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Traffic team preps for Click It or Ticket

Fatal fiery crash occurred March 27

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES COUNTY -- The community traffic safety team (CTST) meets monthly to discuss the safety of motorists, passengers, cyclists and pedestrians. Problem areas along main highways, back roads and sidewalks are examined by state, county, school district, and city officials. Local residents and organization representatives

also attend the meetings.

Debra Stallings, FDOT/CTST coordinator, was present at the meeting, April 2. She commented that she had studied C.R. 74 at its beginning in Glades County and drove on it to the Charlotte County line. Ms. Stallings took photos of the narrow pavement and areas where tires run off the roadway. She noted that it must be a very dark road when motorists are traveling at night.

C.R. 74 happens to be the shortest artery connecting Glades and Charlotte Counties and it is used as an evacuation route. About

eight years ago it was closed due to flooding problems. Recently, the possibility of installing audible pavement markers was discussed. Debra Stallings mentioned that now there is also the possibility of adding shoulders to the pavement. Donna Storter Long, county commissioner, noted that C.R. 74 was placed on a list of FDOT road projects chosen by Glades County government.

Scott Bass, school district administration office, commented that officials were seeking to eliminate safety problems when they altered the parents' drop off

and pick up site for students at the beginning of the school year. The site was changed to the back of the school and a crosswalk was added to the street near the child development building. Unfortunately, some drivers are not following designated protocol for safety. Officials are concerned about the congestion which contributes to safety issues.

The traffic team is making plans to inform local drivers of the Click It or Ticket campaign that begins its education awareness April 20. The purchased media advertise-

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Spring cleaning: Glades County to clean Washington Park

Great American Cleanup needs volunteers

Glades County and Washington Park will beautify community

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

WASHINGTON PARK -- The county community of Washington Park is located on the northeast edge of Moore Haven, Glades County. It was platted about 1917, when the area was still in the boundaries of DeSoto County. Many farm families settled in the community and a school was founded in 1919.

Recently, the county has made plans to construct a large pavilion in Washington Park for community events and an old gymnasium was demolished to make way for the new addition. The county development department has noticed that many residents and property



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Glades County and Washington Park have scheduled a Great American Cleanup Day for April 18. Trash and litter has accumulated along some roads in Washington Park and volunteers are needed to beautify the community. Call county development at 863-946-1535.

owners have begun to comply with county ordinance code enforcement, and removal of litter has improved the area's overall appearance.

However, more work is still

needed and the county wishes to announce a volunteer event called Great American Cleanup. This is an annual nationwide campaign from March to May. About two million volunteers are expected to

roll up their sleeves and pick up litter in 12,000 communities. Individuals, organizations and clubs are needed to volunteer for picking up trash and litter along the streets of Washington Park. Also needed are volunteers who have pick up trucks and trailers that can be used to haul away the debris to the landfill. Volunteers will be needed to load and unload trucks, too.

The Great American Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers and coordinators will meet at the corner of Tobias Street and Sixth Avenue by the rail road tracks. Participants are asked to wear close-toed shoes and to wear gloves. Trash bags and cold water will be provided.

Great American Cleanup is a program begun by Keep America Beautiful, Inc. Keep America Beautiful was created in 1953, and

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Local Weather

Weather Forecast for Glades County from the National Weather Service.

Moore Haven and surrounding areas:

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming southeast between 7 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. Southeast wind between 5 and 8 mph becoming calm.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Calm wind becoming south between 8 and 11 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Southeast wind between 4 and 7 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. West wind between 5 and 11 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.



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Agriculture census shows increase in area farms

By Charles M. Murphy
INI Florida

Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson said while the rest of Florida's economy slumps, the numbers of farming operations in the state are growing.

The 2007 Census for farms, released earlier this year, showed an increase of 35 agriculture operations in Glades County, and 28 more agriculture operations in Okeechobee County, since the last census in 2002.

A survey from the United States Department of Agriculture shows the number of farms increased from 44,081 to 47,463.

Commissioner Bronson said agriculture isn't making the money they used to, and that young people aren't staying on the land as much anymore. He did predict that the future of Florida agriculture looks strong.

The number of farms, agriculture jobs and total sales has substantially risen in the past five years, but other economic pressures have made farming less profitable, Mr. Bronson added.

Florida ranked seventh in the nation in overall sales. They were first in oranges and grapefruit, foliage and squash. The state is also second to Kentucky in horse sales and second to California in various vegetable sales.

The Ag census showed Okeechobee had 656 farms, an increase from 638 in 2002. The number of acres in farm use is down from 392,495 in 2002 to 338,357 in 2007. The average size of an Okeechobee farm dropped from 615 acres to 516 acres.

