

Heartland Happenings

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THE CALADIUM ARTS & CRAFTS CO/OP IN LAKE PLACID HAS A CHILDREN'S CLASS COMING UP, JULY 14TH THROUGH 18TH AT THE COOP ON INTERLAKE BOULEVARD IN LAKE PLACID. MORNING SESSION WILL RUN FROM 10 TO NOON, AFTERNOONS 1 TO 3PM. GIVE YOUR KIDS SOMETHING TO DO THAT MAY TURN INTO A PASSION FOR A LIFETIME! PRICES VARY DEPENDING ON WHICH CRAFT YOUR KIDS DO ... CALL SANDI AT 214-1921 FOR DETAILS.

THE AKTION CLUB OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY INVITES YOU TO ENJOY AN OLD FASHIONED FISH FRY AND BENEFIT YOUR NEIGHBORS FROM HOPE HAVEN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 AND EACH THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. JOIN IN AT THE AVON PARK MOOSE LODGE, ON WEST BELL STREET IN AVON PARK. FRESH FISH, VEGGIES, BREAD AND DESSET FOR JUST SEVEN BUCKS. GOOD FOOD AND A GOOD DEED BEGINNING JULY 15TH.

COME ON DOWN TO LAKESHORE MALL FOR A CAR SHOW & FOOD TRUCK RALLY ON JULY 18TH. REGISTERING YOUR CAR IS FREE. CALL 471-9500. YOU DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE.

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PUT JULY 17TH ON YOUR CALENDAR, AND SUPPORT THE RIDGE AREA ARC'S "HEELS THAT HEAL." IT'S AN EVENING OF FRIENDSHIP AND PHILANTHROPY THAT SUPPORTS SOME SPECIAL NEIGHBORS. A PLATED AND SERVED MEAL. WINE, DOOR PRIZES, SPEAKERS AND SURPRISES AT THE ISLAND VIEW RESTAURANT AT SUN N LAKE. GET TICKETS NOW AT 452-1295.

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NU HOPE ELDERCARE SERVICES' 23RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT IS ON FOR SEPTEMBER 12TH AT SUN N LAKE OF SEBRING. CALL LAURIE MURPHY FOR SPONSORSHIPS OR REGISTRATIONS AT 382-2134.

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THE SEBRING SODA FEST HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 16-18 IN DOWNTOWN SEBRING. IF YOU BOUGHT TASTING TICKETS FOR THE APRIL DATES, THEY'LL WILL BE HONORED IN OCTOBER. KEEP IN TOUCH AT WWW.SEBRINGSODAFEST.COM.

HIGHLANDS LAKESIDE THEATRE PRESENT THEIR MASK-A-RADE GALA, JULY 25TH AT 7PM AT THE THEATRE. TWO FORTY-MINUTE ACTS WITH INTERMISSION, AND YES – YOU WANT TO WEAR A DECORATED MASK! PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE THEATRE, AND BEST MASK WINS A PRIZE. ENTERTAINMENT ON THE DECK, TOO! TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE THEATRE OR ON THE WEB.

SEBRING'S CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN HAS THE SECOND WEEK OF THEIR BIG, INDOOR GARAGE SALE READY FOR YOU THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 23 THROUGH 25. THREE MORE DAYS OF BARGAINS, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH AT 700 SOUTH PINE STREET IN DOWNTOWN SEBRING. 8AM TILL 1PM ALL THREE DAYS.

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AT THE GENESIS CENTER JULY 31 FOR A NIGHT OF CLEAN COMEDY WITH JUANITA LOLITA. JUANITA HAS BEEN VOTED TAMPA'S FUNNIEST FEMALE - DOORS OPEN AT 6:30, SHOW STARTS AT 7PM- IT'S A FREE EVENT BUT A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN.

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HOLY TRAP MINISTRIES IS RUNNING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH WITH NONPERISHABLE FOOD CARE PACKAGES AND BOOK BAGS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED. LOOK FOR THEM IN SEBRING ON M-L-K BOULEVARD IN FRONT OF THE HOPE CENTER, AND IN LAKE PLACID ON CRESTMORE DR IN HIGHWAY PARK. BOTH LOCATIONS WILL BE AVTIVE FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM, OR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 633-0145.

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CAMP SPARTA INVITES YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT THE CAMP AT 5055 CAMP SPARTA ROAD. A RACE T-SHIRT, RAFFLE TICKET AND BREAKFAST BURRITO ARE ALL INCLUDED IN YOUR \$30 ENTRY FEE. DUST OFF THOSE SNEAKERS AND REGISTER ONLINE AT CAMPSPARTA.COM. T-SHIRT SIZES ARE LIMITED AS RACE DAY GET CLOSER.

THE MUSEUM OF FLORIDA ART AND CULTURE AT SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE HAS REOPENED AND HAS THEIR ANNUAL JURIED STUDENT ART SHOW ON NOW! THE STUDENT

SHOW WILL BE UP UNTIL OCTOBER 1. THE LOWER LOBBY IS ALSO FEATURING THE ARTWORK OF JOHN COSTIN AND HIS LARGE FLORIDA BIRDS SERIES. MUSEUM HOURS ARE 12:30 – 4:30, WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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SEBRING'S MEALS ON WHEELS BRINGS YOU THEIR 21ST ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE NOVEMBER 7TH AT HARDER HALL. SUPPORT MEALS ON WHEELS WITH YOUR FOURSOME, AND MAYBE WIN A TRIP TO PEBBLE BEACH FOR A HOLE IN TWO! 8AM SHOTGUN START. CALL 402-1818, OR GET ENTRY BLANKS AT THE HARDER HALL PRO SHOP.

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THE RIDGE AREA ARC'S FAMILY FUN SHOOT IS OCTOBER 3 AT THE BIG BANG RANCH IN AVON PARK. SHOOTING STARTS AT 10AM. BRING YOUR GUN AND SHOOT FOR A CAUSE – REGISTER NOW AT 863-449-0476. RAIN DATE, OCTOBER 10.

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PLAY A ROUND OF POOL AND HELP THE BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT B-C BILLIARDS ON POMEGRANITE AVENUE IN DOWNTOWN SEBRING. FIRST 64 PAID ENTRIES GET INTO THE EVERGLADES 8-BALL OPEN TOURNAMENT, AND YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET CELEBRITY GUEST JEANETTE LEE, THE "BLACK WIDOW." THERE'S RAFFLES,

SIGNED MEMORABILIA AND DOOR PRIZES AVAILABLE, TOO. DOORS OPEN AT NOON, PLAY STARTS AT 1PM.

JOIN THE SFSC FOUNDATION FOR THEIR LEGACY SHOWCASE OCTOBER 24, 2020. IT'S AN EVENING OF SOCIALLY DISTANCED FUN WITH MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING HOWL AT THE MOON ENTERTAINERS, WITH FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES. PIANO-PLAYING VOCALISTS TAKE SONG REQUESTS FROM THE CROWD. AND THERE IS NO GENRE, DECADE, OR ARTIST THAT'LL STUMP THESE GUYS! SONG REQUEST DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT THE SFSC FOUNDATION. SOCIAL HOUR AT 5:00 P.M., ENTERTAINMENT AT 7:00 P.M. TICKETS ONLINE AT SFSCARTS.ORG.

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