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Glades at a Glance

Chalo Nitka pageant signups

Children's Chalo Nitka pageant signups are Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Moore Haven High School auditorium. The pageants are for boys and girls ages infant - Third Grade students that are Glades County residents. For more information please call 863-227-3728.

Youth Athletic Association

Glades County Youth Athletic Association will be having a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. at the City ballfields on 10th Street. We need all persons willing to coach or volunteer to attend this meeting. If we do not get participation we cannot have a ball season. For more information, call Jerri Lynn at 863-227-1201.

GC history books at library

The Glades County History Books are available at the public library in Moore Haven. If you already ordered one, please pick it up. Contact the library at 863-946-0744. Enjoy a good book!

Native Plant Society plans meetings

The Florida Native Plant Society meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Agri-Civic Center at 4509 George Blvd. in Sebring in conference room number three.

For more information, call Roy Stewart at 863-632-0914.

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Waterway: Lone Cypress near Moore Haven Locks



The Lone Cypress in historic downtown Moore Haven was a landmark for early mariners on the big lake.



The lovely Marilyn J travels through the Okeechobee Waterway down the Caloosahatchee. This photo was taken near the Lone Cypress in downtown Moore Haven.

GC acquires certified fire fighters

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES COUNTY -- The public safety department has just recently hired two certified, full time fire fighters for the county. Their first day began Jan. 20 and they are already preparing for the dry, wildfire season.

Regularly they will have an 8 to 5 schedule, and will be stationed at a different fire house each month. After regular hours, they will assume the role of volunteer fire fighter in their home communities.

Gerald Watson, Jr. was raised in LaBelle and now lives in Ortona. He put in 10 years of service in the Carolinas and became a lieutenant. Currently, he is waiting for EMT school.

"We'll be out there to better assist the community and serve all of Glades County," said Mr. Watson.

Neal Chapman was raised in Hialeah and now calls Lakeport his home. He spent 30 years fighting fires in Tamarac near Fort Lauderdale, and at Miami Beach. He is also cross trained as a paramedic.

"We will also work on general maintenance, hose testing, hydrant testing and anything else needed in the community," Mr. Chapman said.

The fire fighters mentioned that the fire weather outlook after a freeze can increase chances for wildfires even though it is early in the dry season. Weeds and shrubs die off after a freeze and the dry, brittle plants can more easily catch fire. Arid conditions last fall, winter freezes, and low humidity can increase fire hazards in the spring. If citizens see unusual smoke or fire, they should call 911 and report it immediately so the fire department can get there as fast as possible.

Glades County public safety department serves a large rural county with two EMS stations and fire houses in Moore Haven, Muse, Ortona, Lakeport and Buckhead Ridge. It covers many square miles that includes narrow two lane farm roads, dirt roads, and heavily wooded regions. It also happens to be in one of the most lightning prone areas in the nation.

The department has relied heavily on the dedication of volunteers, and is striving to add certified, full time fire fighters. A new ambulance was recently purchased and a ladder truck was added to the fleet two years ago.

The county relies on its neighbors and will help nearby

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Cane Grinding Festival to be held Feb. 7

Bring a chair and enjoy bluegrass music and barbecue

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

ORTONA -- The 30th Annual Cane Grinding Festival is an event that locals and visitors look forward to on Saturday, Feb. 7. The traditional sugar cane harvest done by early settlers will be re-created at Larry Luckey's Ortona Indian Mound Park from 10-2 p.m. The park is located in a lush green wooded spot with an open pit barbecue and a nice entertainment pavilion.

Area folks prepare early for the event and groom the festival grounds and parking area. Large

grills are brought in so chicken and pork can be slow cooked with tender loving care from local experts. Past participants are eagerly looking forward to the desserts and baked goods.

Vintage cane grinding equipment will be set up just like it was in the frontier days of Old Florida. Pioneer families used to grow their own patch of sugar cane and the fresh plant juice was cooked to make cane syrup. The syrup was put in bottles and jars and stored for later use. Cane syrup became a survival food for those in the wilderness and it had many kitchen and farm uses. Descendants of early settlers will be on hand to show how it was done.

Vendors offer hand made art and craft items, and clubs will hold raffles. Local organizations

and agencies will have information booths set up; and visitors can see the boardwalk and information kiosk to learn more about the Native Americans who built the mounds. Photographers can survey the area and return to photograph wildlife and native plants.

Music and dancing are a tradition at the Cane Grinding Festival. The Bluegrass Stagecoach Band and Country Rhythm Cloggers will be featured under the pavilion. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own chairs so they can sit under the shade of live oaks and enjoy dinner and music.

This is also a fund raising event that benefits the Ortona Volunteer Fire Department. A ticket fee is \$8 at the gate and this includes a barbecue dinner

with baked potato, cole slaw and drink. Four dollars is charged for children at the gate, and the dinner ticket fee can be paid in advance for a cost of \$7.

Tickets are available at Country Corner store in Ortona; at the Glades County courthouse in

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The Cane Grinding Festival in Ortona, Glades County, takes place Feb. 7. Enjoy good food, music, and clogging. Watch how cane syrup was made by early settlers. This photo of authentic cane grinding machinery was taken in 2007.

Travel is an education

Friends of the Library welcome Judge Sullivan at open house

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

MOORE HAVEN -- The Glades County Public Library held an open house Jan. 20 to introduce patrons to its services since it became a member of Heartland Library Cooperative. The five county organization provides greater access to ma-

terials, services and regional collections. The Friends of the Library hosted the event. Throughout the year they sponsor workshops and speakers.

The Friends welcomed retired judge, Kirby Sullivan, as guest speaker during open house. He has traveled overseas quite a bit in the last 10 years and has seen 35-40 countries. Last spring he went to Thailand and neighboring countries. He presented a slide show, flags, and maps in the library meeting room. The audience could tell Judge Sullivan was impressed with Thailand's great beauty.

"It's a very green and fertile

country," he said.

He visited the countryside and observed their agriculture industry, and mentioned that Thailand must have more rice fields than we have sugar cane fields. They also produce tubers, sugar cane and bananas.

Elephants are worked in the field, and used as tourist attractions. The audience enjoyed the photos of Judge Sullivan riding a baby elephant. One interesting souvenir he brought back was paper envelopes made from recycled elephant dung.

His tour group stayed in the

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Retired judge, Kirby Sullivan, was a guest speaker Jan. 20 during open house at the Glades County public library in Moore Haven. He went to Thailand last spring and presented a slide show.

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Arrest Report

This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone who is listed here and who is later found not guilty, or has the charges against them dropped, is welcome to inform the newspaper. We will confirm the information and print it.

Armando C. Espinoza, 22



- Belle Glade
- Traffic offense - DUI alcohol or drugs
- Arrested Jan. 23
- Released Jan. 24

Ernest Brown, 47



- Belle Glade
- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 26

Jarvis Williams, 30



- Belle Glade
- Battery second or subsequent offense
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 25 on \$5,000 bond

Jeremy Sparkman, 21



- Belle Glade
- Battery - felony battery by strangulation
- Kidnap - false imprisonment - adult
- Arrested Jan. 23
- No bond has been set

Josie M. Perry, 63



- Belle Glade
- Trespassing - structure or conveyance
- Possession with intent to sell or deliver schedule
- Arrested Jan. 20
- Released Jan. 20 on \$3,000 bond

Juvenal Mendoza, 23



- Belle Glade
- Destroying, tamper with or fabricate physical evidence
- Resist officer - without violence
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Bond has been set to \$3,000

Isaac Willis, 25



- Belle Glade
- Evidence - destroying, tamper with or fabricate physical evidence
- Possession of marijuana
- Arrested Jan. 23
- Released Jan. 23 on \$3,000 bond

Jonathan Gadsden, 25



- Belle Glade
- Possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams
- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Jan. 22
- Released Jan. 23 on \$3,010.00 bond

Miguel Morales, 34



- Belle Glade
- Battery felony battery or domestic battery by strangulation
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Released Jan. 26

Rafael FerenandezTorres, 24



- Belle Glade
- Carrying a concealed weapon - firearm
- Firing weapon - discharge firearm in public
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Bond has been set for \$3,000

Raul Merino, 35



- Belle Glade
- Traffic offense - DUI alcohol or drugs
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Released Jan. 25

Rodney Joiner, 18



- Belle Glade
- Robbery with a firearm
- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill
- Arrested Jan. 25
- No bond set

Torrance Mathis, 18



- Belle Glade
- Possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver schedule
- Possession of narcotic equipment
- Arrested Jan. 23
- Released Jan. 24 on \$500 bond

Alexander Gonzalez, 26



- Belle Glade
- Out of county warrant
- Principle in the 1st degree
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 24 to Hendry Co. Sheriff's Office

Sade Atkins, 20



- Pahokee
- Aggravated battery - person uses a deadly weapon
- Cruelty toward child - abuse without great harm
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Released Jan. 26

Tyrone Hill, 18



- Pahokee
- Aggravated battery - offender knew/should have known victim pregnant
- Arrested Jan. 22
- Released Jan. 23

Markus Hickman, 34



- Pahokee
- Out of county warrant
- Grand theft third degree
- Arrested Jan. 26
- No bond set booked for Hillsborough Co. Sheriff's Office

Ozell Polk, 37



- South Bay
- Resist officer - flee elude LEO
- Traffic violation - drive while license suspended habitual offender
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 24 on \$3,000 bond

Reginald McKelvin, 36



- South Bay
- TCATS operating while driver license revoked for habitual traffic offender
- Arrested Jan. 22
- No bond set

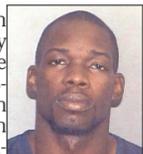
Rodney Dunson, 37



- South Bay
- Larceny theft is \$300 or more but less than \$5,000
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 24 on \$3,000 bond

Crime Stoppers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating the following wanted fugitive as of January 22.



