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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

and

Seniors

Enforcement 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 & Club Professionals to be inducted into the LPGA Teaching



Frewin-Hays

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

Professional golf course management goal, she signed on with American Golf Corporation Among in 1987. At the time it was other things, the largest golf course man-Frewinagement company in the Hays was 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

For 14 years Frewin-Hays served in various officer positions in the LPGA Teaching and Professional Division,

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## Christmas at the Y



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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

## 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.

## Gunman forced his way into school

Associated Press/Staff reports

NEWTOWN, Conn. — The massacre of 26 children and adults at a Connecticut elementary school elicited horror and soul-searching around the world even as it raised more basic questions about why the gunman, a 20-year-old described as brilliant but remote, was driven to such a crime and how he chose his victims.

Investigators were trying to learn more about Adam Lanza and questioned his older brother, who was not believed to have been involved in the rampage at Sandy Hook Elementary. Police shed no light on the motive for the second-deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

"My heart breaks for the families of the kids who loss their lives today," said Sebring's Briana Agee, a stay-athome mother with two kids, on Friday. "Such a sad day. I can't imag

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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.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY Lea Holler (left) takes a shy bow after reading a piece about a birthday surprise party. She was one of seven fourthgrade 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.

#### Student writers tell their stories

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY christopher.tuffley@newssun.com

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 them-

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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## **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

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 - Awardwinning 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

#### **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 they 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

sgholar@newssun.com 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 it's 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 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 purchases. their 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 Dive, 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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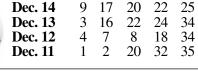


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## EDITORIAL & OPINION

## **ANOTHER VIEWPOINT Stand Your Ground is costing lives**

he 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

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 seconddegree 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-toooften somebody dies, somebody goes to jail and lives are destroyed. ...

Lives are being lost because of a bad

An editorial from the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville.



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# The world isn't

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 the Mayans knew something we didn't and declared the end of the

one bad movie ("2012," which was so bad it was funny) and a few people acting crazy. However, have assured people that nothing special is going to happen, except the beginning of a new Mayan cal-

the end of the world prophecies with tongue 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 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

clear, I'm not a big believdiction. It is yet another in a long line of prophecies concerning the last chapter probably be another predic-

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.

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-

## 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

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.

Laura Ware is a Sebring resident. She can be contacted by email at bookwormlady@ embarqmail.com Visit her web-

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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

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

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?

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

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

#### Help appreciated for ABATE **Toy Run**

Editor:

Bouquet

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.

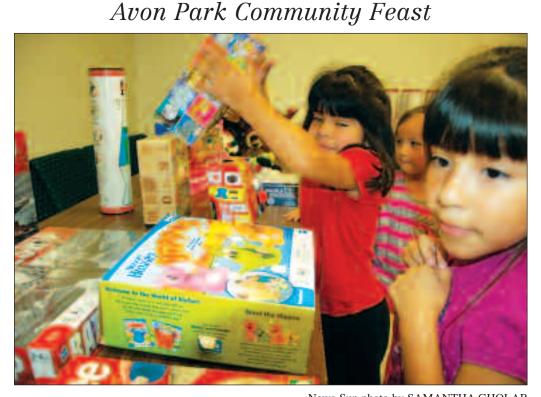
I ride with an organization known as ABATE, and we have a toy run the first Saturday in December, which was the 1st. We had a good turnout, and collected a lot of toys and gifts for the families we are sponsoring.

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

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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 desert; 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 izen 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 for citinput Commissioner Don Elwell, 2013 fiscal year.

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

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-



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.

## Ogg has more than one reason to celebrate today

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent SEBRING

**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 officially will take the place of retiring Highlands County Supervisor Elections Joe Campbell with swearing-in ceremonies on Jan 8. Campbell steps

down after nearly four deacdes in working for the Before Christmas," the play 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 double 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

"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

vears.

The sisters do, however, both attend Bethel Holiness Church and will be part of tonight's Christmas program.

Titled "Two Nights revolves around the toys in a store coming to life and learning the true meaning of

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 com-



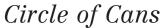


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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR Evan, 6, and Grayson, 4, Sparks donate several canned goods to Wendy Turner (right), a member of the Sebring Noon Rotary and Salvation Army volunteer. The Sparks boys visited the Sebring Circle with their mother Gail (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/Sebring Centennial. 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.

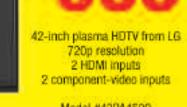
Here we are, just a couple of Sundays left in the year, where did the time go?







# PLASMA HD









## FSA seeks donations for spree

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for Saturday's spree.

"This year, the number of 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; donations may be given in any information, contact Saffold increments however.

"If there is someone who The FSA oplications submitted for doesn't want to give cash or Shopping Spree will be held 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 at 381-5166.

at K-Mart at Lakeshore Mall Saturday, Dec. 22 at 11:00

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 Professional by the News-

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

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

**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

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 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.



## 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 his-

Graduate and former student Robert Saffold is one of the many hands putting together this year's celebration and welcomes the many

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 International Sebring Raceway.

"The first event ceremony will be the unveiling of the

former students and alumni 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 tree that Saffold describes as "the social spot" where many students gathered for lunch, fun and

socializing.

golfing tournaments, picnics, dance parties, church services and a reunion dinner.

The E.O. Reunion celebration souvenir book will help to capture the many memories and faces that have become a part of Highlands County's rich his-

"We currently have 100 RSVPs for the reunion. We are sure there are going to be

Other activities include 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.



materials for coloring, "so

we set them up with paper

was about an hour, officers

came to the door and

knocked, but those inside

couldn't be sure it was the

badge under the door, and

they called and said, 'It's

OK, it's the police," she

speaking on condition of

anonymity said investigators

believe Lanza attended the

school several years ago.

A law enforcement official

"One of them slid his

After what she guessed

and crayons."

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 shoot-

"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

## 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; S. Brooklyn 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

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

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

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

Persons living in the Placid Lakes dubdivision are welcome to attend. Only members who have paid their dues may vote. The agenda will be posted on the asssociation'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 awardwinning 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

## 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,

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

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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 was

preceded in

death by her

mother and

stepfather,

Baanan; her

Pearl and

Elmer



L.Perkins

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-grandchil-

Memorial donations may be made to Unity of Sebring, 10417 South Orange Blossom Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to:

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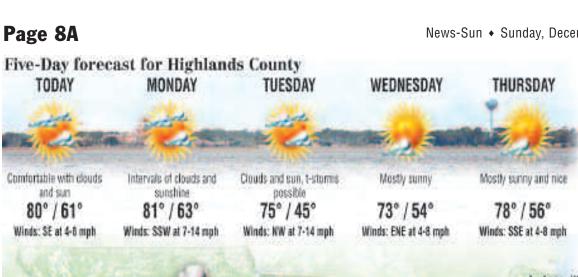
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# traditions

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





#### **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 communi-

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

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.

#### **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

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



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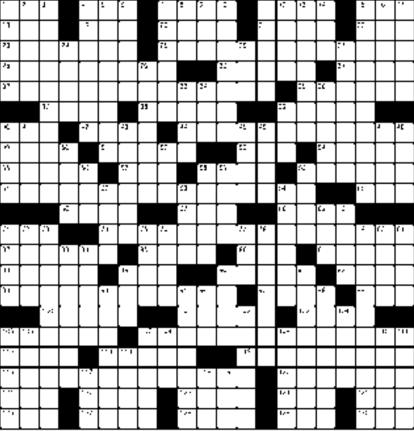
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## Available peace

remember a 'before-cell phones' emergency telephone call that came to our house about our youngest son. Unfortunately, because we were working outside in our yard, we didn't hear the phone.

Consequently, a teacher/mom took care of our son and eventually reached us once we were inside. He had had a collision with one of his brothers in the gym and had hit his head on the concrete

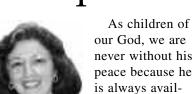
As panic threatened, she assured us he was recovering and would be fine. But as we sped to her house, our peace felt elusive because we hadn't been available for our son in his time of need.

Have you ever lost your sense of peace? You're told to slow down, have some 'me' time or simply get enough sleep and peace will return. But, do you know it doesn't have to be elusive and can be deep and abiding?

Let's look at the letter 'A' in peace.

It reminds me that peace is always available, always present through my relationship with Christ Jesus.

We associate peace with the absence of conflict, an atmosphere of calm or lack of distress. But it doesn't last. And with the threat of terrorism hanging over our heads every day, peace is even more elusive. But it doesn't have to be.



Pause And Consider

peace. As it says in Ephesians 2: 14 Jan Merop a, NKJV, "For He Himself is our peace." That is why when the angels proclaimed "peace on earth, good will to men"

it wasn't about peace from Rome or absence of conflict. It was about that always available, always present peace that the Prince of Peace would bring to our hearts. Peace that believing, receiving hearts would be able to access and rely on.

As Jesus was preparing his disciples for his crucifixion, resurrection and ascension into heaven, he said in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you."

And then later in Philippians 4: 7 we're reminded to rejoice always in the Lord, not to be anxious, to be thankful and come to him with our requests...reminding us that everlasting, always available peace is ours. "And the peace of God, which transcends all under-

Christ Jesus." Christmas peace for always. Selah

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Jan Merop is a News-Sun correspondent.

## Security guard gets little respect from girlfriend's pals

Dear Abby: I have been separated for three years and am now going through a divorce. I have started a new relationship, and, for the first time, I know what being in love feels like.

"Mason" is a remarkable man with many great qualities. However, when we go to my friends' parties, they often make comments and belittle him because he didn't graduate from college. Mason is a security guard. It doesn't bother me, but I feel bad when people ask him why he didn't become a police officer "instead."

My friends are all professionals who married other professionals. They don't realize that they can sometimes be snobs. I don't know how to approach this subject without getting into an awkward confrontation. Mason's feelings were hurt before by a prior girlfriend whose family and friends thought he was a loser because he's a security guard.

I love him and want this to work. Why do I let other people's comments affect me? And how can I approach them about this matter?

- Unhappy in New York **Dear Unhappy:** You may be affected because your friends are unable to see the wonderful qualities in Mason that you do. Please understand that they may feel they are trying to look out for your best interests after what has to be a traumatic disappointment – the long, depressing slog through your divorce. If your friends persist in mak-



**Dear Abby** 

ing comments to Mason about his job, you should ask them to please stop because they are making both of you uncomfortable.