The census showed the market value of production on the farms rose from \$144.3 million to \$177.6 million between 2002 and 2007. Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of those numbers, just under \$44 million. Livestock sales made up 75 percent of the market value, or just over \$133.6 million.

Okeechobee was ranked 14th out of 67 counties in the total value of agriculture products sold, and 410 among all of the counties in the nation, some 3.079.

Milk accounted for just over \$103.7 million, cattle and calves just over \$141 million, and land used for hay, grass and other feed accounted for just over \$13.4 million. Harvested sod accounted for \$3.8 million.

Okeechobee was number one in Florida counties in Dairy products from cows, and in cattle and calves inventories. They were ranked 52nd in the nation in dairy products and 67th in the nation on cattle and calf inventories.

The census stated the average age of the primary operator of Okeechobee agriculture operations was 57 years. A large majority of

these owners, over 90 percent, were white.

The census in Glades County showed 311 farms in 2007 and 231 in 2002. The number of acres used for farming dropped from 407,950 to 402,478 over that five year period. The average size of farms in Glades County dropped from 1,766 acres to 1,294 acres.

The market value of production increased from \$72 million to \$85.3 million. Crop sales \$59.2 million accounted for 69 percent of the production and livestock sales, \$26.1 million, accounted for 31 percent.

The census showed that cattle and calves accounted for \$55.6 million, sugar cane for sugar just over \$25 million, oranges and citrus just over \$9.4 million, and fruits, tree nuts and berries, just over \$32.3 million. The majority of principal operators were male, 261 of 321, and the average age was 57.5 years. 461 of the operators were white.

Mr. Bronson reported that net earnings across the state for agriculture operations fell from 40 percent in 2005 to 22.1 percent in 2007, "This means that our farmers are working harder for less return. We're not making quite as much money as we were but we're still making money, we know we're going to face the same economic issues as anyone else. We've just been able to do it with less heartache than some sectors in the country."

Clubs and organizations

OCA Membership Meeting

The Spring Ortona Community Association Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m. A brief business meeting will include an update on Ortona's new children's playground, followed by a timely visual presentation on Florida's new "Firewise" Program. Division of Forestry Ranger Danny Callahan will describe fire's role in Florida's history, clarify current laws about burning, as well as "firewise" construction and landscaping. Ranger Callahan will also give tips on protecting your home when wildfire threatens. At the end of the program all will be treated to a special "dessert extravaganza."

For further information, contact Fran Way at 863-675-7880 or by e-mail at franwayrn@aol.com.

Easter Sunrise

Service

Palmdale Baptist Church will be having their Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be served following the service.

Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our Savior's Resurrection. Palmdale Baptist Church is located on 510 Seminole Ave. NW Palmdale, FL 33944.

Egg Hunt

Palmdale Baptist Church will have a Youth Easter Egg Hunt on April 11 at 4 p.m. There will be food, prizes and the Easter Story will be read. Don't forget your baskets.

Children under five need to have a chaperone. Come join the FUN!

New Hope Baptist Church Sunrise Service

Everyone is welcome! New Hope Baptist Church would like to invite you to join us for Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on Resurrection Sunday, April 12. Following the Sunrise Service Breakfast will be served at the fellowship hall. Please plan to join us at Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children attending Sunday School. Children participating in the Egg Hunt will receive a special treat.

Volunteers needed

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56 bikers ride for the Red Cross

Darrell Ferneau, Okeechobee, wins \$500 Cash Prize

Fifty-six motorcyclists gathered from all over Florida to participate in this year's Ride for the Red Poker Run benefiting the Lakeside Communities and Okeechobee Service Centers of the American Red Cross.

The event, which was held on March 29,

marks the seventh time riders have met to benefit the Lakeside Communities' Service Center, while this year's event was the first time the neighboring Okeechobee Service Center joined in for the fun.

Representing Belle Glade, Clewiston, Hollywood, Lake Worth, Lakeport, Lehigh Acres, Moore Haven, Okeechobee, Tequesta, Palm Bay, and more, the group of motor-

cyclists rallied in rainy conditions for a good cause.

In line with the very nature of the Red Cross, the group of enthusiastic motorcyclists weathered the storm, soaked from head to toe.

The event featured two different scenic routes along Lake Okeechobee and participants chose which route to experience while receiving cards for their poker hands along the way. The Lakeside Communities' Service Center route featured stops at Everglades Adventures Resort in Pahokee, Devon's Bistro in Belle Glade, Roland Martin Marina & Tiki Bar in Clewiston, and Seacoast National Bank in Moore Haven.

