I had as a child. I learned I had to 'stand up' to the things I had done wrong, by fixing the situation, and making it right in the end. I learned what forgiveness was, and learned from my mistakes. I was lucky I had an understanding family who loved me, and turned the bad situation into a win-win situation."

Thompson considered the "Seven Habits of Happy Kids" by Sean Covey, when writing the book.

Park Elementary staff is also a leader in teaching children to be responsible for their choices, as does "The Crumb Snatchers".

As part of a "Leader In Me" school, staff and students practice using seven habits in daily life and academics at the school and at home. This initiative teaches staff and students to be proactive, to begin with the ends in mind, put first things first, think win-win, synergize, and seek first to understand, and then to be understood, which all leads to a more effective school atmosphere and positive life styles.

Being a leader in the education field, Dr. Brenda Longshore introduced the process to Park Elementary three years ago by raising money in the community with help of local businesses to implement the "Leader In Me". It has had a huge effect on students taking responsibility for their learning, all leading up to future community leaders.

Even the teachers at Park have embraced the concept in their personal lives. Several staff members assisted by being editors, illustrators, and proofreaders, working with Thompson and making suggestions in creating the book.

Thompson enlisted Tammy Dennis, the school's



Courtesy photo
Debra Thompson, assistant principal of Park Elementary, along with the help of several other staff from the school, recently published her first children's book called 'The Crumb Snatchers.'

librarian to illustrate the book. Dennis is a talented painter, who under the direction of the principal, created many of the murals painted on the wall of the school.

"It was challenging drawing from someone else's imagination," Dennis said. "I had to tweak the drawings to fit what Mrs. Thompson had in mind."

Dennis is presently working on the cover of a sequel to "The Crumb Snatchers".

Dennis first started drawing when she was 11 when she entered an art contest and won. She has inspired many young artists at the school and is always available to illustrate children's books.

Continued synergizing occurred when Marsha May, an educator at the school, helped to edit the book by reading it to her niece. "I

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bluegrass concert at Reflections today

AVON PARK — Award-winning family Bluegrass band Weaver Believer Survival Revival will perform at Reflections on Silver Lake at 6:30 p.m. today.

Parents, Paul and Chris, combine with their children playing guitars, banjos, mandolin, fiddle, acoustic bass and stand-up bass, as well as singing tight family harmony.

The group was named Bluegrass Band of the Year at the North American Country Music Association Awards Show in 2011.

Individual members took home three songwriter awards as well as two instrumentalist awards.

There's a lot of fun and humor in their stage show that blends various styles of music with their distinctive Bluegrass sound. The show is open to the public, a love offering will be taken.

Promise Acres celebrates Christmas

AVON PARK — Join Promise Acres Equine Rescue as it celebrates Christmas with its rescued horses from 2-5 p.m. today at 176 N. Riverdale. Meet the rescued horses, enjoy their family game area and pony rides. The concession stand will offer hot dogs, chips, cookies and soda for sale.

Admission is \$5 per person (includes one pony ride for children). Additional pony rides and horse rides for adults will be available at an additional cost.

Proceeds raised will go towards the feed and hay expenses of the rescues. Call 202-0307 for more information.

SFSC TAG Holiday Open House is today

AVON PARK — The South Florida State College TAG Art Gallery and Studio will hold its annual open house from 2-4 p.m. today. TAG is in the Jacaranda Hotel in downtown Avon Park.

Meet the artists, look at the original jewelry, paintings and prints and enjoy refreshments.

Repairs bring road to a close

LAKE PLACID — Due to recent weather conditions, the Highlands County Road and Bridge Department will be closing Interlake Boulevard from the intersection at North Pine Avenue to Main Street. The closing will be between the hours of 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Detours will be posted.

For further information, contact the Highlands County Road and Bridge Department at 402-6529.

Placid Lakes gathers for dinner, meeting

LAKE PLACID — Placid Lakes Home and Property Owners Association Inc. will have its Christmas dinner and membership meeting from 6-9 p.m. Monday at Town

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Help needed for FSA shopping spree

By **SAMANTHA GHOLAR**
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SEBRING — The holiday season is in overdrive and the children are anxious for their special gifts. For a growing group of local kids, those gifts don't compare to the basic necessities they need that come graciously at the hands of some very giving local organizations.

The Florida Sportsmen Association is gearing up for its annual Christmas Shopping Spree. For the 29th year, members of the FSA are giving underprivileged youth the opportunity to get some of the things they truly need.

"As always, our emphasis is on necessities such as underwear, shoes, socks, clothing and personal hygiene products, not toys," FSA President Robert Saffold said.

Last year's shopping spree gave 180 participants a merrier holiday. Each of the kids were given a \$60 gift card to be used at the local K-Mart for their purchases. Though many of the participants bought things they truly needed, some of them took the initiative to give back to their close family members by purchasing things for their mother, father or a sibling.

Saffold said that the number of applicants for the spree has increased this year.

The FSA is facing a crucial issue as they prepare

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Start the holidays in downtown area

Have you been to The Circle to see the Carousel of Lights yet? Do yourself a favor and enjoy the area's largest display of Christmas lights, open every day from 6-9 p.m. in Circle Park. Nightly visits and photos with Santa and children's carnival games, a holiday puppet show and a computerized light show repeat during the nightly event.

It is my understanding that Sebring's Christmas Carousel of Lights was conceived, is organized and produced by Jon Spiegel, and for years now, this magical experience is free for all to enjoy. Stop by, enjoy yourselves in beautiful Historic Downtown Sebring, take delight in Sebring's Carousel of Lights, and visit the merchants; they would truly appreciate your business.

According to an economic analysis, for every \$100 spent at a locally-owned business, \$45 goes back into the community and local tax base, and for every \$100 spent at a non-local chain store, only \$13 comes back to the local area. With that understanding, it makes sense to shop locally.

Available now is the "Buy Downtown Sebring" discount card, it's free and it saves you money, offering discounts at most of the merchants on and surrounding The Circle. You simply present the card to the merchant when making your purchase to benefit from the offer. The card can be picked up at both chamber locations — 227 U.S. 27 North and 309 Circle Park Drive, at City Hall, or at participating downtown merchants.

The holidays are upon us and Christmas cheer is in the air. It is the perfect time to enjoy our beautiful Historic



Centennial Notebook By Jen Brown

Downtown Sebring, and to do your holiday shopping in the wonderful, spirit-filled atmosphere provided, to shop with holiday joy instead of stress.

The entire downtown is a designated 1920's Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places, and ideally suited for walking. On The Circle you will discover a diverse collection of places to browse, eat and shop. You'll also find a mix of boutiques, clothing stores, art galleries, gift shops, antiques and restaurants that run along the spoke streets as well. You might take a stroll down South Commerce to Galati's Family Style Restaurant for a delicious meal, or stop by Kathy's Consignment Boutique featuring gently worn clothing and accessories set in a quaint cottage with many rooms of display. Kathy (Dougherty) recently purchased the old Rexall Drug store on the corner of South Commerce and Circle Park Drive, instead of moving to that location from where she is now (659 S. Commerce) she will be renting the space out and we will have a new fun place to shop called Galleria 301.

The 4,000-square-foot Galleria 301 (301 Circle Park Drive) will have a mix of antiques, funky furniture,

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Stand Your Ground is costing lives

The more people who are packing heat, the more likely that minor confrontations will turn deadly.

Such killings are all the more likely in Florida, which has issued more than 900,000 permits to carry concealed weapons, far more than any other state.

In 2005, Florida became the first state to pass a Stand Your Ground law, which appears to have intensified the climate that has led to the nickname "Gunshine State."

Gov. Rick Scott and the Legislature should revise or repeal the Stand Your Ground law, but that appears unlikely anytime soon.

It is clear that the law is being misinterpreted on a grand scale.

Carrying guns in public is encouraged by the rhetoric, the myths and the lunatic notions that are generated by the gun manufacturing industry, which prof-

its when gun sales go up.

Some people carry a gun out of fear — even though crime is the lowest it has been in decades.

Others buy and carry guns for many other reasons, seemingly with little regard for the potential consequences.

Few should have been surprised at the events that unfolded when 45-year-old Michael Dunn, in town for his son's wedding, happened upon 17-year-old Jordan Russell Davis and some other youths who were playing loud music in an SUV at a Gate station on Southside Boulevard.

Words were exchanged, the teenager was slain in a hail of bullets and now Dunn is in jail charged with second-degree murder and three counts of attempted murder.

One obvious question, which a jury may get to consider, is whether Dunn acted differently because he had his gun. Many of us are annoyed by loud music in vehicles, but most of us simply

endure it and move on.

Does it seem reasonable that a person armed with a gun might be more emboldened to approach the SUV and complain or make inflammatory remarks?

And does the Stand Your Ground law further embolden some who carry guns? ...

This comes soon after Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll released the draft report of the Governor's Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection, which was ordered by Scott in the wake of outcry over the Trayvon Martin killing by George Zimmerman in Sanford. ...

The two cases have in common that when people carry guns and get into garden variety altercations, then all-too-often somebody dies, somebody goes to jail and lives are destroyed. ...

Lives are being lost because of a bad law.

An editorial from the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville.

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The world isn't ending, so ...

Many of you may not remember that the world is supposed to end on Friday. This claim is based on the Mayan calendar, which supposedly ends its last cycle on Dec. 21. Some looked at that and assumed the Mayans knew something we didn't and declared the end of the world.

This has spawned at least one bad movie ("2012," which was so bad it was funny) and a few people acting crazy. However, most scholars and scientists have assured people that nothing special is going to happen, except the beginning of a new Mayan calendar.

Some people have taken the end of the world prophecies with tongue firmly in cheek. A group of writers called The Liar's Club advertised a party in a newsgroup I'm a member of. Scheduled for Dec. 23, they're calling it "The World Didn't End So You'd Better Finish That Novel Party." As they note in the invitation, "you can't escape your deadlines that easily."

I think it's a neat idea for a party and wish I lived close to where it is taking place so I could go and congratulate the planners on their creativity. Alas, I will have to come up with some ideas of my own.

In case I haven't made it clear, I'm not a big believer in this latest "the world is coming to an end" prediction. It is yet another in a long line of prophecies concerning the last chapter in our story. There will probably be another prediction made on Dec. 22.

Do I believe the world will come to an end someday? Yes. Do I believe we can have any clue as to when it's going to be? No way. While I admit that having a date to zero in on would help with planning my life, I realize that God has decided to keep the date of the end to Himself. Keeps us on our toes.

But because some people have made such a big deal of the 21st, I'm almost certain that the world won't end then, simply because He won't give the doom-

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

sayers the satisfaction of getting it right. So there's a good chance the sun will rise on the 22nd, assuming God doesn't choose to end all speculation (and the world) sooner.

What does this mean? It means that the stuff you're putting off, might as well go ahead and get it done. Christmas shopping? Yup, time to brave those stores and join those lines. Paying your bills? The Apocalypse isn't coming to bail you out. Cleaning your house? Well ... OK, we can let it slide a little longer (says the queen of the dust bunnies).

I'm wondering if our elected officials up in Washington are believing that the world is coming to an end and that's why they're busy not solving the whole fiscal cliff business and getting the economy back into shape. Someone needs to alert them to the fact that these problems aren't going away on the 21st and that they really need to get their act together (Though come to think of it, Democrats and Republicans actually working together for the good of the country might be seen as a sign that the end is near).

On the other hand, the whole end of the world thing does serve to remind us that some day, things will end. Either the world will come to an end or we'll die and all the things we've put off will be left undone.

So maybe in the waning days of 2012 it's time to do what we have kept postponing. Make that phone call. Do that distasteful task. Take that chance. I might even evict a few dust bunnies. You never know.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Where is the real concern for the victims?

Editor:

The school shooting in Connecticut is an unbelievable tragedy. That a person would be so sick and evil as to target children is impossible to fathom.

The victims and the community need the support and prayers of all of America.

Unfortunately, minutes after this tragedy, some ghoulish people chose to stand over the bodies to push a political anti-gun agenda.

Where is the concern for the victims and their families? I know these types of people lack sound reasoning ability because they blame objects for the actions of criminals. I didn't know they lacked heart until now.

For them to push their irrational political gun control schemes minutes after a madman kills innocent children is unconscionable. Unless they are saying to the victims, "how can I help?" they need to shut up.

D.B. Orr
Avon Park

Rehire decision is ridiculous

Editor:

I read the article in the Dec. 13, 2012 edition of the paper about the rehiring of Mr. (David) Solomon by the school board for the job he had quit a year ago.

I had come to the conclusion that Ms. (Donna) Howerton was the only one on the board that showed some sense about this Solomon deal.

Several questions crossed my mind. Why did Solomon quit Highlands in the first place? Was it more money at Lake County? Did he quit Lake County like he previously did Highlands or did they fire him? Was the job at Lake County more difficult than the Highlands job?

Did he call Superintendent (Wally) Cox about getting his job back? Is his starting salary of \$80,470 more than his previous salary at Highlands?

Mr. Cox makes the statement that "Solomon has seen the light and is going to return." In my estimation, Mr Cox is naive. Once an employee quits, as in this case, he or she will do the same thing in the future, if more money is involved.