However, I would be remiss if I didn't caution you: After someone has experienced a divorce, it is not unusual to experience a rush of adrenaline – a kind of "high" - during the next relationship. While it seems idyllic, the problem is that it usually doesn't last, which is why rebound relationships often don't work out. This is not to imply that there is anything wrong with Mason, only that you would be wise to take your time before rushing into another marriage.

**Dear Abby:** I want to be at home on Christmas. Am I so bad? Every year, my mother-in-law pushes us to be at her house on Christmas. My husband and I have even discussed this issue with a marriage counselor. Together, we agreed to always be in our home on Christmas Day. I am happy to have my in-laws over, but not bothered if

they choose not to come. My husband talked to his mother, and everything was worked out last year. However, when I told him she was starting up again,

he got mad at me. It makes me sad that he is more worried about pacifying his mother than making memories with me.

I want to fix dinner and do special things in my home because I didn't have that when I was a child. Am I so terrible to want that? She had her time. Now I want my time.

- Wants My Turn in North Carolina

**Dear Wants Your Turn:** 

Your husband got mad at you because he has been on the receiving end of heavy pressure from his mother. She's alive and kicking, so in her mind her "time" is

not yet over. While I sympathize with your desire to establish traditions of your own, you will encounter less resistance and resentment if you do it gradually. A way to do that would be to alternate Christmas holidays between your home and your inlaws' – a suggestion I hope you will take to heart.

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## Time for Aries to act first, ask questions later

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Aries (March 21-April 20) - Aries, you may need to take a leap of faith when someone close to you asks for your assistance. Act first and ask questions later. It will be worth it.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) - Taurus, there is bound to be a learning curve when you begin a new job or a new task. Do not be hard on yourself if it takes you a little

Gemini (May 22-June 21) - Gemini, thoughtful reflection certainly may provide some of the answers you seek. But another way is to simply get out there and ask other people what they think.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Cancer, sad situations may come up, but you have a way of deflecting the situation and showcasing the bright side of things. You may find you are a person providing support this week.

- Leo, many opportunities to entertain family and friends are on the horizon. Honor all of your commitments and enjoy all of the festivities.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) - Virgo, while you aspire to have many friends, you just may find that there are only a *Horoscope* 

few special people who hold the strings to your heart. It is okay to keep them close.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** - Libra, sit down and enjoy some peace and quiet. You may enjoy the break from the frenetic pace you have been keeping the last few months.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Ever an ideas person, Scorpio, now you have to put some follow-through into those plans. You can likely find a few friends to join you on your next adventure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Sagittarius, things certainly go on when you're not around, but others may notice they just may not be as fun. You often lend joviality to anything you attend so spread your cheer.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. **20**) – Capricorn, bide your time and you just may end the year on a bang. Don't be afraid to add other things to your last-minute wish list because your goals just may

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. **18**) – Aquarius, you enjoy social situations but that doesn't mean you have to be the life of the party. Keep this in mind as you attend holiday

gatherings.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Pisces, while others are thinking about what presents they want under the tree, you may be thinking of how to

#### Famous birthdays

give back to others.

Dec. 16 – Hallee Hirsh, actress, 25; Dec. 17 – Bill Pullman, actor, 59; Dec. 18 - Christina Aguilera, singer, 32; Dec. 19 – Alyssa Milano, actress, 40; Dec. 20 - Jonah Hill, actor, 29; Dec. 21 - Ray Romano, comic actor, 55; Dec. 22 – Diane Sawyer, news anchor, 67.



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In her five decades of songwriting, King's hits have

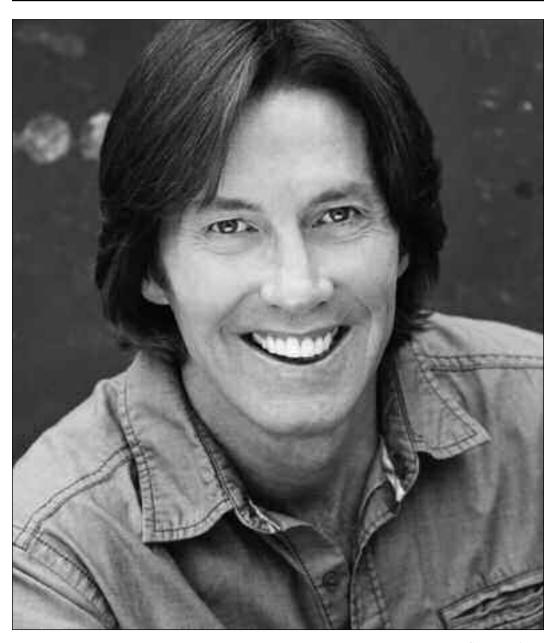
Friend," "So Far Away" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman." King will be the fifth person to receive the prize. Prior recipients include Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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

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**

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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

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 Community Education is offering new classes this spring at the Highlands Campus.

Aquabics is a moderatelypaced 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 fitdesigned 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

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 fingerspelling ASL, word signing and learning descriptives on non-manual markers, ASL sentence structure, rhetoriness! Zumba is fun and a cal questions, time, adverbs great way to workout. It is 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

Conversational Spanish, students will learn the fundamentals of speaking 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 recom-Register mended. 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 email 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 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 ebooks 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 NEW YORK — The 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 royal-

> "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 dis-

> according 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

## 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



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-

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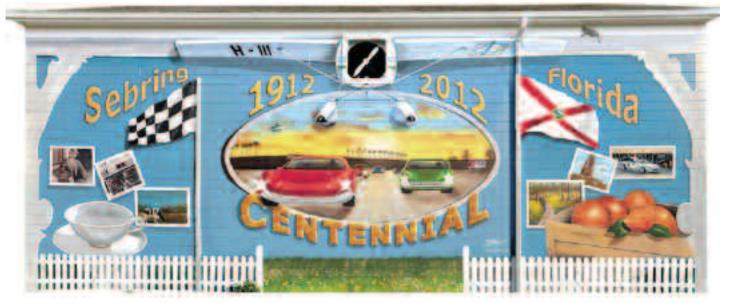


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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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-thanlife" 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 americancentennials.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 abd a brief intense image)
Running time: 106 minutes

self 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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## Outdoor education can prepare children for the future



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**News From** The Watershed

Corine Burgess

change and the huge load on limited natural resources are issues they will need to face within their lifetimes. According to recent studies by Justin Dillon, Mark Rickinson, Kelly Teamey, Marian Morris, Mee Young Choi, Dawn Sanders and Pauline Benefield, "Evidence points to the fact that children gain their most powerful understanding of their natural environment through exploring it for themselves."

In an effort to prepare today's youth for the future challenges they may face, it is vital that we teach them about the natural resources by experiencing nature. This may sound like a simple task:

however, educators face near future, many challenges regarding removing the students from the classrooms, such as budgetary concerns, curriculum pressures and health and facing the safety of the students while out in the field.

It is a common belief that this generation of youths is losing their connections with the natural world and their cultural heritage. Technology is a wonderful thing, but when children spend all their spare time in front of a computer or other electronic device, they are not experiencing physical fitness or a link with their natural envi-

Once exposed to the natu-

ral world, most children truly enjoy the experience and are fascinated with what they see and learn. The outdoors allows kids to move beyond the text books and paperwork and touch and feel the world around them. Interacting with living creatures and watching the intricate web of nature's mysteries consumes their interest and can actually develop their attitudes, values and commitments toward being positive stewards of the



Courtesy photo

Justin Burgess, Faith Farrer and Preston Farrer explore nature at the Sun 'N Lake Preserve in Sebring.

The National Foundation for Educational Research has found that outdoor learning has a wider impact than that same subject being studied in the classroom. Independent thinking, motivation, time management, communication, team-working and good judgment are skills that are credited to learning outdoors. Participation in outdoor activities shows kids displaying trust, respect, social integration and a feeling of well-

Further research suggests that when children are exposed to outdoor classrooms, they remember the

experience for years to come. A study done in 11 California schools showed that the students exposed to an environmental curriculum scored higher in 72 percent of the academic assessments such as reading, science, math, attendance rates and grade point average.

Unfortunately, kids today may not have as many opportunities as we did when we were their age. Playing outside, exploring nature and getting dirty was part of growing up in years past. Richard Louv, author of Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder, claims that

this "disconnect from the natural world is producing ill effects in both mind and body."

But with time restraints on parents and teachers, getting "outdoors" may not be as simple as it once was. And some folks are just plain afraid to go out because of insects, disease and wild animals that they believe are lurking in wait to attack them and their children. Others simply may not have a place nearby to go if they are living in a city and no parks are

Most of these fears and issues are easily resolved with a little education and a few common sense precautions. Parents and educators need to get kids outside because when they spend most of their time inside, they miss so much. Depression, obesity and attention deficit disorder are becoming common symptoms in children these days. Research shows that kids that have direct access to nature are better learners and more well-rounded human beings. Being in nature reduces stress and increases attention spans.

Every sense is used and active when outdoors and the small human engrossed in the natural world becomes part of something bigger than

There are many ways to encourage children to become part of the natural world. Many parents are already jumping on the band wagon and getting their kids outdoors. While it may not be wise to let kids freely roam the neighborhood, an adult taking them on a hike or to a local park can do wonders. Another way to get kids interested is to be excited about nature yourself. Keep some "untamed" spots in the backyard so the kids can explore and dig. Let them grow some vegetables or flowers in a garden area. When out in nature, don't just jog along – stop and look at the bugs and leaves and flowers and inspect them and talk about what you see with your little one.

Corine Burgess is and Environmental Specialist for the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department.

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

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- Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC) We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park, Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catylist class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.
- Faith Missionary Baptist Church, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.
- Fellowship Baptist Church, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. Eoffice@apfellow Web site, www.apfellow ship.org; ship.org.
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Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Sunday broadcast on Cable TV Channel 6. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park,"

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

- First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbclp.com. Email: information@ fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a..m., Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call
- 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com. ■ First Baptist Church of Lorida located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the "Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-
- First Baptist Church, Sebring, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults, and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704.
- Florida Avenue Baptist Church, 401 S. Florida Ave., Avon Park. Mailing address is 710 W. Bell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone, 453-5339, Rev. John D. Girdlev. pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.
- Independent Baptist Church, 5704 County Road 17 South, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening, 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m. Fundamental, soul-winning, mission-minded, King James Bible Church. Larry Ruse, pastor. Phone 655-1899. Bus transportation.
- Leisure Lakes Baptist Church, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m.

