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Glades at a Glance

Ortona Pancake Breakfast

The Ortona Community Association will hold its last Pancake Breakfast of the season on Saturday, March 14, from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. at the Ortona Community Association, Ortona Locks Road (Highway 78A). The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee. For prices or further information, please contact Fran Way at 863-675-7880 or by e-mail at franwayrn@aol.com.

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Moore Haven: Chalo Nika Parade



Many of Glades County residents gathered together Saturday morning to watch this years Chalo Nika parade and all who participated.

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Many children in Glades County were able to take joy in riding on many creatively decorated floats.

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Residents even decorated their bicycles for the Chalo Nika parade.

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Commissioners consider Washington Park issue

Code violations targeted

Editor's Note: The following agenda notes are a summary of the Monday, Feb. 23 Glades County meeting, prepared by Donna Storter Long, who is solely responsible for their content.

PRESENTATIONS AWARDS

1. Presentation: Pastor

Thom Street

Rev. Thom Street, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Moore Haven, was presented a plaque of appreciation for his volunteer services to Glades County Emergency Management, and in recognition of his recent honor as Florida's Volunteer of the Year a recent convention of Florida Emergency Preparedness Association.

Pastor Thom has not only volunteered services as a ham radio operator, but has taught classes in the County and now

five of our seven communities have ham operators that could provide backup communications for Emergency Management.

2. Presentation: LaTosha Reiss

Emergency Management's LaTosha Reiss was presented a plaque acknowledging her recent achievement of obtaining Associate Emergency Manager Certification upon completion of 50 hours of EM training.

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Two suspects questioned by gang task force

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

BRIGHTON -- Two suspects from Okeechobee County were arrested in connection with a burglary and grand theft at a residence on Harney Pond Road in Brighton, Glades County. On the evening of March 6, Sergeant Arnita Garrison and Officer Belinda Pottorff, Seminole Police Department, responded to an unoccupied residence where a suspicious vehicle was

seen in the drive way.

According to an arrest report, witnesses advised them that they had observed a gold Chevy pick up drive in and out of the driveway. A vehicle matching the description drove past them while they were talking to the witnesses. According to Sgt. Garrison's report, there appeared to be a large object in the back of the pick up.

Then Sgt. Garrison drove out to locate the vehicle and she conducted a traffic stop on a

gold Chevy pick up. Officer Pottorff and Officer Melhorn also arrived on the scene of the traffic stop. According to an arrest report, the unidentified driver had no valid drivers license. The passenger, Jonathan D. Hunt, 21, did not have a valid drivers license. The vehicle was found to belong to a third party.

According to an arrest report, the passenger was asked what they were doing in this

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Courthouse pleases community

Rejuvenation enhances 1920's architecture

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES COUNTY -- "When Wilma came through in Oct. 2005, we suffered a lot of damage to the courthouse," said county manager, Wendell Taylor. He explained how hurricane wind gusts of 118 m.p.h. plowed through the county seat of Moore Haven. Sustained winds were recorded at 110.

The window blinds in the county management office blew back and forth because the sealing of 1920's era windows was not strong. The structure lost roofing, and entrance ways were damaged when water flooded through door frames. Exterior decoration was already extremely worn, and the hurricane made it look worse.

Earlier in 2005, before Hurricane Wilma tore a direct path through Glades County, the board of county commission-

ers recommended funding and a bid process for renovating the old courthouse. Their forethought behind rejuvenating the historic building was to give the community a boost in pride, according to Mr. Taylor. However, time was needed after the storm to complete cleanup, temporary repairs, and make new plans for renovation.

A procession of heavy and intensive work began last year, and spectators could watch progress every day on the 80 year old courthouse. Skilled workers and professionals set new and historically correct windows that can resist 150 m.p.h. winds. The roof was replaced, and protection from lightning and electrical outages was set in place. Exterior decorations and sections of concrete were replaced with enamel baked on concrete.

The Greek columns on the east entrance were stripped, and according to codes, re-done with metal, concrete and fiberglass. The old handrails for the courthouse steps were just lead pipes, but the new enamel-

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Lake Okeechobee channel markers replaced

On Oct. 24, 2005 Central Florida received the brunt of Hurricane Wilma with Glades County directly in its path. During the course of the storm channel markers in Lake Okeechobee were destroyed and lost.

Sheriff Stuart Whiddon recognized that with the channel markers missing from Lake Okeechobee within the borders of Glades County it would cause a great safety hazard for the citizens of Glades County and guests to our area.

Sheriff Whiddon, with the assistance of Glades County Emergency Management, and the Glades County Board of Commissioners contacted and requested financial support

from FEMA to replace all channel markers with stronger poles and signs attached to the poles, identifying the locations along with solar lighting so that the poles can be seen at night and during inclement weather.

The project was approved by all parties involved in 2005 but due to the lake water levels the project was unable to proceed.

In 2009 after Tropical Storm Fay the project was revisited due to the lake levels increasing enough to accommodate a lake 2009 the project has been completed and all channels located within the boundaries of Glades County are well lit and identifiable with minimal cost to the county.



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Renovated courthouse

The Glades County courthouse can be viewed in Moore Haven. The county seat is located on U.S. 27 near the west shore of Lake Okeechobee.



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Moore Haven track strives for strong season

Moore Haven has a home meet today at 3:30 p.m.

By Naji Tobias
INI Florida

MOORE HAVEN - It's safe to say that this year's track program is in the mix.

The application fits the Moore Haven Terriers boys and girls teams in more ways than one.

Fresh off last year's stellar appearance in the Class 1A state track championships - Antwonnie McCloud brought home state gold in the high jump at 6-0 - the Terriers are gunning to be in peak condition as the season rolls on.

What's interesting about this season is that there's a healthy combination of youth and experience.

Not only that, but a host of them more than excel at what they do; particularly the seventh and eighth graders.

Steve Petti, in his 18th season as the track program's head coach, is very pleased with what he sees thus far.

With two meets already in the books - a Feb. 27 meet at St. John Neumann and a Mar. 3 meet at Lake Placid - Petti was able to see some potential in many of his athletes.

As a team, the boys won both meets in overall points, according to Petti.

The girls placed second overall as a unit at St. John Neumann, while placing fourth in Lake Placid.

At the St. John Neumann meet, seven schools, including Moore Haven participated.

The teams at the meet were St. John Neumann, Canterbury, Community School of Port Charlotte, Evangelical Christian, Community School of Naples and Seacrest (Naples).

For the boys, senior Xavier Fagan won the 400 meter race (53.48 seconds) and placed third in the long jump (19-4 1/4).

Elazarus Blackmon, possibly Moore Haven's best overall track athlete, garnered a personal-best 100 meter time of 10.98 as he grabbed the win.

Blackmon, who also won the long jump event at 20-1/2, helped lead his 4 x 100 relay team to victory with a time of 44.88 seconds.

The 4 X 100 relay consists of Blackmon, Fagan, sophomore Keivon Bell and junior Josh Patterson.

As for Patterson, he won the high jump (5-10) and finished as the runner-up in the 100 meter race to Blackmon (11.18 seconds).

Bell placed third in the 400 (54.40), while finishing second in the triple jump (39-6).

Lascelle Humphrey, a junior, won the 110 meter hurdles (16.87) and the 300 meter hurdles (41.61) at St. John Neumann.

Saul Leon, an up-and-coming eighth grader, won the 1 mile race (5:22) and placed third in the 2



INI/Naji Tobias

At last year's Moore Haven Invitational, Elazarus Blackmon won the 100 meter event with a time of 11.16 seconds. Glades Day's Anthony Norton and Earnest Jackson finished second and fourth with times of 11.37 and 11.41 seconds, respectively, while Moore Haven's Joshua Patterson and Antwon McCloud finished with times of 11.38 and 11.65 seconds, respectively.

mile race (12:02).

Petti is particularly pleased with Leon's progress, noting that he can become a formidable runner once the district championships come around.

"Saul is just an eight-grader and he's holding his own against high school kids," Petti said of Leon.

"He's doing real well for us right now," he continued.

"If he stays with it as he gets older, then he'll become a top distance runner down the line."

Overall, 14 of the 22 boys scored points for Moore Haven in the St. John Neumann meet, propelling them to victory.

On the girls side, Cortasia Ford, a senior, won the shot put (29-1), while placing third in the 400 meter race.

Tierra Perkins, also a senior, finished fourth in the 100 at St. John Neumann (13.3 seconds).

Other notables at St. John Neumann meet:

Rebecca Langdale (junior): 1st in 110 hurdles (21.46), 4th in 330 meter hurdles (60 seconds), 4th in triple jump at SJM

Kaneidra McPherson (eighth grade): 1st in long jump (16-10), 3rd in 100 meters (13.05)

Viviana Leon (seventh grade): 2nd in 1 mile (6:30), 4th in 2 mile (13:31)

Kourtney Jimenez (eighth grade): 3rd in 1 mile (6:35), 3rd in 2 mile (13:26)

Seven of the 11 girls for Moore Haven scored points at the St. John Neumann meet.

The Lake Placid meet was somewhat of a different story, however.

With temperatures hovering around a breezy 40 degrees in Lake Placid, the teams didn't do as well.

But Petti wasn't at all discouraged, as he realizes that it was just the second meet of the season.

"The times were definitely off," Petti said about the Lake Placid meet, who featured teams such as Lake Placid, Sebring Avon Park

and LaBelle.

With that being said, Petti is highly confident going into today's meet, which will be held at Terrier Field in Moore Haven.

"It's clearly going to be a team effort this year," Petti said of his program.

In last season's home meet, Moore Haven's boys team was edged out by Glades Day, while the girls won the event with relative ease.

For the girls last year, Venisha Lewis, a five-time MVP and currently one of the assistants, won the 100 meter race at 12.3 seconds, easily besting the field.

On the boys end, it was a four-man show, with Elazarus Blackmon winning the event with a time of 11.16 seconds.

The favorites going into the meet - Glades Day's Anthony Norton and Earnest Jackson, finished second and fourth, with times of 11.37 and 11.41 seconds, respectively.