On top of all this, a manager has been running the department evidently to the satisfaction of the board. Now they bring in a director to be over the manager. This means we now have two salaries being paid for the same job. Next thing they will be asking for a raise in the school tax rate to cover this kind of ridiculousness.

This board, sans Ms. Howerton, needs a course in "how to win friends and influence people" or maybe we need a new board and superintendent.

Dick Ford
Sebring

What happens to the billions?

Editor:

Why are both the Republicans and Democrats lying about Social Security? If I remember right, Social Security was started by President Roosevelt back in the 1930's, and it has never lost money. Half of its profits have gone to aid schools and the other half has gone into the government's general fund; this has amounted to hundreds of billion of dollars.

Why do both parties want to privatize Social Security? Who would get the billions of dollars? Why do they want to reduce the pay out? And, why do they want to raise the retirement age?

Florida has among the most older

people of any state; they come here to live out their old age.

I kept track for the month of October, from several newspapers, the age of the people that died, — 85 percent died before they reached 62 years old. They paid into Social Security for 20-30-40 years and so did their employer. What happened to all of those billions of dollars?

Joseph J. Oros
Sebring

Bouquet

Help appreciated for ABATE Toy Run

Editor:

I meant to write this 10 days ago, but life and a bug I picked up that put me in the sick bed for a while got in the way. Please forgive me for not getting this out sooner.

I ride with an organization known as ABATE, and we have a toy run the first Saturday in December, which was the 1st. We had a good turnout, and collected a lot of toys and gifts for the families we are sponsoring.

The reason I am writing is to say thanks to the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, the Sebring Police Department, and the Lake Placid Police Department for their outstanding service that day. We could not conduct this run with the efficiency and safety that has come to be expected without their help. Thank you very much, and may God bless you and keep you safe in the performance of your duties.

At the risk of not being politically correct, (who me), Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to you and your families, from all of us at Inerstate Chapter of ABATE of Florida.

L.J. Overfield
Sebring



Avon Park Community Feast



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Vanessa and Stephanie Cantu mull over their gift choices Friday night at the Avon Park Community Feast at the AP Community Center. 400 individuals and families were in attendance last night according to event coordinator and AP Public Safety Director Jason Lister. The annual event works closely with the Highlands County School District and the Highlands County Coalition for the Homeless (HCCH) to identify in need families. "We work with them and they closely monitor and identify the children and parents who are most in need. Then we invite them here," Lister explained. The guests are provided with a free meal and dessert; AP city staff along with local businesses including the Wild Turkey Tavern and many others contributed thousands of dollars in toys, games and gifts for the children. Lister stated that the third year of the event has been the biggest one yet, and that the City plans to continue it next year.

Board to consider bonuses for county workers

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent
SEBRING — Highlands County Administrator June Fisher wants to put a lump in at least some county workers' stockings for Christmas, but it isn't coal. She will ask county commissioners at their Tuesday morning meeting to approve a one-time lump sum "special pay" for eligible workers.

However, it is unclear whether or not the practice will be a one-time occurrence or an annual affair, as Fisher is asking the commission to amend the board's pay plan, Chapter II of the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners Personnel Rules and Regulations. The proposal would cost taxpayers just over \$200,000.

If commissioners give the go-ahead, \$141,892.33 of the money would be taken from

the General Fund Reserve — or "rainy day" money, as it has been called — with some \$60,660.97 coming from other funds.

The re-distribution of money would see a \$400 payment to workers earning \$35,000 annually, those earning between \$35,000-\$50,000 would get a \$300 bonus, with a \$200 check cut to those earning upwards of \$50,000.

In her memo, Fisher reminded commissioner it had been the practice of the board to also fund constitutional officers for any increase to employees, meaning the cash also would be given to workers at the Sheriff's Office, the Supervisor of Elections, the County Clerk of Courts staff and those employed by the Property Appraiser's office.

Responding to a call from citizen input from Commissioner Don Elwell,

there seemed to be resistance to Fisher's plan. Several of the respondents pointed out that although county workers had not received a raise in four years, there are many in the private sector, including nurses and doctors, who also had not received raises. Moreover, in the private sector there have been numerous layoffs throughout the county during that time. This year's budget was constructed with no currently held positions lost.

During the struggle to balance the budget, commissioners cut aid to all outside organizations and took several other stringent measures to get to the desired number. The commission also resisted a move by commissioners Ron Handley and Greg Harris to raise the property tax level to meet the budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Victor Marcos shares a smile with Santa before picking out his free gift Friday night during the annual Avon Park Fest at the AP Community Center.

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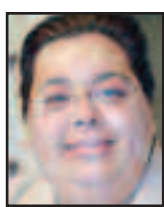
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Ogg has more than one reason to celebrate today

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent
SEBRING — New Highlands County Supervisor of Elections-elect Penny Ogg will be celebrating her birthday today. She received an early present from the voters in August when she won a resounding victory in the Republican primary, followed in November with another as she won the general election.



Ogg

Ogg officially will take the place of retiring Highlands County Supervisor of Elections Joe Campbell with swearing-in ceremonies on Jan 8. Campbell steps down after nearly four decades in working for the county and three terms as elections chief.

There will be quite a bit of celebrating in and around the Ogg household, inasmuch as this will be Ogg's 40th birthday — a natal anniversary she shares with sister Kathy.

"I am happy to say I am two years younger than she is," the new elections supervisor laughed.

Interestingly enough, the sisters retain the same last name — they married brothers Brian and Brad Ogg at a dou-

ble ceremony — meaning they also share a May 31 wedding anniversary date.

Finally, the two at one time shared the same house numbers — both of their addresses begin with the same number — 216.

"That's the way it started out," Ogg said. "That's not true anymore."

And that's the end of the actual sharing, with their children born at different dates and in different years.

The sisters do, however, both attend Bethel Holiness Church and will be part of tonight's Christmas program. Titled "Two Nights Before Christmas," the play revolves around the toys in a store coming to life and learning the true meaning of the day.

The store's janitor also learns a lesson as well. Penny Ogg will be the narrator while sister Kathy will play the piano.

"It will be a pretty busy day so we probably won't be having much of a party," Ogg said. But during the Christmas season, there will be plenty of time in the coming days.



Circle of Cans



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Evan, 6, and Grayson, 4, Sparks donate several canned goods to Wendy Turner (right), a member of the Sebring Noon Rotary and Salvation Army volunteer. The Sparks boys visited the Sebring Circle with their mother Gail (left) Friday afternoon to contribute to the annual Rotary Circle of Cans drive. Each year the Rotary partners with the Salvation Army and collects donations of cans and cash that will be used for local families during the Christmas season. 'I'm amazed at how many cans had been donated so far today,' Turner said.

Downtown festive for holidays

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ladies clothing and jewelry, items that are stylish, smart, sophisticated and swanky, fine art and little treasures, eclectic, unique and hard to find items. Keep an ear out for the Grand Opening Celebration of Galleria 301 in January 2013. Thanks to Kathy for her continued efforts to help make our Downtown Sebring more and more exciting to visit, and for the vision to open up Galleria 301.

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that deserves recognition for doing something in honor of our Centennial year, please let me know. I'm available at (863) 655-5554, JenBrown@email.com or www.facebook.com/SebringCentennial. Thanks so much for reading these articles, and letting me know you have enjoyed them. Thanks to the News-Sun for allowing me the newspaper space to keep everyone informed throughout 2012.

Here we are, just a couple of Sundays left in the year, where did the time go?

FSA seeks donations for spree

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for Saturday's spree.

"This year, the number of applications submitted for this program has grown substantially," Saffold said. "Consequently, we are facing the possibility of not being able to assist every applicant. Now more than ever your help is needed to continue our efforts."

Interested businesses, individuals and organizations are able to sponsor one or more children for the Christmas Shopping Spree. The hope for the FSA is to give each child a \$60 gift card; dona-

tions may be given in any increments however.

"If there is someone who doesn't want to give cash or that exact amount, they are more than welcome to just pick up a K-Mart gift card load it with whatever they want and get the card to us. We will make sure it is given to the kids," Saffold said.

Anyone interested in contributing donations to the FSA's Christmas Shopping Spree may send checks or money orders to Florida Sportsmen's Association 608 Bowman Ave. Sebring, FL 33870. For questions or more

information, contact Saffold at 381-5166.

The FSA Christmas Shopping Spree will be held at K-Mart at Lakeshore Mall Saturday, Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m.

A second event connected with the FSA will be held on Christmas Eve. The Meet Santa event will be held at 820 Martin Luther King Jr. St. across from the church. Bikes are needed for the children, as the former contributor, the Avon Park Youth Academy, is unable to assist this year due to cutbacks. The event will start at 11 a.m.

Frewin-Hays inducted into HOF

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including a two-year stint as national president.

This is not her first honorarium. In 1982 she was voted National LPGA Golf Professional of the Year. Then, in 2000, she was tapped as one of the most influential people in the development of the LPGA during the past 50 years.

In 2001, 2005 and 2006 she was voted the People's Choice Best Golf Professional by the News-Sun.

In 2001, Frewin-Hays retired as a full-time golf professional, doing some independent teaching work but also getting involved with law enforcement by volunteering with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office. It was a natural transition, having dealt with law enforcement agencies during her tenure as a troubleshooter, taking over and eliminating problems at different golf courses for American Golf.

"There might be theft or other illicit activities at some of the locations and I dealt with law enforcement on those," she said. "I even had a shooting at one of the courses that I was working

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NELL FREWIN-HAYS
Hall of Fame electee

with and we had to deal with that."

When she volunteered, Frewin-Hays already had a background in law enforcement. In 1993 she successfully completed the Broward County Citizen's Police Academy.

Over the course of the years, Frewin-Hays moved from a volunteer to a paid, part-time worker and finally went full time with the election of Susan Benton as Highlands County sheriff. Frewin-Hays now works with numerous programs, including the Neighborhood Watch program, which involves between 70-80 individual communities throughout the county.

She has continued her law

enforcement education. In 2004 she completed an Associates of Science degree in Criminal Justice from South Florida Community College and attained the designation of Crime Prevention Practitioner in 2004.

As to her election into the LPGA Hall of Fame, Frewin-Hays said it came as somewhat of a surprise.

"I had been nominated but not selected twice before, so I was a bit shocked when they called and said I had been selected," she said.

The LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame was established in 2000 to recognize LPGA T&CP members who, through extraordinary dedication and outstanding achievement, have positioned themselves among the greatest women professionals in the game of golf.

In addition to Frewin Hays, the LPGA will induct Mary Dagraedt, a 45-year veteran of women's professional golf, is one of the LPGA's foremost teaching professionals and 30-year veteran Nancy Quarcelino, co-owner of the Nancy Quarcelino School of Golf is a member of both the LPGA and PGA of America.

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E.O. Douglass reunion slated for next weekend

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Alumni, friends and family are waiting in anticipation for the 2012 E.O. Douglass High School Reunion. The alumni foundation has been working hard throughout the year to bring together a memorable and special reunion that will capture the essence of the former segregated school. The E.O. Douglass High

School Reunion will kick off Friday, Dec. 21 and continue through Sunday, Dec. 23. Since its closing after integration in 1967, E.O. Douglass has become a pinnacle part of the Highlands County School District's history. Graduate and former student Robert Saffold is one of the many hands putting together this year's celebration and welcomes the many

former students and alumni from his alma mater. "This county will be invaded with former students, teachers, employees and other school officials," said Saffold. The bi-annual reunion will be held this year at the Chateau Élan Hotel at the Sebring International Raceway. "The first event ceremony will be the unveiling of the

E.O. Douglass monument," Saffold said. The monument has been constructed and designed under the watchful eye of many former students and current school board employees. It will be placed on the campus underneath the big oak tree that Saffold describes as "the social spot" where many students gathered for lunch, fun and socializing.

Other activities include golfing tournaments, picnics, dance parties, church services and a reunion dinner. The E.O. Douglass Reunion celebration souvenir book will help to capture the many memories and faces that have become a part of Highlands County's rich history. "We currently have 100 RSVPs for the reunion. We are sure there are going to be

a lot more. It's going to be a great time and a wonderful reunion," said Saffold. Businesses and individuals in the community may advertise and contribute their business to the booklet and all the alumni near and far. Donations and contributions are always accepted. For more information, contributions, schedules or reservations contact Saffold at 381-5166.



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A woman talks to a state police officer outside Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., following Friday's shootings.

Shooting shocks nation

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ine the heartache and pain they are feeling. Think I might look into home schooling my kids."

Avon Park Youth Academy counselor Alfonso James was in disbelief about the shooting.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw it on the news. I thought 'What?' How can someone walk into an elementary school and do that? Not to those babies, those were babies. You don't take them. I don't have kids of my own but I have tons of nieces and nephews, and I work with kids. I can't understand this at all. I pray for God's peace for the bereaved."

In tight-knit Newtown on Friday night, hundreds of people packed St. Rose of Lima Church and stood outside in a vigil for the 28 dead — 20 children and six adults at the school, the gunman's mother at home, and the gunman himself, who committed suicide. People held hands, lit candles and sang "Silent Night."

"These 20 children were just beautiful, beautiful children," Monsignor Robert Weiss said. "These 20 children lit up this community better than all these Christmas lights we have. ... There are a lot brighter stars up there tonight because of these kids."

