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'Shepherd King: The Story of the Bible' is coming to SFSC on April 12-14.

# 'Shepherd King' coming to SFSC

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS SUN

AVON PARK – Fans of live Christian theater can now purchase tickets for the new Biblical play, the Shepherd King: The Story of the Bible. Four performances will be held April 12-14 at the 1,460-seat Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts in Avon Park, located just 60 miles south of Disney World.

The play producer, Power and Light Productions, is well known for productions

such as The Story of Jesus, The Story of Noah, Pictures of Freedom and The Story of Moses that have each attracted thousands of attendees.

The Story of Jesus merited coverage from the likes of the New York Times, LA Times, Washington Post and the Sarasota Herald Tribune. Some critics have compared it to the passion play in Oberammergau, Germany, which has been dazzling largely Christian audiences since 1634.

Tickets range from

\$25-\$35 per person, and group discounts are available by contacting the Box Office directly at 863-784-7178. For online ticket sales, visit [SFSCArts.org/Shows](http://SFSCArts.org/Shows). Parking is free. The Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts is committed to making the performing arts available to everyone, including patrons with disabilities. All facilities are ADA compliant. Call 863-784-7201 to request seating for those with disabilities.

# Panthers rally past Manatees



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

South Florida's Leeandro Alfonzo is tagged out by State College of Florida catcher Joshua Crouch during Thursday night's game. The Panthers beat the Manatees by a score of 3-2.

# South Florida beats Polk State for conference win

By **RUTH ANNE LAWSON**  
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — The South Florida State College Panthers came up big late in Thursday night's Suncoast Conference game against State College of Florida.

South Florida came from two runs down to earn a 3-2 victory over the Manatees with a walkoff single in the bottom of the ninth inning.

The win improved South Florida to 16-31 overall and 5-17 in conference play.

"Our offense was on the verge a whole lot of times tonight," said South Florida Coach Rick Hitt. "We had 13 hits against a very good pitching staff. They were right on it all night but we just couldn't get that one knock in at least four innings to separate the game.

"Shane Magrann got the big hit for us in the ninth. Good for our guys who played hard all night. It was another close game," he said.

"Our pitching staff did a very good job of keeping them in check throughout the night," Hitt said. "Pitched out of a couple of spots and it was a credit to them battling and making pitches.

"It was a pretty complete

ball game when you think about it. We didn't make a single mistake on defense. Happy for our guys and this was a good win for our club," he said.

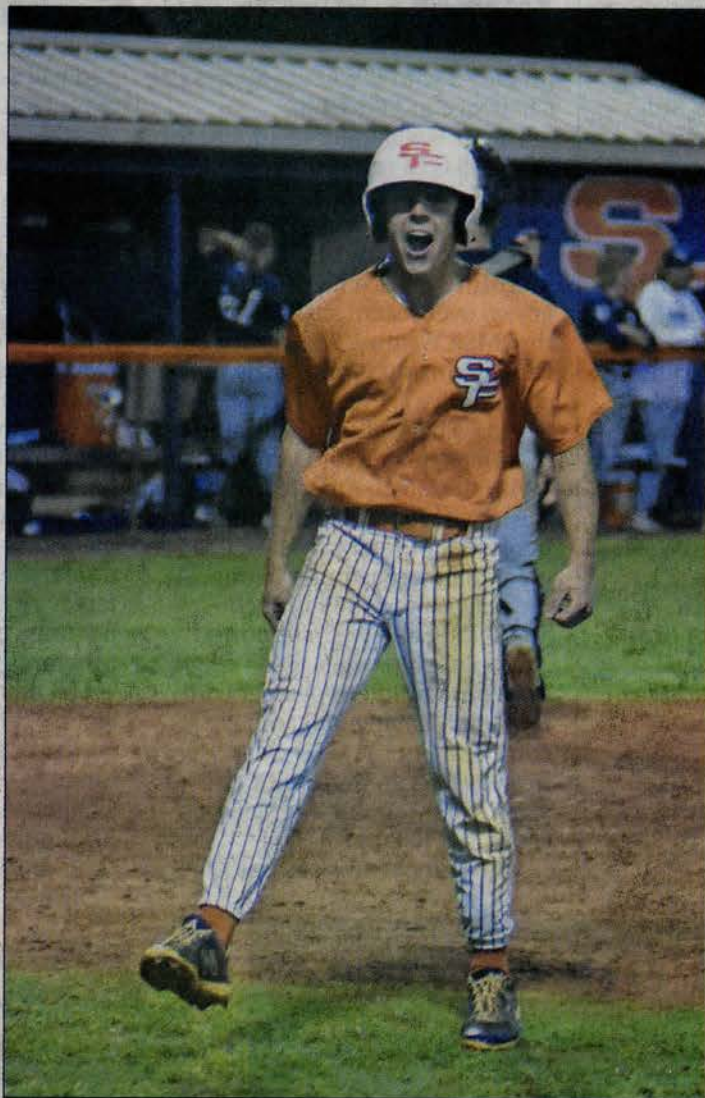
State College of Florida took the lead in the top of the third inning as Remi Patry drew a walk, advanced to third on a base hit by Nick Winkelmeier and scored on a sacrifice fly by Brian Dillingham to give the Manatees a 1-0 lead.

State College of Florida added to its lead in the fifth inning as Tyler Acosta and Winkelmeier singled and Dillingham smacked an RBI single to right field to plate Acosta to make it 2-0.

South Florida trimmed its deficit in the bottom of the sixth inning as Zeddrick Burnham was hit by a pitch, stole second base and scored on a base hit by Leeandro Alfonzo to pull the Panthers within 2-1.

Tyler Tipton started the game on the mound for South Florida giving up one run, two hits, struck out two and walked only one hitter. Pierson Lewis came on in relief and worked three scoreless innings.