Patterson edged out Jackson for third place with a time of 11.38 seconds at the Moore Haven Invitational, which took place last March.

This year's meet looks to be different, as two stars from Glades Day seek to make a lasting impression in Glades County.

Joshua Thornton, a rising track phenom who has already received a scholarship letter from Navy, is aiming at a win in the 400 meter race.

As a freshman, Thornton was nothing short of impressive, highlighted by his fourth-place finish in the Class 1A state track championships last year (50.60 seconds).

For any of Moore Haven's 400 meter runners to catch Thornton (Fagan and Bell, especially), they may have to clock in at 50 seconds or less to win the event.

Kelvin Taylor, the son of NFL running back Fred Taylor, is slated to compete in the 100 meter race, as well as Glades Day's 4 X 100 team, which edged out Moore

Haven's foursome last year.

After today's meet, Moore Haven will have a few left, most notably the April 3 meet at Charlotte.

Petti will clearly know where his team stands after that event, with schools from Class 1A to Class 4A expected to show up there.

"We like to compete against bigger schools because it will help us prepare to peak at the right time," Petti.

The right time, as Petti carefully says, is in the Class 1A District Championships, which will be held on April 17 at St. John Neumann.

Petti on the program's chances of making a statement in the post-season:

"We have decent, young kids coming up," he said.

"I like what I'm seeing right now from them.

"We have a really good nucleus of experienced runners, with a young group of distance runners," Petti continued.

"If they continue to work hard and stay focused, then everything will be fine."

As for the possibility of Moore Haven winning the Class 1A state track championships:

"We'll just focus on one meet at a time, getting better and peaking at the right time," Petti said.

Moore Haven Terriers

Head Coach: Steve Petti (18th season)

Assistants: Norman Spero, Wayne Reese, Venisha Lewis (Class 1A state track medalist in 2008)

Roster - Girls: Patricia Ainsworth (junior) Tiffany Avalos (senior) Cortasia Ford (senior) Kadedra Gadson (freshman) Nianna Hallback (seventh) Kourtney Jimenez (eighth) Rebecca Langdale (junior) Vivian Leon (seventh) KaNeidra McPherson (eighth) Porshia Parker (junior)

Tiara Perkins (senior)

Roster - Boys: Ethan Basche (eighth) Keivon Bell (sophomore) Elazarus Blackmon (senior) Samuel Cooper Jr. (junior) Darryl Davis (senior) Michael Elrod (seventh) Xavier Fagan (senior) Arliss Ford (eighth) Fredrick Hall (junior) Akkua Hallback (eighth) Lascelle Humphrey (junior) Ty Johnson (seventh) Kaleb Langdale (eighth) Saul Leon (eighth) Vinton Lewis (eighth) Daniel Maria (eighth) Josh Patterson (junior) Jeremiah Ramirez (seventh) Joshua Redd (eighth) Samuel Sanchez (senior) Keonte White (sophomore) Donald Wilson (seventh)

2009 Season Schedule

This afternoon @ 3:30 p.m.: Open Meet at Terrier Field in Moore Haven (Glades Day, Canterbury, Evangelical Christian, St. John Neumann, Community School of Charlotte, Moore Haven)

Thursday, March 19 @ 3:30 p.m.: Tri-Meet at Terrier Field (Clewiston, Moore Haven, Okeechobee)

Tuesday, March 24 @ 4 p.m.: Avon Park Invitational in Avon Park

Tuesday, March 31 @ 3:30 p.m.: American Heritage-Plantation Tri-Meet in Plantation

Friday, April 3 @ 3:30 p.m.: Tri-Meet at Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda

Friday, April 17 @ 11:30 a.m.: Class 1A District Meet @ St. John Neumann High School in Naples

Friday, April 24: Class 1A Regionals @ Community School of Naples in Naples

Friday, May 1: Class 1A State Track and Field Championships in Winter Park

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Glades General Hospital staff raise \$30,000

The employees of Glades General Hospital have done something extraordinary for the health of the Palm Beach County community. Together they have raised \$30,000 towards the construction of the new Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade, Palm Beach County's only public hospital.

This incredible gift resulted from a weekly fund raising breakfast where employees donated funds and the managers donated their time to serve their colleagues.

They presented their gift on February 26th to Glades Healthcare Foundation, the organization raising funds for the hospital campaign.

David Goodlett, chair of Glades Healthcare Foundation, was on hand to thank employees personally, and showed the organization's appreciation by handing out prizes and give-aways for employees, including a \$250 Best Buy gift certificate, Universal Studio passes, a stay at the Jupiter Waterfront Inn, an afghan crocheted and donated by Dr. Effie Grear and over 150 gift certificates to Popeyes and Smokey Bones. All prizes were donated.

Glades General Hospital board members who were in attendance included board chair Bryan Cross, Dr. Effie Grear and Dr. Donald Flihs.

New Glades General Hospital administrator, Brian Gibbons also attended and thanked employees for their incredible generosity.

The GGH employee gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar thanks to a \$250,000 matching challenge grant from the Kirkwood Fund of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, and also count toward a \$1.5 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation.

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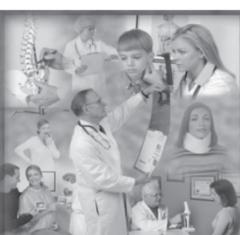
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HCD of Palm Beach names hospital administrator

West Palm Beach, Fla. – The Health Care District of Palm Beach County has named Brian P. Gibbons, CHE, Hospital Administrator for Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade.

In addition, Mr. Gibbons will become Administrator of Lakeside Medical Center, the \$73 million regional hospital that the Health Care District is currently constructing.

Scheduled to open late this year, Lakeside Medical Center, situated on a 50-acre campus centrally located to all the western Palm Beach County communities bordering Lake Okeechobee, will feature all private patient rooms and replace 65-year-old Glades General.

"The construction of Lakeside Medical Center is the single largest capital project in our 20-year history. Brian Gibbons is in many ways uniquely qualified to lead

this critical transition to a facility that is going to have a huge positive impact on the health as well as the economy of this economically vital region of Florida," said Health Care District Board Chair Jonathan R. Satter.

Health Care District Chief Executive Officer Dwight D. Chenette added, "With his nearly twenty years of hospital experience, Brian brings an invaluable background in rural healthcare management, not to mention his deep roots in Florida."

Prior to joining the District, Mr. Gibbons was Chief Operating Officer of the Sebastian River Medical Center, an 86-bed acute care facility in Sebastian, Florida.

From 2003 to 2007 he held executive-level positions at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell, New Mexico and Alta Vista Regional Hospital in Las Vegas, New Mexico where he built

community support, increased admissions and improved the hospital's financial performance. Earlier he worked in a variety of administrative positions at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Treasure Coast Rehabilitation Hospital in Vero Beach, and Cape Canaveral Hospital. Mr. Gibbons' background includes development oversight of various hospital construction projects including a unique off-site Emergency Department.

"I am very impressed with the dedication of the staff at Glades General Hospital," said Mr. Gibbons.

"In addition to advanced technology and modern facilities, Lakeside Medical Center will feature a veteran team that takes pride in caring for this community."

HIV/AIDS-It could be closer to home than you think

Not underestimating the severity of the disease

By Pat Dobbins, R.N., M.S./H.S.A. Administrator

HIV/AIDS is a scary topic, but one that needs to be discussed. In Florida, women account for 34% of AIDS cases and 29% of HIV cases that were reported in 2007.

It may be surprising, but most cases of HIV/AIDS are from the results of sexual relations between men and women.

Even though there has been progress in fighting HIV in Florida, there is still an unacceptable rate of women being infected.

Some people may think that only homosexuals, drug users, those with lower financial status

or lower education levels are the people who end up getting infected.

This is simply not true. Anyone that chooses to have unprotected sexual activity puts themselves at risk of infection.

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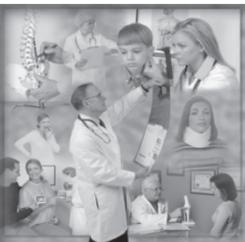
Spring Break is upon us once again, and I urge all of the college students to please think about the choices you make.

The Florida Department of Health recognized March 10 as National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, and in support of that, the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments offered free testing.

Women of all ages need to empower each other and encourage each other to get tested.

The AIDS epidemic is now 27 years old, but we still have to remind folks that "it only takes one time" to get infected. If you would like more information on HIV/AIDS awareness, please contact the Hendry County Health Department at 863-674-4041 - LaBelle, 863-983-1408 - Clewiston or the Glades County Health Department at 863-946-0707.

(Patricia Dobbins is the Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. If you would like to read an article about a particular health topic, please call 863-674-4041, extension 120.)



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Club Style Show

Thanks to the efforts of all the members of the Glades County Woman's Club and many good friends and neighbors, their recent annual luncheon and style show was a huge success at the Robin's Nest RV Park owned by the Robert Joyner family. Interestingly these energetic women automatically become runway models when clothed in the trendiest styles with an appreciative audience. Each fit beautifully in all of Denise's Fashions, whether casual or formal. Denise and her husband formed a great working team years ago that provides entertainment and funds for all types of charitable and social groups. Covered dishes are the highlight of the event with everyone competing to see whose creative dish disappeared first. The luncheon rivaled any five star restaurant as did the centerpieces. Proceeds from the show help finance scholarships for local youngsters each year. Members agreed that bringing in many new and younger members has helped spark new enthusiasm. These new members include several "snow birds" whom always have new experiences and ideas to share. Anyone interested in joining can call any GCWC member for further information. Meantime, we'll see you at the club's annual barbecue on March 14 where members serve a tasty lunch.

Local Weather Forecast

Weather Forecast for Glades County from the National Weather Service.

Moore Haven and the surrounding areas:

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming east between 6 and 9 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. East wind between 5 and 8 mph.

Extended Forecast:

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. East wind between 3 and 7 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. East wind between 5 and 7 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. South wind between 3 and 6 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Light south-west wind.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80.