Lanza is believed to have suffered from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, said a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation. When asked what authorities had learned about why Lanza had gone on the rampage, state police Lt. Paul Vance said investigators had found

"very good evidence" and hoped it would answer questions about Lanza's motives. Vance would not describe what they found.

Lanza shot his mother, Nancy Lanza, drove to the school in her car with at least three of her guns, and opened fire in two classrooms around 9:30 a.m. Friday, law enforcement officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A custodian ran through the halls, warning of a gunman, and someone switched on the intercom, perhaps saving many lives by letting them hear the chaos in the school office, a teacher said. Teachers locked their doors and ordered children to huddle in a corner, duck under their desks or hide in closets as shots reverberated through the building.

The well-liked principal, Dawn Hochsprung was gunned down while lunging at the gunman as she tried to overtake him. Board of Education chairwoman Debbie Liedlien says administrators were coming out of a meeting when the gunman forced his way into the school and ran toward him.

Jeff Capeci is chairman of the town's Legislative Council. Asked whether Hochsprung is a hero, he says, "From what we know, it's hard to classify her as anything else."

Maryann Jacob, a clerk in the school library, was in there with 18 fourth-graders when they heard a commotion and gunfire outside the room. She had the youngsters crawl into a storage room, and they locked the door and barricaded it with a file cabinet. There happened to be

materials for coloring, "so we set them up with paper and crayons."

After what she guessed was about an hour, officers came to the door and knocked, but those inside couldn't be sure it was the police.

"One of them slid his badge under the door, and they called and said, 'It's OK, it's the police,'" she said.

A law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity said investigators believe Lanza attended the school several years ago.

Student writers share their stories with authors' group

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is important."

In 2011, the students came from Cracker Trail Elementary.

This year's participating Sun 'N Lake Elementary students were: Sarah Brock; Brooklyn S. Coke; Alexandra Collier; Les Holler; Francisco Marquez; Iyana Massaline and Kyria Wickham.

Sarah wrote about love in all its many aspects, from loving to shop to loving her parents — "I talk to them every day. They help me with life problems."

Alexandra wrote about the beach and what she loves to do there. "The sun is shining on my face, I swim or float on the waves, fish, and look for things along beach, like crabs. Of course, they're the kind of crabs that pinch your toes when you walk across a sand bar."

Alexandra enjoys the feeling of the fake worms and insects used for bait. "They feel like Gummy Bears," she said.

Lea Holler's story began with her down in the dumps. It was her birthday and her

mother was making her clean her room. In fact, Lea suspected her mother had completely forgotten her birthday.

Just as she was ready to burst into tears, she wrote, "There was banging on the door. 'I think someone's breaking into the house,' I told my mother," Lea wrote. She is happily surprised to find the noise at the door is a surprise party arriving.

Iyana Massaline, read a short story about a girl named Sophie who wanted a special nickname. She thought of Sophie the Daredevil. "Now, how good would that sound," Iyana wrote.

Of course, to earn the name Sophie has to accept dares from her friends. She's given a cup filled with a disgusting combination to drink that "the kids had gathered" — things like chicken soup, chocolate pudding, lemonade and milk.

"It didn't look too good," Iyana wrote, but Sophie holds her nose and swallows the mess.

At home, Iyana wrote, "Sophie got sick to her

stomach. Do you think she will ever do that again?"

Kyria Wickham also wrote about her birthday, but this day was perfect from beginning to end.

"The sweet aroma of cake filled the house. The presents were piled up. It made me feel like the princess of the world," Kyria wrote. "Eating cake and opening presents is the best part, but I love to play and have activities with my family, like tickle hide and seek."

"The cake was delicious, the presents were wonderful, and the activities were exhausting," Kyria wrote. Combined they made the perfect day.

Two students read similar works they had begun in class, Anderson said, dealing with babysitting a difficult younger brother. Francisco's story was called "Babysit" and Brooklyn called hers "Little Brother."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Christmas dinner begins at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

Important agenda items will include the following: Commission chair Jack Richie, Highlands County Board of Commissioners; Catfish Creek Dredging Project Tobler Park Seawall Bylaw Change; New Service Contracts Christmas Gifts.

Persons living in the Placid Lakes subdivision are welcome to attend. Only members who have paid their dues may vote. The agenda will be posted on the association's Web site at www.placidlakesonline.com.

For more agenda information, contact the office manager at 465-4888.

NARFE meets Tuesday

SEBRING — NARFE Chapter 288 of Highlands County will meet Tuesday at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring Square. Lunch is at 11 a.m., followed by a noon meeting and speaker. The guest speaker for December will be Dorothy Harris of Highlands Hammock State Park. NARFE members Jane Lemley, Florida Federation Executive VP and Bob Lemley, Florida Federation District 5 VP will also be in attendance for installation of new officers.

All current and retired federal employees (and spouses) are invited to attend.

For more information, call L.R. "Corky" Dabe, president, at 382-9447.

Model Railroad Club meets Tuesday

SEBRING — All Sebring Model Railroad Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway. Members run model railroads on their "HO" Gauge modular layout. For more information, or updates on meeting locations, call Curtis Petersen at 382-6967.

Sunny Serafino book signing set

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Public Library will host local author Sunny Serafino for a book signing at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Serafino is the author of 10 novels and a memoir. Her award-winning books are Christian-themed stories about women facing difficulties in life, showcasing their courage in solving their problems.

In 2011 the Florida Writers Association selected her novel, "Finding Amy," as Unpublished Book of the Year. Serafino has also taught creative writing

courses at South Florida State College and is a member of the Avon Park Wordsmiths, the Heartland Cultural Alliance and several other local organizations.

Serafino's books can be purchased at Amazon.com; copies are also available through the Highlands County Library System. The book signing is free and open to the public. The Avon Park Public Library is at 100 N. Museum Ave. For more information, contact the library at 452-3803 or visit the library's website at www.myhlc.org.

Reflections plans New Year's Eve dance

AVON PARK — Reflections on Silver Lake will host a New Year's Eve dance featuring Don and Allen on Monday, Dec. 31, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Take your own drinks and snacks. Ice, champagne toast at midnight, and party favors will be provided. Cost is \$15 and tickets are now on sale to the public. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. For more information call 452-5037.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK — The American Legion Post 69 will host Karaoke by Naomi today. Karaoke by Double D. on Wednesday. Music by Frankie E. on Friday. Call for times. Doo Wop dinner tickets are on sale now at the bar. For more information, call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host KJ Karaoke today; call for time. Loyal Order of the Moose officers meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, followed by the House Committee at 7 p.m., Women of the Moose at 7 p.m., and a formal general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Karaoke by Firemen from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Frank E. from 6-10 p.m. Thursday. Music by Larry Musgrave from 6-10 p.m. Friday. Moose Riders lunch on Saturday; call for details and time. Disco Night with Disco Frank from 6-10 p.m. For more information, call 465-0131.

VFW Post 3880 Post meets at 8 p.m. Thursday. Christmas dinner at 5:30 p.m. Friday (must show current 3380 membership card to get free ticket). Breakfast served from 8-11 a.m. Saturday. For details, call 699-5444.

SEBRING

Sebring Lodge No 249 will serve an all-you-can-eat barbecue chicken lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today

for an \$8 donation. The menu is chicken, cole salad, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and beverage. The Rainbow Girls will have a bake sale at the barbecue. The lodge is on the corner of Home Avenue and Sebring Parkway. The public is invited; take out orders are available.

The Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 will have a birthday party today; call for time. Jam Band plays from 6-9 p.m. Music by Big Freddy on Wednesday; call for time. Music by Free 4orm Band from 6-10 p.m. Friday. Kids' Christmas party from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. Music by Larry Musgrave from 6-10 p.m. Any questions, call 655-3920.

The Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will host Shuffleboard Scrambles at 1:15 p.m. Monday. Nickel Scrambles will be at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Mini-shuffleboard Tournament begins at 1:15 p.m. Friday. For more information, call 385-2966.

The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 Activity Committee meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the dining room. Wacky Wednesday is from 5-6:30 p.m.; meal costs \$6.50. To dance only, costs \$3. Music will be provided by Allen from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Veterans dinner at 1 p.m. Thursday. Orientation at 6 p.m. PER meeting at 6 p.m. Initiation at Lodge meeting at 7 p.m. Christmas dinner from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday; cost is \$13. Dance only, \$3, to Uptown Country from 6:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, call 471-3557.

A children's Christmas Party will be held at the Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 on December 22 from Noon to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served and there will be clowns, games and fun for all. Members and guests, sign children up by Thursday. Sign up can be done at the lodge or by contacting a WOTM member. Call 655-3920 for more information.

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a free Christmas dinner for all veterans (with proper ID) from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Post. The dinner will be ham, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, peas, roll and dessert. If accompanied by a non-veteran, the cost will be \$7.

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Teachers, students help complete children's book

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read the book to her and she just loved it, as I edited it along the way. I felt honored when Mrs. Thompson asked me to be part of the project," May said.

Susan Cook, bookkeeper, and Sharon Longshore, educator, also had a part in the book as proofreaders.

Thompson's greatest critics came from a fourth-grade class that invited her into their class as a guest author. Thompson read her book to them, and related writing and reading focus skills from the book to the skills the students were learning in class. She also asked for feedback,

which she considered in the first drafts of the book.

The students were very excited to meet a real author and Thompson hopes she has inspired them to want to write pieces of their own.

Thompson presently is in the "publishing process" of another genre that will include inspirational pieces and also poetry.

For more information on a future book signing, go to authormixx.com.

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OBITUARIES

MARION ACKERSON

Marion Ackerson, 89, of Avon Park, Fla. died Dec. 4, 2012 at The Oaks of Avon. She was born in Chicago, Ill., daughter of the late Henry and Arel Metzdorf. She was a nurse's aide and had worked in retail sales and was a waitress. She moved to Avon Park in 1987 from Minneapolis, Minn.

She is survived by her daughters, Toni Kopp of Avon Park and MariAnn Hiltz; sons, Stoney Nelson and Michael Malecha; and grandchildren, Nicholas, Lyndsey, Alexandra, Danielle, Ethan, Shane and Jennifer.

Visitation will be at 5 p.m. with a service at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at Morris Funeral Chapel. Morris Funeral Chapel morrisfuneralchapel.com.

LOUISE PERKINS

Louise "Lou" Perkins passed away on Dec. 3, 2012 after a very courageous battle with cancer. She was born on May 6, 1925 in Youngstown, Ohio to Pearl Darby and Charles Collins.



She preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Pearl and Elmer Baanan; her former husband, Marcus Archbell; her niece, Nanette Lobdell; and her sister, Dorothy.

She is survived by her daughters, Dustine of Sebring, Fla., Jean of North Carolina, Deborah of South Dakota; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and her two best friends, Jean and Lucy.

Lou and her daughter, Dustine, moved to Sebring

from Southern California in the 1990s and had previously resided at Buttonwood Bay. Lou enjoyed making porcelain dolls, growing flowers, playing the organ, hosting parties, and going shopping at Habitat for Humanity every Tuesday with her daughter. She was a member of the Elks, American Legion, Am Vets, Moose and the Eagles. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, and condolences may be sent to M. Furchak, 523 Von Maxcy Road, Sebring, FL 33870. In lieu of flowers, Lou requested that everyone make a donation to the Highlands County Humane Society, 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd., Sebring, Fla.

LOUISE AND ROGER C. PERKINS

Louise Perkins, 87, of Sebring, beloved wife of Roger C. Perkins, passed away Monday, December 3, 2012 at her home and was fol-

lowed in death one week later by her husband, Roger, on Monday, December 10, 2012. Louise was born May 6, 1925, in Ohio; had been employed as a real estate agent and is survived by three daughters. Roger was born March 23, 1927, in Passaic, New Jersey; was a Minister and had served in the United States Air Force during the latter part of World War II, retiring in 1975. He was a member of Unity of Sebring and is survived by four sons, Carl Perkins; Clifford Perkins; Richard Perkins and Bruce Perkins; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Unity of Sebring, 10417 South Orange Blossom Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Florida 33870 863-385-0125 www.stephensonnelsonfh.com

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Comfortable with clouds and sun	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Clouds and sun, t-storms possible	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and nice
80° / 61°	81° / 63°	75° / 45°	73° / 54°	78° / 56°
Winds: SE at 4-6 mph	Winds: SSW at 7-14 mph	Winds: NW at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSE at 4-8 mph

National Forecast for December 16

Legend: Cold, Warm, Stationary. Precipitation: 10mm Rain, Snow, Sleet, Dew, Flurries, Ice. Temperature bands: 10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 100s, 110s.

Almanac

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	81°
Low Tuesday	60°
High Wednesday	82°
Low Wednesday	67°
High Thursday	70°
Low Thursday	56°

Heat Index: For 3 p.m. today, 85°

Barometer: Tuesday 30.05, Wednesday 30.01, Thursday 30.11

Precipitation: Tuesday 1.72", Wednesday 0.02", Thursday 0.00"

Year to date: 2.14" (Normal 57.72")

Regional Summary

Comfortable today with clouds and sun. Partly cloudy and mild tonight. Intervals of clouds and sunshine tomorrow. Tuesday: periods of clouds and sunshine with a couple of showers and thunderstorms possible.