Donte Thompson, age 27, also known as Douglas Thompson, is a black male with black hair and brown eyes. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs approximately 190 pounds. He has tattoos on both arms.

Thompson's last known address is listed as S.W. 7th St., Belle Glade.

He is wanted on felony charges violation of probation: resisting police officer with violence, and misdemeanor offense violation of probation: criminal mischief.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of this wanted fugitive is asked to contact the Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestopperspbcc.com.

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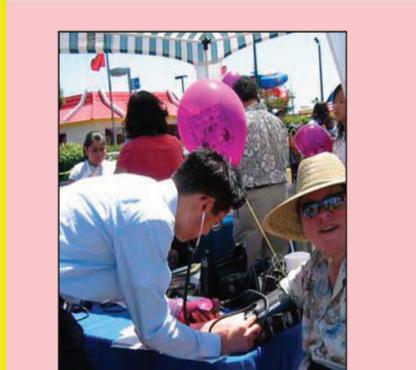
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What is an Inguinal Hernia? Could you have one?

By Dr. Dayares Mobed
HRMC General Surgeon

Most people have known or heard about someone who has had hernia surgery.

Hernia surgeries are the most common surgeries performed today.

Would you be able to recognize a hernia or be familiar with the signs and symptoms caused by a hernia?

What is a hernia?
A hernia, in general terms, is a weakness or tear, by nature or iatrogenic (induced), causing protrusion of bowel and fat through the weakness.

Hernias are classified by their location.

They can occur at all ages, and can be congenital (noticed at birth) or developed later in life.

What is an inguinal hernia? An inguinal hernia is an abnormal bulge or protrusion that develops in the groin area (between the abdomen and the thigh).

This type of hernia is by far the most common hernia.

A mother may notice swelling



Submitted photo
Dr. Darayes Mobed.

in her infant son's scrotum, when her baby is crying; this is a typical example of an infant hernia.

An inguinal hernia can also develop when a portion of an internal organ such as the intestine, along with fluid, bulges through a weakened area in the muscle wall of the abdomen.

Who is at risk for an inguinal hernia?

There are certain risk factors, which may predispose a person to an inguinal hernia.

Though some patients do not fall into these categories, the most common risk factors include:

- Gender – Inguinal hernias are more common in males than in females.

- Prostate enlargement – Prostate enlargement can cause straining during urination.

- Family history - Your risk of inguinal hernia increases if you have a close relative, such as a parent or sibling, with the condition.

- Certain medical conditions - Having cystic fibrosis, a life-threatening disorder that causes severe lung damage and often a chronic cough.

- Chronic cough from smoking- A chronic cough, such as one

which occurs from smoking.

- Chronic constipation - This leads to straining during bowel movements — a common cause of inguinal hernias.

- Excess weight - Being moderately to severely overweight can put extra pressure on your abdomen.

- Multiple Pregnancies – Multiple pregnancies can weaken the abdominal muscles and cause increased pressure inside your abdomen.

- Certain occupations - Having a job that requires standing for long periods or doing heavy lifting and physical labor increases your risk.

- Premature birth - Infants who are born sooner than normal.

- History of prior hernia surgeries – If you've had one inguinal hernia, it's much more likely that you'll eventually develop another

one – usually on the opposite side.

What are the symptoms of inguinal hernia?

Inguinal hernias are characterized by pain or a bulge in the groin area when coughing, sneezing, lifting or straining.

The swelling may be reduced or even disappear when lying down. In an infant, the hernia is noticed as a swelling in the scrotum, when the baby is crying.

How is an inguinal hernia treated?

There are various methods and timings for hernia treatment or repair.

If the hernia can be reduced or pushed back and the symptoms disappear, the surgery can be performed electively.

If the hernia continues to be painful and cannot be reduced, there is a potential for bowel strangulation, and hernia surgery becomes an emergency.

Hernia repair in an infant or child is done by surgically closing the defect of the hernia. In an adult, however, a synthetic inert

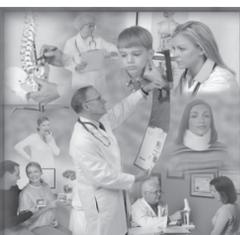
mesh is overlaid on the defect for a stronger repair.

Inguinal hernia surgery can be performed by a small incision in the groin or laparoscopically through multiple tiny incisions and the use of a camera.

Recovering from surgery – Hernia surgeries are performed on an outpatient basis, whereby the patient is able to walk soon after the procedure.

There are no dietary restrictions, and patients can resume their regular activities within a few days.

An inguinal hernia is one of the many types of hernias. Other types include: femoral, ventral, umbilical, hiatal, and intra-abdominal hernias. I will elaborate on these types of hernias at a later date.



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Operation Crack Down nets 6 arrests

By Eric Kopp
INI Florida

MOORE HAVEN -- The Glades County Narcotics Task Force has completed a two-week investigation into the street level sale of drugs with the arrest of six Moore Haven residents.

The operation, dubbed Operation Crack Down, also accounted for the seizure of over \$2,000 in cash and one firearm. During the operation law enforcement personnel reportedly bought 82 grams of marijuana and over 20 grams of crack cocaine in 27 controlled 'buys.'

Glades County Sheriff Stuart Whiddon said the operation was a "huge success."

Those arrested, along with their charges and bonds, were:

- Chauncey A. Haynes, 30, sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a church (six counts), \$140,000;
- Artavistus L. Ware, 26, sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a church/day care (six counts), \$175,000;
- Lebron J. Davis, 27, sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a church (four counts), \$100,000;
- Clarence Hunter Jr., 24, sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school, \$70,000;
- Carrie L. Hunter, 22, possession of marijuana over 20 grams with intent to sell, \$5,000; and,
- Yolanda Hallback, 26, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, \$10,000.

Detective Sergeant Steve Harris, of the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), said warrants have also been obtained for the arrest of Albert J. Thomas, 35. Sgt. Harris said he is charged with nine counts of sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a church/day care. However, Thomas apparently fled Glades County when he heard the other arrests were being made, indicated the GCSO detective.

"We think Thomas fled to

Central Florida," said Sgt. Harris, in a phone interview Monday, Jan. 26.

Clarence Hunter, along with his sisters Carrie Hunter and Yolanda Hallback, were arrested in their home where undercover personnel reportedly made cocaine buys. Their home, said Sgt. Harris, is 560-feet from Moore Haven High School.

When arrested, Hallback was reportedly found to be in possession of a .22 caliber snub nose hand gun.

The detective added that when law enforcement personnel tried to arrest Ware he ran from the scene. In fact, he ran so hard that "he ran out of his pants." When law enforcement personnel recovered Ware's pants they found cocaine, marijuana, prescription pills and \$350 cash -- \$30, of which, was money used during the operation to make a buy, Sgt. Harris said.

Ware's bond on those charges was set at \$83,500.

When Ware was captured he was then charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell.

The detective went on to explain that as many as 20 cocaine buys were made in the parking lot of a Moore Haven business, which is also across the street from a church. Haynes, he continued, also made sales from the parking lots of the Miracle Deliverance Church and the Bethel Baptist Church.

If drugs are sold near a church, school or day care then the penalty is enhanced to a mandatory three years if the accused is convicted, said Sgt. Harris.

All of the alleged transactions during the operation were recorded, both audibly and visibly.

Clubs and organizations

Glades County Historical Society Meeting

The Glades County Historical Society meeting will be held at the historic Pieter Westergaard House at 270 Ave. L, Moore Haven on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. The agenda will include plans for the March barbecue, 2009 Christmas Walk and Open House and a membership drive.

New members will receive a free T-shirt with payment of dues.

For further information, phone Anne Coffey at 863-946-0520 or Julie Wigton at 863-946-2060.