Call the church at 699-0671 for more infor-

- Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC), 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Arbuckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-
- Parkway Free Will Baptist Church, 3413 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Welcome to the church where the "Son" always shines. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday Evening Worship, 7 p.m. End-of-the-Month-Sing at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. The Rev. J.S. Scaggs, pastor. Church phone: 382-3552. Home phone: 214-3025. Affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.
- Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC) 4400 Sparta Road. Rev. Mark McDowell, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.
- Southside Baptist Church (GARBC), 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.: Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and
- hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752. ■ Spring Lake Baptist Church, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.: Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available
- Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC) 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9;30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m.Nursery provided. For information, call

#### CATHOLIC

- Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.
- St. Catherine Catholic Church, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcathe.com; website, www.stcathe.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcathe.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Decons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONFESSION: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.; Or by appointment with any priest. WEEKEND

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass: noon; Last Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. and noon; Saturday: 9 a.m.

■ St. James Catholic Church, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter -Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

#### **CHRISTIAN**

- Cornerstone Christian Church, (Saxon Hall) 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister, Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.
- Eastside Christian Church, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"
- Sebring Christian Church, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher: David Etherton, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-
- First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 510 Poinsettia Avenue, (corner of Poinsettia and Eucalyptus), Sebring, FL 33870. Phone: 385-0358 or 385-3435. The Rev. Ronald Norton, Pastor; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Praise Breakfast, 10 a..m., Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.; Midweek Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

#### CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

■ The Alliance Church of Sebring, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.: Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ Christian Science Church, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook. 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-ser-

#### CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Avon Park Church of Christ, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Don Smith. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.
- Lake Placid Church of Christ, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website http://www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacid-
- Sebring Parkway Church of Christ. 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 7 p.m.

#### CHURCH OF NAZARENE

- First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. Special services once a month for seniors (Prime Time) and Ladies ministries. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.
- First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

#### CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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



## BOOKS

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#### **Publishers Weekly**

#### HARDCOVER FICTION 1. "Threat Vector" by Tom Clancy

- 2. "The Racketeer" by John Grisham (Doubleday) 3. "Notorious Nineteen: A
- Stephanie Plum Novel" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam) 4. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn
- (Crown) 5. "Merry Christmas, Alex Cross"
- by James Patterson (Little, Brown) 6. "The Forgotten" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
- 7. "The Black Box" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown) 8. "The Last Man: A Novel" by
- Vince Flynn (Atria/Emily Bestler Books) 9. "Agenda 21" by Glenn Beck and Harriet Parke (Threshold
- 10. "The Casual Vacancy" by J.K. Rowling (Little, Brown)

#### HARDCOVER NONFICTION

- 1. "Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly (Henry Holt and Co.)
- 2. "Barefoot Contessa Foolproof: Recipes You Can Trust" by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter)
- 3. "Thomas Jefferson: The Art of

#### **BEST-SELLERS**

Power" by Jon Meachum (Random House)

- 4. "Guinness World Records 2013" by Guinness World Records (Guinness World Records)
- 5. "No Easy Day" by Mark Owen
- 6. "America Again" by Stephen Colbert (Grand Central Publishing)
- 7. "Help, Thanks, Wow: The Essential Prayers Three (Faith/Words)
- 8. "I Declare: 31 Promises to Speak" by Joel Osteen (Faith/Words)
- 9. "Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die" by Willie Nelson
- (William Morrow) "The Smitten Kitchen 10. Cookbook" by Deb Perelman (Knopf)

#### Wall Street Journal

#### **FICTION**

- 1. "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel" by Jeff Kinney (Amulet Books)
- 2. "Threat Vector" by Tom Clancy with Mark Greaney (Putnam)
- 3. "The Racketeer" by John Grisham (Doubleday)

- 4. "Notorious Nineteen: A Stephanie Plum Novel" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
- 5. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Crown Publishing Group)
- 6. "Heroes of Olympus: The Mark of Athena" by Rick Riordan (Disney-Hyperion)
- 7. "Merry Christmas, Alex Cross" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
- 8. "The Forgotten" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing) 9. "The Black Box" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
- 10. "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

#### NONFICTION

- 1. "The Elf on the Shelf" by Carol V. Aebersold, Chanda A. Bell (CCA&B)
- 2. "Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Holt
- 3. "Barefoot Contessa Foolproof: Recipes You Can Trust" by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter)
- 4. "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Holt & Co.)
- 5. "Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power" by Jon Meachum (Random

- 6. "Guinness World Records 2013" by Guiness Book Records (Guiness Book Records)
- 7. "Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence" by Sarah Young (Integrity Publishers)
- 8. "No Easy Day" by Mark Owen
- with Kevin Maurer (Dutton Books)
- 9. "LEGO Ninjago: Character Encyclopedia" by DK Publishing (DK Publishing)
- 10. "America Again" by Stephen Colbert (Grand Central Publishing)

#### FICTION E-BOOKS

- 1. "Threat Vector" by Tom Clancy with Mark Greaney (Penguin Group) 2. "The Edge of Never" by J.A. Redmerski (J.A. Redmerski)
- 3. "Private London" by James Patterson, Mark Pearson (Grand Central Publishing)
- 4. "The Forgotten" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing) 5. "The Black Box" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
- 6. "Wallbanger" by Alice Clayton (Alice Clayton)
- 7. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Crown Publishing Group)
- 8. "A Leaf on the Wind of All Hallows" by Diana Gabaldon (Random House)
  - 9. "Merry Christmas, Alex Cross"

by James Patterson (Little, Brown) 10. "Notorious Nineteen: A

Stephanie Plum Novel" by Janet Evanovich (Random House)

#### **NONFICTION E-BOOKS**

- 1. "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander (Simon & Schuster)
- 2. "Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Holt
- 3. "Eat to Live" by Joel Fuhrman (Little, Brown)
- 4. "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin (Simon & Schuster)
- 5. "Wheat Belly" by William Davis (Rodale)
- 6. "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and
- "The Ascent of George Washington" by John Ferling (Bloomsbury USA)
- 8. "Damaged" by Cathy Glass (HarperCollins)
- 9. "Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power" by Jon Meachum (Random House)
- 10. "Heads in Beds" by Jacob Tomsky (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)

## PLACES TO WORSHIP

#### **EPISCOPAL**

- St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. Church office 385-7649, for more information.
- St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

#### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

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

#### GRACE BRETHREN

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

#### **INDEPENDENT**

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

#### INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

W.H. Rogers.

#### **LUTHERAN**

- Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congretation and community. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.
- Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS, 1320 County Road 64. 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.
- Faith Lutheran Church -LCMS, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Reverend Robert Sebring. Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m. Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly
- welcome in the Faily of Faith. **■** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches, 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir. Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-
- New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Luke Willitz at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife sebring.com.
- Resurrection Lutheran Church ELCA. 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Fragrance Free Service Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. "God's Work. Our Hands."
- Trinity Lutheran Church -LCMS, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid. FL 33852: 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director: and Noel Johnson. minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for

January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

#### NON-DENOMINATIONAL

- Bible Fellowship Church, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church
- office 385-1024. Calvary Church, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for
- Christian Training Ministries Inc., on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydown ing@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctm

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- Crossroads of Life, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long – empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English - no problema. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastoers Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).
- Grace Bible Church, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third

Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

- Highlands Community Church, a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684: Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.
- The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church. 148 E. Interlake Blvd.. Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsom ministries.com.
- Union Church, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nightes and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org.
- Unity Life Enrichment Centre, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conver, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

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8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

- First Presbyterian Church ARP, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study. 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.
- First Presbyterian Church, ARP, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@htn.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.: Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church

office for more information and other classes. ■ First Presbyterian Church,

ARP, www.fpclp.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday - Traditional Worship, 8 and 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group - (middle and high school) 7 p.m., RockSolid (kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling avail-

able by appointment.

■ Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA), 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month. September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, http://slpc.embarq space.com.

#### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

- Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoveriesus.org
- Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Nathan Madrid.

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■ The Salvation Army - Center

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

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#### UNITED METHODIST

■ First United Methodist Church, 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery avail-

- able at all services. ■ First United Methodist Church. 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website:
- www.fumcap.org. ■ Memorial United Methodist Church, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL. 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball. pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office,
- 465-2422 www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.
- St. John United Methodist Church, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org
- Spring Lake United Methodist Church, 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

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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 recordbreaking 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 selfdeprecating 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



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 broadcast-

Yahoo said its own topsearched 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 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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# BUSINESS

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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 twoday 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.

## 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

In the past year, consumer prices have risen 1.8 percent, down from October's Lower inflation "is a real 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

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

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 of fraudulent information from your credit report and gotten the runaround, take heart: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is now on the



Jason Alderman

In July 2012, the watchdog agency, formed as a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and file; and Consumer Protection Act - Problems with credit of 2010, gained authority to supervise all of the

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 con-

sumer grievance oversight which already included mortgages, bank accounts, consumer loans and private student loans. "Credit reporting compa-

major consumer reporting

nies 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."

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

- Being unable to get a copy of a credit score or

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 with and get a response 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:

- File online at www.cfpb.gov/complaint

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## **BUSINESS**

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The drought earlier this year in the Midwest has pushed up food prices, but not as much

### 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 sumdrought mer's 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

With inflation in check, the Fed said Wednesday that it now plans to keep the shortterm 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

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 inter-

## Credit report errors can be fixed

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- Call toll-free at 855-411

- Fax it to 855-237-2392

- Mail to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 4503, Iowa City, Iowa, 52244.

Once your complaint has been logged, you'll be given a tracking number to check its status. Each complaint will be processed individually and sent to the credit bureau in question for response.

The CFPB expects companies to respond within 15 days with information about the steps they have taken or plan to take. You'll have the option to dispute the company's response to your complaint.

Credit reporting compaies issue more than 3 billion consumer credit reports a year and maintain files on more than 200 million Americans. Among other things, they track the number and types of credit accounts you use, how long they've been open and whether you've paid your bills on time.

"The consequences of errors in a consumer report can be catastrophic for a consumer, shutting him or her out of credit markets, jeopardizing employment prospects, or significantly increasing the cost of housing," noted the CFPB's announcement.

You can order one free credit report per year from the three major credit

bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. (Order through www.annualcreditreport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.)

Proactively ordering your reports on a regular basis can help identify bad credit behavior and spot fraudulent activity or errors before they can damage your credit.

To learn more about credit reports and scores, visit the CFPB's website, www.cfpb.gov. Another good resource is What's My Score (www.whatsmyscore.org), a financial literacy program run by Visa Inc.