Key West 79/71, Naples 81/63, Fort Myers 82/64, West Palm Beach 81/67, Miami 81/70, Orlando 81/63, Winter Haven 80/62, St. Petersburg 79/66, Sarasota 78/62, Tampa 79/66, Clearwater 78/66, Venice 81/62, Lake Placid 81/62, Brighton 80/61, Sebring 80/61, Avon Park 80/61, Lorida 80/62, Jacksonville 76/57, Gainesville 77/57, Ocala 78/59, Tallahassee 74/61, Apalachicola 74/61, Pensacola 73/64.

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	2:40 a.m.
Low	10:35 a.m.
High	5:28 p.m.
Low	9:25 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	10:49 a.m.
Low	4:10 a.m.
High	11:09 p.m.
Low	4:43 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	76.36
Lake Okechobee	15.17
Normal	14.51

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Farm Report

Comfortable today with times of clouds and sun. Winds south-southeast 4-8 mph. Expect 2-4 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 70% and fair drying conditions.

Weather History

On Dec. 15, 1917, one of the worst ice jams occurred on the Ohio River between Warsaw, Ky., and Rising Sun, Ind. It lasted 58 days.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:06 a.m.	7:07 a.m.
Sunset	5:37 p.m.	5:38 p.m.
Moonrise	9:55 a.m.	10:37 a.m.
Moonset	9:31 p.m.	10:31 p.m.

First, Full, Last, New moon phases for Dec 20, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 11.

Water Restrictions

• Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.
• Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.
• All watering should take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	81/64/pc	81/63/pc	77/62/pc
Clearwater	78/66/pc	79/67/pc	72/55/1
Orlando	80/68/pc	82/69/pc	82/59/pc
Daytona Beach	77/67/pc	80/63/pc	70/47/1
FL. Coast. Ichi	81/70/pc	82/70/pc	82/63/pc
Fort Myers	82/64/pc	83/67/pc	77/53/pc
Gainesville	77/67/pc	76/58/1	67/39/pc
Hollywood	81/68/pc	82/68/pc	81/58/pc
Homestead AFD	80/67/pc	80/66/pc	81/63/pc
Jacksonville	76/57/pc	78/54/1	67/39/pc
Key West	79/71/pc	79/69/pc	80/67/pc

National Summary

A storm system pushing towards the East Coast today will bring rain and snow to New England while rain wets parts of the Great Lakes and mid-Atlantic. As snow lingers across parts of the northern Great Lakes, showers and thunderstorms will ramble across the Tennessee Valley and Southeast along a cold front. Spotty coastal showers will be found in southeastern Florida. Despite a fair amount of sunshine, cold air will be found throughout the Plains in the wake of the storm system.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Abiquipua	44/25/pc	46/26/pc	49/34/1
Albany	62/57/1	68/44/1	57/41/pc
Baltimore	50/45/1	56/45/1	56/35/pc
Birmingham	65/59/1	67/39/pc	59/35/pc
Boston	39/30/1	47/45/1	51/41/1
Charlotte	60/51/pc	64/47/1	60/37/pc
Chattanooga	37/25/pc	42/28/pc	46/23/pc
Chicago	45/33/1	48/23/1	36/25/pc
Cleveland	56/43/1	52/37/1	40/13/pc
Columbus	61/48/pc	58/38/pc	42/13/pc
Dallas	73/43/pc	64/41/pc	66/49/pc
Denver	46/21/pc	53/27/pc	54/23/pc
Detroit	55/38/1	48/33/1	40/30/pc
Harrisburg	48/42/1	53/47/1	50/34/1
Honolulu	82/72/pc	79/73/1	80/71/pc
Houston	75/53/1	71/44/pc	70/52/pc
Indianapolis	60/38/pc	52/30/1	40/29/pc
Jackson, MS	70/57/1	68/38/1	61/40/pc
Kansas City	48/29/pc	46/30/pc	44/25/1
Lexington	63/48/1	59/37/pc	47/30/pc
Little Rock	70/44/pc	61/36/pc	61/49/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Asagaka	85/71/1	87/73/pc	88/73/1
Ashgabat	64/33/pc	68/43/1	69/31/pc
Athens	62/33/pc	60/35/1	65/48/1
Berlin	39/31/pc	38/34/1	37/30/pc
Bombay	59/69/1	71/69/1	76/65/pc
Calgary	24/5/1	27/15/pc	16/14/1
Dublin	47/40/1	46/38/pc	44/40/pc
Edmonton	15/5/1	16/6/pc	13/1/pc
Freeport	77/68/pc	80/69/1	78/65/pc
Geneva	43/40/1	42/39/1	41/25/1
Havana	82/68/pc	84/64/1	83/61/1
Hong Kong	77/68/1	73/68/pc	70/59/1
Jakarta	54/44/1	57/48/1	60/50/pc
Johannesburg	19/56/pc	16/57/1	79/50/1
Kiev	21/17/1	20/13/1	20/11/1

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Simple traditions

Six families share the stories and traditions that help them remember, and celebrate, what the holidays are all about.

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Good-deed fund

Each holiday season, every member of our family donates about \$50 to the worthy cause of his or her choice. We spend a few weeks researching and brainstorming how best to spend our “good-deed fund,” then make our contributions.

In past years, our 8-year-old daughter, Emmaline, contributed to Meals on Wheels because she learned at school about “wants” and “needs,” and she decided that food is a “need” for everyone. She was shocked to find out many elderly people in our area are hungry.

After researching Heifer International and exchanging several e-mails with the staff, our son, Antonio, 11, decided to use his \$50 to send chicks to a poor family in Tanzania. He was glad to know that the chicks would grow up into chickens, then produce more chicks to enhance the well-being of the entire community.

I gave my share to hospice in memory of my grandmother, and my husband, Gary, contributed to his favorite local jazz radio station.

This tradition gives each of us a chance to make a difference during the holidays, and we all appreciate being able to help a variety of causes as a family. We're looking forward to seeing what our next choices will be.

Alissa Norton Morrison, Colo.



Awarding the best holiday light displays

Our family loves to take an annual holiday lights road trip, touring the displays in our town. A couple of days before we head out, we pick up a box or two of chocolates to give to the creators of our favorite display.

On the trip, the discussion can get pretty lively, but when we finally make the decision, we leave a note for the occupants of the house that says, “Thanks for a great light display. You have been chosen by the Bridgestocks as the best light display tonight.” We attach the note to the chocolates and leave them at the door.

Afterward, whenever we drive by the winning house, we think of our tradition and how it helps our family reconnect during a hectic time of year.

Barbara Bridgestock Erie, Colo.

Holiday stories from Grandpa Stevie

More than 10 years ago, my father wrote a Christmas story about his oldest granddaughter, Meghan, then 5 years old, helping Grandma make the annual batch of gingerbread cookies. When the family gathered on Christmas Eve, with homemade stockings hung on the fireplace mantel above a roaring fire and a Wisconsin winter raging outside, Grandpa Stevie read the story aloud with Meghan sitting on his lap, all the younger grandchildren in their pajamas listening from the floor.

His story was such a big hit that Grandpa Stevie has now composed 15 Christmas stories, each when a grandchild got to the 5-year mark. The stories, written on parchment paper, capture

the unique personalities of the children — each of whom claims to be their grandparents' favorite.

The Christmas Eve audience now includes 23 grandchildren, 11 aunts and uncles, and my mother. The 5-year-olds, all dressed up for the occasion, can't wait for their turn to sit next to Grandpa on the Reading Couch. I'd like to say that it is so quiet as he reads that you can hear a pin drop, but when you have 23 children anticipating Santa's visit the next day, that's just not the case! The excitement and squirming, however, only add to the charm.

Kristin Killian Appleton, Wis.

Turning hardship into holiday helpfulness

Christmas a few years ago was a difficult one for us. My husband, Greg, lost his job on Dec. 15, after seven years at his company.

Knowing our finances would be tight, I thought Greg and I could help our kids, Miles, age 14, Sam, 12, and Curtis, 3, focus on what we could give to others, rather than on buying a lot of gifts for ourselves. So we all decided to be “elves” for the 12 days of Christmas and anonymously do nice things for 12 people who had touched our lives in some

way.

Sam, intent on being the first and best elf to spread good cheer, immediately sent a gift card for ice cream to a football teammate whose parents were going through a divorce, then made dog treats and cookies for the neighbors who use his dog-sitting service.

Miles did good deeds for his coaches and for friends



who needed a lift, and I dropped off cookies for a family who had just lost their mom to cancer.

Over the 12 days, I saw my kids being more than elves. As they left gifts on doorsteps and porches, ringing the bell, then sprinting away through the snow, they were keeping the spirit of Santa alive for others.

Betsy McCollum Dublin, Ohio

Little Saint Nick

My son, Alan, 8, has a Santa costume he wears every December, everywhere we go: the grocery store, the pharmacy, the post office. He cheerily calls out “Merry Christmas,” and if people stop to talk to him, he asks if they've been good this year. We always take a special trip to a local nursing home so that Alan — dressed as Santa, of course — can give out the cards he makes for the residents. Many ask if they can give Santa a hug and a kiss. It's magical to see a person's worry and stress melt into a smile after being so happily greeted by my mini Santa Claus.

Michele Baird Lehi, Utah

An international holiday spin

My family has lived in Japan for more than 10 years. My husband is Japanese, and I am American, so we try to celebrate traditions from both cultures. Christmas, though, is a challenge, because it is not a special holiday in Japan. Some Japanese families share a Christmas Eve meal of roast chicken and a Japanese Christmas Cake (strawberry sponge cake), and children usually get one present. Young couples will sometimes go out on a date. Families do gather for Japanese New Year, but what I deeply missed was the lovely feeling of being with family on Christmas.

That changed five years ago, when I hosted a potluck

party at my house on Dec. 23, which is a public holiday here: the Emperor's birthday. Three other international families organized the party with me. Representing five countries altogether, we shared special dishes, such as Australian roast beef and mince pie, and sang holiday songs.

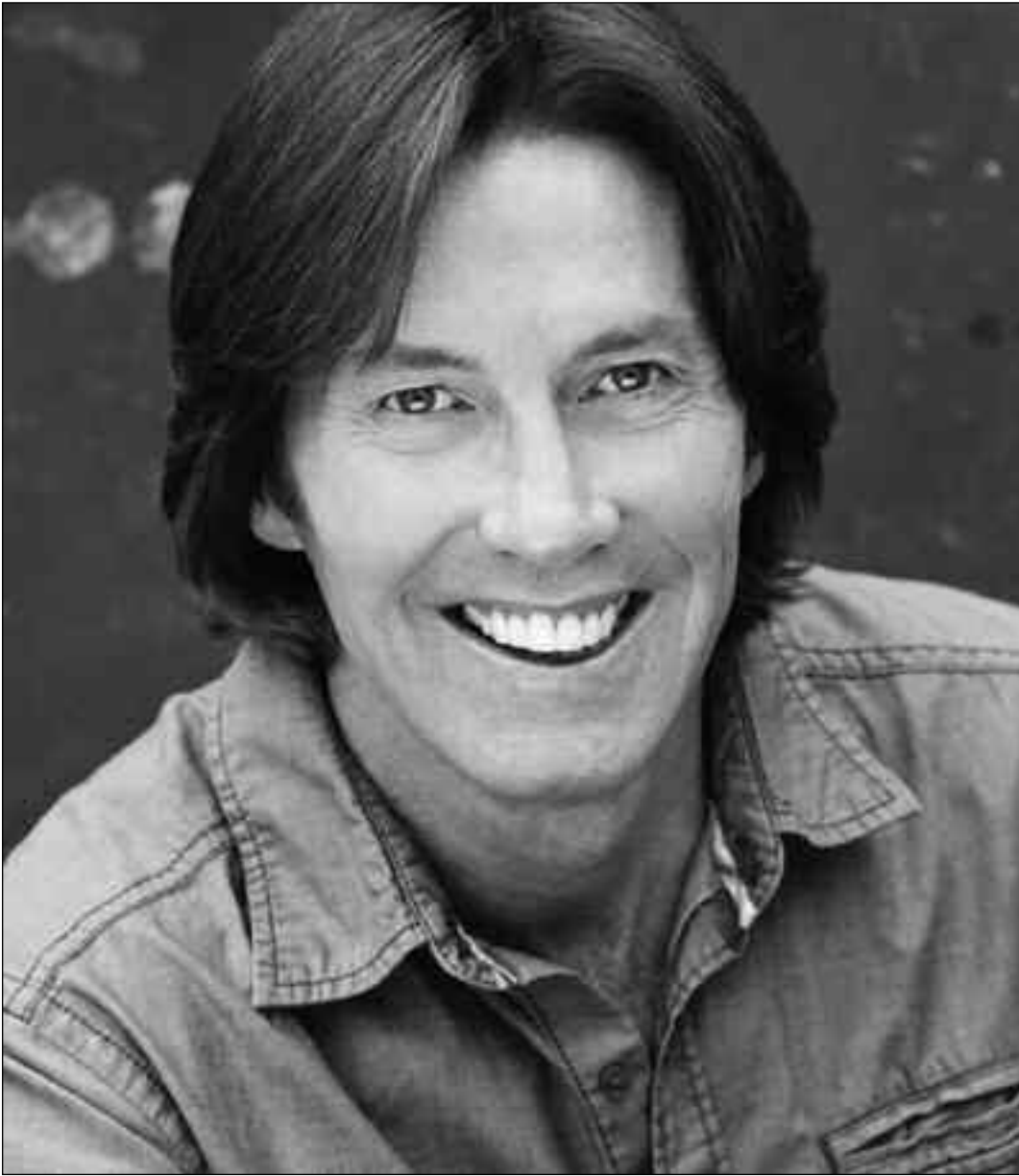
Eleven children, including my kids, Tsuyoshi, now age 15, Reina, 13, and Marin, 9, ate and played.