Fashion and Fun at annual GCWC Style Show

Members of the Glades County Woman's Club invite you to their annual Luncheon and Style Show on Saturday, Feb. 7 beginning at noon.

Bobbi Brown, president, says this fun event has become bigger and better every year resulting in a move to the spacious Robin's Nest RV Park clubhouse a few years ago.

"Members provide home cooked dishes for every dietary need along with cold and hot refreshments," said the energetic president.

"This year's event promises to be fun with an entertaining commentary and prizes and games."

Proceeds from the show help support the club's annual scholarship fund for local students.

Please contact any club member for your ticket.

The cost is a reasonable amount for a tasty lunch and exciting afternoon - only \$10.

Phone Ms. Brown, 863-946-3356, Geri Burleson, 863-946-1150, June Morningstar, 863-946-0579, or Anne Coffey, 946-0520, for your reservations.

Volunteers needed

CREW is still helping Hendry and Glades county residents recover from Hurricane Wilma, Tropical Storm Ernesto and Tropical Storm Faye.

We need skill volunteers to do home repairs.

Material donations are also needed. Call Renee at 863-983-2390 to volunteer.

Five Star Regional

Challenged flag and show team

The Five Star Youth of America is sponsoring a new program for seven county areas.

You are invited to join an all-challenged flag and show team being organized in your area.

The program will be featured for the challenged in Hendry, Glades, Hardee, Okeechobee, DeSoto, Charlotte, and Highlands County.

The Five Star Regional Flag and Show Team will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at West Elementary School Gym.

It is located at 310 Imogene Street in Arcadia, Fla.

The team will perform at shows, march in parades, and compete in competitions in the area.

The program is co-sponsored by the Five Star Youth of America and the Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524.

It is under the direction of Jackie Tucker, State Director and Exalted Ruler of the Arcadia Elks.

Helping her coach is Holly Layport and Ken Clark. For more information call Jackie Tucker at 863-993-0083.

Calling all Children

Do you go to Sunday School? If not, come to our Kick off Rally bring your friends "Jesus Loves You" to New Hope Baptist Church for Sunday School Kick-Off Rally on Sunday, Feb. 1 beginning at 10 a.m.

Children of all ages are welcome!

If you don't attend Sunday School come see what exciting things we have planned.

Each child will receive a free gift!

For more information call Pastor Branham at 863-946-1852. New Hope Baptist Church is located on 1057 E. Yaun Road in Moore Haven.

Free bread provided

Free Bread provided by the fine folks at the New Hope Baptist Church located at 1050 Yaun Road in Moore Haven.

This will be every Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or when the bread is gone. Hard to believe, but the bread is free!

Letters to the Editor

Misinformation on Guantanamo Detention Facility

President Obama has signed an executive order to close the detention facility at Guantanamo. CBS News, in apparent support for the decision, on Jan. 24 ran a news item in which it quoted a law professor saying his students had reviewed the detainees and determined that only a fraction had been Al Qaeda associates and inferring they were unlawfully held.

CBS News ran this with no questions asked about the appropriateness of this interpretation.

What the report did not indicate was what number of detainees were Taliban combatants or those seized during acts of warfare against U.S. troops.

Undoubtedly, detainees taken from Afghanistan and transferred to GTMO were thought to have been combatants or active Al Qaeda or Taliban leaders.

If the U.S. military takes enemy soldiers prisoner, they are entitled

to hold them until the end of hostilities according to the Geneva Conventions.

They do not need to prove they were guilty of any crime.

There is no legal requirement to try enemy prisoners of war for crimes in a federal court. (Of course, for those who participated in planning the 9/11 attacks, they can be prosecuted as a separate matter.)

Additionally, if individuals are not entitled to Enemy Prisoner of War status, like the GTMO detainees, they must be treated humanely (a requirement of the Geneva Convention -- it being mistakenly reported in the media that the U.S. was not following the Geneva Convention) but can be tried for any violations of the Law of War for such crimes they committed.

Therefore what is not being reported is that the U.S. can lawfully hold combatants until hostilities are over, which they are not over.

We do not need to try these folks at all so long as their combatant status has been affirmed by a periodic military tribunal.

While some have argued that the U.S. should have given the detainees enemy prisoner of war (EPWs) status as a matter of policy and not used enhanced interrogation techniques which are not available for use against EPWs, even EPWs can be held until the end of hostilities.

Because so much attention has focused on the legality of interrogation techniques not listed in the Army Manual and what constitutes "torture" (a subject matter not capable of being understood by anyone lacking access to such sensitive information), certain media outlets have apparently decided that Guantanamo detention itself must have been unlawful.

It is not unlawful to detain enemy combatants at GTMO until the end of hostilities.

If GTMO is closed before the end of hostilities in Afghanistan, these enemy combatants can be held elsewhere.

So if it is not the intent to release the detainees, why close GTMO and send them to places in the U.S.? It is not a legal requirement to close the facility.

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With the president
Anne Haskell and husband, Fred Brockman, pose with "President Barack Obama" at the Inaugural Dinner Dance, sponsored by the local NAACP branch and held at Devon's Bistro, Tuesday, Jan. 20 in Belle Glade.



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Enjoying the event
Enjoying the NAACP's Inaugural event were Martha Soriano and Eleanor Bentley, who celebrated the historic day with dinner, dancing and recollections of the earlier Presidential Inauguration events. Inauguration Day also was Mrs. Bentley's birthday, which added dimension to the enjoyable evening.

Date for Lamb Referendum

INI Florida -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it will offer lamb producers, feeders, and first handlers the opportunity to vote in a nationwide referendum on whether to continue or terminate the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order, authorized under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996. The referendum will be held Feb. 2 to Feb. 27.

The referendum will be conducted at USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices. To be eligible to vote, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, which shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughtering of lambs during the period, January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008.

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A Historical Perspective on Spanish Florida

Missions in South Florida

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

The lone, scholarly priest stood at the edge of the lagoon, staring across the sparkling, tropical waters until sea and sky merged as one on the blue horizon.

The gaze remained fixed for several minutes, as his mind and spirit breached all earthly obstacles and rose to terrestrial heights.

The heavenly journey eluded him when a slight noise awakened him to a beautiful, but cruel world.

The dreamy, sedated look was replaced with an anguished expression that crept across his face.

Ocean borne winds had carried the strange, muffled sound across the water's edge, alerting him to danger.

Tranquil eyes recoiled in horror at the sight of murderous men emerging from dugouts, moving swiftly to block his escape route to the fort.

He stood mesmerized, paralyzed by a cold, ruthless fear that coiled around his body, rendering him immobile.

The dreadful shock was brief, and primeval instincts overpowered the fear.

In seconds, a will to live focused his entire being on the fort, so close and yet so far.

Arms flew and legs raced, kicking up puffs of sand as he sprinted for his life.

Cries of anger echoed across the Island, when the Indians realized he was escaping.

Entering the fort, he collapsed in a daze, gasping for air, while alerted soldiers manned the fort walls.

This fictitious tall tale reveals the harsh life that men of the cloth endured in "La Florida."

It is time to take "A Walk in The Past" and read about the early Spanish missions in south Florida.

In 1566, Pedro Menendez de Aviles, the newly appointed governor of Florida, met with King Carlos, the Calusa cacique, in the province of Calus.

He rescued our ole friend Fontanedo, several female mestizos (Indian and European mix) and one female black.

Menendez negotiated and established a temporary peace between the Spanish and Calusa, but it came at a high price.

Carlos demanded he marry his sister, and Menendez capitulated to his demands because he hoped the marriage would help consolidate a peaceful truce.

He returned to Cuba with his bride and the castaways.

The marriage was only a politi-

cal arrangement, so he made arrangements for her to get housing and religious training.

Menendez didn't return immediately, but sent an expedition, under the command of Captain Reinoso, to build a fort and settlement at King Carlos's village, called St. Anthony, near present day Charlotte Harbor.

Captain Reinoso was also instructed to explore Lake Mayaimis, known today as Lake Okeechobee.

Menendez was hoping there was a natural waterway crossing south Florida, so that ships could avoid the treacherous Florida Straits.

In 1567, Menendez returned to the province of Calus and found an unhappy alliance between the Spanish and Calusa.

The truce was further threatened when Menendez insisted that king Carlos make peace with the Calusa's long time enemies, the Tocobaga Indians of Tampa Bay.

The real threat to peace came from a Jesuit priest called Father Juan Rogel.

King Phillip II had requested priests for "La Florida," and Menendez complied.

Father Rogel told the Calusa Indians that it was wrong to worship graven images and practice polygamy.

Centuries of tradition and religion were now being challenged

by a strange Spaniard and a stranger religion.

King Carlos and the Calusa people were furious when told they must give up their idols.

The Calusa men got down right testy when told they could have only one wife.

Tensions were running high between the Spaniards and Indians, so Menendez relocated the fort to a neighboring island before he returned to Cuba.