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 SEBRING – Florida Farm Bureau has received national honors for its superior accomplishments during the past year. Officials at the American Farm Bureau have announced that the state organization earned Awards of Excellence in all categories of operation evaluated

Florida Farm Bureau's work in Education and Outreach, Leadership Development, Member Services, Policy Development Implementation and Public Relations Communication.

Membership growth helped to garner another prize for Florida Farm Bureau. By meeting its mem-The awards recognized bership quota, the organization brought home the American Farm Bureau's Navigator Award. These combined achievements qualified the state Farm Bureau for the President's Award - a recognition for the best programs within specific membership categories. Florida won the President's Award Leadership Development and Member Services.

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Introduction to MS Assess 2010. This two-day workshop meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 25 and March 4 at SFSC Highlands Campus. The cost is \$65.

Learn layouts, graphics, background design, and animation which will enable you to create dazzling PowerPoint presentations lightning fast in the Introduction to MS PowerPoint 2010 workshop. This two-day workshop meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, March 18 and March 25 at SFSC Highlands Campus. The cost is \$65.

A series of smartphone/tablet workshops will be held for Android and Apple users. Workshops will consist of a series of discussions on basic smartphone/tablet features and benefits followed by demonstrations showing actual smart device usage on a large video screen. Participants will learn the major components of smartphones and tablets and how to use settings to manage device setup, to set appointments and alarms in a calendar, store names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses in contacts, and how to send and receive email with attachments (photos or documents). Attendees will be given handouts showing typical smartphone/tablet screens and buttons and will follow along with instructor demonstrations. The Android Smartphone/Tablet workshop will be offered from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 at SFSC Highlands Campus. The Apple Smartphone/Tablet work-

shop will be offered from 1-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 at the SFSC Highlands

Campus. The cost is \$35. Learn key terms and expressions that are important for communicating in a working environment in Workplace Spanish. Each class participant will receive a written manual with Spanish phrases, an audio CD for listening in your car or stereo, and a companion Click IT CD-ROM for PC use. Class will meet from 6-8 p.m. Mondays, March 18 - June 17 at the SFSC DeSoto

Campus. The cost is \$195. Learn how to create a new company file, work with lists, set up your items, track customers and sales, track vendors and expenses, and track sales tax in the Introduction to QuickBooks workshop. This two-day workshop meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, March 21 and March 28 at the SFSC Lake Placid Center. The cost is \$129.99.

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up and use payroll, pay liabilities and taxes, purchase and manage inventory, build inventory assemblies, track sales orders and back orders, and more in the Intermediate QuickBooks workshop. This two-day workshop meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, April 18 and April 25 at SFSC Lake Placid Center. The cost is \$129.99.

Local Anesthesia Administration for Dental Hygienists for Licensed Florida Dental Hygienists is a 60-contact-hour course designed to meet the requirements outlined by Florida Statute 466.017. This course will provide the participant with detailed academic knowledge and the practical aspects of the administration of local anesthetics in dental patients. Course Prerequisites require a copy of Current Florida Dental Hygiene License, current CPR certification, and purchase of course books. The cost for this course is \$1,050 (plus cost of books). The course goes live Jan. 2 for online portion. For information on this class or course books, contact Lorrie Key, director, Corporate and Community Education, at 784-7033 or

CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu.

First Aid Training classes provide employee training for designated first responders or individuals needing credentialed training for job or regulatory requirements. This course covers first aid basics, medical, injury and environmental emergencies and AED use. Students will also complete a written exam. The cost is \$30. For a detailed class schedule, CorporateTraining@south-

florida.edu or call 863-784-

**CPR** Training classes with Basic Life Support through the American Heart Association is being offered for students who need to know how to perform CPR, as well as other lifesaving skills, in a wide variety of in-hospital and out-of-hospital settings. Students will participate in simulated clinical scenarios and learning stations, work with an American Heart Association Certified BLS Instructor to complete Basic Life Support (BLS) skills practice and skills testing, and complete a written exam. The cost is \$30. For a detailed class schedule, email CorporateTraining@south7033.

The New Miner Training Course develops and instills in new miners an attitude of safety, trains miners to do each task safely and correctly, and how to identify hazards and prevent accidents. This is a three-day class offered at the SFSC Hardee Campus. The cost is \$130. For a schedule of available classes, email CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu, or call 784-7033.

The Miner Refresher Training Course reaffirms and reinforces a minerís safety attitude formed during New Miner Training. It provides the most current information available on various topics and recognizes and rewards miners for their safe work attitude. This is a one day class offered at the SFSC Hardee Campus. The cost is \$95. For a schedule of available classes, email CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu, or call 784-7033.

**CDL Refresher Courses** are available by appointment only. The class "A" and "B" refresher course is offered to experienced drivers who have allowed their CDL to lapse or have let their CDL revert back to a regular class "E" license. The course is offered in either 8-hour or 72-hour increments. This course offers one-on-one training that is needed to pass the CDL skills test, providing the applicant is already competent in driving a commercial vehicle, either class "A" or "B." Call Key at 784-7033 or email CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu for more information.

by appointment only. The State of Florida CDL exam consists of 3 parts: pre-trip inspection, basic controls skills test, and driving skills test. The CDL Exam lasts 30-45 minutes and is mandated by the state of Florida. Call Key at 784-7033 or email CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu for more information.

CDL Exams are available

Register in Building B at the SFSC Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For more information, contact Corporate Education at 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500, ext. 7033 or email CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-1255 GCS JUDGE: J. David Langford TD BANK, N.A. as successor in interest to RIVER-SIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA by and through FDIC as Receiver

C.I.G. DEVELOPMENT, INC.; H.M.P. BUILDERS, INC.; LEISURE LAKES HOME OWNERS CIVIL AS-SOCIATION. INC.: HARRY M. POSIN: STUART M. POSIN and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY NOTICE OF SALF

The Clerk of the Circuit Court hereby gives notice of the following foreclosure sale in the above referenced matter:

A. The Property to be sold is: LOT 25 and 26, Block 164, LEISURE LAKES

SECTION FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 29 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA Having a street address of 1059 Oriole Street Lake Placid, FL 33852

B. The Clerk's Sale will take place on January 8, 2013, bidding begins at 11:00 AM, Eastern Time in the Basement of the Highlands County Courthouse - Jury Assembly Room, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870.

C. The sale will be made pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated

D. TD BANK, N.A, as successor in interest to RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA by and through FDIC as Receiver V. C.I.G. DEVEL OPMENT, INC.: H.M.P. BUILDERS, INC.: LEISURE LAKES HOMEOWNERS CIVIL ASSOCIATION, INC.; HARRY M. POSIN; STUART M. POSIN and UN-KNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUB-JECT PROPERTY; CASE NO.: 10-1255 GCS.

E. This sale is being made by ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, by and through a deputy Clerk of Court.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court

ROBERT W. GERMAINE CLERK OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURT By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

Deputy Clerk Pursuant to S45.031(2), this notice must be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the sale is to be held with the second publication being at least five days prior to the sale

Publication Dates: December 16 and December

via: The News-Sun If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this pro ceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the the Court, Highlands County Courthouse; telephone number (863) 534-4690 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or im mediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call

December 16, 23, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000704 BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Plaintiff.

Daniel Parker: Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse. Heirs. Devisees. Grantees, or Other Claimants

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated December 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000704 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Plaintiff and Daniel Parker are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash. AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LO-CATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE. SE-BRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., January 8, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 16, IN BLOCK 165, OF PLACID LAKES 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of receit of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. ROBERT W. GERMAINE

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Highlands County, Florida By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk of Court

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE', LLP 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360 Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (561) 998-6707

December 16, 23, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CASF #: 2012-CA-000493 PNC Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to National City Bank, Successor

by Merger to National City Mortgage Co.

Legals

Michael Wane Stewart a/k/a Michael W. Stewart a/k/a Michael Stewart; Cynthia Diane Potter a/k/a Cynthia Diane Potter-Stewart a/k/a Cynthia Potter Stewart; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees Grantees, or Other Claimants: Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants NOTICE OF ACTION

FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY TO: Michael Wane Stewart a/k/a Michael W. Stewwart a/k/a Michael Stewart; ADDRESS UN-KNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 151 South Riverdale Road, Avon Park, FL 33825

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, though, under or against the named Defendant(s) and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be in infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florid, a more particularly described as follows: THE NORTH HALF (N 1/2) OF THE SOUTH HALF (S

1/2), OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4), OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHI ANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS LOT 5 AND LOT 16. BLOCK 24, RIVER RIDGE RANCHES, AN UNRE-

CORDED SUBDIVISION more commonly known as 151 South Riverdale Road, Avon park, FL 33825.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service or Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court or the 5th day of December, 2012

ROBERT W. GERMAINE Circuit and County Courts By: /s/ Noelle Sims Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. December 9, 16, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO : 09 1008 GCS LANSDOWNE MORTGAGE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company

JENNY LABANINO, individually, JORGE LABANINO, individually, BOWEN & SON ROOFING, INC., et. al.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an

Order of Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause now pending in said Court, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 at 11:00 A.M. on December 28, 2012 the following property:

PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (NE 1/4) AND A POR-TION OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 21. TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, LYING WITHIN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID PARCEL OF LAND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 20'56" E, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (SE 1/4), A DISTANCE OF 288.87 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 06'44" E, DE-PARTING SAID SOUTH LINE. A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 00 DEGREES 44'06" E ALONG A LINE 288.84 FEET EAST OF AND PAR-ALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST ONE-HALF (E 1/2) OF SAID SECTION 21, A DIS-TANCE OF 2644.01 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUAR-TER (SW 1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 21: THENCE N 89 DE-GREES 46'19" E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 298.18 FEET; THENCE S 00 DE-GREES 15'19" E. A DISTANCE OF 2211.56 FEET: THENCE N 89 DEGREES 27'05" W, A DISTANCE OF 83.17 FEET; THENCE S 63 DEGREES 18'21" W A DISTANCE OF 148.03 FEET: THENCE S 01 DEGREES 36'55" E A DISTANCE OF 366.88 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF OLD VENUS ROAD: THENCE S 89 DEGREES 20'56" W, ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY

LINE, A DISTANCE OF 108.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 16.60 ACRES (723,030 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS. Property Address: 53 Keel Road. Venus. Florida

> Dated on December 3, 2012. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY (SEAL) Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak As Deputy Clerk

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OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CASE #: 2012-CA-000508

Legals

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association Plaintiff.