We didn't exchange presents; instead we gave each other something better: a brighter holiday season we all could share.

Louise George Kittaka Toyko, Japan



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Courtesy photo

Australian singing star Darren Williams will be in concert Thursday, Jan. 10 as part of South Florida State College's Artist Series.

Darren Williams to light up Artist Series

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — The South Florida State College Artist Series continues the 2012-13 season with a performance by hit Australian singing sensation Darren Williams at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 in the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Williams' first stage appearances were at the age of seven when he won several medals for singing at Sydney's Opera House. Since then, he has been perfecting his craft to become one of Australia's finest live performers. Williams possesses the rare ability to sing just about anything, from pop to opera, with a vocal range that must be heard to be believed. His electrifying stage presence has thrilled audiences in his native Australia, the United States, and internationally.

Although raised on rock 'n' roll, the son of Australian Bandstand's Warren Williams is equally at home singing the classics. Darren has also appeared in Gordon Frost's production of South Pacific and was the leading man in Rodger's and Hammerstein's musical "A Grand Night for Singing" in Sydney. Darren has also appeared on many of Australia's television variety shows and has traveled the globe as a headline act for an array of corporate clients and the world's most luxurious cruise lines.

Now based in New York, Williams is receiving rave reviews for his first U.S. shows. New York's Show Music magazine describes Williams as "Terrific — an accomplished performer who knows how to please an audi-

ence." He has also been described as one of the entertainment world's best-kept secrets.

Williams was one of the standout performances in last year's SFSC Matinee Series. The audience fell in love with his good looks, Aussie charm, and amazing voice. His energetic, fun set list consisted of classic 1960s and '70s pop and rock 'n' roll songs, as well as classics and opera that really showcased his phenomenal vocal ability.

Individual tickets for Darren Williams range in price from \$19 to \$25. They are available for purchase at www.performances.southflorida.edu or at the SFSC Box Office, 784-7178. SFSC Box Office hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and is in the front of the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Drive. Like the group

on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sfscperformingarts.

An hour prior to the performance, audience members can visit the Journey Stories Highlands County, Fla. exhibition at the SFSC Museum of Florida Art and Culture (SFSC MOFAC). Journey Stories Highlands County is an exhibition about people from other countries and their journey to Highlands County. Journey Stories Highlands County is in partnership with the Journey Stories exhibit at Highlands Museum of the Arts (MOTA) and the Smithsonian Institute.

SFSC MOFAC is open to the public from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, one hour prior to each Artist and Matinee Series performance, and by appointment for group tours. Contact Mollie Doctrow, curator, at 784-7240 or visit the <http://mofac.org>.

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LP's Gavagni earns Bright Futures Top Scholar honor

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — Rhonwen Gavagni, a 2012 graduate of Lake Placid High School, received notification from the Florida Department of Education, that she has been selected as a Florida Bright Futures Academic Top Scholar for the 2012 graduating class. This award is a tribute to

Rhoni's accomplishments because, as the top Florida Academic Scholar for Highlands County, she is one of only 67 high school graduates in the state of Florida recognized as an Academic Top Scholar. Students are ranked for this award based on their Bright Futures grade point average and SAT/ACT score.

The Florida Department of Education is dedicated to providing the best possible education for the young people of this state and is pleased to present this ATS Award. Rhoni is currently a freshman at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne and is studying Aerospace Engineering.

SFSC Community Education announces spring 2013 classes

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — South Florida Community College Education is offering new classes this spring at the SFSC Highlands Campus.



Aquabics is a moderately-paced aerobic water exercise class for toning and building strength. Aquasize is for people who have arthritis and is approved by the Arthritis Foundation. Lap Swimming is an excellent way to exercise and cross train. For detailed days, times and cost of these classes, call 453-6661, ext. 7388 or e-mail communityeducation@southflorida.edu.

Learn the basic steps of the waltz, cha-cha, foxtrot and swing in Ballroom Dance. This class is for couples or singles and meets Tuesdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 26, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$42.

Dance your way to fitness! Zumba is fun and a great way to workout. It is designed for everyone, any shape or age, from beginners to advanced students. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 28, 5:30 ñ 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$83.

Basic Home Computer

will be taught with Windows 7. Topics covered include using the mouse, creating e-mail accounts, understanding the task bar and navigating the World Wide Web. The class meets Mondays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$98 and includes a book.

American Sign Language I and II is an eight-week course that teaches the necessities of interpreting for the deaf. Some techniques taught will be finger-spelling ASL, word signing and learning descriptives on non-manual markers, ASL sentence structure, rhetorical questions, time, adverbs and verbs and putting it all together to make it work. Class meets Tuesdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$83.

In Conversational Spanish, students will learn the fundamentals of speak-

ing and understanding Spanish. The class meets Thursdays, Jan. 10 through Feb. 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$83.

In Digital Photography I learn how to set shutter speed and aperture openings, compose a good photograph, take pictures of people, events and much more. An adjustable camera (ability to, at least, set shutter speed and lens opening is mandatory). Class meets Tuesdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$83.

Classes fill up fast, so early registration is recommended. Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFCC campus or center. For more information, contact Lauren Redick, community education specialist, at 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500, ext. 7388 or by e-mail at communityeducation@southflorida.edu.

Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



Inspirational Thoughts
by Patricia Valentine

We have been given a powerful weapon to effectively change the atmosphere of an entire nation. That weapon is Prayer. Today more than ever before, we are called to pray. As Christians and members of the body of Christ,

you and I have been called into battle to wage war against the forces of evil. Paul reminds us that our weapons are not the result of man's wisdom or natural ability. II Corinthians 10:4 says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." The battle is already won, we must recognize, as the scripture says... the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. It's not a natural fight. It's time we recognize the enemy's schemes. St John 10:10 says, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. But, there is a promise from Jesus at the latter part of St John 10:10 which says, "....I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." We are in a season where the church must know how to get a prayer through. What am I saying? We must continue to pray and expect the Lord to move. Our families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even our enemies need someone to stand in the gap and offer a prayer on their behalf. II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." God Bless!

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

‘Fifty Shades’ trilogy dominates publishing in 2012

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer
NEW YORK — The story of 2012 in publishing was the story of “Fifty Shades of Grey,” in more ways than one. EL James’ erotic trilogy was easily the year’s biggest hit, selling more than 35 million copies in the U.S. alone and topping bestseller lists for months. Rival publishers hurried to sign up similar books and debates started over who should star in the planned film version. Through James’ books and how she wrote them, the general public was educated in the worlds of romance/erotica, start-up publishing and “fan fiction.”

But the success of James’ novels also captured the dual state of the book market — the advance of e-books and the resilience of paper. In a year when print was labeled as endangered and established publishers referred to as “legacy” companies, defined and beholden to the past, the allure remained for buying and reading bound books.

James already was an underground hit before signing in early 2012 with Vintage Books, a paperback imprint of Random House

Inc., the house of Norman Mailer and Toni Morrison, a house where legacy is inseparable from the brand. She could have self-published her work through Amazon.com, or released her books from her own website, and received a far higher percentage of royalties.

“We had a very clear conversation back in January about the need for a very specific publishing strategy,” says Vintage publisher Anne Messitte. “We talked about distribution, a physical format, publicity. And she was basically clear that she needed what we did as publishers to make that happen.”

“Fifty Shades” began as an e-phenomenon, understandable since digital erotica means you can read it in public without fear of discovery.

But according to Messitte, sales for the paperbacks quickly caught up to those for e-books and have surpassed them comfortably for the last several months.

Everyone was in on the secret. The series sold big at Amazon.com, but also at Barnes & Noble and independents, at drugstores and airports.

HCA sets celebration of authors and encore opening of Antiroom Gallery



Bird of Paradise by Jouetta Koning



Sled Dog and Pup by Fred Leavitt

Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at Kenilworth

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Heartland Cultural Alliance invites the public to its Celebration of Local Authors and Encore Opening of the Antiroom Gallery from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Kenilworth Lodge.

Highlands County authors including Sunny Sarafino, Millie Richmond, Barbara Beswick, Larry and Elaine

Levey, Nancy Dale, Fred Leavitt and others will be signing their new and classic books. Concurrently, there will be an Encore Opening of the HCA Antiroom Gallery and Artist’s Reception for those who missed, or could not get in the packed house, to experience the opening exhibit of upcoming, established and renowned local artists.

HCA invites the public to shop local art and authors in time for Christmas and enjoy refreshments, Christmas deserts, libations, and classical guitar by Kenny Summers are also on the schedule. This free event is open to the pub-

lic. For more information, contact Fred Leavitt at 402-8238 or email info@heartlandculturalalliance.org. For information on HCA visit, www.heartlandculturalalliance.org.

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The Centennial mural by artist James R. Hahn is now complete.

Courtesy photo

Sebring gets 50-foot-wide 100th birthday card

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Well known for its international races, Sebring has been celebrating its Centennial all during 2012. Like many cities that are enjoying their 100th birthday, Sebring has been active with parades, festivals, sports and arts events to commemorate the event.

A real big birthday surprise came from artist James R. Hahn, known for creating large-scale production murals, and doing custom work for majors like the Cabbage Patch Kids, Tequila Patrón, Chefs International, and many more. Hahn's company designed, facilitated and painted a 50-by-23-foot Centennial mural, with the support of community leaders and regional sponsors.

Hahn recently opened an additional art gallery in Sebring, after a decade of being in Vero Beach.

The mural includes many of the icons of industry and history from Sebring's illustrious past. A racing theme vignette is front and center, along with the citrus and cattle industry and other area staples documented in the "larger-than-life" artwork. Included in the imagery:

Hahn's mural on South Ridgewood Drive building now complete

older, sepia toned "faux" photos of the founding father, George Sebring; historic buildings and parks, leading to full color versions of up-to-date events like the Centennial Parade.

A unique approach was used to include an existing fan that was in the middle of the subject wall: Hahn turned the blades of the fan into what looks like the propeller of a seaplane coming in for a landing.

"People love to stop and smile at the moving illusion of the spinning propeller," Hahn said.

"Part of our passion is to create art that moves people, and also attracts them ... and when it can help revitalize historic downtown districts, it is especially important work for us," he added.

The artistic services team of James R. Hahn Productions includes James' wife of almost 30 years, Kay. The Hahn's have been contracted to transform many public and private residences, businesses, schools and camps.

Large-scale murals and trompe l'oeil (fool the eye) are the team's focus, but other projects and fortes include Home Theater design, marquees and monuments, custom paintings and creative consultation. Hahn is available for Centennial projects at the new americencentennials.com.

During the 2012 International Le Mans / 12 Hours of Sebring Race, Hahn was featured painting live for the crowds at the Chateau Elan Hotel complex, right in the center of the action. Hahn remarks, "Expanding to Sebring, creating exciting art that people from all over the world can enjoy, and being a part of the Centennial in this way, is an honor. We are glad that Sebring has stepped up to welcome us."

The mural can be seen at South Ridgewood Drive in Sebring. The artist can be reached at jamesrhahn.com.

'Playing for Keeps' not a keeper

By BOB GARVER

Special to the News-Sun

It is clear from its opening weekend that "Playing for Keeps" is one of the biggest bombs of the year, both critically and commercially. Review database Rotten Tomatoes has it at a 2% "Fresh" rating for its one positive review vs. 59 negative ones (and Leonard Maltin gives it only faint praise in his "positive" review).

The film is almost as bad as its reputation. George Dryer (Gerard Butler) is a washed-up soccer player trying to win back his ex-wife (Jessica Biel) and son (Noah Lomax). He works his way back into their lives by agreeing to coach the son's soccer team.

There is no reason to see "Playing for Keeps" for enjoyment, so you may as well see it to have fun at its expense.

The time has come to revive Popcorn Games. Eat popcorn according to what happens in the movie, assuming you can stay awake. Some suggestions:

— Eat a piece of popcorn every time George is late for an activity with his son.

— Eat a piece whenever George is hesitant to commit his time to soccer activities despite the fact that he is unemployed and there doesn't seem to be anything he'd rather be doing.

— Eat a piece whenever the movie tries to build phony suspense in the soccer games despite the huge advantage that George's team enjoys by having a superstar ringer for a coach.



Movie Review

'Playing for Keeps'

Rating: PG-13 (some sexual situations, language and a brief intense image)

Running time: 106 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 5)

— Eat a piece every time someone mentions how sexy George's Scottish accent is. Eat two pieces when he himself mentions how sexy it is.

— Dennis Quaid plays the crooked dad of one of the other kids on the team. Eat a piece that's really greasy with topping whenever his sleaziness is way over the top. In other words, eat a greasy piece every time Quaid is on screen.

— Eat a piece whenever the women onscreen talk about Butler's sex appeal as if they have nothing better to talk about.