Casique Carlos's hate for the Jesuit priest increased. Father Rogel wrote in his journal, "Carlos had a great hate against me especially because I discredited and spoke evil about his idols."

"I did not go out more than once each day for a thing that could not be avoided and did not go further than a stone's throw from the fort."

Father Rogel wasn't winning souls and feared his own might soon soar from its earthly bonds. He had lived at the fort for one month, when a ship arrived with supplies.

The ship's captain told Father Rogel that the Spanish garrison at Tampa Bay was in dire need of supplies.

Father Rogel elected to return to Cuba and help organize relief for the beleaguered garrison.

Captain Reinoso reportedly discovered (three days after Father Rogel took leave for Cuba) that Cacique Carlos was plotting

to massacre the Spanish.

The Spaniards claimed some of the Calusa weren't happy with Cacique Carlos and divulged his plan to them.

Reinoso invited Carlos to the fort.

Carlos came with two village headmen, and Reinoso executed all three.

The Spaniards selected a Calusa rebel leader called Felipe to be the next Cacique.

Felipe was a high ranking Calusa, who claimed that he was the rightful heir to the title Cacique.

The Spaniards reported that the transfer of Calusa power to Cacique Felipe made life easier for them.

Cacique Felipe experienced a harder transition. Several Calusa chiefs were unhappy with his coronation and made new alliances with the Togobagos Indians.

Apparently, no one was happy with the new Cacique except the Spaniards.

Captain Reinoso took a short visit to Cuba in 1567, and returned to find Cacique Felipe holding a celebration.

Cacique Felipe's followers were dancing with the heads of four beheaded Calusa Indian leaders that disapproved Cacique Felipe's new title.

During his reign, Felipe killed more than 15 Calusa leaders to protect his position and life.

Captain Reinoso knew his

decision to appoint Felipe as the new Cacique wasn't popular with the Calusa.

He said, "Because matters in that province have come to such a pass and have been so disposed that the reign and life of that cacique depends on the Christians not withdrawing their support from him because he is so disliked by so many caciques and captains among his vassals that, were it not for the favor and support that he enjoys among the Christians, they would have killed him quite a while ago."

There will be more "Tale Tales" in next week's edition "A Walk in The Past" when Spanish missions and priest clash with the Calusa culture.

I hope you have enjoyed this story.

Contact the Clewiston Museum if you have questions, artifacts, pictures, or a "Whale of a Tale" that you would like to share. The Museum's hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Butch Wilson is the Clewiston Museum Director. He can be reached at clewistonmuseum@embarqmail.com, or by phone at 863-983-2870.

Annual National Signing Day coming on February 4

Well over 15 area seniors set to commit on Super Wednesday

By Najj Tobias
INI Florida

SOUTH LAKE REGION - In just six days, a slew of high school football athletes will sign their letters of intent.

Known as National Signing Day, four of five area school will be set to participate in this extravaganza.

Unfortunately for Moore Haven, none of its seniors have been offered by colleges as of yet.

Xavier Fagan, who, according to MaxPreps.com, led the state with 1,117 receiving yards to end the regular season last year, surprisingly has only a few small schools even taking a look at him at this time.

Jason Bond, the Terriers head coach, was tight lipped on what those schools were.

Hopefully, Fagan and his fellow outgoing seniors can pick up offers at some point down the line.

That's not bad news at all, given the fact that some of the Class of 2008's best athletes received exactly zero offers before signing day.

One could look no further than Kardell Dunning, who graduated from Glades Central High School in 2008.

Arguably one of the best cornerbacks in the state during his senior season, Dunning didn't receive any offers before the big day.

Nevertheless, his patience more than paid off when last spring, Michigan and Louisville were fighting hard for his services.

Thanks to Henry Cook, Glades Central's athletic director, Dunning's game film was put on YouTube and Rivals.com, generating thousands of hits.

It did happen after signing day, but the premise of all that is just one thing.

Colleges will find a talented athlete, no matter what it takes. After taking visits to Louisville and Michigan during the spring, Dunning was amazed by how the college coaches treated him.

But in the end, Dunning chose Louisville over Michigan partly because he was promised an opportunity to start at cornerback there.

Dunning, working his way into Louisville's starting rotation, made the possibility a reality, when he made his debut against West Virginia last season.

Firmly poised to make a bigger impact for the Cardinals in his next three seasons, Dunning may be able to look at the disappointment and use it as a prime opportunity to make it to the NFL, possibly in 2012.

Big day ahead at Glades Central

It could be argued that almost all of the excitement on Super Wednesday will come from Glades Central.

Given the fact that no less than 20 Division I-caliber athletes are on the team, only three of them seem firmly committed to their

college choices at this time.

During this time last year, Rivals.com four-star offensive lineman Henry Orelus committed to LSU, which seemingly ended any suspense for the prospect.

But in the summer, Orelus, for reasons unknown, de-committed from LSU and switched to Florida State University.

It's a known fact that players are only orally committed until signing day, so making a de-commit will not bring any consequences for a college prospect in question.

This also applied for fellow teammate Rantavious Wooten, a Rivals.com four-star wideout who's rated as the No. 30 overall player in the state.

While Wooten announced his oral commitment to LSU - just hours before Glades Central's Aug. 29 Kickoff Classic game against Dillard - he later switched his allegiance to the University of Georgia.

Again, it's not uncommon for a top flight athlete to do such a thing.

In the end, Wooten, Orelus and others are just making sure that they're making the best college decision for them.

That's too bad for LSU, who just lost two of the nation's top prospects.

Outgoing senior James Melton, a backup running back to fellow classmate Antonio McCloude, quietly made his college commitment to Alabama State University back in the fall.

Though it was Melton's only official offer, he quickly accepted the scholarship and hasn't looked back since.

Quite a few other Glades Central seniors have a great chance of signing letters of intent next Wednesday.

It won't be a surprise if these athletes make official commitments on Feb. 4:

- Antonio McCloude
- Rupert Bryan
- Jim Knowles
- Vincent Harper
- Emmanuel Rackard
- Robert Ferguson
- Artavious Dowdell
- Cartavious Baldwin

There could be even more Glades Central signees, though it won't be absolutely certain until the big day.

Clewiston and Glades Day seem set

Over at Tiger Country, it's looking like there will be just one player on track to sign the papers next week.

Joe Roth, Clewiston's head coach, said Darris Hughes, the Tigers first ever 2,000-yard rusher, will likely commit to Georgia State University.

It's actually surprising that Hughes had just one offer, considering the record-breaking season he had.

With that being said, the Clewiston coaching staff took a deliberate approach in how they'll showcase their seniors to colleges nationwide.

Hard at work since the Oct. 17 bye week, Roth and his coaches started taking the time out to make game film for each of their seniors.

The coaching staff, assigned to

conduct searches on each college from Division I, II, III and JUCO (junior college), has recently sent off tapes, hoping that more outgoing seniors can obtain offers down the line.

"The kids have worked very hard for me all season long," Roth said.

"Now, it's my time to pay them back, I owe it to them."

As for Glades Day, it looks to be busier than last year.

Jimbo Arnold, who currently plays for Troy University, was the only one who committed on signing day.

Jarrett Swaby (UCF) has left for college earlier this month, while Bo Schlechter recently made an oral commitment to Georgia State.

If everything goes as planned, Hughes and Schlechter will be teammates at Georgia State in the future.

Interestingly, Georgia State will not be fielding a football team until the 2010 season.

In essence, academics will be the key focus for both of them as they become college freshmen.

De'Andres Jackson, who scored a 29 on his ACT exam and has a 3.5 grade point average (GPA), received several college offers to date.

The all-around athlete, who took a college visit to Georgetown University earlier this month, has also been offered by Brown University and Air Force, among others.

No one will know where Jackson will go until signing day.

Cody Dionne and Josh Cuthbert are the two others who may officially commit for Glades Day next week.

"Any college will be happy that they land kids of their caliber," Glades Day Gators coach Pete Walker said of his seniors.

"All of them are great athletes and are men of character."

Pahokee prospects are already set

Brandin Hawthorne and Vincent Smith, both Michigan commits, will sign their letter of intents in Ann Arbor, Mich., according to Pahokee head coach Blaze Thompson.

The duo made their oral commitments on Aug. 29, just one day before their Kickoff Classic game against Olive Branch, Miss.

The fateful news conference, along with Nu'Keese Richardson May 29 commitment to Florida, proved to be among the state's most exciting college announcements in recent memory.

Later in the fall, Jacquan Bentley, the Blue Devils former center, made a commitment to Alabama St.

Bentley will be joining Melton as teammates for the next four years, making for what's yet another Glades Central-Pahokee connection in college.

That's somewhat akin to what Deonte Thompson (Glades Central) and Janoris Jenkins (Pahokee) accomplished, as both currently play for national champion Florida.