Denver G. Pettigrew a/k/a Denver Pettigrew and Lorna A. Pettigrew a/k/a Lorna Pettigrew. Husband and Wife; Placid Lakes Home and Property Owners Association, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to he dead or alive whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse,

sees, Grantees, or Other Claimants NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY TO: Denver G. Pettigrew a/k/a Denver Pettigrew ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 257 Loquat Road Northwest, Lake Placid, FL 33852 and Lorna A. Pettigrew a/k/a Lorna Pettigrew: AD-DRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 257 Loguat Road Northwest, Lake Placid, FL 33852

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by. though, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be in infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui iuris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florid, a more particularly described as follows: LOT 20, IN BLOCK 65, OF PLACID LAKES SEC-

TION SIX, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RE-CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY.

more commonly known as 257 Loquat Road Northwest, Lake Placid, FL 33852.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 5th day of December, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE Circuit and County Courts By: /s/ Noelle Sims

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Ave-Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

December 9, 16, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA. IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-001014 CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,

SCOTT C. GRACE, el al.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Lot 11, Block 10, ORANGE BLOSSOM ES-TATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 11, according to the of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida To include a:

2006 SCTB VIN SBHGA1500501329A 0095899344 2006 SCTB VIN SBHGA1500501329B

0095899431 A/K/A

576 Anna Ave Sebring, FL 33875

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on January 9, 2013. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus

from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendents, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 7th day of December, 2012 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk If you are a person with a disability who needs as-

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

December 16, 23, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000149

Division

Legals

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LAURA RESPRESS, RHS INDUSTRIES, INC. RE-TIREMENT FUND, AND TENANTS/OWNERS, NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final

LLOYD C. RESPRESS A/K/A LLOYD RESPRESS,

Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on December 7, 2012, in the Circuit

Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida de-THE SOUTH 190 FEET OF THE NORTH 390 FEET OF THE WEST 192 FEET OF THE EAST 225 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE

NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. and commonly known as: 4205 SPARTA RD, SE-BRING, FL 33875; including the building, appurte nances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on January 9, 2013 at 11 a.m.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale Dated this 7th day of December, 2012. Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk December 16, 23, 2012 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000944 DIVISION

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,

NERVA LECLERC, et al,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 04, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000944 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and NERVA LECLERC; THE UN-KNOWN SPOUSE OF NERVA LECLERC N/K/A BETTY LECLERC; are the Defendants, The Clerk of for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASE-MENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 15th day of January, 2013, the

following described property as set forth in said

A PORTION OF TRACT A. SOMERVALE DOWNS. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RE-CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DE-SCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT A; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT A. A DISTANCE OF 565.36 FFFT: THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 770.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 566.25 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE WEST LINE OF TRACT A; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST ALONG WEST LINE OF TRACT A, A DISTANCE OF 768.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 50 FOOT NONEXCLUSIVE INGRESS AND EGRESS EASE-MENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PORTION OF TRACT A, SOMERVALE DOWNS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COM MENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT A; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MIN-UTES 25 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WEST JOSEPHINE ROAD AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 35, TOWN-SHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, A DISTANCE OF 961.34 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,743.38 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 542.16 FFFT: THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,134.26 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 542.16 FEET THENCE SOUTH OO DEGREES 24 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,743.38 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID WEST JOSEPHINE ROAD AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 35, TOWN-35 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF  $50.00\ \mbox{FEET}$  TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 5037 & 5047 SOMERVALE TRAIL, SE BRING, FL 33875

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court

ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F09102060 SUNTRUST-CONV--Team 4-F09102060

on December 5, 2012.

\*See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

December 9, 16, 2012

Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000914

DIVISION:

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final

Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 16,

2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000914 of the Circuit Court of the

Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County,

Florida in which HSBC Bank USA N.A. is the

Plaintiff and Rafael Bermudez, Julia Bermudez,

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,

are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best

bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in

the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430

South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 9th

day of January, 2013, the following described

property as set forth in said Final Judgment of

LOT 588, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, SECTION

"D", ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RE-

CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 13, OF THE

PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus

from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 12th day

If you are a person with a disability who needs any

accommodation in order to participate in this pro-

ceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the

provision of certain assistance. Please contact the

Office of the Court Administrator, (863)

534-4690, within two (2) working days of your re-

ceipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or

voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 of Flor-

ida Relay Service 711. To file response please

contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S.

Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel:

(863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000260

DIVISION:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 01, 2011 and entered in Case No.

28-2010-CA-000260 of the Circuit Court of the

TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA

is the Plaintiff and MALLELIN NAPOLES; HILCO

RECEIVABLES, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF PROVIDIAN/WMB; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, AS

ASSIGNEE OF ASPIRE VISA; are the Defendants,

The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and

best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN

THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY

COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE

at 11:00 AM, on the 8th day of January, 2013,

the following described property as set forth in

said Final Judgment:

LOT 173, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION C, AC-

CORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN

PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RE-

A/K/A /8/ MEMORIAL DRIVE, SEBRING, FL

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court

ROBERT W. GERMAINE

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Deputy Clerk

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

December 16, 23, 2012

from the sale, if any, other than the property

owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file

CORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.

F10002702 NMNC-FHA--Team 1

\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act,

persons with disabilities needing a special accom-

contact the individual or agency sending the no-

tice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box

25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813)

251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to

1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000926

DIVISION:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated Decem-

ber 04, 2012 and entered in Case No.

28-2011-CA-000926 of the Circuit Court of the

TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS

County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA

is the Plaintiff and DENVER PETTIGREW; LORNA

PETTIGREW; NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANK, AS

SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMTRUST BANK;

are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell

to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY

ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE

HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH

COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 15th

day of January, 2013, the following described

LOT 17, IN BLOCK 22, PLACID LAKES, SECTION

ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RE-

A/K/A 347 NE CHICAGO WAY, LAKE PLACID,

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court

ROBERT W. GERMAINE

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

December 9, 16, 2012

from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file

a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale

CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,

property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final

the proceeding. If hearing impaired,

modation to participate in this proceeding should

Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

via Florida Relay Service.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA.,

DENVER PETTIGREW, et al,

Plaintiff,

Defendant(s).

FLORIDA

FL 33852-5940

on December 5, 2012.

P.O. Box 25018

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L

\*See Americans with Disabilities Act

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In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act,

persons with disabilities needing a special accom-

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contact the individual or agency sending the no-

tice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box

25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813)

251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to

1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770,

the proceeding. If hearing impaired.

Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

son-Team 1 - F11035430

via Florida Relay Service.

on December 5, 2012.

P.O. Box 25018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

MALLELIN NAPOLES, et al,

Plaintiff.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

Highlands County, Florida By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

December 16, 23, 2012

A/K/A 1574 OAK AVE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

a claim within 60 days after the sale.

of December, 2012.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

P.O. Box 23028

(813)221-4743

Tampa, FL 33623

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HSBC BANK USA, N.A.,

RAFAEL BERMUDEZ, et al,

Foreclosure:

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Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 28-2010-CA-000538 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., acting by and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,

345 St. Peter Street 1100 Landmark Towers St. Paul, Minnesota 55102, Plaintiff,

BASIL M. BERNARD, et al.

in its capacity as Servicer,

Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

LOT 12, 13 & 14, BLOCK 2, LAKE HUNTLEY COVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Commonly known as: 153 Huntley Dr. South, Lake Placid, FL 33852.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash on the Highlands County Courthouse, 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 9th day of January, 2013. If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a

right to funds remaining after the sale, you must

file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. Notice to Persons With Disabilities: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accom-

modation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator's office not later than seven days Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

December 16, 23, 2012

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

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000641

DIVISION: HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-AR1,

R. DANIEL KOPPEN, et al,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 06, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000641 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein HSBC BANK USA, NA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-AR1, is the Plaintiff and R. DANIEL KOPPEN: KAREN KOP-PEN; JAMES P. EGAN; SUEZETTE EGAN A/K/A SUZETTE EGAN; JAY WEINSTEIN; SUSAN WEIN-STEIN: HEARTI AND NATIONAL BANK: TENANT #1 N/K/A GINA HITT, and TENANT #2 N/K/A AARON HITT are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430

property as set forth in said Final Judgment LOT 52, COUNTRY CLUB LAKE ESTATES, AC-CORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 44, OF THE PUBLIC RE-

SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the

8th day of January, 2013, the following described

CORDS OF HIGHLANDS COLINTY FLORIDA A/K/A 504 SPORTSMAN AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33875-5149

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

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

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Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F12000281 WELLSLPS-CONV-R-bmellette-Team 1-F12000281 \*See Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to proceeding. If hearing impaired, 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

December 16, 23, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28 2012 CA 000747

DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

MONA D. SMALLS A/K/A MONA DARLENE SMALLS A/K/A MONA SMALL A/K/A MONA TRACFY, et al.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated Decem ber 04, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28 2012 CA 000747 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and Mona D. Smalls A/k/A Mona Darlene Smalls A/k/A Mona Small A/k/A Mona TRACEY; ALVIN E. SMALLS A/K/A ALVIN EEVERND SMALLS A/K/A ALVIN SMALLS A/K/A ALVIN SMALL; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALVIN E. SMALLS A/K/A ALVIN EEVERND SMALLS A/K/A ALVIN SMALLS A/K/A ALVIN SMALL N/K/A N/K/A NEEKA SMALLS; WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (101 N. PHILLIPS AVENUE SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104) SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK; CITIBANK, NA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION (701 EAST 60TH STREET NORTH SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104) SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RHS INDUSTRIES, INC. RETIREMENT FUND; HSBC BANK NEVADA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (1111B TOWN CENTER DRIVE LAS VEGAS, NV 89134) SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HOUSEHOLD BANK (SB), N.A.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASE MENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 8th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said

Final Judgment: LOT 11, BLOCK 200, OF SUN 'N LAKE ES-TATES, SECTION 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 88, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 458 ALOHA AVENUE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-00

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court

> ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

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on December 7, 2012.



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December 16, 23, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000553 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

Plaintiff,

CARIDAD B. ARENCIBIA, et al,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 04, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000553 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and CARIDAD B. ARENCIBIA; LAKE HAVEN ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC : are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 15th day of January, 2013, the following de-

LOT 17, BLOCK 15, SECTION ONE, LAKE HA-VEN ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 6, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,

scribed property as set forth in said Final Judg-

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 5, 2012. ROBERT W. GERMAINE

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk

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December 9, 16, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-270

IN RE: ESTATE OF PHYLLIS A. PSZYK Division Probate

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, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth

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

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE

OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is December 16, 2012.