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Glades County Historical Society Barbecue

Glades County Historical Society's Annual Barbecue and Rummage sale will be held at the Pieter Westergaard House on Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m. Members home cooked the county's favorite traditional meal consisting of massive amounts of country ribs, chicken, potato salad, slaw and beans topped off with home baked desserts. And of course, no meal in the south is complete

without sweat tea. All this can be had for \$7.50 per person. Funds from this fundraiser will help pay for scholarships awarded to local students each year and maintenance of the historic early 1900's Bungalow-styled house.

While you are dining or waiting, you can shop at their rummage sale or just relax, chat and watch the river flow by.

This historic dwelling will be

used for the GCHS office and a small museum. The house will also be available for local organizations as well as citizens for meetings and other events. Progress through these past six years has been slow due to lack of funding, storm damage and scarcity of contractors. Past funding has been provided by the Florida Department of State and Department of Historic Preser-

vation, Florida Power and Light, and private donations. Memberships are available T-shirts designed with our famous Cypress Tree will be on sale. Sizes small through extra large. Please join us for this fun event. For further information, phone Julie Wigton at 863-9462060 or Anne Coffey at 863-946-0520.

Glades County Health Dept. offers Fatherhood classes

The Healthy Families Program of the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments is proud to announce the success of their Fatherhood Classes. The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments now has three trained Fatherhood Facilitators: Jim Martinson, Ken Carrion and Darryl Summersett. They all have completed the Conscious Fathering Program. Thanks to their recruiting efforts and the networking with community partners, twenty-four fathers have recently completed the fatherhood class.

We all know that babies don't come with instruction booklets, so this is an opportunity for dads to learn how to nurture their babies. Routines are essential for a child's development and parents need to be consistent, predictable and reliable for their babies. The main goal of the class is to

give fathers more confidence in their role of caring for their baby. Moms and dads should be equal partners in caring for their baby.

The classes teach fathers many hands-on skills and baby-basics, which include holding the baby, diaper changing, burping a baby, comforting a baby when they are upset, as well as many other things that dads may face when their bundle of joy arrives. Fathers also learn about the Five-"S" calming techniques which are: Swaddling, Side-Positioning, Shushing, Swinging, and Sucking.

Most dads seem to enjoy the diaper changing techniques and how they differ for baby boys and baby girls. The "dolls" used in the training look and feel like a real baby. One father, who recently took the class, all ready had two children and thought that he knew most everything about ba-

bies. He was surprised that he learned a lot of new things from the class.

Research has shown that when fathers are involved in child development, the children do better in school, have better social skills, and have higher self esteem, which also results in less juvenile delinquency and decreases teen pregnancies.

The top ten tips for dads are:

- LOVE-Show affection to your child.
- Take time to play with your child.
- Listen to what your child has to say.
- Read to your child.
- Learn about your child's development.
- Discipline means to teach, not punish.
- Work with your partner and be good role models.

• Keep your word, keep your promises and be honest.

• Be involved in your child's activities.

• Protect and guide your child. Classes are being offered at the RCMA in LaBelle and Moore Haven and at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Clewiston.

Good luck to the fathers of our community, and know that there is assistance out there if you are feeling a little nervous about being a dad!

If you are interested in the class, or if you have any fatherhood questions, please call Jim, Ken or Darryl. They are available to give you information and support. Call the Hendry County Health Department in LaBelle: 863-674-4041, ext.140, or in Clewiston: 863-902-3311 ext.532 or 526.

Assistant Community Health Nursing Director Appointed

Hendry and Glades County Health Departments

LaBelle - The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments would like to announce the appointment of Jennifer Hood as the Assistant Community Health Nursing Director, effective February 20, 2009.

"Jennifer brings a broad base of clinical expertise to this position. Her combination of knowledge and leadership will be a benefit to the department," stated Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments.

Jennifer Hood holds a Bachelor's and a Master's of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Florida. She is also a Family Nurse Practitioner. Ms. Hood has worked in hospital settings as well as public health. She has spent the last 8 years with the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments as a clinician providing a variety of services which include primary care and family planning. She is also a member of the Florida Association of Public Health Nurses. Ms.

Hood is a native Floridian. She has lived in Hendry County for almost

ten years and her family consists of husband, Justin and daughters,

Kayla age 8 and Ashlyn age 5.



Submitted photo

Jennifer Hood was appointed as Assistant Community Health Director for the Hendry & Glades County Health Department effective February 20, 2009.

Clubs and organizations

Glades County Gun Club

The Glades County Gun club will hold an open range shooting event on Saturday, March 14. The range is located at the Glades County Sheriff's Gun Range at Gun Club Road on SR. 78, 4.2 miles NE of US 27. Glades County residents are welcome at no charge. Insurance requires all guests to register, attend a short range safety briefing and sign a waiver. Eye and ear protection is mandatory and will be available by the club. The gate will open at 8 a.m., registration will be from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. briefing at 8:45 a.m. Shooting to begin after briefing till about 11 a.m. Guests may be accompanied and supervised by a gun club member to the firing line for safety concerns. Black Powder guns are welcome. First half is for handguns and second half is for rifle. For further information call 863-946-2566.

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

General News and Information

Free services help elders

Center for Independent Living will be doing outreach on a regular basis at the Moore Haven, Clewiston, and LaBelle sites between the hours of noon until 2:30 p.m.

You can contact Tera or Linda at the Center for Independent Living at 941-766-8333 in Charlotte County to find out the days that they will be available in those areas.

Get a newszap link!

The Democrat is looking to broaden its listing of "Columnists & Bloggers" at www.newszap.com.

More and more people are starting blogs - including business people, support groups, and individuals with an opinion on the day's news or culture.

If you are a local blogger who would like to be listed, please visit <http://www2.newszap.com/blogs/request.htm> and fill in the form.

In addition to the link, the newspaper will consider publishing timely postings as news or commentaries on its pages.

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.

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!



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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.

Lee E. Snow, 30



•Clewiston
•VOP: felony or community control
Arrested March 4
Arrested by Deputy L. Chevalier

Cornelius Ward, 29



•Clewiston
•VOP: felony or community control
Arrested March 5
Arrested by Deputy T. Hessler

Miledy Cruz, 52



•Clewiston
•Larceny - \$2,000-\$100,000
Arrested March 2
Arrested by R. Archer

Sharoad Brown, 22



•Clewiston
•Selling marijuana within 1,000 feet of a place of worship - business, schedule II
Arrested March 8
Arrested by Deputy L. Brooks

Charles Cobb, 50



•Clewiston
•VOP: felony
Arrested March 3
Arrested by Deputy B. Weaver

Carltaivious Robinson, 16



•Pahokee
•Assault on public or private education employee
•Possession of weapon on school property
Arrested March 3
Bond set for \$6,000

Lasteven Wilson, 18



•Pahokee
•Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill
Arrested March 5
Bond set for \$25,000

Nathan Washington, 18



•Pahokee
•Burglary - dwelling structure or conveyance armed
Arrested March 3
Bond set for \$3,000

Otis Harvey, 18



•Pahokee
•Violence of probation - burglary of unoccupied structure or conveyance
Arrested March 3
No bond set

Althea Knight, 21



•Pahokee
•Fraud utter false statement
Arrested March 5
Bond set for \$3,000

Dekevious Mcrae, 25



•South Bay
•Out of county warrant
•Felony - fleeing or attempting to elude officer
Arrested March 6
No bond set

Erin Gunn, 30



•South Bay
•Aggravated battery - offender knew/should have known victim pregnant
Arrested March 9
Released March 9 on \$1,000 bond

Lawrence Baker, 22



•South Bay
•Aggravated battery - intended harm
•Violation of probation
Arrested March 9
No bond set

Marcus Collins, 25



•South Bay
•Aggravated battery cause bodily harm or disability with firearm
Arrested March 3
Bond set for \$25,000

Antonio Bess, 33



•South Bay
•Violation of probation - battery on person 65 years or older
Arrested March 9
Released March 10 on probation

Abraham Cantu, 24



•Belle Glade
•Violation of probation - grand theft \$300 to \$5,000
•Sale of marijuana
Arrested March 9
Bond set for \$3,000

Alton Johnson, 22



•Belle Glade
•Possession of cocaine
•Trespassing - property not structure or conveyance
Arrested March 8
Bond set for \$3,000

Christopher White, 19



•Belle Glade
•Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon
•Possession of weapon - short barreled gun rifle
Arrested March 9
Bond set for \$30,000

Faustino Valencia, 30



•Belle Glade
•Traffic offense - DUI
Arrested March 6
Released March 6

Fredrick Williams, 19



•Belle Glade
•Violation of probation - carrying a concealed weapon
Arrested March 7
No bond set

Joetavious Cato, 19



•Belle Glade
•Possession of cocaine
•Trespassing on private property
Arrested March 5
No bond set

Jonesha Curry, 17



•Belle Glade
•Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill
•Carrying a concealed weapon
Arrested March 4
Bond set for \$25,000

Juan Ruiz-Rodriguez, 48



•Belle Glade
•Public orders crimes - interfere with railroad track or equipment
Arrested March 8
Released March 8 on \$3,000 bond

Octavio Martinez, 24



•Belle Glade
•Burglary - unoccupied dwelling unarmed
•Larceny theft is \$300 or more but less than \$5,000
Arrested March 9
Released March 10 on \$5,000

Omar Gomez, 26



•Belle Glade
•Possession of cocaine
Arrested March 9
No bond set

Patrick Owen, 39



•Belle Glade
•Cruelty toward a child
•Kidnap false imprisonment - adult
Arrested March 9
Released March 9 on \$3,000 bond

Tara Drummer, 22



•Belle Glade
•Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill
•Resist officer without violence
Arrested March 4
Released March 4

Taris Drummer, 22



•Belle Glade
•Aggravated battery - person uses a deadly weapon
Arrested March 4
Released March 4 on \$1,500 bond

Tyronie Patterson, 20



•Belle Glade
•Larceny - commits grand theft use vehicle damage property
•Battery on officer, firefighter, EMT, etc
Arrested March 7
Bond set for \$21,000

Abel Garcia, 28



•Belle Glade
•Traffic offense - DUI alcohol or drugs
Arrested March 8
Released March 8

Crime Stoppers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating the following wanted fugitive as of March 10.