Jarvis Byrd, a four-star cornerback who is Rivals.com's No. 41 player in the state, committed to North Carolina State in the fall, as well.

After taking a visit there recently, he reportedly liked the campus so much, that not even offers from Wake Forest or Florida State will change his mind.

Carlos Lammons, a defensive back, recently announced that he'll be going to the University of Buffalo.

That leaves Willie Hickman, who may choose Florida Atlantic University next week as he continues to play cornerback on the next level.

"There are a number of boys that should be going to Division

I, but scholarship offers haven't come in yet," Thompson said of the remaining seniors.

Considering the fact that Pahokee had 26 seniors on the 2008 team, it's somewhat surprising that players such as Dexter Holmes, Fontaine Hopson, Curtis Daley, Tim Baker and Donald Hester haven't been given a serious look.

As for Richardson, he'll likely join Byrd, Lammons, Hickman and Bentley on the signing table next week at Pahokee High School.

Car Club visits local area

Event to be held in LaBelle to support local crisis center

The South Central Florida Car Club will present it's 3rd Annual Legends of the Road Super Cruise on Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in historic downtown LaBelle Fla.

This event will be held in conjunction with the world famous Swamp Cabbage Festival.

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Margie A. (Stephens) Bennett, 81

PALM BEACH — Margie A. Bennett, passed away Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, after a lengthy illness. She was 81.

Margie was born on Oct. 23, 1927, in Alamo, Ga. She was a 1945 graduate of Pahokee High School, where she loved to dance, was a member of the Glee Club, and a cheerleader for the Pahokee Blue Devil football team.

Her professional life was spent in the medical field most recently working for Orthopedic Care Specialists for the past 14 years.

Margie was predeceased by her beloved husband, Tom.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Pamela Kelley (Clint) and Tracy Gilbert (Charles); grandchildren James, Natalie, Reade, Tiffany and Michelle; four great-grandchildren; her sister, Grace Maxson; her niece and nephew, Patricia Nason and Mike Maxson; her great-nephew, Nat Nason; and her father-in-law, Austin Bennett.

"Nana" will be lovingly remembered by her family and friends for her delicious southern cooking to include fried chicken, homemade gravy, biscuits and collard greens. Nana's tender care and generous love for her family and friends will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Margie's memory to Hospice of Palm Beach County, Inc., 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

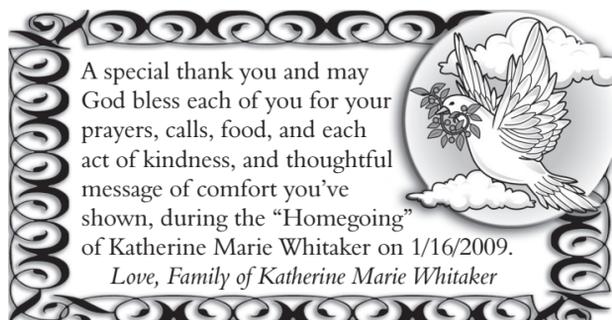
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Public Notice 5005
 NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS
 City of Moore Haven
 Bid Deadline: 2:00 pm February 3, 2009
 Place of Bid Receipt City of Moore Haven City Hall P.O. Box 399, 299 Riverside Dr. Moore Haven, FL 33471
 All sealed bids shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope the SEALED BID: MARINA BOAT REPAIR LEASE
 PROJECT DESIGNATION: CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MARINA BOAT REPAIR LEASE
 Licensing, Certifications, and Insurance Requirements: Minimum one million dollars (\$1,000,000) any one occurrence Liability Insurance.
 Scope of Services: To lease for repairs and storage up to three (3) water buses in preparation for placing in for public service.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Moore Haven in Glades County, Florida acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as "CITY," will receive up to, but not later than, the above-stated time, sealed bids for the award of a contract for the leasing of up to 3 water buses located Banyan Bay Marina in Dania Beach, Florida. Bids shall be received in the place identified above. Those bids timely received shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place.
 Plans and specifications and Project documents are on file at the City of Moore Haven City Hall for free of charge. They can be obtained by contacting Maxine Brantley, City Clerk at (863) 946-0711 or Michael Jones, Director of Public Works at (863) 946-0909.
 The CITY reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Public Notice 5005
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Merlot III, LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
 CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
 015 2006 1-14-44-32-A00-0131-0000 Eirran Contreras & Paula Contreras
 The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 3424, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.
 Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
 All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
 Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, which is the 19th day of February, 2009.
 Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 305322 CGS 1/22/29/25/12/09

Public Notice 5005
 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Pahokee Water Control District, the annual meeting of the landowners of Pahokee Water Control District for the year 2009, will be held at the office of said District located at 2532 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of:
 1. Electing one Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
 2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
 3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.
 If a person desires to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 By: /s/ Kenneth McDuffie
 President
 308431 SUN 1/29/25/09

Public Notice 5005
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Merlot III, LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
 CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
 523 2006 1-27-43-29-010-00F2-0440 Hilda Calzada, Dolores Deleon, Santiago Milagros, & Lisette Molina Lopez
 From the intersection of the North line of Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, with the centerline of State Road 29, run South 3 45' East along the center line of State Road 29 a distance of 2,499.30 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence North 86 34' East, 450 feet; thence South 3 45' East, 75 feet; thence South 86 34' West, 450 feet; thence North 3 45' West 75 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. LESS the Westerly 50 feet for right-of-way of State Road 29, being in Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, and commonly known as Business Lots 44, 45 and 46, Section F-2, LaBelle Ranchettes.
 Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
 All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
 Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, which is the 19th day of February, 2009.
 Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 305320 CGS 1/22/29/25/12/09

Public Notice 5005
 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Ritita Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Ritita Drainage District for the year 2009, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, Nov US 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 11:00 P.M. for the purpose of:
 1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
 2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
 3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT
 BY: Steve Stiles, President
 308299 CN 1/29/25/09

Public Notice 5005
 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Ritita Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Ritita Drainage District for the year 2009, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, Nov US 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 11:00 P.M. for the purpose of:

Public Notice 5005

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

DATE: 2/24/09

SUBMITTED BY: R. Scott Cooper

SUBJECT AREA: 230 Injury or Illness in Line of Duty (with compensation)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for injury or illness in line of duty (with compensation).

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 112.63, 1012.22, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1012.63, 1012.22, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for injury or illness in line of duty (with compensation).

STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional direct economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions.

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on February 24, 2009.

Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

Notice: If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future.

Notice: The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration.

Notice: Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools.

Notice: The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule.

Notice: If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop.

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S.

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Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HENDRY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency (LPA) of Hendry County will hold a public hearing on February 11, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., La Belle, Florida, to discuss proposed changes to the Hendry County Land Development Code. The LPA will determine if the changes are consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the changes for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on February 24, 2009 at 5:05 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida.

The ordinance amendments are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the ordinance amendments. All advertised public hearings are subject to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, which states that a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Local Planning Agency or Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO AMEND THE HENDRY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-53-5.5, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING MINING, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Janel B. Taylor, Chair
Hendry County Board of Commissioners

308670 CB/CN 1/29/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sautermes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
837	2006	1-13-44-32-400-0104-0000	Rosa M. Bogardus & Arturo Bogardus

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 3646, MONTURNA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except, Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, which is the 19th day of February, 2009.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

305383 CGS 1/22/29/2/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sautermes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
850	2006	1-13-44-32-400-0132-00100	Ivy Santiago

The East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 3686 in Monturna Ranch Estates.

Less and except, Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

305361 CGS 1/22/29/2/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Glades County:

Bexley Brothers Inc. (Bever Ranch) PO Box 10, Sumterville, FL 33585, has submitted Application 081204-18 for renewal of Water Use Permit 22-00226-W to irrigate 296 acres of agricultural lands with livestock. The water will be withdrawn from groundwater and the project is located in Sections 13,19,20,23,24, Township 38 South, Ranges 33,34 East.

Nobles Farms Inc. (Cypress Creek Grove) PO Drawer 2310, La Belle, FL 33975, has submitted Application 081216-2 for renewal of Water Use Permit 22-00375-W to irrigate 275 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-43 Canal and the project is located in Sections 20,29, Township 42 South, Range 30 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Environmental Resource Regulation, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.stwmtd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

308790 CGS 1/29/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sautermes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2161	2006	3-01-43-34-010-0436-0070	Elvira Gonzalez

Lots 7 & 8, Block 436 of the subdivision of Block 111 in the City of Clewiston, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 24, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except, Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, which is the 19th day of February, 2009.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

305319 CGS 1/22/29/2/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Bank Atlantic Attn: J. Chin, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2161	2006	3-01-43-34-010-0436-0070	Elvira Gonzalez

Lots 7 & 8, Block 436 of the subdivision of Block 111 in the City of Clewiston, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 24, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except, Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, which is the 19th day of February, 2009.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

305319 CGS 1/22/29/2/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sautermes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1091	2006	1-22-44-32-010-0044-0090	Almamam Maharaj & Rishmania Maharaj

Lot 9, Block 4, MONTURNA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38, and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except, Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, which is the 19th day of February, 2009.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

305370 CGS 1/22/29/2/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sautermes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1022	2006	1-22-44-32-010-0001-0070	Red Head Dreams Holdings, Inc.