Personal Representative: Anna Boothroyd 5342 Ivory Dr Sebring, Florida 33875

Attorney for Personal Representative John K. McClure Attorney for Anna Boothroyd Florida Bar Number: 286958 MCCLURF & LOBOZZO 211 S. Ridgewood Drive Sebring, Florida 33870

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Fax: (863) 402-2436 E-Mail: kelly@mllaw.net December 16, 23, 2012

> IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHI ANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-487

IN RF: FSTATE OF JOHN FRANCIS SIMANSKI, SR.

> NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Sum-

mary Administration has been entered in the estate of JOHN FRANCIS SIMANSKI, SR., deceased, File Number PC 12-487, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was May 27, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$52,000.00 and the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: John F. Simanski, Jr., 12201 Highgrove Ct., Reisterstown, MD Joseph V. Simanski; 2949 Market St., Porter, IN 46304; James E. Simanski, 3530 Southside Ave., Phoenix, MD 21131; Jean V. Carder, 4319 Farmfield Ct., Baldwin, MD 21013; and Judith A. Delacruz, 14300 Dairydale Rd., Baldwin, MD 21013.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOT-WITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH

IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is De-

> Person Giving Notice: John F. Simanski, Jr. 12201 Highgrove Ct.

Reisterstown, MD 21136 Attorney for Person Giving Notice:

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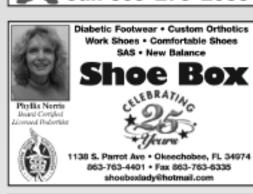
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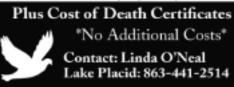
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E-Mail: jkmpleadings@mllaw.net December 9, 16, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-508

IN RF: FSTATE OF RAGNVALD F. KVAAS,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RAGNVALD F. KVAAS, deceased, whose date of death was November 16, 2012, and whose social security number is 474-36-3986, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NO-TICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PE RIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOR-EVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 16, 2012. Personal Representative:

Sandra Doran 3 F. Flaine Circle Prospect Heights, IL 60070 Attorney for Personal Representative

/s/ Robert F. Livingston Florida Bar No. 0031259 445 S. Commerce Avenue Sebring, Florida 33870 Telephone: (863) 385-5156

December 16, 23, 2012 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEFS

The following policies will be considered at the regular Board meeting to be held Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the DeSoto Campus at 2251 NE Turner Avenue, Arcadia, FL The general public is invited Proposed amendments to the following policies:

Policy 2.05 Signing Authority Policy 4.09 Cash Collection and Book Depositories New Policy 2.08 Check and Electronic Funds Transfer Procedure For additional information, interested parties may

the college website www.southflorida.edu/trustees, or contact the Office of the President, South Florida State College at 600 West College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825
IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RE-CORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD IN-CLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

December 14, 16, 2012

050 Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given that 1/11/13 10:30 am, the following vehicle will be sold for towing & storage charges pursuant to F.S. 713.78: 2003 MITS Montero #JA4LS21H93J013698. Sale will be held at Alan Jay Chevrolet Oldsmobile Cadillac - 441 US 27 N, Sebring, FL 33870 863-402-4210

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 9 AND 10, BLOCK E, ASA LEWIS SUBDI-VISION. ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 73, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the baseme of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on January 8, 2013. DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendents, must file

a claim within 60 days after the sale. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 7th day of December, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk

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

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## The Tulsa Tribune

## **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.







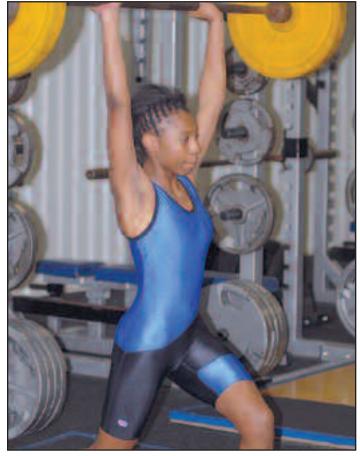






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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE Sebring's Chantell Harris powers up 85 pounds on this clean-and-jerk attempt on her way to a win in the 110 class at Thursday's meet.

## Lady Streaks lift strong

By DAN HOEHNE

daniel.hoehne@newssun.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

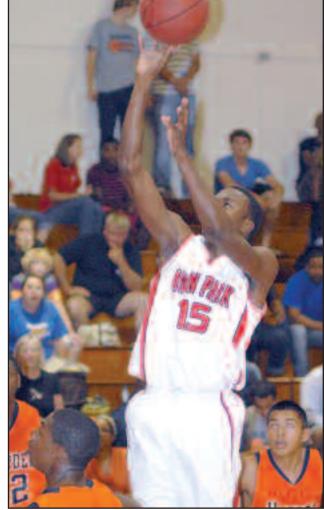
Dennard in the Unlimited category, as she took a step closer to a season goal with her combined lifts of 280, with a 150-pound bench press and 130-pound clean-

"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.

See LIFT, Page 6D



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.

## Devils late charge freezes Frostproof

By ERIKA CORD

New-Sun correspondent AVON PARK - The

Devils took the win Frostproof's against 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 leav- Bulldogs. ing with a smile after the final score of 42-39 in the

Devils' favor. "They better the second half than the first half," said Avon Parks coach Marty

O'Hora. "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

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

first with 12, leaving the

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

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

Along Avon Park 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 out-

> burst soon saw Avon Park put the deep freeze on Frostproof for the threepoint win when the final horn sounded.

The leading scores for

See AP, Page 4D

## **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 Lake Placid in the second quarter 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 quar-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 vic-

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. The scoring output

just about doubled in for 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

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

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 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.

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

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

> > See SEBRING, Page 4D

## FACA Football Classic returns



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

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#### THE SCOREBOARD

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San Diego	5	8	0	.385292281
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Tampa Bay	6	7	Ö	.462354308
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385348379
Carolina	4	9	0	.308265312
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#### Thursday's Game Cincinnati 34. Philadelphia 13 Sunday's Games

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

Chicago

Detroit

Seattle

St. Louis

Arizona

Minnesota

San Francisco

Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m. Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m. Minnesota at St. Louis, 1 p.m. Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 1 p.m. Washington at Cleveland, 1 p.m. Jacksonville at Miami, 1 p.m. Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m. Carolina at San Diego, 4:05 p.m. Detroit at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. Seattle vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 4:05 p.m. Kansas City at Oakland, 4:25 p.m. Pittsburgh at Dallas, 4:25 p.m. San Francisco at New England, 8:20 p.m.

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#### Monday's Game N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 8:30 p.m. **AFC LEADERS**

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	Att	Com	Yds	•		
P. Manning, DN	1483	330	3812	,		
Brady, NE	460	298	3537			
Rthlsbrgr, PIT	358	231	2572			
Schaub, HOU	413	266	3062			
Dalton, CIN	472	295	3313			

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#### **NFC LEADERS Quarterbacks**

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A. Rodgers, GB	438	293	3297	29	8
R. Wilson, SEA	330	208	2492	20	9
M. Ryan, ATL	511	346	3932	24	14
J. Freeman, TB	422	231	3192	25	8
Brees, NO	535	330	4028	32	18
Romo, DAL	526	349	3928	20	16
C. Nwtn, CAR	390	227	3220	16	10
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### **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

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#### LIVE **S**PORTS On TV

Bowling
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1 p.m.	PBA World Series ESPN	1

#### College Basketball MONDAY

7 p.m.	Alabama State at Georgia Tech SUN
9 p.m.	South Carolina State at Missouri SUN
-	Tuesday
7 p.m.	Richmond at Kansas ESPN2
9 p.m.	Stanford at North Carolina State ESPN2

#### <u>Golf</u> **SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. Royal Trophy . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . GOLF

2 p.m. 3 p.m.	Iskandar Johor Open
	NFL
	SUNDAY
1 p.m.	Jacksonville at Miami
1 p.m.	Tampa Bay at New Orleans FOX

Pittsburgh at Dallas ..... CBS

San Francisco at New England ...... NBC

### Premier League Soccer

MONDAY

**8:30 p.m.** N.Y. Jets at Tennessee . . . . . . . . . . . ESPN

	Monday
2:55 p.m.	Reading vs. Arsenal ESPN2

#### Women's College Basketball TUESDAY

8 p.m.	Tennessee at Baylor ESPN
	Times, games, channels all subject to change

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Thursday's Games Atlanta 113, Charlotte 90 New York 116, L.A. Lakers 107 Portland 98, San Antonio 90

Sacramento

Friday's Games Toronto 95, Dallas 74 Indiana 95, Philadelphia 85 Orlando 99, Golden State 85 L.A. Lakers 102, Washington 96 Milwaukee 90, Cleveland 86 Brooklyn 107, Detroit 105,20T Houston 101, Boston 89 Minnesota 113, New Orleans 102 Oklahoma City 113, Sacramento 103 Phoenix 99, Utah 84

Denver 99, Memphis 94 Saturday's Games Golden State at Atlanta, late Cleveland at New York, late Orlando at Charlotte, late Indiana at Detroit, late Washington at Miami, late Brooklyn at Chicago, late Dallas at Minnesota, late Boston at San Antonio, late L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, late

Memphis at Utah, late Sunday's Games Houston at Toronto, 1 p.m. Denver at Sacramento, 6 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. New Orleans at Portland, 9 p.m.