Eddie Daniels, age 21, is a black male with black hair and brown eyes. He is 6 feet 1 inches tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. He also has a tattoo on his neck that reads "Bean" and his last known address is listed as W. 5th Tr., in Pahokee.

Daniels is wanted on felony charges violation of probation: child abuse; Simply battery, violation of probation: aggravated assault with a weapon. And aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

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.crimestopper-spbc.com.



Submitted photo
Eddie Daniels.

Bronson asks for public's help in fire prevention

Wildfire danger increasing

Tallahassee - Florida is experiencing twice the wildfire activity of a year ago and the danger is increasing every day, Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson said today.

Bronson is urging residents to do their part to prevent wildfires by avoiding any unnecessary outdoor burning. They should also check with their local Division of Forestry office or county government to determine if there is a local burn ban in effect.

"Prevention is the key," Bronson said. "We're asking residents and visitors alike to exercise extreme caution when you use anything that involves fire or high heat. Before conducting any outdoor burning, check with officials to see if it is a dangerous burning day and if there is a local burn ban in effect."

A lack of substantial rainfall, especially in Central and South Florida, coupled with recent freezes throughout the state, has left Florida's vegetation ripe for wildfires. Wildfires can start easily, intensify quickly and move rapidly because of the current conditions.

Statewide, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) currently stands at 520, well above normal for this time of the year. More-

over, the Index shows that nearly half of Florida is well above the statewide average and is experiencing "severe" dry conditions. The KBDI measures available soil moisture and runs from 0 (saturated) to 800 (desert-like).

Since January 1, Florida has had 1,024 wildfires that have burned 24,730 acres - compared with 508 fires impacting 11,292 acres at the same time last year. Because the lightning season has yet to begin, virtually all of the fires that have occurred to date were caused by humans and were therefore avoidable.

Additional tips for residents to help prevent wildfires include:

- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- Don't throw cigarettes or other lighted material out of car windows,
- Clear gutters of leaves and other debris, and remove vegetation from around homes, creating a 30-foot defensible space.

For other wildfire prevention actions you can take and information about recommendations you can follow to increase the probability that your home and community can survive a wildfire disaster, visit the Florida Division of Forestry website at www.fl-dof.com or contact your local Florida Division of Forestry field office.



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Last year a blaze scorched nearly 33,000 acres of Everglades National Park in May due to dry conditions in South Florida.

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Evan Santiago Sr.

BELLE GLADE — Evan Santiago Sr., a faithful and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed on to be with the Lord above on Friday, Feb. 27, 2009.

Through the many years of his hard work, his compassion for others and genuine heart of gold, he will never be forgotten. Although his bigger than life presence will be greatly missed we will always remember who he truly was.

Evan was a man who loved and cared about everyone. He always had a smile on his face and was always ready to lend a helping hand.

He was the proud business owner of Santiago Trucking for 27 years.

He enjoyed fishing, barbecuing and working in his yard, doing his best to make it look beautiful. He loved music, dancing, and most of all sharing time with his family, that he loved more than life itself.

Those who are blessed to have known him will remember him as a strong, courageous, determined and serving man.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Linda Santiago; his beloved sons, Ivan Emilio and Eric Mitchell Santiago; and his beautiful daughter, Leia Carmen Santiago.

Franklin A. Lovell

ROYAL PALM BEACH — Franklin A. Lovell, of Royal Palm Beach, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, in his home.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lovell; one son, Jeremy Lovell of Wellington; one daughter, Jennifer Lovell-Ramirez of Belle Glade; one step-son, Jessie Camacho of Clewiston; two stepdaughters, Carmen Camacho and Samantha Lovell all of West Palm Beach; three very special grandchildren, Estella, Gabriella and Nathan Lovell; and seven more step-grandchildren; three brothers, Jim Altman of Grand Fork, N.D., David Mayo of Glen St Mary, Mike Lovell of Toms River, N.J.; his father, Samuel Lovell; and mother, Ann Lovell of Belle Glade.

Frankie Lovell was raised in Belle Glade and graduated from Glades Central High School in 1973. He went on to work for A-Duda & Sons for 32 years. Frankie started as celery supervisor and went on to be harvest superintendent, leaving the company in 2008.

He loved going fishing, hunting and golfing when he could get away. He enjoyed the time he spent with his family. Great times, great memories, and Frankie's smile. Frankie leaves quite a legacy and a loving memory that will be in our hearts forever.



Jones birth

Mr. and Mrs. Warren and Missey Jones of Clewiston, Fla., are parents of their second child, a daughter, born Friday, January 23, 2009 at 3:15 p.m. at Lee Health Park Medical Center in Fort Myers, Fla. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has been named Addison Kennedy Jones.

Her grandparents are Mary Ann Jones of Clewiston, Fla., and the late Bob Jones, and Fred and

Gay Donaldson of Mexico, Miss., and the late Dorita Donaldson.

Her great-grandparents are Ann Brown of Miami, Fla., and Mary Katherine Jones of LaBelle, Fla., and Elmer and Marge Donaldson of Mexico, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones' first child, Bryson Cole Jones, who was born May 15, 2007, died July 28, 2007 of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.



Addison Kennedy Jones.

Janice Bishop Burchard

PORT ST. LUCIE — Janice Bishop Burchard, 64, died March 1, 2009, at her home in Port St. Lucie after an extended illness of Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Mrs. Burchard was born in Glasgow, Ky., and was raised in Stuart. She lived in Clewiston for 35 years and moved to Port St. Lucie in 1999.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Lawrence Burchard of Port St. Lucie; sons, Brian and James Burchard, both of Port St. Lucie, and Rusty Burchard of Charlotte, N.C.; brothers, William, David, and Carroll Wayne Bishop; 13 grandchildren and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lencoy and Lera Bishop.

Visitation and services were held on Monday, March 9, at Haisley Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997.

Arrangements are under the direction of Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service. A guestbook may be signed at www.haisleyfuneralhome.com.



Jack B. Moree, 80

ORMOND BEACH — Jack B. Moree, of Ormond Beach, passed away March 3, 2009, in Ormond Beach after an extended illness. He was 80.

He was born Sept. 8, 1928, in Riviera Beach to late Ivan B. Moree and the late Marion Irene (Jordan) Moree.

Jack received the Holy Baptism at Palmer Memorial Episcopal in Houston, Texas on March 7, 1959 and Confirmation March 22, 1959.

He attended Polk and Glades County Public Schools. He graduated from the University of Houston with both a bachelors and master's degree in economics.

He served during World War II in the U.S. Navy (1943-1946) and served in the Normandy Invasion. Jack had a long and varied working life: City of Houston (Traffic Analyst), as a realtor in Houston, Anthem Corp in California, Illinois and Texas, Program Director-Seminole Tribe of Florida and Coordinator of Federal Projects-Glades County Schools (1960s), Glades County Clerk of Court (70s) and Glades County Rancher/Sugar Cane Farmer (1970s - 1990). Jack retired in 1990.

Memberships include VFW Post 3283, Port Orange, Elks Lodge 21, Ormond Beach, Moose Lodge 1263, Daytona Beach, St. James Episcopal Church, Ormond Beach, S.A.E. Fraternity, U.S. Navy Memorial Member and Florida Sheriff's Assoc (Hon).

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Wanda (Yoder) Moree of Ormond Beach; step-children, Lori Shuford Bond, Moore Haven, Phillip Craig Shuford Jr., Buena Vista, Ga.; grandchildren, Lainey Bond and Shelby Bond, of Moore Haven; great-grandchild, Reston Stokes of Moore Haven; brother, John Moree of Jupiter; and sister, Marcia Moree Crosby of North Palm Beach.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Ortona Cemetery Pavilion, 12870 W. SR 78, Moore Haven, with Father Alan Kelmereit officiating. Burial followed in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven. Military Honors were conducted by the U.S. Navy.

Memorial donations can be made to Moore Haven High School Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 459, Moore Haven, FL 33471 or American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

La Florida in the Early 16th Century

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

The Indian diver pulled his long, lithe body over the gunnels of the Spanish longboat and collapsed on the boats floor from exhaustion. His chest heaved as oxygen-starved lungs expanded like bellows to inhale the sweet, ocean breezes. The diver slowly regained his strength and sat up in the boat. He rested for an hour before stretching his weary leg muscles in preparation for another dive.

Walking to the bow of the boat, he began to hyperventilate, filling his lungs with precious oxygen that would fuel his body's descent to the ocean bottom. There, at a depth of 60 feet, lay thousands of gold doubloons, scattered alongside the hulking remains of a sunken Spanish Galleon.

Perched like a "Bird of Prey" on the bow of the boat, he stared intently into the depths of the ocean's gin, clear waters. Slowly raising his arms, he launched himself into the air. His long body arched like a drawn bow, then straightened like an arrow, before plunging beneath the water's glistening surface. A slight splash erupted, casting white beads of glittering water into the air as his body descended into the warm, Caribbean Sea.

This fictitious yarn reflects back to the day when all salvage operations in the Caribbean were conducted by Native Americans, who dove to great depths to recover the vast riches that were strewn about sunken treasure ships. It is time to take "A Walk in The Past" and read about "La Florida" in the early 16th century.

The first official recorded sighting of "La Florida" was in 1513, by Ponce De Leon, whose discovery opened a new land for Spanish exploration. Spanish explorers eagerly led expeditions into "La Florida," hoping to find gold and silver. Very little gold was found, but much hardship was endured. Many of the expeditions turned into catastrophes. Panfilo de Narvaez's expedition in 1528, started with 300 men and ended with four sole survivors, who walked into Mexico City nine years later.

The Spanish gleaned information from these doomed Florida expeditions, acknowledging that south Florida was a vast wetland, whose natural resources were of no monetary value. Ironically, what south Florida lacked in natural resources was compensated by its strategic location. The riches discovered and exploited in other parts of the New World were transported by ships to Spain via "La Florida."

South Florida was important to the Spanish crown because it was geographically centered in the Spanish shipping lanes, making it a virtual crossroad to all Spanish shipping. Large convoys (Flotillas) of gold, laden Spanish ships bound for Spain were forced to follow the Gulf Stream currents that ran adjacent to Florida's coast. South Florida's strategic location, plundered shipwrecks, and ill treatment of Spanish sur-

vivors by hostile Indian Nations, forced the Spanish to act.