Lot 7, Block 1 in MONTURNA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except, Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, which is the 19th day of February, 2009.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

305364 CGS 1/22/29/2/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sautermes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
305367	CGS	1/22/29/2/5,12/09	

Lot 22, Block 2345, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except, Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, which is the 19th day of February, 2009.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

305367 CGS 1/22/29/2/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Verdut VI, LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2751	2006	4-10-43-29-060-2345-0220	James Louis Kenglia

Lot 22, Block 2345, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except, Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, which is the 19th day of February, 2009.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

305367 CGS 1/22/29/2/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sautermes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1091	2006	1-22-44-32-010-0044-0090	Almamam Maharaj & Rishmania Maharaj

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Dated this 24th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

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Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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INVITATION TO BID:

Pittman Contracting, Inc will be accepting bids for The Hendry County Jail-96 Bed Addition project. Bids will be due no later than 2:00 PM, March 3, 2009. A pre-bid meeting will be held on-site at 10:00 A.M. February 12, 2009. The project consists of the following: Pre-Engineered Metal Building, pre-fabricated steel-cells, concrete work, masonry, metal studs, drywall, fire alarm/sprinkler system, generator, site-work.

Bids should be delivered to Pittman Contracting, Inc 531 E. E. Paso, Clewiston, Florida 33440 or e-mail to juan@pittmancontracting.com. For any additional information call 863-983-6300 during normal working hours. All subcontractors are required to carry Commercial General Liability Insurance, Automobile Liability, and Workers Comp in compliance to Hendry County Statutory Limits.

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Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF BOLLES DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Bolles Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Bolles Drainage District for the year 2008, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, North US 27, Clewiston, Florida, on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 10:30 AM, for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY: Jason Langdale, President
308920 CN 1/29/2/5/09

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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2161	2006	3-01-43-34-010-0436-0070	Elvira Gonzalez

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1091	2006	1-22-44-32-010-0044-0090	Almamam Maharaj & Rishmania Maharaj

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Public Notice 5005

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 07-769-CA

BG INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC., a Florida Corporation Plaintiff

vs.

PILAR HOME DEVELOPERS, INC. a Florida Corporation, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 8, 2008, entered in Case No. 2007-765-CA of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein PILAR HOME DEVELOPERS, INC., VIANCA P. AGUILAR, BEATRIZ DJEBELLI PEREZ, RICARDO ORTIZ, and MARIA ORTIZ, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Hallway in front of the Clerk of the Circuit Court Administration Building, 25 Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Feb. 11, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

The East 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 3700 in MONTURNA RANCH ESTATES an unrecorded subdivision.

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 at LaBelle, Florida this Jan. 15, 2009.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
As Clerk, Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
By: /s/ D. Hammond
As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLOR

Ethanol plant planned on Lykes Brother Property

Variety of sugar cane to be turned into fuel

By Pete Gawda
INI Florida

There may soon be a new industry in the area that would not only employ more people but would help cut this country's dependence on foreign oil.

Verenium Corporation, a pioneer in the development of next generation cellulosic ethanol, recently announced its partnership with Lykes Brothers to build the first ever, commercial scale cellulosic ethanol facility in nearby Highlands County.

The plant would be located on Lykes Brothers property on S.

R. 70 just west of the intersection with the northbound section of S.R. 721.

One of the good things about this method of ethanol production is that it does not use corn or other food sources as raw material. Lykes Brothers will be growing a variety of cane that is not used for sugar. The ethanol produced will be blended with gasoline to make it go further.

According to Kelly Lindemboon, Verenium's vice president for corporate communications, Verenium partnered with Lykes Brothers because they are a well known and established land owner. She said they have talking with Lykes Brothers for some time.

"We foresee great potential for fuel production from biomass,"

asserted Howell Ferguson, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Lykes Brothers, "and we believe that it will offer significant benefits for the U. S. and for agriculture throughout Florida. It is exciting to join in a project using cellulosic ethanol technology pioneered at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, and we are very pleased to work with Verenium on this project."

Verenium is anticipating it will take 18 to 24 months to construct the plant. They are in the process of finalizing the necessary permits. The corporation is expecting the plant to be in production in late 2011. About 400 people will be employed in the construction of the plant. The plant itself will generate 140 new jobs. About

half of these jobs will be in farming and the other half in operation of the plant. Plant operation will require a good deal of technical capability. However, Verenium will provide training for plant employees.

"This plant, the first of many we anticipate building in the years ahead, will help fulfill the U. S. government's mandate for advanced, sustainable biofuels to meet America's energy needs," said Carols A. Riva, Verenium's president and chief executive officer. "The facility will serve as a blueprint for how we develop future projects. This milestone is just the beginning."

Verenium had previously operated pilot and demonstration-scale plants in Jennings, LA.

The project has been awarded a \$7 million grant under Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson's "Farm to Fuel" initiative, designed to stimulate the development of a renewable energy industry in Florida.

"The message today is that Florida's agricultural industry can produce fuel crops on a major commercial scale without sacrificing food crops," Commissioner Bronson said. "This is a major step forward for our 'Farm to Fuel' program and hopefully will serve as a catalyst for additional investment by companies interested in producing renewable energy in Florida."

The Environmental Protection Agency says that cellulosic

ethanol's high oxygen content reduces carbon dioxide better than other fuels.

In addition to using non-food crops, Verenium claims that using cellulosic biomass as the raw material for ethanol costs less, uses marginal lands and requires less fertilizer and water.

In June of 2008 Alico, a land management company in central and southwest Florida, announced that it had abandoned plans for an ethanol facility in LaBelle because of the risk involved.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com.

Stolen car found in boat channel

By Eric Kopp
INI Florida

INI Florida -- A stolen vehicle was found Saturday, Jan. 24, submerged in the channel leading from the Scott Driver boat ramps to the Kissimmee River.

An Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) report by Deputy Thomas Kitchen indicates that the car was a 2004 Pontiac Grand Am. After running a check, it was learned that the car -- owned by Ivan Henry Woods of South Bay -- was reported stolen in Clewiston on Dec. 26, 2008.

The OCSO was notified by residents of an RV park on the channel that several boaters had complained of hitting something below the water's surface with their boats.

One resident then took Deputy John Ashby, who is a member of the OCSO dive team, out on a pontoon boat to the area. While trolling around the area Deputy Ashby found the object about 50

yards from the end of ramp with a long pole, and identified it as a car.

"You could see where it had been hit by boat propellers," said Deputy Ashby of the vehicle. "All of the windows were intact but one -- the rear window was broken where a propeller had hit it."

The water in the channel, he said, was amazingly clean.

"I could read the (license) tag," added the diver.

Deputy Ashby and diver J.R. Entry, who helps BMJ Towing in these situations, hooked a chain to the car and it was pulled to the bank by a BMJ tow truck. He said the car had been there for about a month.

The rear end of the car, he added, was facing northwest.

The key, stated Deputy Kitchen's report, was still in the "on" position and the car's automatic transmission was in "drive."

Deputy Ashby said the car was found in about 8 feet of water in

the channel leading from the original boat ramp at Scott Driver to the river. He said he was in the 60-degree water for about an hour.

No other property was found in the vehicle. The car is being processed for fingerprints and other possible evidence by Detective Fred Bradley of the OCSO crime scene unit.

"Since the car was submerged that long there probably won't be any prints at all," said OCSO Detective Ted Van Deman.

Deputy Ashby could not speculate as to how the car entered the water.

"There weren't any tire marks because it had been there a while," he said.

According to a spokeswoman with the Clewiston Police Department, no arrest has been made in the case. The spokeswoman said the car had an estimated value of \$8,000.



Submitted photo/Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office

A submerged car was removed from a boat channel at Scott Driver Park on Jan. 24. The vehicle was reported stolen in Clewiston. The car, said Deputy John Ashby from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), had apparently been in the water about a month. Helping in the removal of the car was diver J.R. Entry (in water at left), who helps BMJ Towing in these situations, BMJ driver Joe Entry (center) and OCSO diver Deputy Ashby (in water at right).

Join 'The Great Backyard Bird Count'

Count for fun-Count for the future

Bird and nature fans throughout North America are invited to join tens of thousands of everyday bird watchers for the 12th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), Feb. 13-16. Last year, Clewiston reported the most bird in Florida and was #5 in the US for the most birds reported with only 29 checklists. They reported 121 Species and 143,748 birds. Labelle submitted 23 checklists and Okeechobee 14 lists.

A joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, this free event is an opportunity for families, students, and people of all ages to discover the wonders of nature in backyards, schoolyards, and local parks, and, at the same time, make an important contribution to conservation. Participants count birds and report their sightings online at www.birdcount.org.

"The Great Backyard Bird

Count benefits both birds and people. It's a great example of citizen science: Anyone who can identify even a few species can contribute to the body of knowledge that is used to inform conservation efforts to protect birds and biodiversity," said Audubon Education VP, Judy Braus. "Families, teachers, children and all those who take part in GBBC get a chance to improve their observation skills, enjoy nature, and have a great time counting for fun, counting for the future."

Anyone can take part, from novice bird watchers to experts, by counting birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the event and reporting their sightings online at www.birdcount.org. Participants can also explore what birds others are finding in their backyards—whether in their own neighborhood or thousands of miles away. Additional online resources include tips to help identify birds, a photo gallery, and special materials for educators.

The data these "citizen sci-

entists" collect helps researchers understand bird population trends, information that is critical for effective conservation. Their efforts enable everyone to see what would otherwise be impossible: a comprehensive picture of where birds are in late winter and how their numbers and distribution compare with previous years. In 2008, participants submitted more than 85,000 checklists.

Each year, in addition to entering their tallies, participants submit thousands of digital images for the GBBC photo contest. Many are featured in the popular online gallery. Participants in the 2009 count are also invited to upload their bird videos to YouTube; some will also be featured on the GBBC web site. Visit www.birdcount.org to learn more.

Tally sheets are available through Hendry-Glades Audubon. Call Margaret England at 863-674-0695 if you don't have internet access and would like to receive a tally sheet. Leave your name and address on the answering machine.

United Way distributes emergency food and shelter funds

INI Florida -- The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades has announced that Lee and Hendry Counties will receive funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area. Lee County will receive \$507,103, and Hendry County will receive \$43,445.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ USA, and the United Way of America.

Joanna Bradshaw, a United Way Board Member will chair the local board which will oversee the allocations process. The local board is charged with distributing the funds appropriated by Congress to expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas.

"These funds come to us at a time when they are sorely needed because of high unemployment and serious economic problems in our community. The funds will help fill food pantries and provide shelter to the men, women and children who are hurting the most," said Cliff

Smith, President of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades.

The local Board will determine how the funds awarded to the area are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local human service agencies in the area. The local Board is responsible for recommending local human service

United Way to Distribute Federal Funds for Emergency Food and Shelter cont.

agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds that become available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must be the following: be private voluntary non-profits or united of government; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimina-

tion; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and if they are private voluntary organizations, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies and organizations are urged to apply.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades has distributed Emergency Food and shelter funds previously to 17 participating agencies.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for these Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds should contact the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades, 7275 Concourse Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or call 239-433-2000 to request an application. The deadline for applications to be received is Jan. 30.

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Eat the frog first thing in the morning

By Pastor John Hicks

First United Methodist Church
A minister wrote in his weekly column in the church newsletter that he was setting goals for the new year.
One of his goals was to clean up his desk. Another of his goals was to find last year's goals.
Someone once shared, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."
The problem is that many of us get so busy taking breaths that we miss out on breath taking moments.

Focusing on and organizing parts of our jobs and life can help us gain the time we need for those special moments and people in our lives.
I recently received five strategies that might help us make the most of our time and thus the most of our lives.
They're too good not to share.
First, "Eat the Frog."
Mark Twain said if you eat a frog first thing in the morning that will probably be the worst thing you will do all day.
So, if we start our day by tackling an important task, especially if it is a task we aren't crazy about, then the worst will be behind us,

and we realize a sense of freedom.
Second, "Con-crastinate."
If pro-crastinating means putting things off, con-crastinating should be doing things immediately.
Work in 15 minute increments. If there is a task you don't like, set a timer and do it for 15 minutes.
At the end of 15 minutes, you will be amazed at how much you've accomplished.
At that point, either stop or if you have built up some momentum, keep going.
Third, nix the multi-tasking. We pride ourselves on being able to do two, three, or four things at

once, and that is fine if the activities are fairly simple, like stuffing envelopes while on a conference call or eating lunch while reading e-mail.
But if at least one of the tasks is more complicated, like putting together a PowerPoint presentation or writing a report, then it deserves our full attention.
We would be best served to set aside a period of time that we can devote to that one task without interruption.
People tend to make fewer mistakes and get more done in less time when they do this.
Fourth, "Buddy Up."
We don't always have to do

everything ourselves. Many hands make light work and share the load.
In addition, the support and companionship is an added blessing that enables more work get done in less amount of time.
Furthermore, science has shown we need the equivalent of 17 good affirmations a day through appropriate hugs, handshakes, or verbal encouragements in order to thrive.
We do that through teamwork and connecting with people.
Fifth, plan it out.
A few minutes of planning can save us hours of time. First thing in the morning or at the end of the

day, take a few minutes to plan.
It doesn't have to be a long formal process, all we need to do is just jot down the things we want to do that day or the next. It's amazing how much we can accomplish when we do this.
Let me close with another shared insight.
The key to a better life: Complain less, appreciate more. Whine less, laugh more. Talk less, listen more. Want less, give more. Hate less, love more. Scold less, praise more. Fear less, hope more. Trust God, be blessed.

It is said that there are two roads to eternity

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist

First Christian Church
Christ, who is all knowing, tells us that many people are going to be lost, but only few are going to be saved.
In Matthew 7:13-14 He says, "Enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Now this gets my attention. According to the Bible the majority of people will be lost. We must take this warning from God at face value.
There are only two roads to eternity and we are on one or the other. According to what the Lord says, only few will make it to Heaven, but the vast majority will be lost in eternal punishment.
This is both frightening and sad. I don't consider myself selfish, but I certainly want to be among the few who are saved, don't you?
We make the choice ourselves

as to where we will spend eternity. We are free moral agents. This is how we differ from animals. We have been made in the image of God. Genesis 1:26 says, "Then God said let Us make man in Our image".
Also in Genesis 2:7 we read, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."
Yes, we possess a soul that will live forever in one of two places.
God does not want anyone to be lost, but the choice is ours. In

II Peter 3:9 we read, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance".
God does not want us to go into eternal punishment. He is not going to force us to serve Him, otherwise we would be mere robots. I Timothy 2:4 says concerning God, "Who desires all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
It is God's will that all be saved, but we know that is not going to happen. We have already seen

that only few are going to be saved and the majority are going to be lost.
What is your eternal destiny? If you miss Heaven, you will be thrown into the eternal fires of Hell.
One of the saddest things about going to Hell is the fact that it could have been avoided. The majority of people will be lost in spite of what the Lord has done.
A person who goes to Hell is his own worst enemy. Hell is not what God does to us, but Hell is what we do to ourselves. If one ends up in Hell, he only has him-

self to blame.
Also, as the verse says, before we can be saved, we must "come to the knowledge of the truth."
Jesus says in John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
What is the truth that will make us free? In John 17:17 Jesus says, "Sanctify them by your truth."
Your word is truth." So the word of God is the truth that will make us free so that we can go to Heaven."

The No "Domestic Violence Theory" of religion

By The Reverend Samuel S. Thomas, Ph. D.+

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston
Jesus said "Small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life and only a few find it (Matthew 7:14)."
Jesus also said "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30)."
Which is it?
The first passage is intimidating, fear-provoking, scary and leaves people with the idea that their greatest chance is they won't make it.
The second says "Aha, the Lord understands and we've got a great shot at making it."
There are those who dwell on the first passages and others like it (usually drawing heavily from the Old Testament without reading it in a New Testament context.)
It's usually about scaring people into "doing it my way, or else!"
It as if a "God will get you"

attitude will bring people in and teach them about God's love for them.
There is no understanding of God-given human nature. Can you imagine scaring somebody into loving you?
I guess this is a "domestic violence theory" of religion! You don't beat up on somebody until they love you.
It lacks a respect for persons as who they are, who God made them to be with all of their imperfections and faults, in spite of their "pushing your buttons, in spite of their getting on your nerves, but you love them anyway.
That's what Jesus understood. This is Christian love, healing love, the love that casts out fears.
Jesus healed ten lepers, only one returns to give thanks (Luke 17:11ff).
Does He say to the other nine "You're going to be sick again!?" Of course not!
This is an outpouring act of love with no expectation of return and no threats that "God'll getcha if you don't shape up."
What is done is done selflessly and with an understanding of

what may or may not come afterward.
Religion that harangues, belittles, scares, makes veiled or not-so-veiled threats doesn't show any understanding or respect for the human condition or what the incarnation was all about.
Such an approach will have some impact in the short run but eventually will lead to people turning off and ignoring what is being said.
The gospel message is "What

can I do to help?" and then doing it.
It is rooted in why the Lord came in the first place; to save and to heal.
One of the journals for clergy shared an account of a minister who preached "hellfire and damnation" and had a young couple come to him after they found themselves in a difficult situation.
As he was berating and lecturing, he said that something crossed his mind.
"What if it was my daughter across the desk from me? What would I want for her?"
He began to re-think what he was doing, had done, and asked himself seriously 'What's wrong with this picture?'
After much soul-searching and exploring, he began to find other answers, other ways to really be of help.
He changed his message, and then something really great happened.