#### **LEADERS**

Scoring				
	FG	FT	<b>PTS</b>	AVG
Bryant, LAL	234	184	704	29.3
Anthony, NYK	190	126	557	27.9
Durant, OKC	202	192	632	27.5
James, MIA	202	78	510	25.5
Harden, HOU	156	167	521	24.8
Aldridge, POR	176	89	441	21.0
Westbrook, OKC	170	103	478	20.8
Mayo, DAL	165	76	470	20.4
Pierce, BOS	138	123	436	19.8
Curry, GOL	156	82	455	19.8
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Rebounds			
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Varejao, CLE	133	210 343 14.9	
Randolph, MEM	95	153 248 12.4	
Howard, LAL	88	199 287 12.0	
Asik, HOU	78	176 254 11.5	
Lee, GOL	72	192 264 11.5	
Noah, CHI	81	142 223 10.6	
Jefferson, UTA	54	186 240 10.4	
Duncan, SAN	42	193 235 10.2	
Hickson, POR	81	133 214 10.2	
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Horford, ATL	57	133 190 10.0	
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Rondo, BOS	19	245	12.9	
Paul, LAC	22	200	9.1	
Holiday, PHL	22	196	8.9	
Westbrook, OKC	23	201	8.7	
Vasquez, NOR	22	190	8.6	

Williams, Bro	22	185	8.4		
Parker, SAN	22	164	7.5		
Lawson, DEN	24	169	7.0		
M. Williams, UTA	20	140	7.0		
Calderon, TOR	24	164	6.8		
	22	150	6.8		
Felton, NYK					
James, MIA	20	135	6.8		
81	EALS				
	G	STL	AVG		
Paul, LAC	22	57	2.59		
Jennings, MIL	21	53	2.52		
Conley, MEM	19	47	2.47		
Rondo, BOS	19	41	2.16		
Allen, MEM	17	34	2.00		
Walker, CHA	22	44	2.00		
Westbrook, OKC	23	46	2.00		
BLOCKS					
	G	BLK	AVG		
Sanders, MIL	20	62	3.10		
Ibaka, OKC	23	69	3.00		
Hibbert, IND	23	67	2.91		
Howard, LAL	24	62	2.58		
Duncan, SAN	23	59	2.57		

#### Transactions

#### **BASEBALL** American League

BOSTON RED SOX-Named Dave Joppie hitting coach for Pawtucket (IL); Rich Gedman hitting coach for Portland (EL); Nelson Paulino hitting coach for Salem (Carolina); Paul Abbott pitching coach and Tim Hyers hitting coach for Greenville (SAL); Noah Hall hitting coach for Lowell (NYP); Darren Fenster manager, Dick Such pitching coach and Tom Kotchman coach of the Gulf Coast League team; and Aly Gonzalez coach for the Dominican Summer League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS-Agreed to terms with OF Xavier Nady on a minor league contract

NEW YORK YANKEES-Agreed to terms with INF Kevin Youkilis on a one-year contract. Designated LHP Josh Spence for assignment.

TEXAS RANGERS-Announced C Konrad Schmidt cleared waivers and was assigned outright to Round Rock (PCL). National League

CINCINNATI REDS-Named Ronnie Ortegon major league assistant hitting coach. Ryan Jackson minor league hitting coordinator, Jim Riggleman manager for Louisville (IL), Delino DeShields manager for Pensacola (SL), Jose Nieves manager for Dayton (MWL) and Eli Marrero manager for the Arizona League team. Promoted Nick Krall to director of baseball operations. Jeff Graupe to director of player development. Sam Grossman to director of haseball research and analysis, Jeff Taylor to special assistant to the general manager and John Morris to special assistant to the general manager. Named Reed MacPhail baseball operations assistant and Will Harford professional scout HOUSTON ASTROS-Named Dyar Miller

minor league pitching coordinator, Ralph Dickenson minor league hitting coordinator, Craig Bjornson roving pitching instructor and Jeff Albert roving hitting instructor and Brendan Verner minor league strength and conditioning coordinator.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS-Agreed to terms with INF Ty Wigginton on a twovear contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS-Promoted manager Brian Daubach and hitting coach Mark Harris from Hagerstown (SAL) to Potomac (Carolina) and Tripp Kiester from the Gulf Coast League to Hagerstown

Named Patrick Anderson manager of Gulf Coast League Nationals and Gary Thurman outfield/baserunning coordinator

#### **FOOTBALL**

National Football League JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS-Waived WR Kevin Elliott. Signed OL Austin Pasztor from the practice squad. Signed WR Jerrell Jackson to the practice squad.

#### LOCAL SCHEDULE



**TUESDAY:** Girls Basketball at Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at Hardee, 8 p.m.; Girls Soccer at Hardee, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Lake Gibson, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs. Lake Placid, 8 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Lake Placid, 6 p.m. **FRIDAY:** Boys Basketball vs. Booker, 6/7:30 p.m.

Avon Park



**MONDAY:** Girls Basketball vs. Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m. TUESDAY: Boys Basketball vs. Mulberry, 7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs. DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer at DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m. **THURSDAY:** Boys Soccer at Avon Park, 8 p.m.; Girls Soccer at Avon Park 6 p.m. FRIDAY: Boys Basketball at ECS Christmas Tournament, TBA; Girls Soccer at **Lake Placid** Okeechobee, 7 p.m.



TUESDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Avon Park, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.; Wrestling at Lake Wales, 7 p.m. **FRIDAY:** Boys Basketball vs. Southeast, 6/7:30 p.m.

#### **SPORTS SNAPSHOTS**

#### **Red Devils to honor Mitey** Mite Super Bowl Champs

AVON PARK - On Thursday, Dec. 20, the Lady Red Devils basketball squad will take the floor to face Lake Gibson for a 7

Along with the exciting game action this night, Avon Park High School encourages the community to come out as they honor the three-time Mitey Mite Super Bowl champion team and head coach Reggie Knighten.

"We want to get a crowd out to see the players and show them some love," Lady Devil head coach Paulette Daley said. "It would be great for the kids to see that their community supports and recognizes their hard work."

#### Golf Fore a Cure

SEBRING - At the Wednesday, Dec. 5, meeting of the Tanglewood Golf Association (TGA), Dave Napier, Director of Golf, announced that TGA would be sponsoring the 8th annual Golf Fore a Cure charity golf tournament to be held at Pinecrest G.C. on Saturday, Feb.

The tournament has raised close to \$40,000 for breast cancer research since its inception and is now an integral part of Tanglewood's annual cancer benefit.

The tournament will have a scramble format with prizes for the top teams in each category.

Lunch is included in the \$50 entry fee. There will also be a raffle, 50/50 draw and an auction.

Registration begins on Saturday, Jan. 5. At this point, Alan J. Holmes of Edward Jones has committed to sponsoring the event.

A co-sponsor is also being sought.

A large group of volunteers will be canvassing local businesses seeking hole sponsorships for \$75, as well as prizes to be raffled or auctioned.

For further information about hole sponsorships or to contribute a prize please call 382-8349.

#### **Tanglewood Pickleball**

SEBRING - A whopping 145 members signed up for the Tanglewood Pickleball Association's 2012 season and members are now being registered for 2013.

At least two dozen of these players can be seen outside the gates to Tanglewood's four pickleball courts early each morning, waiting for the courts to open and the first serves to cross the nets at precisely 8 a.m.

Pickleball has really caught on here in Tanglewood, as it has across the conti-

It is well-suited to seniors due to the badminton size court which greatly reduces the distances to be covered.

It is a fast-paced partners game which requires excellent had-eye coordination.

Tanglewood is pleased to be hosting one of Florida's first Pickleball Tournaments of 2013 on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 5 and 6, when teams from surrounding communities will take to the

courts for the annual Winter Classic Pickleball Tournament. These games will be based on skill

level as opposed to age bracket.

#### Franza induction

AVON PARK - It's never too early to secure a spot to take in Joe Franza's induction into the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Tickets are not available at the door.

The 37th FACA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, beginning with a Noon luncheon.

The luncheon and induction are open to all friends and family, at \$35 per person if purchased prior to Friday, Dec. 21.

Tickets after this dates will be \$50 each, and no tickets will be sold after Friday, Jan. 4. Luncheon tickets can be purchased by

contacting FACA at (850) 727-8117, or PO Box 13805, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Tickets are not mailed, but held at the

door for pick up. Hotel reservations are available at

(386) 254-8200 - Please request the FACA Group rate of \$99. The Hall of Fame is the highest honor

given by the FACA and is designed to recognize FACA members for years of coaching tenure in Florida high schools, for dedication to the FACA and for outstanding coaching accomplishments.

Don't miss out on seeing one of Highlands County's own bestowed with this great honor.

#### LP Senior Softball

AKE PLACID - Lake Placid Senior Softball is currently holding practice on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Lake June Ballfield.

If you are 50+ and enjoy playing the game for fun, come out, hit and field a few, and get ready for the 2013 season which opens the first week in January.

For information, visit *lpsoftball.com*.

#### **Highlands Senior Softball**

SEBRING - The Highlands County Senior softball over 60 league will be playing starting play on Monday, Jan. 7, with games taking place each Monday and Wednesday.

To sign up, or for more information, call John Kloet at 655-5241 or Steve Blazing at 382-6442.

#### Jingle Bell 5K

AVON PARK - The Jarrett Family Foundation will be presenting the Jingle Bell Fun Run 5K on Friday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Union Congregational Church in Avon Park.

Registration fee is \$15, and registration forms can be picked up at Avon Elementary, Park Elementary, Avon Park Middle and High School, or access online through any of the schools.

All proceeds from the race will go to benefit the four Avon Park schools.

#### Sebring 70s Softball

SEBRING - Seniors 70 and older will be organizing a league starting in early January.

It will be a drafted league.

Games will be played at the Highlands County Sports Complex on Tuesday's and Thursday's starting at 10 a.m.

Interested seniors should contact Harry Bell at 382-0542 or Bill Todd at 385-5632, or see them at the Sports Complex on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.





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## St. Thomas Aquinas defeats Lincoln 41-25 in 7A

Associated Press

ORLANDO — John O'Korn threw for 339 yards and two touchdowns and ran for two more scores to lead Fort Lauderdale St. Thomas Aquinas to a 41-25 victory over Tallahassee Lincoln in the Florida Class 7A state championship game Friday

O'Korn threw an 80-yard strike to Corey Holmes and a

71-yarder to Mark Barr in the 2), however, got another first quarter.

He also rushed for a 51yard touchdown in the second as St. Thomas Aguinas stormed out to a 21-6 lead.

Lincoln (12-2) came back with a short touchdown run from quarterback Cameron Joseph and a 50-yard pass to Taj Williams to make it 21-

St. Thomas Aquinas (13-

touchdown run from O'Korn, who had 95 yards rushing, and a 40-yard scoring run from Fred Coppet to extend its lead to 41-19.

St. Thomas Aquinas outgained Lincoln 605-225.

Lincoln's John Burt took the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown.

## Tallahassee Godby defeats Immokalee 21-20

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Tallahassee Godby held on to defeat Immokalee 21-20 in the Florida Class 5A state championship game Friday after Immokalee botched an extrapoint attempt with no time remaining.

Godby (14-1) took a 21-7 lead with 5:54 remaining in the game after Khalid Thomas scored on a 28-yard run.