Three forts were started in south Florida in the 1560s, to protect the Spanish shipping lanes. Missions were established at the forts because Spanish policy endorsed the church's enthusiasm to Christianize the Indians. A converted Indian was less contentious than an idolatrous Indian. The missions led by Jesuit priests failed to convert the Indians and military rule at the forts failed to subjugate the Indians. Open Indian hostilities forced the Spanish to abandon the forts and missions by 1571.

Shipping losses and the ill treatment of Spanish survivors once again prompted the Spanish crown to seek a truce with the south Florida Indian Nations. In 1612, the Florida governor sent an expedition to the Calusa Indian Nation, and a truce was established. It is uncertain how long this truce lasted because there are only a few Spanish documents on record that date back to the early 1600s, describing Spanish activities in south Florida.

One document was written in 1617, by Florida Franciscan Priests living in north Florida. It was a letter addressed to the King of Spain. The priests charged that the new governor of Florida was failing to support evangelical work in South Florida, which indicates a truce still existed between the Spanish and the Calusa. There is merit to this letter because other Spanish documents dating to that time, report that the new governor of Florida had called for a reduction of priests living in Florida and requested that the remaining priests no longer be paid as soldiers.

The letter also describes the severe impact of European diseases on Native Americans. The priests elaborate on the ominous event, "We find that from four years ago down to the present, half of the Indians have died because of the great plagues and contagious diseases that they have suffered. Thus, with the help of the twenty-two religious men that Your Majesty ordered sent to these regions five years ago, a very great harvest of souls for heaven has been made in these mortalities. More than eight thousand Christians remain alive, at the least; more rather than fewer."

The Indians that the priest was alluding to were the Timucua Indian Nation, whose territories included northeast Florida. Based on this document, we must conclude that 8,000 or half the Timucua Indian Nation died from European diseases. Such a loss of life would have seriously weakened the Timucua Indian Nation. Imagine a nation losing half its population in four years; it had to be devastating. Their social structure and culture would have been seriously impacted and totally disrupted.

Another document describes a salvage operation that took place when a Spanish Plate Fleet wrecked in the keys in 1622. One of the ships that sank was the Nuestra Senora de Atocha. Most

readers are familiar with the Atocha; it is the famous treasure ship that Mel Fisher spent much of his adulthood life searching for. The Atocha was discovered by Mel Fisher's son in 1985. It yielded hundreds of millions in emeralds, gold and silver to Mel and his business partners.

The 1622, document states that the Indians living in the keys were hired as divers to help recover the Spanish Platte Fleets sunken treasures. Caribbean Indians were known for their diving skills. The Indian divers were aided in their deep water dives to depths of 60 feet with a heavy stone attached to a rope. Our ole friend Fontana-do wrote in his journals about the diving exploits of the Calusa and Tequesta Indians, who lived in the Keys, validating that the Key Indians were up to the salvaging task.

In 1623, another Spanish Platte fleet sank off the Treasure Coast around present day Ft. Pierce. The Florida governor Salinas remarked in a 1623 letter that the Ais and Jeaga Indians living in that area usually killed all shipwreck survivors. He reported that punitive steps were taken against the Indians, and a truce was established. This truce would save English lives years later, when an English merchant ship wrecked on the shores of the Ais Indian Nation.

Jonathan Dickinson, an English Quaker merchant, was shipwrecked close to the present day Jupiter Inlet. Mr. Dickinson wrote that the Indians were fearful of the Spanish. He mentions repeatedly that the Indians were constantly asking him if he was a Nickaleer, which meant English. They wanted to know if his nationality was English, so they could kill him and his fellow castaways without fear of retaliation from the Spanish. Mr. Dickinson and his fellow castaways abandoned their Quaker virtues and told little, white lies, declaring they were Spanish.

A friar's brief comments around 1634, referred to contact with the Calusa as a result of the salvage operations in 1622. He stated that "the Calusa would receive evangelical preachers with great pleasure." This is our last report on south west Florida until 1675. Misplaced documents reporting Spanish activities in south Florida from 1634 to 1674, are hopefully waiting to be disclosed in Havana, Cuba or Seville, Spain, only time will tell.

There will be more "Tale Tales" in next week's edition "A Walk in The Past," when the Spanish return to south Florida in the late 1600s. *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.*

Elliott - Lilley engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lilley, Sr. are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Susan Christine and David Michael, Jr. Susan is currently attending Florida Gulf Coast University and will be graduating in May with a degree in Elementary Education. She is a 2004 graduate of Clewiston High School.

Michael is attending the Florida Wildlife Commission Academy in Tallahassee. Upon graduation, he will return to Hendry County as a FWC officer. He is a 2002 graduate of LaBelle High School. The couple will be married on November 28, 2009, at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church and plan to reside in LaBelle after the wedding.

Michael is attending the Florida Wildlife Commission Academy in Tallahassee. Upon graduation, he will return to Hendry County as a FWC officer. He is a 2002 graduate of LaBelle High School.

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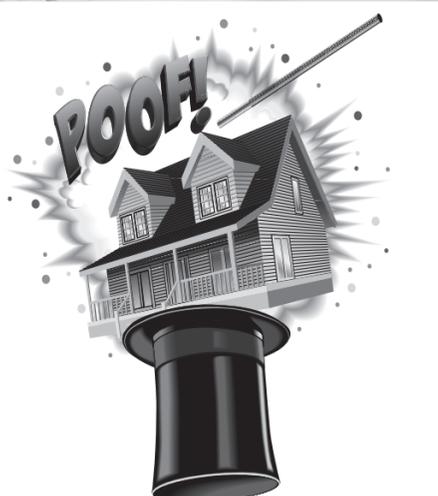
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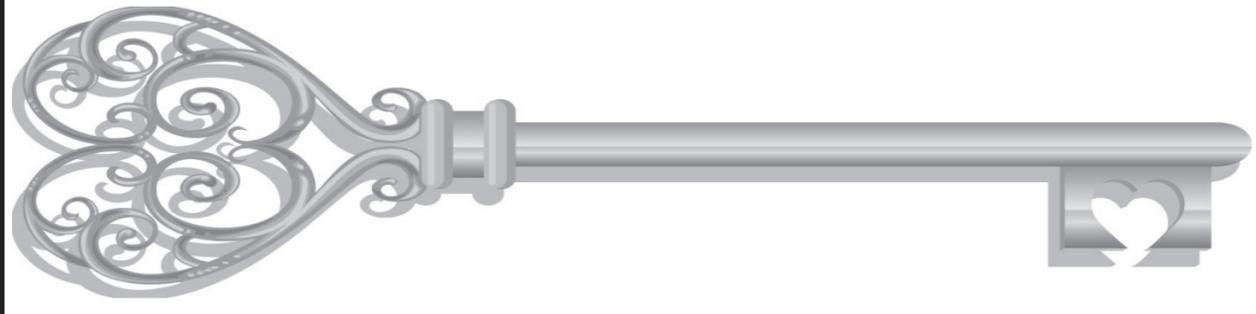
IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH CANNON
 Deceased
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Elizabeth Cannon, deceased, whose date of death was October 23, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33975-1760. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's Estate must file a copy of this Notice in the office of the Personal Representative and file a copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, on or before the date of the date of service of a copy of this Notice on them.
 All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's Estate must file their claims with the Clerk WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of the first publication of this Notice is March 5th, 2009.
 Attorney for Personal Representative: Jay A. Brett Florida Bar No. 160749 Sheppard, Brett, Stewart, Hersch, Kinsey & Hill, F.A. 919 College Pointe Court Fort Myers, FL 33919 Telephone: (239) 334-1141 Fax: (239) 334-3965
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Public Notice 5005

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 08 CA 242

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT VERDOT VI, LLC holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HENDRY COUNTY JAIL INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES RFP No. 2009-15 Opening Date and Time: March 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 09 R 24 Laneather C. Braham Petitioner

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the final judgment of foreclosure dated December 22, 2008, and entered in Case No. 08 CA 242, in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE TO: Anthony Lavon Braham Last Known Address: 1021 Hendrix St. Moore Haven, FL 33471

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RELATED SERVICES ASSESSMENTS Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 5:05 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida to consider an ordinance relating to Capital Projects and related services assessments entitled as follows:

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PUBLIC NOTICE PATHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING There will be a Hendry County Pathway Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 10 a.m. The meeting is to discuss a Pathway Plan for Hendry County. The meeting will be held at LaBelle City Hall in the Board Room, located at 481 W. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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COUNTY OF HENDRY, STATE OF FLORIDA RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 18 RECORDED IN RESOLUTION BOOK XXII, PAGE 46 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINDING THAT A FIRE EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON UNREGULATED FIRES WITHIN THE COUNTY.

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Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **PINOT IV, 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
1260	2006	1-25-44-32-A00-0155-0100	GUILLERMO F. AGUIAR & EDUARDO JESUS ALADRO

The North one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for ingress, egress, & utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 607, 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 Fourth Thursday** in the month of **March**, which is the **26th day of March, 2009**.
 Dated this 4th day of **February, 2009**.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 311264 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

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:

Perry Brothers (Perry Sugarcane) PO Box 1029, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090116-3 for renewal of Water Use Permit 22-00029-W to irrigate 1100 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-19 Canal and the project is located in Sections 9,16,21, Township 42 South, Range 30 East.

Wheeler Farms Inc (Carlton Grove - Ortona) PO Box 2715, Lake Placid, FL 33862, has submitted Application 090116-9 for renewal of Water Use Permit 22-00037-W to irrigate 751 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-43 Canal and the project is located in Sections 20,21,28,29, 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.sfwmd.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.

312651 GDD 3/12/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **VERDOT 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
2765	2006	4-10-43-29-070-0201-0260	AMEERA BREWER % DENISE BREWER, GUARDIAN

Lot 26, Block 2201, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, 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.