He was happier in his ministry, he felt good about what he was doing, people responded differently to him and he was more effective in his calling.
In all of our ministries, both clergy and lay, ask "Are we healing or damaging; are we bringing good news or threats, are we showing love or making others afraid?"
Choose well.
Seek the Lord and He surely will be found, and so will our

Religion briefs

International Food Festival to be held in Belle Glade

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church is hosting their annual International Food Festival on Sunday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church is located on 710 South Main Street in Belle Glade.
Lots of food from various nationalities will be served! From Haitian, Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.
There will also be music, raffles, jewelry, books, vegetables and free health screenings. Please come out and join us.

Evangelist performs at local function

Dan Schall Ministries will be performing at locally, at Billy Swindle's barn, 7500 W. Highway 27, 7.5 miles west of Clewiston.
The event is provided free of charge, and will be held Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.
For more information, please contact Judy Swindle, 863-983-7256.

Thrift shop open at Church of God

of Prophecy

The Church of God of Prophecy, in Moore Haven, will have a thrift shop open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., all things are given for a donation, this is to help for expenses of the church.
We feel in helping the church it is helping you also, with your needs.
All things are nice and clean, these things are supplied by Cowboy Church - Hand & Hand Ministries of Palmdale, if you would like to help us call 863-612-0640, if no answer leave message, God bless you.

Clewiston Church of God Service Times announced

The Clewiston Church of Christ would like to announce their regular service times to the public and invite anyone interested in attending.
Sunday Bible Class will begin at 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship begins at 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship will start at 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study starts at 7 p.m.
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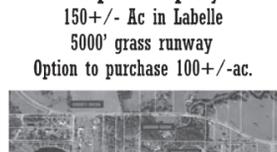
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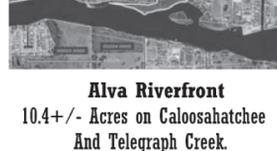
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Narcotics Anonymous meets

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Updated VFW Post #9528

The VFW Post #9528 is located at 2002 S.R. 78 W. in Buckhead Ridge. For information, call 863-467-2882. Post opens at noon, Monday through Sunday.

We are taking applications for new members for the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, Male Auxiliary, AMVETS and AMVETS ladies auxiliary.

- Wednesday: Ladies Auxiliary dinner and Men's Auxiliary or

AmVets. Music will be available.

- Every Thursday is bar bingo at 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be available.

- Every Friday a steak dinner with baked potato, salad and rolls will be served from 5:30 until 7 p.m. for an \$11 donation. Dancing immediately follows the dinner.

- Membership meetings are held on the second Saturday of

the month beginning at 10 a.m.

The House Committee meeting is on the fourth Saturday.

For information, contact Commander Robert Hare at 863-467-2882.

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Travel

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capital of Bangkok, and he commented that accommodations were better in Thailand than in Europe. The city is very modern and still expanding. They used tour buses and taxis to get around.

Judge Sullivan was able to visit

a profound World War II memorial, Hell Fire Pass Memorial Museum. It is dedicated to Australian prisoners of war and allied troops that labored greatly, or died during construction of the Burma-Thai railways. Hell Fire Pass had to be dug out of rock with simple tools or their bare hands. The ordeal of these POW's is depicted in the movie "Bridge Over the River Kwai".

Kirby Sullivan was also able

to see the countries of Laos and Burma, the Mekong River, Buddhist temples and statues, and a Buddhist monk ceremony.

From time to time the Friends of the Library bring in speakers to inform and entertain patrons. Call 863-946-0744 for more information. The Glades County public library is located in Moore Haven at 201 Riverside Drive.

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Moore Haven; at the economic development office in the Doyle Conner Building in Moore Haven; at the LaBelle Chamber of Com-

merce; at Whisper Creek RV Park in LaBelle and at the Ortona Volunteer Fire Department.

The Ortona Indian Mound Park is located between LaBelle and Moore Haven on S.R. 78. The entrance is west of the Ortona Cemetery. The community of Ortona is in Glades County on the north

side of the Caloosahatchee River and has three neighborhoods, a community center and library, and a yachting center.

For vendor information call Teresa Summeralls at 863-675-5021 or 863-673-0530.

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Fighters

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counties, too. A state requirement for a Certificate of Public Necessity was approved in early January.

This is a cooperative effort for better EMS services in time of urgency. Glades County public safety will work alongside Okeechobee County, Seminole Fire Department in Brighton, Abitrans Non-Emergency Transportation and West Coast Ambulance. Dur-

ing fire emergencies the county works with its neighbors and the Department of Forestry.

The public safety office can be contacted for more information at 863-946-0566.

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INI/Nena Bolan

Two certified fire fighters began work for the Glades County fire department on Jan. 20. Neal Chapman is left and Gerald Watson, Jr. is right.

MHHS ninth-graders must choose a program

Parents, students and staff will work together to select a graduation plan

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES COUNTY -- Moore Haven High School administrators and counselors encourage parents of ninth graders to carefully look at Florida's required high school graduation programs. Periodically, the state provides updates on the four-year program, and two different three-year programs.

Specific requirements for all students in all three of these programs will be earning a target grade point average (GPA) based on a 4.0 scale, and earning passing scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

Ninth grade students must choose one of the graduation programs. Each program includes intensive academic courses formed to prepare students for college studies or a career path. The traditional four-year program requires 24 credits. The two three-year programs are different. They require 18 credits and are tailored for students who have already decided on future goals and are solidly prepared to leave high school early.

Students and their parents must meet designated school officials who will explain in detail all the requirements, advantages and disadvantages of each graduation program. Students must also present written consent from parents.

School district officials will counsel middle school and ninth grade students, and their parents. Information and explanations of the two different three-year pro-

grams and the traditional four-year program will include curriculum requirements. Then parents and their students will select an appropriate program. This selection must be made before the end of ninth grade.

A Three-Year, 18 Credit 'COLLEGE' Preparatory Program is one choice. It is created for students who will go on to postsecondary education or a university. The program is accelerated because it is only three years long. It does not require a student to choose a major area of study. It will center on academics with fewer electives. Students will be required to: earn 2 credits in foreign language; earn at least 6 of the 18 required credits in specific rigorous courses; maintain a cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.5; earn grades of 3.0 or its equivalent, weighted or unweighted, in each of the 18 required credits for college preparation; complete higher level mathematics courses than the 24 credit program and the three-year career preparation; and satisfy the minimum standards for admission into Florida state universities.

A Three-Year, 18 Credit 'CAREER' Preparatory Program is one choice. It is created for students who will go on to a technical center or community college career preparation, or entrance into the workforce. This program is accelerated because it is only three years long. It does not require a student to choose a major area of study. It centers on academics and fewer electives. Students will be required to: earn specific credits in a single vocational or career education program; maintain a cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.0; earn grades of 2.0 or its equivalent, weighted or unweighted, in each of the required 18 credits for career preparation.

A Four-Year, 24-Credit Pro-

gram is one choice. This program retains the traditional four years to complete high school and requires students to take at least 24 credits in core content areas. Foreign language credit is not a requirement; however it is recommended before going on to a postsecondary education at a community college, and is required of Florida state universities. Completion of Major Areas of Interest courses, which allow students to define their interests and use their high school experience to become better prepared for higher education and/or a career. Students are required to: complete 12 credits in core content areas such as 4 in English; 4 in Mathematics; 3 in Science; 3 in Social Science. In addition students must complete 1 credit in Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or specified Practical Arts courses; complete 1 credit in Physical Education that includes integration of Health; complete 8 elective credits such as 4 credits in a Major Area of Interest; 4 credits in elective courses, which may be combined to allow for a second Major Area of Interest, a minor area of interest (3 credits), individual electives, or intensive Reading or Mathematics intervention courses.

Jean Prowant, MHHS principal, and Crystal Drake, MHHS career counselor, urge parents to guide their ninth grade students in choosing high school graduation programs. Parents who have 6th, 7th or 8th grade students are urged to also study the graduation program choices in order to better inform them when they enter ninth grade. For more information on the programs and required academic courses, call Moore Haven High School at 863-946-0811.

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Money to Lend

Although, it's hard to miss the bad news about housing and mortgages these days, it is actually one of the best times to buy a home. Interest rates are the lowest they've been in decades, home prices are the lowest in years and Seacoast National Bank is open for business and making residential mortgage loans.

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