— Throw a piece at your open mouth without really aiming whenever a respectable actress brainlessly throws herself at Butler. This includes Greer, Catherine Zeta-Jones as a sportscaster, and Uma Thurman as Quaid's wife.

— And finally, eat a burnt piece when you imagine that the actors are going to "fire" somebody for casting them in this miserable movie.

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Most Googled in 2012: Whitney, PSY, Sandy

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The world's attention wavered between the tragic and the silly in 2012, and along the way, millions of people searched the Web to find out about a royal princess, the latest iPad, and a record-breaking skydiver.

Whitney Houston was the "top trending" search of the year, according to Google Inc.'s year-end "zeitgeist" report. Google's 12th annual roundup is "an in-depth look at the spirit of the times as seen through the billions of searches on Google over the past year," the company said in a blog post Wednesday.

People around the globe searched en masse for news about Houston's accidental drowning in a bathtub just before she was to perform at a pre-Grammy Awards party in February.

Google defines topics as "trending" when they garner a high amount of traffic over a sustained period of time.

Korean rapper PSY's "Gangnam Style" music video trotted into second spot, a testament to his self-deprecating giddy-up dance move. The video is approaching a billion views on YouTube.

Superstorm Sandy, the damaging storm that knocked out power and flooded parts of the East Coast in the midst of a U.S. presidential campaign, was third.

The next biggest trending searches globally were a pair of threes: the iPad 3 tablet from Apple Inc. and Diablo 3, a popular video game.

Rounding out the Top 10 were Kate Middleton, who made news with scandalous



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South Korean rapper PSY's video for 'Gangnam Style' is nearing 1 billion YouTube views.

photos and a royal pregnancy; the 2012 Olympics in London; Amanda Todd, a Canadian teen who was found dead of an apparent suicide in October after being bullied online; Michael Clarke Duncan, the "Green Mile" actor who died of a heart attack in September at age 54; and "BBB12," the 12th edition of "Big Brother Brasil," a reality show featuring scantily clad men and women living together.

Some trending people, according to Google, were:

— Felix Baumgartner, an Austrian skydiver who became the first to break the sound barrier without a vehicle with a 24-mile plummet from Earth's stratosphere;

— Jeremy Lin, the undrafted NBA star who exploded off the New York Knicks bench and sparked a wave of "Linsanity";

— Morgan Freeman, the actor whose untimely death turned out not to be true.

The Internet also continued its rise as a popular tool for spreading addictive ideas and phrases known as "memes." This year, Facebook said its top memes included "TBH (To Be Honest)," "YOLO (You Only Live Once)," and "SMH (Shake My Head)." Thanks to an endlessly fascinating U.S. presidential campaign, "Big Bird" made the list after Republican candidate Mitt Romney said he might consider cutting some funds for public broadcasting.

Yahoo said its own top-searched memes for the year included "Kony 2012," a reference to the short film and campaign against Ugandan militia leader Joseph Kony; "stingray photobomb" for an unusual vacation snapshot that went viral; and "binders full of women," another nod to Romney for his awkward description of his search for women cabinet members as Massachusetts' governor.

Ask.com said the top trending news question was related to the 2012 Olympics: "How many medals did the U.S. gymnastics team win?" Other top queries on Ask.com included "When is the Facebook IPO?" and "Why was Trayvon Martin shot?"

And people were happy to pass on popular Twitter posts by retweeting them.

According to Twitter, the year's most popular retweets were President Barack Obama's "Four more years," and Justin Bieber's farewell to six-year-old fan Avalanna Routh, who died of a rare form of brain cancer: "RIP Avalanna. i love you".



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Corporate Education classes set at SFSC

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – South Florida State College's Corporate and Community Education Department is offering corporate training classes this spring.

There is more to MS Word than just entering and printing text. Learn MS Word techniques and shortcuts that will make your work easier and faster with Introduction to MS Word 2010. The two-day workshop meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 14 and Jan. 21 at SFSC Highlands Campus. The cost is \$65.

Learn to create, format, save, and print basic spreadsheets, formulas, and charts in Introduction to MS Excel 2010. This two-day workshop meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 at SFSC Highlands Campus. The cost is \$65.

Take your Excel spreadsheets to the next level; learn to sort and filter data, create cross-sheet formulas, and more in MS Intermediate Excel 2010. This two-day workshop meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 at SFSC Highlands Campus. The cost is \$65.

Learn the basics of creating a new database with tables, reports and forms in

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Gas prices fell 7.4 percent from October to November. MCT

Cheaper gas lowers US consumer prices 0.3 percent

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON — A steep fall in gas costs pushed down a measure of U.S. consumer prices last month, keeping inflation mild.

The seasonally adjusted consumer price index dropped 0.3 percent in November from October, the Labor Department said Friday. Gas prices fell 7.4 percent, the biggest drop in nearly four years. That offset a 0.2 percent rise in food prices.

In the past year, consumer prices have risen 1.8 per-

cent, down from October's 12-month increase of 2.2 percent.

Excluding the volatile food and gas categories, prices ticked up 0.1 percent in November. Core prices have risen 1.9 percent in the past year — below the Federal Reserve's annual target of 2 percent.

Higher rents, airline fares and new cars pushed up core prices last month. The cost of clothing and used cars fell.

"In simplest terms, inflation is not a problem," Jim Baird, chief investment strategist at Plante Moran Financial Advisors, said.

Lower inflation "is a real positive that should provide modest relief for households dealing with limited income growth."

High unemployment and slow wage growth have made businesses reluctant to raise prices. Many worry higher prices could drive away customers. That's helped keep inflation tame.

Modest inflation leaves consumers with more money to spend, which can boost economic growth. Lower inflation also makes it easier for the Fed to continue with its efforts to

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Error on your credit report? Here's help

If you've ever tried to remove inaccurate or fraudulent information from your credit report and gotten the runaround, take heart: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is now on the case.



Personal Finance
Jason Alderman

You can seek assistance from the CFPB if you have issues with:

- Incorrect information on your credit report;
- How a consumer reporting agency is handling its investigation of your complaint;
- The improper use of a credit

report;

In July 2012, the watchdog agency, formed as a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, gained authority to supervise all of the major consumer reporting agencies.

The CFPB now advocates for consumers who have complaints regarding interactions with credit bureaus and identity theft protection services. This adds to the agency's consumer grievance oversight which already included mortgages, bank accounts, consumer loans and private student loans.

"Credit reporting companies exert great influence over the lives of consumers," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray in announcing his agency's new responsibility.

"They help determine eligibility for loans, housing, and sometimes jobs. Consumers need an avenue of recourse when they feel they have been wronged."

report;

- Being unable to get a copy of a credit score or file; and
- Problems with credit monitoring or identity-protection services.

Here's how the new system works:

If you believe your credit report contains incorrect or fraudulent information, you should first file a dispute directly from that credit reporting company before contacting the CFPB. The same goes if you have an issue with how the company is handling its investigation of your grievance — for example, if they don't respond in writing within 30 days.

If, after filing your grievance, you are dissatisfied with the resolution, you may file a complaint with the CFPB using any of the following methods:

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The drought earlier this year in the Midwest has pushed up food prices, but not as much as some economist had feared.

Gas price drop helps lower costs

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rekindle the economy. If the Fed were worried that prices are rising too fast, it might have to raise interest rates.

Gas prices have fallen sharply in the past two months after spiking in the late summer. A gallon of gas cost an average of \$3.29 nationwide Friday. That's 15 cents less than a month ago and 50 cents less than in mid-October.

The increase in food prices was smaller than many economists expected. This summer's drought in the Midwest, which scorched corn and soybean crops, has pushed up food prices. But the increase hasn't been dramatic so far. Food costs have risen 1.8 percent in the past 12 months.

Some items have seen big increases. The cost of milk,

cheese and other dairy products have risen 0.8 percent in each of the past two months. That could reflect the higher cost of animal feed, which usually includes corn and soybeans. Cereals and baked goods rose 0.3 percent last month. But prices for the broad category of meat, chicken, fish and eggs fell in November, after a big gain the previous month.

Shoppers may face further increases soon. Wholesale food costs jumped 1.3 percent last month, according to a separate report Thursday, the most in nearly two years.

Beef prices jumped the most in 4 1/2 years, and vegetable costs also rose sharply. Grocery stores may pass on some of those costs to consumers in the coming months.

With inflation in check, the Fed said Wednesday that it

now plans to keep the short-term interest rate it controls at nearly zero until the unemployment rate falls to at least 6.5 percent, as long as inflation isn't expected to top 2.5 percent in the next two years.

It was the clearest sign yet that they will keep rates super-low even after unemployment falls further and the economy picks up.

Unemployment was 7.7 percent last month and the Fed projects it will stay above 6.5 percent until late 2015. The Fed also projects inflation will stay at or below 2 percent for the next three years.

The Fed also said it would continue purchasing \$85 billion in Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities each month in an effort to push down longer-term interest rates.

SFSC offers corporate education classes

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Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Jason Alderman on Twitter visit www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney

Florida Farm Bureau earns honors

Special to the News-Sun

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Membership growth helped to garner another prize for Florida Farm Bureau. By meeting its membership quota, the organiza-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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 FILE NO. PC 12-270

IN RE: ESTATE OF
 PHYLLIS A. PSZYK
 Division Probate
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of PHYLLIS
 A. PSZYK, deceased, whose date of death was
 March 9, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for
 HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division,
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The date of first publication of this Notice is
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
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 FILE NO. PC 12-487

IN RE: ESTATE OF
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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You are hereby notified that an Order of Sum-
 mary Administration has been entered in the es-
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 HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division,
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 Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the deced-
 ent's date of death was May 27, 2012; that the
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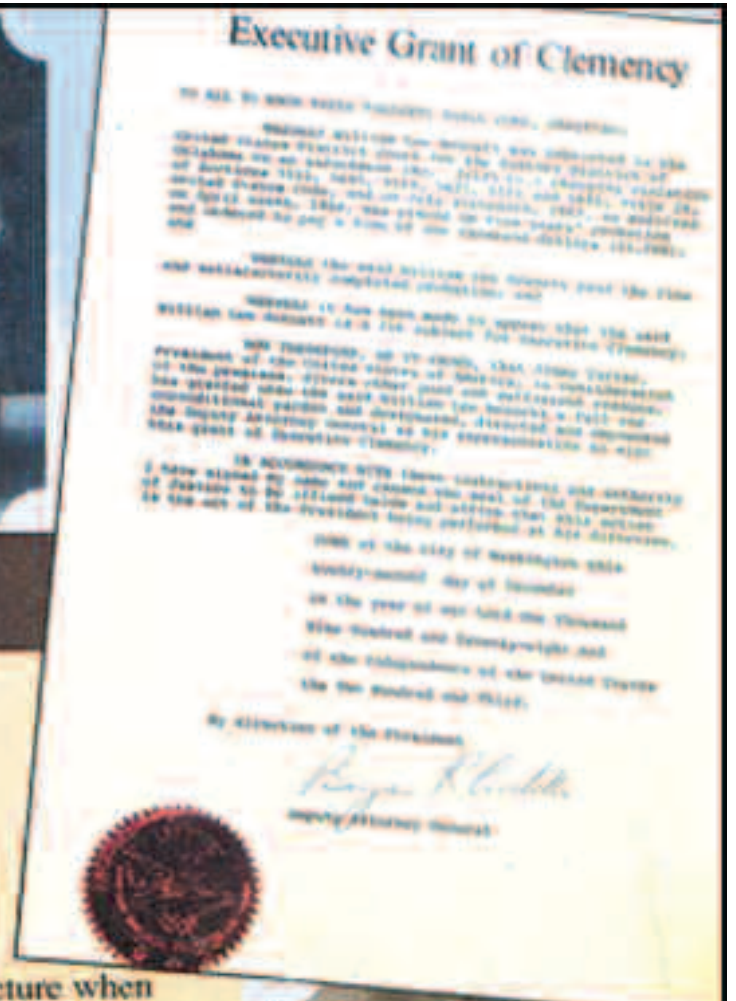
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'Legger Grabs Press Camera

Grand Jury Witness Objects to Filming
By LIT ROPER

An angry 6-foot-plus former bootlegger grabbed a Tribune photographer's camera this morning in a Federal Building corridor while waiting to testify before the federal grand jury.

But massive Bill Bennett, of Fort Gibson, a 34-year-old World War II hero whose picture just had been snapped, handed back the camera to Lee Gillette, the photographer when Deputy U.S. Marshal Preston Warren intervened.

Raising strenuous objections to publishing of his picture, Bennett insisted upon "talking to the marshal." Hubert Marlow, an assistant U.S. attorney accompanied Bennett to Marshal James Y. Victor's office.

The former bootlegger returned soon to the witness room, but the matter apparently was not closed.

When the grand jury recessed at noon, Bennett, U.S. Atty. B. Hayden Crawford, Marlow, James T. Rogers, Alcohol Tax Unit special investigator, and Fred Hall, ATU chief, went directly to the chambers of U.S. District Judge Royce H. Savage, presumably to discuss the corridor incident.

Judge Savage has given news photographers permission to shoot pictures in Federal Building halls, but has banned shots in offices.