Rain began to fall in the



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

South Florida's Case Hannum celebrates after scoring the winning run in Thursday night's game against Polk State College.



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South Florida's Zeddric Burnham slides safely into second base as State College of Florida's Nick Winkelmeier drops the ball during Thursday's game.

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top of the seventh inning and the Panthers tied up the game in the bottom half of the inning. Trey Fields knocked a grounder to right field for a single, P.J. Cimo doubled to right-center field and Case Hannum drew a walk to load the bases. Burnham drew a walk to force in Fields to tie the game at 2.

South Florida struck in the bottom of the ninth inning as Hannum and Burnham drew walks and Alfonzo reached on an error. Shane Magrann stepped to the plate and ripped a single to right field to score Hammum with the winning run.

South Florida's Connor Glesson came on in relief in the seventh inning and finished the game for the Panthers. He earned the win and allowed two hits and no runs while striking out four with one walk.

"We were tied for first place in the conference again tonight and we dropped a heavy one to give them their first win here," said former Sebring Blue Streak and State College of Florida catcher, Joshua Crouch. "We have to come out strong again and win the series to keep our season going strong. It is nice to come back to my hometown every once in a while. I had some people here to support me tonight and I am grateful for it. It has been good playing in college. I have committed to the University of Central Florida and will play in the Cape



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Hunter Martinez catches a fly ball but nearly collided with Zeddric Burnham in the process during Thursday's game against State College of Florida.



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Connor Glesson battled through the rain to finish the game for South Florida.

Cod League this summer. I am excited to play."

The South Florida State College Panthers will host the Polk State

College Eagles Monday night in the first game of a three-game series. The game will start at 6 p.m. at Panther Field.



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South Florida State College is offering an indoor volleyball camp for boys and girls ages 6 to 16. The camp has two sessions, the first runs Monday, June 24, to Thursday, June 27.

# South Florida State College Volleyball Camp coming up

## Activities to enjoy in the Heartland

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SPORTS STAFF

The South Florida State College Panthers are offering an indoor volleyball camp. The camp is for boys and girls ages 6 to 16. The camp is offering two sessions with the first running from Monday, June 24th through Thursday, June 27th from 6:30 p.m to 8 p.m. each day. The second session is

from Monday July 29th to Thursday, August 1st and will include the Panthers volleyball team.

The volleyball camp will cost \$90 per week or \$20 per daily session. This cost includes a shirt. The application is available at [southflorida.edu](http://southflorida.edu) For more information or to sign up please contact Coach Kim Crawford at [kim.crawford@southflorida.edu](mailto:kim.crawford@southflorida.edu) 863-784-7037 or

863-835-2377.

### After School Tennis Classes

After school tennis classes are being offered at the Thakkar Tennis Center at the Country Club of Sebring. The classes are for youngsters ages 4-18 and are run by USPTA certified professional Horace Watkis.

The four-week sessions

scramble will kickoff at Sun 'N Lake Golf and Country Club with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The mission of the Guelff Family Esophageal Cancer Project is to promote awareness and early detection of the deadly disease. Over 90% of all esophageal cancers occur at age 45 or older. Prevention and early detection of esophageal cancer is the key.

The entry fee for a team is \$260 or \$65 for a single entry. Sign sponsorship is available for \$100 and table sponsorship are \$250.

For more information please call Kim at 863-381-6965. Credit card processing will be available at the tournament.

#### **South Florida College Awards Day**

The South Florida State College Athletic Department will be hosting their 2019 Awards Day on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in the University Center auditorium and lobby.

The athletic department will be recognizing all student athletes for their contributions to the 2018-19 athletic season at 5 p.m. in the auditorium, followed by a reception in the lobby with snacks and drinks.

All fans, parents, friends, and SFSC employees are welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend this event, nor are reservations required.

We hope to see you on April 30 and thank you all for your support of Panther Athletics.

#### **Tennis Lessons For Youngsters**

Less Work, More Play  
Tennis is a program

designed to help kids of all ages learn the sport of tennis in a fun environment. Also, it introduces the families to the USTA (United States Tennis Association), where they learn how kids can compete all over the state of Florida and the United States.

Certified Coach Tosin, ranked 2nd in the state in Doubles and in the Top 50 in men's singles, will provide all the tools and fundamentals so that each child can use the application of L.A.W. (Learn, Apply, Win!). Classes are held at Golf Hammock Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. For more information, contact Tosin at 863-510-7315 for more information.

#### **XCEL Volleyball Camp**

XCEL has several volleyball opportunities for boys and girls. The indoor volleyball camp is \$90 per week or \$20 per daily session. The camp runs May 28th to May 31st, June 10th to June 13th and July 15th to July 18th for ages 6-16.

Sand volleyball camps are \$50 per week or \$20 per daily session. If there is bad weather, the camp will continue inside the Panther gym. Be sure to bring indoor gear. The camp runs June 3rd to June 6th, June 24th to June 27th, July 8th to July 11th and July 29th to August 1st for ages 12 to 18.

For more information or questions please contact Club Director Coach Kim Crawford at 863-825-2377 or by email [crawford@xcelvolleyball.net](mailto:crawford@xcelvolleyball.net)

#### **South Florida Youth Baseball Camp**

The 21st annual South Florida State College Youth Baseball Camp will be held Monday, June 3rd through Thursday June 6th at Panther Field. The camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day.

The camp cost \$85 per camper that includes a shirt, instructions and games daily. For more information please contact Coach Rick Hitt at 863-784-7036.

#### **Sebring Rotary Golf Tournament**

The 30th Annual Sebring Sunrise Rotary Guelff Family Esophageal Cancer Foundation Charity Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 4th. The four person