Immokalee (11-4) stormed right back with a short touchdown run from quarterback Tshumbi Johnson.

After both defenses held for

a series, Immokalee received and the ball was moved to the the ball at its 18-yard-line 3. with 1:08 remaining and no

Johnson drove the Indians down to the 1-yard line after a 19-yard pass to Mackensie Alexander with less than one second remaining.

Immokalee tried for a quick snap and QB sneak but the officials called a false start and moved the ball back to the

On the next play Johnson threw an incomplete pass in the end zone but Godby was whistled for pass interference

FACA Football at Firemen's

On the third untimed down Johnson completed the touchdown pass to Xavier Richardson in the corner of the end zone.

On the extra-point play Johnson struggled to grab a low snap and scrambled before throwing the ball into a crowd short of the goal line.

Johnson finished with 301 yards passing but three inter-

J.T. Bradwell threw for 108 yards and rushed for 67 yards and a touchdown.

## Plenty going on at the YMCA

Special to the News-Sun SEBRING - Bruce Moellendick, former PGA trainer, is the instructor for the YMCA's youth golf program starting in December.

The classes will be held twice a week for four weeks for ages 5 to 15, cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers.

For more information on this program please contact us at 382-9622 ask for Kevin Stoker.

Master Val Henry and Master Hank Henry have joined the YMCA team in providing authentic traditional martial arts.

Master Henry has trained many state, national, and international champions over the past 24 years.

Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting at the beginning of each month.

Cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members.

We at the YMCA also wonderful Gymnastics program starting from preschool to advance.

If you would like to get your child in Gymnastics call the "Y" and ask out about our classes.

We do registration at the beginning of each month.

Prices have been pro-rated due to the holiday season.

#### **Upcoming Events**

YMCA's Last Day 5K -The YMCA is looking forward to bringing in the New Year with our 3rd annual Last Day 5K.

The race will take place at the Y on Saturday, Dec. 29.

The cost is \$20 by December 26 or \$25 anytime after that.

Children 10 years old and under are \$10. Pre-registration starts at 8

a.m. and goes to 8:45 a.m. on race day, race time is 9 a.m.

Camp Holiday Hoopla -The YMCA is offering 8 days of fantastic fun.

The Camp Holiday Hoopla will be taking place December 20, 21, 26-28, and January 2-4.

The camp hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and it will include a wide range of activities like arts and crafts, gymnastics, a field trip, fitness and nutrition, and all kinds of sports.

Ages include 5-12 and camp fees are \$15 for one "Y" at 382-9622.

time registration, a \$20 daily fee, or if you would like to

do all eight days it is \$125. T-shirts and lunch will be provided.

Open House at the "Y" Looking to join a gym that fits your needs? Why not join the YMCA?

We have been meeting the needs of Highlands County for over 25 years and we offer something for every-

On Saturday, Jan. 5, stop in to the Highlands County Family YMCA for our Open

From 9 a.m.-2 p.m. the YMCA will be giving free tours and offering membership specials that include waiving joiner fees, health assessments, and BOGO rates on our daily punch

YMCA has not only one, but two heated pools and a splash pad for your family to

Come check us out and enjoy the water.

Pool Hours - Monday-Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday – 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Sunday – 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

For questions contact the

#### Florida Trail Association - Heartland **Chapter December Activities**

Special to the News-Sun

There is one more activity for the month of December for the Florida Trail Association Heartland Chapter, scheduled for the weekend after Christmas.

> Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30

Overnight Backpacking Trip at the Arbuckle portion of the Lake Wales Ridge

This is a follow-up to the Backpacking 101 Course held on Dec. 1 and is only those who have completed Backpacking Course or those who have had previous backpacking experience.

The trail leads through moderately rolling hills with pine forests, prairies, wet-

lands, scrub and marshy lakeshore along the west side of Lake Arbuckle.

Bring backpacking equipment, hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

Contact David Waldrop at 863-605-3587 for meet-up time and other details.

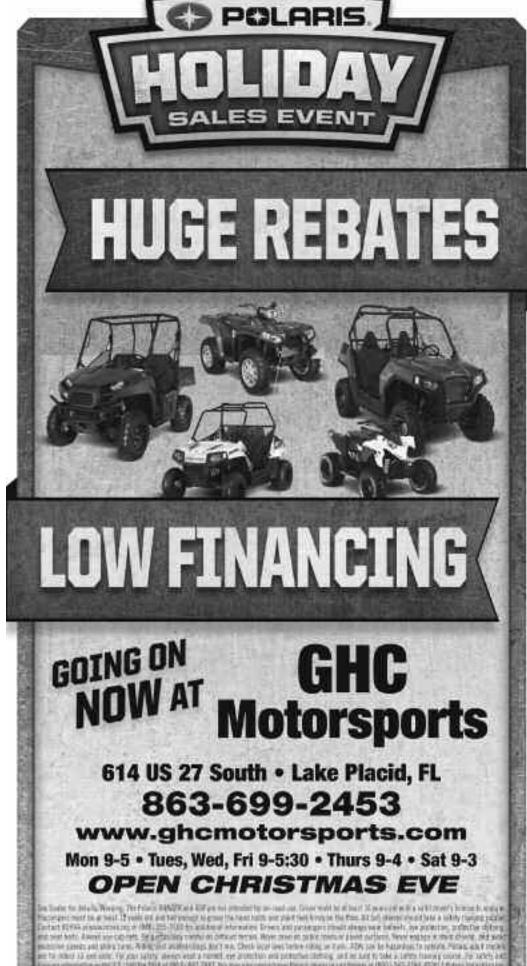


News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE Arthur Williams will be representing the host Blue Streak's as FACA's 58th Annual North-South Football All-Star Classic takes place Wednesday night at Firemen's Field. Game time is 6:30 p.m. and will also be streamed live on The Prep Zone at www.foxsportsflorida.com. This event is one of the oldest high school All-Star games in the country, beginning in

1949. The game had a fivevear absence in the early 2000s when all resources were rededicated to Florida All-Stars playing against other states until 2005. Names include top seniors from throughout the state, including two who just squared off in the Class 5A State Title game Friday, Tallahassee-Godby's **Khalid Thomas and** Immokalee's Makenro Alexander. Other area products representing the Heartland include Ft. Meade's Devin McCalebb, Jesus Zuniga of Hardee, Lake Wales' Bobby Leath and Adam Lane of Winter Haven all joining Williams on the South squad.







## Sebring strong, McKeel mightier

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tion as goalie.

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

"Shannon is improving every week," said head Richie Birdsall. coach "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 36minute 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

Haylee Peters stopped a but once again the Streaks McKeel attempt at goal with a massive clear across the

visiting McKeel.

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

made a fence that even these Wildcats were unable to

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

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

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

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

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

pair of Lotuses 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

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

But I kept adding stuff piece by

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 race reports in Road & Track mag-

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

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 acces-

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

This March 16th will be bittersweet.

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 12 Hours of

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

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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 5.2mile 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!

Only 82 dark days to Sebring from Christmas Eve.



## Bucs try to stay alive for playoffs vs. Saints

By BRETT MARTEL

Associated Press

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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 thirdstraight 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-

Brees has held himself accountable for what he has termed gamechanging 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

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

The Buccaneers fell to a third-

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

"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 Brees said. "You try to block out a

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 singleseason 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." 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

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 Kevin Elliott and activated receiver Marlon Moore and linebacker Jason Trusnik.

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

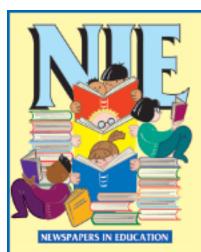
Jaguars waive WR Elliott, promote G Pasztor

The Jaguars, meanwhile, have waived rookie receiver

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



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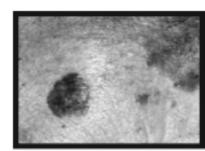
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## Lift season heads to break

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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 weighin serving as any first tiebreaker, 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 seasonlong 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.

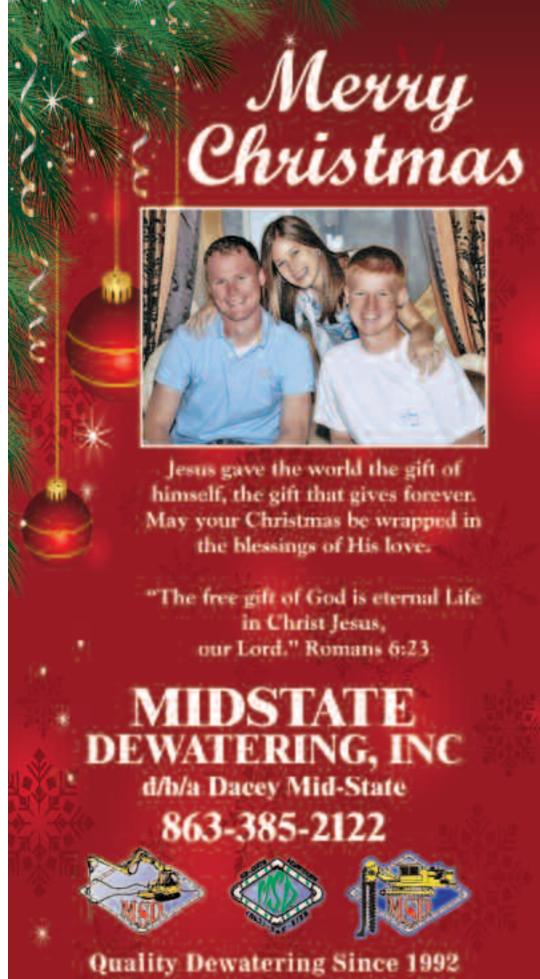
Febe Murillo was second at 210 with a bench of 110 and clean-and-jerk of an even 100.

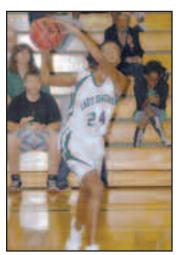
Another step up was seen at 119 when, after her winning totals of 80 and 95, Liz Whitehead seemed more surprised than Berry when she ran up and declared, "I got 95!"

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, reveling and getting reenergized for the latter part of the lifting season with a home meet against LaBelle on Friday,





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

Quiahja Williams added eight and Breaunna Corley seven.

Lake Placid has a non-district date against Clewiston at

'There is still much improvement we

JACKIE COYNE Lady Dragon head coach

can make.'

home Monday and travel to Mulberry for a district tilt Tuesday before settling into

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the Holday Break.

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