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 Dated this 4th day of **February, 2009**.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 311255 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **VERDOT 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
3333	2006	4-10-43-29-100-2373-0070	BETHEL A. MOORE & MARILYN J.F. MOORE & VANESSA Y. MOORE

Lot 7, Block 2373, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, 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.

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Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 311197 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3238	2006	4-10-43-29-100-2362-0050	NORMA LETICIA RODRIGUEZ CORNEJO, GUSTAVO ADOLFO CHOTO, JOSE GUILLEN RIVAS, AND ISIS ESMERALDA CHOTO

Lot 5, Block 2362, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, 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.

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 Dated this 4th day of **February, 2009**.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 311274 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **PINOT IV, 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
1186	2006	1-24-44-32-A00-0011-0100	CAMINITO FOND-ROSE

Lot 5372: The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof and SUBJECT to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof.

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 Fourth Thursday** in the month of **March**, which is the **26th day of March, 2009**.
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Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 311260 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 10:00 A.M., at the Hendry County Staff Conference Room, 1st Floor, 165 S. Lee Street, Room A-118, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/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.

Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida
 312661 CB/CN 3/12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND WORKSHOP

In accordance with section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) announces a closed attorney-client executive session concerning settlement negotiations and strategy related to litigation expenditures for pending litigation to which the FGUA is a party. The FGUA also will hold a public meeting and planning workshop to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interoctal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, Polk County, Florida, and the Town of Dundee, Florida. **The public meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on March 19, 2009 at the Majestic Golf Course, Crown Meeting Room, 350 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936.** At the public meeting the FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. **The attorney-client session will be held immediately following the regular public meeting of the Board at approximately 10:30 a.m. in a private meeting room at the same location.** The following persons will be attending the attorney-client executive session: Board Chairman Lea Ann Thomas; Board Member Jim Lavender or alternate Doug Meurer; Board Member Robert Knight; Board Member Judi Kennington-Korf or alternate Shane Parker; Board Member Michele Baker or alternate Bruce Kennedy; Board Member Chris Rogers or alternate Bartley Arrington; Robert Sheels, System Manager; John Pelham, General Counsel; Heather Encinosa, Utility Counsel and Harry Chiles, Utility Counsel. **The Planning Workshop will immediately follow at the same location as the regular public meeting.** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in the regular public meeting should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board toll free at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA or (407) 629-6900.
 312645 CGS 3/12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 31-2006
 Year of Issuance: 2006
 Description of property: A25-42-28-U01-0001-0030
 Blk 1 Lot 3
 Unrec. Hidden Lakes Ranch
 Unit 1 OR 49 PG 492
 Total acres 1.01 ML

Name in which assessed: Enrique & Estela Elizondo

All said property being in the County of Glades, 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 in the hallway located at the South entrance of the Courthouse on the 26th day of March, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2009.

Joe Flint
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Glades County, Florida
 310680 GDD 2/19;26;3/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

PUBLIC NOTICE
AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY MEETING
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There will be a Airglades Airport Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport boardroom in Clewiston. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863)-983-1588.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commissioner with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/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.

Janet Taylor, Chair
 Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
 312558 CGS 3/12/19/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 36-2006
 Year of Issuance: 2006
 Description of property: A25-42-28-U01-0005-2460
 Blk 5 Lot 246
 Unrec. Hidden Lakes Ranch
 Unit 1 OR 49 PG 492
 Total acres 1.01 ML

Name in which assessed: Jerry R. + Richard L. Olson *JTROS*

All said property being in the County of Glades, 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 in the hallway located at the South entrance of the Courthouse on the 26th day of March, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2009.

Joe Flint
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Glades County, Florida
 310683 GDD 2/19;26;3/5,12/09

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Verdot 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
3223	2006	4-10-43-29-100-2360-0130	Pearl Ince

Lot 13, Block 2360, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, 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.

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 Dated this 4th day of **February, 2009**.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 311268 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

Public Notice 5005

PUBLIC NOTICE LABELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

There will be a LaBelle Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 15th, 2009 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **LaBelle City Hall**, in the Commissioners Board Room, located at 481 W. Hickpochee Avenue in LaBelle.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.

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Public Notice 5005

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 22-2008-CA-000164

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
RALPH CONSTANT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RALPH CONSTANT; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Motion and Order Resetting foreclosure Sale Date dated the 9th day of February, 2009, and entered in Case No. 22-2008-CA-000164, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, where in AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC is the Plaintiff and RALPH CONSTANT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RALPH CONSTANT; JOHN DOE; JANE DOES UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the AT FRONT STEPS, SOUTH DOOR OF COURTHOUSE at the Glades County Courthouse, in Moore Haven, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of March, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 25, OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ADA, Disables persons who, because of their Disabilities, need special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Senior Deputy Clerk Administration whose post office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 MONROE STREET, FT. MYERS, FL 33901, Telephone (239)335-2299 or 1 (800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800)955-8770 Via Fl. Relay Service, no later than 5 days prior to the Court Date.
 Dated this 3rd day of March, 2009.

Joe Flint
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Jennifer Bevis
 Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Marshall C. Watson
 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
 Phone: 954-453-0365
 Fax: 954-771-6052
 Toll Free: 800-441-2438
 312571 GCD 03/12/19/09

Public Notice 5005

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

GREEN TREE SERVING LLC, AS SUCCESSOR SERVICER FOR GREENPOINT CREDIT, LLC, Plaintiff
vs.
CASE NO. 08-928-CA JUAN A. VASQUEZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUAN A. VASQUEZ; CAROL N. FLOYD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL N. FLOYD; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); MILDANO FUNDING INC., CORPORATION; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CAROL N. FLOYD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL N. FLOYD; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

Whose residence are/is unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, to the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1326, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within 30 days of date of first publication, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 26' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 101.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 51' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 450 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 26' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 51' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 190.1 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 21' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 1' A DISTANCE OF 190.1 FEET; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID PARCEL LOCATED IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

To include: a

1999 Fleetcraft Corp., VIN GAFLR9A02064VH and 68048527
 A/K/A
 5910 SPENCER ROAD LABELLE, FL 33935

If you fail to file your answer or written defenses in the above proceeding, on plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or for this 5th day of March, 2009.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /S/ D. HAMMOND
 Deputy Clerk

Public Notice 5005

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

PLAINTIFF,
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CASE NO. 08-928-CA JUAN A. VASQUEZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUAN A. VASQUEZ; CAROL N. FLOYD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL N. FLOYD; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); MILDANO FUNDING INC., CORPORATION; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CAROL N. FLOYD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL N. FLOYD; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

Whose residence are/is unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, to the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1326, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within 30 days of date of first publication, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /S/ D. HAMMOND
 Deputy Clerk

New Hope Baptist Church in Chalol Nitka Parade



Submitted photo
Ms. Brenda's Sunday School Class participated in the Chalol Nitka Parade on Saturday, March 7. They were excited about their new T-shirts if you don't attend Sunday School please come out and enjoy the fun we have every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch is provided for those attending along with Bible Lessons, Crafts and other activities. Children are working on special projects for Easter and Mother's Day. If you would like more information, please call Ms. Brenda at 863-946-3731.



Submitted photo
New Hope Baptist Church's float was on full display during Chalol Nitka.

Come grow with us

Saturday, March 7 ... This was New Hope Baptist Church first time involved in the Chalol Nitka Parade.

What a great time it was and we look forward to participating again next year.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the parade and saw what a great job our folks did on our float.

A special Thank you to everyone who participated in our float.

Special thanks to the following in regards to our float.

Dan Cook – use of trailer and truck Roger Walker Sr. and Roger Walker Jr. for the carpentry work.

Ms. Brenda's Sunday School Children along with Pamela Osborne, Jennifer Winifrey, Joyce Branham, Nina Wright, Diane Winiecke, Brenda Walker, Ed Winiecke, Bo Roberts, Roger Walker Sr., Darrel Branham and Roger Walker Jr., for helping with decorating and participating in the parade.

The children were proud to show off their new T-shirts while riding the float.

Roger Walker Sr. and Bo Roberts for driving during the parade.

Bo Roberts for letting us park the float at his property to do the final decorating.

Special thanks to our Pastor Darrel Branham and his wife, Joyce.

After the parade, several assisted in taking the decorations off float.

Ms. Brenda treated the children to lunch at Burger King.

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- Are there other symptoms that you have?

About Abdominal Hernias

By Dr. Darayes Mobed, General Surgeon
 Hendry Regional Medical Center

Lykes Bros., Inc. sponsors trip

To FGCU for 100 Students

By Crystal Drake

"Showcasing FGCU is not an inconvenience... it is our true pleasure," said Judie Cassidy, Senior Director of Advancement, Florida Gulf Coast University after the 8th grade students of the Glades County School District recently visited the campus of FGCU on Feb. 26. The trip was sponsored by Lykes Bros., Inc. and coordinated by Courtney Curatolo, Director of Special Projects and Public Relations Lykes Land Investments, Inc.

The day was full of activities designed to encourage young stu-

dents to begin planning ahead for college with Rachel Kazor as the lead tour guide for the day. The day began with a bus and walking tour of the campus, followed by a presentation at the Kleist Health Education Center called "Harassment Hurts" which taught students how to deal with harassment issues in proactive ways.

The students then traveled to the Student Union where they had lunch at The Perch which was also free to the students compliments of Lykes Bros. After lunch and a little shopping at the bookstore, students took the bus to Alico Arena where they were given a presentation on college Admissions requirements in the Hospitality Room. A former



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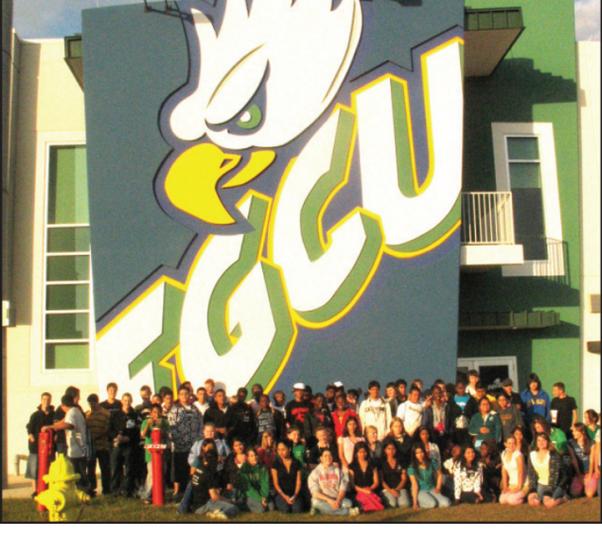
Students had a day full of activities and a tour of the campus.