Bennett's former business as a Fort Gibson wholesaler reportedly was as large commercially as he is physically; he held one of only two federal wholesale liquor tax stamps issued last year.

Seldom charged in county court, he recently was tried in Federal Court at Muskogee, found guilty of violating U.S. liquor laws and sentenced to a year. He now is free pending appeal.

He surrendered his liquor stamp to the Wagoner County attorney last spring and now is

said to be out of the business.

Gillette hardly had taken the picture when Bennett, towering in a Western-style straw hat and cowboy boots, moved toward him.

"I don't want that picture in the paper," snarled Bennett, grabbing the camera.

As he and the photographer stood holding the camera, Warren, who is on duty in the witness room, stepped to the corridor door.

"Bennett," he said, "you're wanted to testify now by the grand jurors."

Bennett protested he wanted "to see the marshal."



By this time ATU agents Rogers and Hall, had joined Bennett, Warren, Gillette, Marlow and a Tribune reporter in the hall.

"I think we'd better go see the marshal right now about taking pictures of these witnesses," Rogers broke in.

Marlow yielded to Bennett's protests and the two went to see Marshal Victor.

The jurors then called Mrs. Jessie Stockton of Sapulpa as a substitute witness to fill in the time scheduled for Bennett's appearance. He still had not testified at the noon recess.

Mrs. Stockton, a former Creek County liquor dealer, was the morning's third witness.

She was preceded by Roy Doty, Sapulpa liquor dealer, and his attractive, stylishly dressed blonde wife.

Later in the morning, Doty's brother George, who said he was a farmer, appeared to await a jury call. With George and also slated to testify was his equally attractive and well-dressed brunette wife.

The fourth person to be heard today was Jack Turner, former operator of Jack's Place, near Bristow. He was sentenced to 30 days in Federal Court here early this year for selling liquor without a tax stamp.

Waiting to be heard this afternoon besides Bennett was Kenneth Smith of Sapulpa, who said he was a laborer.



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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Sebring's Chantell Harris powers up 85 pounds on this clean-and-jerk attempt on her way to a win in the 110 class at Thursday's meet.

Lady Streaks lift strong

By DAN HOEHNE
daniel.hoehne@newsun.com
SEBRING – It was little more than a glorified practice Thursday, with an undersized Hardee team coming to the Sebring Fieldhouse.

But even so, the Lady Blue Streaks didn't let a lack of competition get in the way of pushing forward with their progress.

"It is tough when there's not a lot of competition," head coach Steve Berry said of a Lady Wildcat squad that had few, if any, lifters in the higher weight classes to push his team. "But the girls still kept focused and a lot of them saw improvements."

One of those improvements came from Angela

Dennard in the Unlimited category, as she took a step closer to a season goal with her combined lifts of 280, with a 150-pound bench press and 130-pound clean-and-jerk.

"I went up five pounds in each lift from last time," Dennard said. "My goal is to break 300 and I'll get there."

Her total won her class, with teammate Ali Sanchez going 135 bench and 105 jerk for a 240 total to take second.

Jamiese Wiley, taking some time off from basketball practice, made an outstanding first showing with a 290 total to win the 199 class, posting dueling 145s in each of her lifts.

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News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Steven Roberts got Avon Park's fourth-quarter floodgates opened in Friday's come-from-behind win over visiting Frostproof.

Lady Dragon defense muzzles Bulldogs

By BRITTANY WHITTINGTON

News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID – The Lady Dragons of Lake Placid were looking to keep their winning streak alive Friday night as they hosted the Lady Bulldogs of DeSoto.

Friday was no different from the two previous games earlier last week, nabbing another win, this one by a 60-36 count, and moving Lake Placid's record to 8-3 overall; and most importantly 5-0 in the District 10-4A standings.

With the triumphant wins earlier in the week against district rivals Avon Park and LaBelle, another win Friday was just icing on the cake to further secure the Dragons top seed place.

It was a bit of a slow start for the home team as they trailed DeSoto the first few minutes of the opening quarter.

The ending of the first quarter score, 10-7, was about as close as the Bulldogs could get to have any chance in taking the victory.

But not much time passed and the Dragons were slowly but surely taking full control of the scoreboard.

It was in the second quarter where the Lady Dragons really stepped their full-court

defense, forcing turnovers and creating more scoring opportunities.

And with the defense translating into more offense with quick, precise and flowing passes, Lake Placid began to pull away from the Lady Bulldogs.

Lake Placid
60
DeSoto
36

The scoring output in the second quarter just about doubled in points for the Dragons, as they were able to score 18 points in the second to add up to 28 points going into the half.

DeSoto, while still trying to stay aggressive, struggled to keep up and score just 11 points in the period to bring the halftime score to a 28-18 margin.

The Lady Dragons shined bright like a diamond with their second half play as they completely demolished a withering Bulldogs pack.

Although both teams scored almost an identical amount of points in the third quarter, the outstanding defensive play from the previous half by Lake Placid continued and gave them the upper hand still by 13 points.

The fourth quarter was by far the best defensive performance by the Green Dragons of the whole night as they held DeSoto to just six points over the final eight

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Bria Wilson provided some strong inside scoring punch, racking up 16 points in Lake Placid's win over DeSoto Friday.

Devils late charge freezes Frostproof

By ERIKA CORD

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK – The Devils took the win against Frostproof's Bulldogs in Friday night's boys basketball game, even with four starting players suspended.

The close game against these county border rivals left Avon Park fans leaving with a smile after the final score of 42-39 in the Devils' favor.

"They played better the second half than the first half," said Avon Parks coach Marty O'Hara. "They were a lot tougher than we were."

To start off the first quarter, Travis Lawton and T Chambers gave the Devils their first five pints in the game, and Recarus Burley getting 1 of 2 points on a technical foul.

Although Frostproof fought back hard, holding Avon Park silent from there, and finished the first with 12, leaving the Bulldogs up by seven.

The second period wasn't as good as the home team needed it to be either, going into the half-time break with Frostproof up 18-11.

John Mason and Burley shot some two pointers, which slowly began to add up.

Chambers finished off the second with a lay-up to

add another two points to the board.

Things were continuing to trudge along early in the second half when Chemaya Louis had the light shining on him when he made a 3-pointer in the middle of the third, giving the Devils a chance at catching up to the Bulldogs.

Avon Park
42
Frostproof
39

Along with Burley then hitting two foul shots to finish off the third with Avon Park only down by six points.

The Devils kicked it up in the last quarter, where it was a solid back-and-forth over all eight minutes.

Steven Roberts started it off with a penalty shot, adding the first point of the quarter.

Burley, Lawton and Jovan Pratt were the players who then took over and did the damage to Frostproof's ego over the next several minutes.

With 18 of the final points scored in this quarter, it nearly matched the Devils total from the first three quarters combined.

This late offensive outburst soon saw Avon Park put the deep freeze on Frostproof for the three-point win when the final horn sounded.

The leading scores for

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News-Sun photo by TAYLOR TUBBS
Ashley Longabaugh looks to power this punt past this McKeel player during Sebring's Thursday night loss to the top-district seed.

Streaks hang tough with top seed

By TAYLOR TUBBS

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING– The Lady Streaks took on the McKeel Wildcats at home on Thursday night under the cool temperatures with the stadium lights shining down.

The lights could not provide enough heat for the Streaks to shine, however, as they came up short of a win with a 2-0 final score.

McKeel typically has a strong girls team and currently sit atop the District 13-3A

standings, though the Sebring girls gave them a run for their money with several strong offensive attempts as well as a solid defense.

McKeel
2
Sebring
0

A corner kick by Heather Bloemsa almost ended up in the net, but the McKeel keeper was able to scoop it up just in time.

Bloemsa's sister, Shannon, proved to be a strong player for the Streaks as well in her posi-

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FACA Football Classic returns



The 58th Annual North-South FACA Football All-Star Classic returns to Sebring this week. See Page 3D.

Sebring strong, McKeel mightier

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tion as goalie. She made a number of great saves throughout the night, but unfortunately one was able to slip through at the 10-minute mark, giving McKeel a lead going into the halftime break.

"Shannon is improving every week," said head coach Richie Birdsall. "She's only been a goalie for four months, and the great thing is we have her for two more years."

Just minutes before halftime the Streaks suffered a loss when Mariana Becker had to be taken off of the field due to a lagging injury.

The Wildcats came on strong after halftime, scoring once again at the 36-minute mark off of a corner kick.

Sebring's defense returned to its' aggressive and stingy ways after that, and was able to keep the Wildcats at bay for the remainder of the game.



News-Sun photo by TAYLOR TUBBS
Heather Bloemsma had a corner kick that nearly found net Thursday, and the Lady Streaks would see a number of opportunities turn into near misses in the 2-0 loss to visiting McKeel.

Haylee Peters stopped a McKeel attempt at goal with a massive clear across the field.

McKeel took several corner kicks that were headed straight for the Sebring goal,

but once again the Streaks made a fence that even these Wildcats were unable to scale.

The Sebring offense had a number of close calls to scoring in the second half as

well. Destiny McCartney had a breakaway run and shot on goal with 18 minutes remaining in the game that sailed a little too far to the left.

Peters proved her versatility from a defensive clear to an offensive powerhouse when she took a shot on goal that bounced off the frame.

Although Sebring had a number of attempts, McKeel would still come out on top with a finishing score of 2-0.

"We had chances, but we didn't finish," said Birdsall. "When they had chances, they finished."

"They played hard, and that's all we ask of them. Play hard, and have fun."

With only one game remaining next Tuesday against Clewiston at home, the Lady Streaks will then have the chance to recharge over Christmas Break for the remainder of the season.

AP players making most of opportunity

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The Devils this night were Burley with 16 points and Lawton with eight.

"The heart those players have is what has kept us going," O'Hora said. "They

'The heart those players have is what kept us going.'

MARTY O'HORA
Avon Park head coach

valued the ball like it was the last time they were going to play.

"We told them in the locker room that a lot of their careers are going to go by and that you can't, for one second, not play your hardest or not be smart with the ball. You have to play your toughest."

Avon Park has most of the



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Recarus Burley lead the way to Friday's win over Frostproof with 16 points.

week off before hosting Sarasota Booker on Friday and then traveling to the Auburndale Christmas Shootout to face Haines City Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

The perfect gift for this racing wish

By CHARLES DRESSING
ALMS Broadcasting

When the November calendar page flutters to the floor I naturally think of, well, Sebring.

Then Christmas. December is not only where the Yule and the first day of winter live but the very calendar page where the anniversary of the first Grand Prix of the United States resides.

After the recent revelries in Austin, such memories are easy to retrieve because that first USGP was at Sebring.

Look at the grid of the recent USGP and two names slide easily into the same synapse as the 1959 F1 World Championship decider at Sebring on Dec. 12, 1959 - Ferrari and Lotus.

Both are still on the grid, 53 years later. And that ancient field of honor, 53 years ago, was Sebring.

There was no other option. Sebring impresario Alec Ulmann was beloved by the international motorsport community, so Florida got the date.

Like 2012, the '59 F1 title fight went to the final round.

And a McLaren won both; Bruce McLaren won the 1959 USGP at Sebring and Jenson Button's McLaren won the Brazilian GP.

It's yet more historic symmetry, if one cares for such froth. (And I do.)

This was so long ago that the pair of Lotus that took the green flag for the first World Championship F1 race in America had their engines in front of the drivers, just like the Ferraris of the day.

All this is part of my Christmas memories because that was the

year that I got my first Scalextric set with a pair of front engine Lotus 16 F1 racers. (Honest.)

As a bonus, Mom threw in a pair of sports cars: an Aston Martin DBR1 (it had just won Le Mans, after all) and a Costin Lister/Jaguar.

I couldn't afford enough Scalextric track to make a proper Sebring course on the floor of my bedroom.

But I kept adding stuff piece by piece.

Most of it's gone, but the original set survives, in the box. (Merry Christmas, indeed.)

So Christmas and Sebring are forever linked (along with Lotus, Aston Martin and Lister) in my tiny mind.

Down here the Yule is the end of the old year and Sebring is the beginning of the new.

The whole idea of starting over is appealing.

Next March is the 60th anniversary of the first World Sports Car Championship (at Sebring, of course) race on March 8, 1953: a date I remember. Sort of.

The last summer of freedom before I entered grammar school and began the slogging 12-year death march through our appalling public school system where I learned nothing more important than to keep my head down, never volunteer and make sure no one caught me reading Henry Manney's race reports in Road & Track magazine during study hall.

This was the year John Fitch and Phil Walters won the first World Sports Car Championship race on Sebring's unforgiving runways.

It was an American victory in every sense.

I'm still proud of that.

(Scalextric is an English company, so no Cunningham C-4R slot cars to honor the first car to win a World Sports Car Championship race!)

Sebring is still a magical name, and because of Christmas 1959 the Yule always brings it closer.

So tantalizingly near; in the same time zone and, with blood relatives living in Florida, Sebring somehow seemed potentially accessible.

It took me another 21 years to get there, but I finally made it.

Since the mid-80s I haven't missed the 12 Hours.

It's my celebration of the New Year (and of the delightfully obscure St Urho's Day that always falls the day before St Patrick's Day).

This March 16th will be bitter-sweet.

The FIA has chosen to exclude the 12 Hours from the 2013 World Endurance Championship calendar.

That honor - in America -- will go to the Circuit of the Americas.

So much for my nostalgia-fueled glee last year when the first round of the new and improved WEC was the 60th 12 Hours of Sebring.

So here's my Christmas wish list. (As usual, I'll

be getting none of it.)

1) A 12-hour round of the World Endurance Championship at Sebring (In March, thank you.)

2) A 24-hour round of the World Endurance Championship at Daytona (in 2014). Or...

3) A six -hour round of the World Endurance Championship at Watkins Glen.

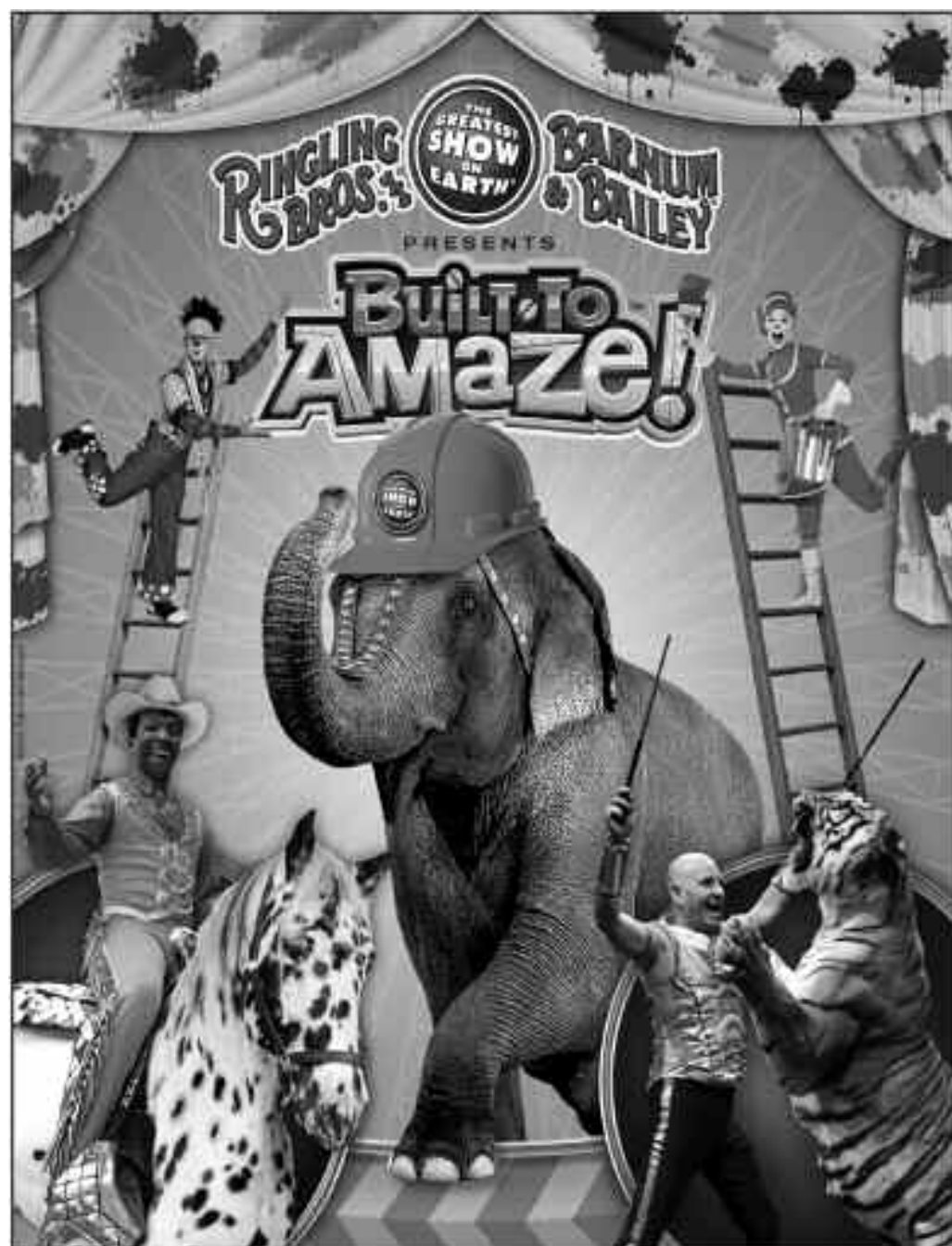
4) It's probably too much to wish for a 10-hour round of the World Endurance Championship at Road Atlanta. (In October, on the traditional USGP weekend, please.)

5) The recently discontinued Scalextric "Full Throttle" slot car set with the Gulf-liveried Lola-Aston Martin and the 908 Peugeot HDI FAP, plus a lap counter and

timer unit that counts down the numbers of laps and a timer that records fastest lap for each lane to the nearest tenth of a second and a raised bridge section and two crossovers! It's never too late to have a happy childhood. (I prove that every race day morning at Sebring.)

Oh! And enough track to make a decent Sebring layout - the old 5.2-mile Sebring circuit that Bruce McLaren won on in '59 ... the year David Brabham's dad won the first of his three World Championships by pushing his Cooper home fourth in that first US Grand Prix!

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Bucs try to stay alive for playoffs vs. Saints

By BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — As he reaches the final stage of a memorable career, Tampa Bay safety Ronde Barber is pleased to have at least one more late-season game with postseason implications.

If he and a Buccaneers defense that ranks last against the pass can somehow slow down Saints quarterback Drew Brees on Sunday, Tampa Bay (6-7) might even remain on the fringe of the NFC wild card race for another week.

“One of the most frustrating things that I’ve had to deal with over my career, not necessarily this year or any other year, just over the years (is) when you’re not playing meaningful games in December. Then it feels like you’re just grinding through,” said Barber, who has yet to commit to playing beyond this season, his 16th. “To still have a chance is about as much as you can ask for.”

That mentality sounds familiar to the Saints (5-8), who took precisely that approach into New York last Sunday, only to be throttled by the Giants, 52-27.

It was a demoralizing third-straight loss after they had clawed back to .500, at 5-5, following an 0-4 start.

Brees, who torched the Bucs when New Orleans took a 35-28 victory in Tampa Bay on Oct. 21, has hardly looked himself during the recent skid, throwing nine interceptions in the three losses, which have all but mathematically eliminated New Orleans from the post-season.

Brees has held himself accountable for what he has termed game-changing mistakes.

It only looks worse that one of Brees’ worst seasons as a Saint comes after a long hold-out that ended shortly before training camp, when he received a five-year, \$100 million contract extension that made him the highest paid player in the game.

Yet assistant head coach Joe Vitt is quick to come to Brees’ defense,



MCT photo

It’s been a trying year for Drew Brees and the Saints, but they’ll be eager to play the spoiler to Tampa’s playoff hopes today.

appreciating what a central role he has played in the success the Saints have had since 2006.

“Drew knows the respect we have for him as an organization, from a players’ standpoint and a coaching standpoint,” Vitt said, adding that the problem “is not Drew Brees.”

“This is our football team and the only thing that’s been a shortcoming on this team has been me,” Vitt said. “I’ve got to do a better job of preparing our football team. When we lose, we lose together. We don’t point fingers around here and we’ll never do that. I need to coach better. ... Everybody needs to play better. When everybody plays better, Drew will play better too. But, no, there’s nothing I can do for him except to be there for him.”

The Saints aren’t the only team in this matchup that has struggled recently.

The Buccaneers fell to a third-

straight loss only, letting a very winnable game slip away in a 23-21 setback against Philadelphia last week.

“We dug ourselves a hole, there is no question, by losing (the past) three games straight, at least two of them that we were in and had a chance to win,” Barber said.

Bucs coach Greg Schiano said his team’s “biggest issue is consistency right now.”

“We’ll shoot ourselves in the foot,” he said “We’ll get a holding penalty or do something that we’re not trained to do and all of a sudden we’re behind the eight ball.”

“We have to coach better. We have to do a better job of all the little things that allow you to win.”

Odds makers expect a high-scoring game, setting an over-under of 54, which represents a league-high for Week 15.

It’s easy to see why.

Both teams rank in the top half of the league on offense and at, or near, the very bottom on defense.

The Buccaneers’ defense ranks first against the run, but still 29th overall because it’s yielding a whopping 311.6 yards per game through the air.

That could bode ill for the Bucs against Brees, who despite the recent losing has New Orleans’ passing offense ranked second in the NFL at nearly 300 yards per game.

Tampa Bay has had more balance on offense, with Doug Martin rushing for a Tampa Bay rookie record 1,234 yards and quarterback Josh Freeman surpassing 3,000 yards in the air for a third straight season.

Although New Orleans’ defense has started to look better in the second half of the season, the unit struggled last week and is still giving up a league-worst 436.9 yards

per game, on pace to allow single-season record 6,990 yards, which would surpass the 6,793 allowed by 1981 Baltimore Colts.

Technically, if the Saints won their last three games and several teams in front of them completely fell apart, New Orleans could sneak into the postseason at 8-8.

But Brees and Co. know it’s no longer realistic to believe they will be back in the postseason for a fourth straight year.

Recently, the Saints have been fielding a lot of questions about whether their playoff hopes ultimately were derailed by the bounty scandal that led to head coach Sean Payton’s suspension for the whole season, and which forced two defensive regulars, Jon Vilma and Will Smith, to put forth an intensive legal effort through the first 14 weeks of the season before their suspensions were thrown out this past week on appeal.

The party line at Saints headquarters is that it obviously hurts to lose a coach like Payton, among the most respected and progressive offensive minds in the game.

But the Saints do not want to use that as an excuse.

They still had their best players in the lineup — most of them veterans who know the system — and they simply didn’t execute consistently.

“All we can control is the next three weeks and how we want to define ourselves for the season,” Brees said. “You try to block out a lot of what’s happened prior to this. I think we would all recognize we haven’t played our best football, especially down the stretch here. The only way we can make that right is by going out here these last three weeks and really putting it together the way that we know how. We want to end the season on a high note, feeling good about ourselves, feeling good about the future.”

Bess and Misi to miss Miami game against Jaguars

Associated Press

DAVIE — Miami Dolphins receiver Davone Bess and linebacker Koa Misi have been ruled out of Sunday’s game against Jacksonville.

Bess missed practice this week with a back injury, and Misi has been sidelined since hurting his ankle in last week’s loss at San Francisco. Their absences could mean

the first starts of the year for receiver Marlon Moore and linebacker Jason Trusnik.

Seven players were listed as probable Friday, including receiver Brian Hartline (gluteus) and linebacker Karlos Dansby (biceps).

Jaguars waive WR Elliott, promote G Pasztor

The Jaguars, meanwhile, have waived rookie receiver

Kevin Elliott and activated rookie offensive lineman Austin Pasztor from the practice squad.

The team also signed receiver Jerrell Jackson to the practice squad.

Elliott, who started one game and played in a dozen more for the Jaguars (2-11), caught seven passes for 70 yards.



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Lift season heads to break

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Nakeema Thomas finished second in the class with a pair of 130s for a 260 total.

Sebring took the top two spots in the 183 class, uncontested, with Jessica Belcher totaling 215 and Milanda Michel posting a 145 total.

Two more top finishes came at 169 as Michelle Volny had a 125 bench and 110 jerk for a 235 winning effort, while Monique Michelin had a 175 total for second.

At 154, Briah Thomas and Teresa Ware had quite a battle, with both benching 100 and jerking 105 for 205 totals.

With the pre-meet weighing in serving as any first tie-breaker, the nod for first went to Thomas.

Denise Constant remained consistently strong, taking a win at 139 with a 225 total and Monica Tookes went 100 and 95 to place third.

In the 129 class, there was little doubt Imani Powell would continue her season-long winning streak, and she



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Angela Dennard gives a smile as she knows her 150-pound bench press is going to be good in Thursday's meet.

didn't disappoint with a 245 total with a 125 and 120.

Febe Murillo was second at 210 with a bench of 110 and clean-and-jerk of an even 100.

Another step up was seen at 119 when, after her winning totals of 80 and 95, Liz Whitehead seemed more surprised than Berry when she ran up and declared, "I got 95!"

Shana'jh Heath was third in the class with a 140 total.

Chantell Harris added to

the winning with a 170 combination of 85-pound lifts to take the 110 class, with Andrea Murillo taking third, and Kayla Bowen had a 140 total to win at 101, with Kuleyka Valles finishing second with a combined 105.

The girls will have the rest of the holiday season to split time between relaxing, reenergizing and getting reenergized for the latter part of the lifting season with a home meet against LaBelle on Friday, Jan. 4.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Quiahja Williams looks inside for an open teammate and would score eight points of her own in Lake Placid's big win Friday.

LP sits atop District

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minutes of play.

"There is still improvement we can make," head coach Jackie Coyne said afterward. "We have much of the season left. We're here to take districts."

Alex Coyne lead the scoring with 22 points and got some strong interior scoring from Bria Wilson who totaled 16.

Quiahja Williams added eight and Breanna Corley seven.

Lake Placid has a non-district date against Clewiston at


'There is still much improvement we can make.'

JACKIE COYNE

Lady Dragon head coach home Monday and travel to Mulberry for a district tilt Tuesday before settling into the Holiday Break.

News-Sun Sports Editor Dan Hoehne contributed to this article.

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