Moore Haven High School graduate, Anthony Hyatt, who currently works at FGCU and is obtaining his Master's degree in Accounting, also spoke to the students during this presentation. Students then traveled to the North Lake Village Commons where they were given a tour of student housing including the lakefront amenities available to students. The students seemed to find the water trampoline quite a unique attraction as well as the opportunity to water ski and participate in other aquatic activities on the lake front.

The trip culminated at the FGCU Athletics complex where the FGCU Eagle baseball team was playing against Samford University (Birmingham, Alabama) Bulldogs. Vinton Lewis was chosen to throw out the first pitch at the baseball game as a represen-

tative of his school. The students were treated by Lykes to admission to the game, as well as free drinks, hot dogs and popcorn.

Chaperones for the trip included teachers, Crystal Drake, Holly Buonpastore, Pam Woodward, Michael Hutchison, Barbara Baldwin, Tom Gaskins, Alice Gardner and two parents, Darlene Alaimo and Patricia Sims. Glades County School District would like to extend a huge thank you to both Lykes Bros., Inc. for their generous donation, which covered everything including the transportation costs, and to Florida Gulf Coast University for being such a gracious host to our students. Without a doubt, this trip made a huge impression on many of our students regarding the importance of making good grades in high school and making college their goal.



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Glades County students gather to take a picture at Florida Gulf Coast University.

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March 28, 2009

Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s 2009 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Osceola Middle School in Okeechobee, Florida. The purpose of the meeting being to elect trustees and hear annual officers' reports.

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Big five "0"

Pam Woodward showed her humorous side at the Chalo Nika parade this past Saturday as she road down the streets of Moore Haven in a 50th Birthday float dancing along with music and even jumping off her float to give out hugs to Glades County residents.

GCYAA Youth Basketball wraps up another year

The Glades County Youth Athletic Association wrapped up the 2009 9 to 12 year old youth basketball program February 26 with a free throw shootout, awards presentations and pizza. League coordinator Sonny Hughes would like to thank on behalf of the Glades County Youth Athletic Association the sponsors for the teams, the Glades Youth Livestock and Griffin Electric and Air Conditioning. Appreciation also is extended to the local Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the

Free Throw Shootout first and second place trophies. Recognition certificates were presented to Eddie Hallback, Junior Brown and Ronald Brown for volunteering their time and assistance. All players received certificates of participation and the following players received trophies.

Most Valuable Players: Markeis Hallback, Tyreke Sweeting and Tevon Thompson.

Most Improved Players: Demetrius Scruggs, Deondre Morrow and Mario Lopez

Hustler Trophies: Josh Edwards, Jacob Smith and John Cox.

The Sixers went undefeated and the following players received 1st Place trophies: Markeis Hallback (Captain), Darren McPherson, Demetrius Scruggs, Tavarian Brown, John Cox, Malek Dore, Carissa Lee.

Basketballs were passed out to Darren McPherson, Tavarian Brown, Mario Lopez, and Roy Morrow as coach's awards.



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Remembrance

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The Church Seasons, and the Lenten Season

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston
Church calendars help keep worship from being repetitive and provide a variety of themes around which people can grow in different parts of belief.

Best of all, they can give a sequence of unfolding events in the growth and revelation of what faith is really about.

If there is no organized religious plan or calendar, worship can become "same-old-same-old" and get monotonous or reflect limits of understanding of the breadth and depth of what faith has to offer.

There is more to it than hearing pet peeves or having someone grind axes over and over and over.

There is a certain tempo in

worship and Church celebrations throughout the year; it can add variety and zest to Sunday mornings.

Everyone knows about Christmas in December and Easter in the Spring, but there are other special times to commemorate, each with something to add to experiencing and understanding what faith can give.

This season is the season of Lent in many Church calendars.

It is for preparation for Easter, for getting ready for the greatest of Christian holidays (no, not Christmas - Easter! - the message of resurrection and the promise that we will participate in it with the One who has gone before).

As with any great event, you prepare for it first.

A special meal with friends?

You don't overindulge before getting together!

A special gathering of your baseball team?

You may wish to practice before getting on the field.

So too with our spiritual life; getting ready makes the special times all the more meaningful.

For centuries people prepared for Easter by their acts of devotion and concentrating on doing something special as a prelude to the great celebration on Easter morning.

The would add something to their daily devotional schedules and prayers, give up something so that someone else might enjoy a little better life, attend a Bible study group., take on a project. (Sometimes it was time to begin a diet - something done in the name of religious that should have been done anyway!).

There are Biblical examples. Jesus went off to Gethsemane

to pray before He faced arrest, trial, condemnation, execution and finally resurrection. (e.g. Matthew 26:36ff) He takes forty days in the wilderness after His baptism and before He begins His earthly ministry (Matthew 4:1ff, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1ff).

These times of preparedness are for facing spiritual temptations and resolving to win out over them.

They set the stage for great things to come. Christians ever afterward have taken forty days before Easter as a time to follow the example given to us.

This season, Lent, is one of those times; we get ready for a great event by facing things that could detract us first.

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word for "Lengthen" and was related to the time when the days of the year grew

longer as winter was coming to an end.

Little by little, more light would come with each morning, a sign that a greater light would come into the world at Easter and things would get brighter and brighter for humanity.

It is in our getting ready for special occasions that we make them even more special.

As we save our appetites for a big banquet; so we can hone up on our spiritual selves before a great spiritual occasion.

Like Christmas, a joyful occasion just doesn't "happen" without lots of preparation first. We purchase the gifts, do the shopping, pick out a tree, decorate the house, plan to be with friends; all days before then actual event.

Easter should be the same for us too; only on a more spiritual plane - and that's what Lent is

about.

Like other times, occasions, and things we share; we get out of them what we put in (and maybe even more sometimes).

May this pre-Easter season be for us all a special time of getting ready, and make the Lord's Resurrection celebration be a great and glorious occasion for everyone.

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Stand firm in your faith, or you will not stand

By Pastor John Hicks
First United Methodist Church

"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30)

There's a common saying going around today, "If you don't stand for anything, then you will stand for nothing." The prophet Isaiah stated it this way, "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."

Hearers must become doers. The faith we proclaim with our Sunday morning affirmations has to be evident in our Monday morning lives.

Evil flourishes when the good do nothing. "Theologian Martin Niemöller was imprisoned by the Nazis in 1937.

He stated that when the Nazis attacked the Communists in 1933, he was a little uneasy, but he was not a Communist, and so he did nothing.

They continued as other groups were targeted, but still he did nothing.

And then they attacked the Church, and he was a Churchman, and he did something -- but then it was too late."

In looking back over the experience, he composed the fol-

lowing poem: "They came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. And then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. And then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for me. And by that time there was no one left to speak up."

Evil flourishes when the good do nothing.

If we do not stand firm in our faith, we will not stand at all. In our confession of faith, we say, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and I accept Him as Lord of my life."

And when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

We say all of these wonderful things, but what do with we do with them?

There's a big difference between what is going on out there and what should be going on out there.

There's a big difference between what people are interested in and what they should be interested in.

The world's question is, "What is this world coming to?"

The church's question is "What is coming to this world?"

Will God's chosen instrument, the church, bring Christ to this coming world?

There are times when God meets our need to be comforted and strengthened.

But there are also times when God knows that our greater need is to have our thinking challenged, our faith examined, our lifestyle called into question.

A time when we are called to put our faith into action and stand in the gap.

Jesus doesn't call us to walk on water.

He did that.

Jesus doesn't call us to change water into wine.

He did that.

Jesus doesn't call us to multiply loaves and fishes.

He did that.

Jesus does call us to believe in God.

Jesus can't do that for us. Jesus does call us to trust God.

Jesus can't do that for us.

And Jesus does call us to love one another and stand firm in our faith and to make a difference.

Evil flourishes when the good do nothing.

Hearers must at last become doers. The faith we proclaim on Sunday mornings has to be evident in our Monday morning lives.

Added note: On Saturday, March 21, we as a community

will have a chance to stand and make a statement.

People are encouraged to gather at 10 a.m. across from the old sub station at the corner of El Paso and Francisco in Clewiston, for a Unity March Against Violence.

The plans are to march through several troubled neighborhoods

and conclude with a rally at the Elk's park on Francisco.

We love our community and want to claim it for the Light. This is one of several efforts to let certain elements know that we are not going to just sit by and let them corrupt our youth. Join us!

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An essay: If I were the Devil

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist
First Christian Church

Our nation will be strong only as long as it is convinced of the validity of the Bible as the eternal message from God. The strength of the nation is found in the commitment and obedience to the Bible as the inspired and authoritative Word of God.

A noted newscaster once wrote the things that would lead to the destruction of our beloved nation. He titled it "If I Were The Devil" and this is what he said:

If I were the Devil: I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world.

I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort instead of God's blessings;

I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around; I would up entire states into

relying on gambling for their state revenue;

I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership;

I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies;

I would make it socially acceptable to take one's own life, and invent machines to make it convenient;

I would cheapen human life as much as possible, so that the lives of animals are valued more than human beings;

I would take God out of schools, where even the mention of His name was grounds for a lawsuit;

I would get control of the media, so that every night I could pollute the minds of every family member for my agenda;

I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation;

I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable, because if the family crumbles, so

does the nation;

I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and I would call it Art;

I would convince the world that people are born homosexuals and that their lifestyles should be accepted and marveled;

I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities, and refer to their agenda as politically correct;

I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date, and that the Bible is for the naive;

I would dull the minds of Christians to make them believe that prayer is not important and that faithfulness and obedience are optional.

I guess I would leave things pretty much the way they are right now!

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Catfish - Mullet dinner

St. Martins Episcopal Church in Clewiston will host a catfish or mullet dinner with cole slaw, beans or grits, hush puppies, tea or coffee, all for donations of just \$7. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. as a Community Outreach Fundraiser on Saturday, March 14 at 207 North W.C. Owen Avenue, Clewiston. For more information, please call 863-983-7960.

Sacrifice Something for our Jesus

Yard Sale

On Saturday, March 14 Evangel Assembly Outreach Center will have a yard sale from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

This yard sale will be held at 350 South Berner Road. Lots and Lots of Items for sale

Sue Somer Concert at Canal Point United Methodist Church

Sue Somer will hold a concert at Canal Point United Methodist

Church on Sunday, March 15 at 4 p.m.

Sue hails from Coral Springs, Fla. where she has inspired thousands through her testimony and music.

Be prepared to be lifted up to the heavens and listen to the inspired word of God through her ministry.

There is no charge for the concert but a free-will offering will be taken.

For more information, you may contact Pastor David Broadbent at 561-308-7654.

Fish Fry Dinners on Fridays at St. Joseph the Worker Church

St. Joseph the Worker Church is having Fish Fry Dinners every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dinners include fried fish, hush puppies, a vegetable, dessert and tea, for a donation of \$7.

Eat there or take home.

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.

The Clewiston Church of Christ is located at 336 Central Ave in Clewiston.

For further information please call 863-983-8822.

Courthouse

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eled ones have a wrought iron look to them. The lamp post was done to match the hand railings, and exterior lighting now focuses on the courthouse at night so passersby and motorists can better see the 1920's architecture. Wendell Taylor took an interest in the yard around the courthouse. He requested the work of Okeechobee designer, Robert Myer, for the fountain and reflecting pool. Mr. Taylor wanted it to be an attractive complement to the Glades County courthouse rather than it being the main focus of onlookers. The fountain has small columns to match the large Greek columns on the east entrance and the city water it uses is constantly recycled. A stone planter box was built with Glades fossil stones cut from a local quarry. Slab style benches will

invite visitors to sit and rest. Even the sidewalks and paver stones were designed with eye appeal. Instead of sidewalks joining abruptly at 90 degree angles, they now have a slight curve that unites them; and they were stained a shade that compliments the color of the courthouse bricks. A short utility road was paved on the west side by the judge's entrance, and the paver stones at the base of the flagpole were stained. The lush carpet of grass will be expertly manicured, and watered with a new sprinkler system. Diseased trees were removed, and seasonal flowers have been placed in the stone planter. Eventually picket fences will conceal air conditioners, electrical boxes and faucets. Mr. Taylor mentioned he is amazed how residents constantly voice their appreciation and pride for the lovely appearance of the courthouse. Right after it was completed at Christmas time, he

talked to a group of boys from the junior high school. They were using the steps of the courthouse as a background for the photos they were taking with their cell phone cameras. The students mentioned that they were using the courthouse in the photos because it looked nice. "It is a real source of pride for the community," said the county manager. Eighty-three years ago, an edition of the Glades County Democrat had an article dated Friday, Jan. 8, 1926. It reported on the ground work that had begun for the Glades County courthouse and the architecture plans. "Actual preparatory work on Glades County's new courthouse is underway. A force of men is busy preparing the ground for the foundation. With its handsome entrances it cannot help but add to the attractiveness of the city," stated the old newspaper. **Staff writer Nena Bolan can be reached at nenabolan@yahoo.com**



INI/Nena Bolan

This is the new fountain and stone planter box in front of the Glades County courthouse.

Park

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LaTosha has served Glades County well and her dedicated service was noted and appreciated in the storm events last year.

dated condition, abandoned and unoccupied. Thirty-three of the lots without structures are littered with garbage and overgrown with weeds, some with abandoned vehicles. (Full report of this effort, including photos and maps, can be found at <http://myglades.com/> click on BOCC agenda, then click on the pdf for Agenda item 4.)

Acres and Commissioner Giesler mentioned the success of the white-goods pickup in Buckhead Ridge.

Mr. Hilton explained that all non-compliant property owners had received written notice of the code violations and some had responded and are scheduling methods to achieve compliance. Commissioner Beck mentioned that Washington Park would be improved by better drainage and installation of municipal sewer service, if funding were available. He said this enforcement effort would be expensive for the county and could create hostility from the owners who may be assessed fines and penalties by Judge Lundy if their case went to court.

Commissioner Storter inquired if it would be possible for property owners to avoid court assessed fines and penalties and litigation costs by deeding the property to the County first. Attorney Pringle stated the county could accept voluntary ownership. She also inquired if demolition costs could be reduced by control burning as fire department training after the fire ban is lifted of course.

Commissioner Jones said the county had paid for cleanup and debris removal from Washington Park three times since he became commissioner in 1992, including providing a John Deere tractor and bush hog that disappeared after one year. He said the clean up efforts were not maintained by the citizens of Washington Park, and he did not know the answer to the situation. He noted that the county had built a basketball court in Washington Park and was getting ready to spend about \$150,000 on a pavilion there at the request of citizens who will maintain it.

Commissioner Giesler urged Mr. Hilton to "just do it" and his sentiment was echoed by Commissioner Storter. The consensus of the Board was for Mr. Hilton to proceed with code enforcement efforts as prescribed by County ordinance. (There are a majority of residents in Washington Park whose properties are not in violation of code. These citizens deserve their neighborhoods to be brought up to standards through the countywide code enforcement policy.)

The Board discussed the procedures that may be involved with non-compliance, and the cost to the county for cleanup, noting that efforts had been made in other areas, notably Crescent

6. Road Rankings for Stimulus Package (Taylor)

County Manager Taylor polled the Board for preferences requested by FDOT for possible road improvement funding thru the federal stimulus package. The rankings were:

- i.) Williams Road in Ortona
- ii.) CR 74 from SR 29 west to the Charlotte County line
- iii.) 720 from Hendry Co line to US 27 (thru Benbow area)
- iv.) CR731 from CR 74 to Highlands Co line (Rainey Slough Area)
- v.) CR78A Ortona Locks Rd from SR78 to Lock Lane

Suspects

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very rural area. Jonathan D. Hunt reportedly responded that he was there to visit a friend. The unidentified suspect's clothing, shoes and socks were observed to be covered in sand spurs. Sgt. Garrison and Officer Pottorff were notified by communications that both suspects were alleged to be coming to the reservation to possibly steal a 72-inch television, according to an arrest report. They were also informed that the two suspects may have links to the Varrio Boys in Okeechobee. The Gang Task Force of Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office came out to speak with the suspects. A search was conducted after the unidentified suspect was placed under arrest for no valid drivers license. A black ski mask and black glove were found in the vehicle. The items were covered in sand spurs. Also found were

a black bandana with white designs and a white bandana with black designs. According to an arrest report, those are the gang related colors of the Varrio Boys. No television or large items were found in the vehicle. The unidentified suspect commented that he received information that the house on Harney Pond Road was unoccupied and he came to the reservation to steal a television. He explained that he went through the back door of the residence and took the 72-inch television all by himself, according to an arrest report. Then he explained that he dumped it in a ditch before law enforcement saw him at the traffic stop. Officer Pottorff found the ditch that the suspect described, and she located the large television. Both suspects were placed under arrest in connection with burglary, grand theft, loitering, prowling, and possession of burglary tools. **Staff writer Nena Bolan can be reached at nenabolan@yahoo.com.**

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Comcast announces the following changes to the channel lineup for customers in the communities of Okeechobee, Belle Glade / Pahokee, Clewiston and each of its surrounding areas:

Effective April 15, 2009, Music Choice will be making the following changes to the Music Choice lineup:

Music Choice Channels	OLD Ch #	NEW Ch #
70's	828	823
80's	827	822
90's	826	821
Adult Alternative	815	818
Alternative	816	816
Americana - no longer offered	848	N/A
Bluegrass - no longer offered	805	N/A
Blues	832	837
Classic Alternative	NEW!	817
Classic Country	804	831
Classic Rock	814	812
Classical Masterpieces	841	840
Contemporary Christian	839	832
Dance / Electronica (Merge of Dance and Electronica)	818 & 819	804
Easy Listening	835	839
Gospel	840	810
Hip-Hop and R&B	806	802
Hip-Hop Classics	NEW!	806
Hit List	822	801
Jazz	831	836
Kidz Only!	823	827
Light Classical	842	841
Metal	811	815
Mexicana	846	845
MixTape	NEW!	803
Musica Urbana	844	842
Opera - no longer offered	849	N/A
Party Favorites	824	825
Pop Hits (was Adult Top 40)	821	820
Pop Latino	843	843
R&B Classics (was Classic R&B)	807	808
R&B Soul	808	809
Rap	810	805
Reggae	833	811
Retro Rock (Merge of Arena Rock and Retro-Active)	813 & 817	813
Rock	812	814
Rock en Espanol - no longer offered	847	N/A
Romances	NEW!	846
Showcase - no longer offered	825	N/A
Show Tunes - no longer offered	838	N/A
Singers & Swing		
(Merge of Big Band & Swing and Singers & Standards)	836 & 837	838
Smooth Jazz	830	835
Soft Rock (was Lite Hits)	820	819
Solid Gold Oldies	829	824
Sounds of the Seasons	802	833
Soundscapes	834	834
Stage & Screen	NEW!	826
Throwback Jamz (was R&B Hits)	809	807
Today's Country	803	829
Toddler Tunes	NEW!	828
Tropicales (was Salsa y Merengue)	845	844
True Country	NEW!	830



Submitted photo

New sheriff vehicles

Sheriff Stuart Whiddon would like to announce the purchase of several new vehicles recently purchased by seized drug monies. Two 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycles are being leased from Black Widow Harley in Punta Gorda for one dollar a month per motorcycle. At the end of the lease they will be turned in and we will receive two new Harley Davidson motorcycles for the same lease price. Black Widow Harley will then remove the law enforcement parts on the motorcycle and sell the motorcycle to the public. We also purchased a 2009 Dodge Challenger from Acardi Dodge in Okeechobee. All the vehicles have been marked for visibility and will be used in traffic enforcement within Glades County. No taxpayers funds were used to purchase these vehicles.