The Okeechobee Service Center route included stops at J & S Fish Camp, Good Spirits, Cudaville and Iron Eagle, touring through beautiful Okeechobee.

The motorcyclists reunited for a finale at the Seminole Brighton Casino, the event's Grand Sponsor (17735 Reservation Road, Okeechobee). Debbie Riddle, Branch Manager of the Okeechobee Service Center, said "We are so thankful for the casino's generosity and willingness to help the Red Cross continue to deliver life-saving services to our community."

At the casino, each participant enjoyed entertainment, raffles, contests, food and \$20 in free play.

At the finale, Darrell Ferneau of Okeechobee, a retired school teacher who remembers the Red Cross for its aquatic programs, was awarded \$500 for his winning poker hand.

Never having participated in a poker run, Mr. Ferneau exclaimed "Maybe it was beginner's luck, but I was shocked," adding "The poker run was a lot of fun and I think I'll participate again."

Larry Smith of Clewiston was awarded \$300 for the second best poker hand and Shirley Reynolds of Clewiston was awarded \$100 for the worst poker hand.

In addition to the support of Seminole Brighton Casino, the Red Cross is thankful for the donations of several other sponsors. Betty Ray of Iron Eagle in Okeechobee donated a leather jacket valued at \$700; Cycle Gear of West Palm Beach donated a helmet and leather vest; Scotty's Tiki Bar in Clewiston donated various merchandise; Skull Hill Steel in Okeechobee donated a \$150 gift certificate; and Style Studio Custom Motorcycle Shop in Okeechobee donated \$450 in gift certificates.

Deborah McDuffie, Branch Manager of the Lakeside Communities' Service Center, said "The poker run really showed a spirit of collaboration amongst riders, communities and businesses, each having a hand in ultimately allowing the Red Cross to come to the aid of people who need it most."



Submitted photo/American Red Cross

Darrell Ferneau won first place in the American Red Cross Poker Run held on Saturday, March 28, winning a \$500 cash prize. Red Cross members (left to right) Julie Shook, Okeechobee Service Center Branch Specialist; Debbie Riddle, Okeechobee Service Center Branch Manager; Darrell Ferneau; Michael Lampert, Chapter Chairman of the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter; Thomas Hernandez, Lakeside Communities' Service Center Branch Specialist; and Deborah McDuffie, Lakeside Communities' Service Center Branch Manager presented him with his prize.



Submitted photo/American Red Cross

Second place in the American Red Cross Poker Run went to Clewiston's Larry Smith who won \$300. Red Cross members presented him with his prize.



Submitted photo/American Red Cross

Clewiston's Shirley Reynolds was the recipient of \$100 for the worst poker hand in the American Red Cross Poker Run. Red Cross members presented her with his prize.

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Mallard ducklings don't make good Easter presents

With Easter approaching, many parents contemplate purchasing mallard ducklings as gifts for their children. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) suggests buying your child the stuffed-animal version instead.

"Although these ducklings might make nice pets while they're young, they can live 10 years and quickly outgrow the cute-and-fuzzy stage, leaving full-size droppings on your patio and outdoor furniture," FWC waterfowl management coordinator Joe Benedict said. "When this happens, parents and children often grow tired of caring for them and decide to turn them loose into the wild."

They may not realize this is illegal and puts Florida's native wildlife in jeopardy. By law, no one may possess, buy or sell mallards in Florida without a special permit from the FWC, and releasing them is prohibited.

These activities are against the law because domesticated ducks, once released, are capable of transmitting diseases, and they compete with native wildlife for food and habitat. Most importantly, releasing mallards threatens the existence of the Florida

mottled duck, a unique subspecies found only in peninsular Florida.

"These domesticated mallards are interbreeding with the mottled duck, producing hybrid offspring," Benedict said. "This is a serious concern and if not stopped, this hybridization could result in the Florida mottled duck becoming extinct."

Pet mallards will not migrate when they are released. They become established, year-round residents of our state. When they mate with wild mottled ducks, it pushes Florida's mottled ducks toward extinction.

The Florida mottled duck population is relatively small, and already FWC biologists say as many as 12 percent of these ducks show genetic evidence of hybridization.

Today, the future of the mottled duck is uncertain, but its fate is in the hands of Floridians. The solution starts with not buying your child a live duckling for Easter.

For more information on protecting Florida's mottled duck, contact one of the FWC's waterfowl offices at 850-488-5878 or 321-726-2862, or click MyFWC.com/WildlifeHabitats/Duck_modu_home.htm.

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Audrey Langdale Ward, 77

MOORE HAVEN — Audrey Langdale Ward, of Moore Haven, passed away March 27, 2009, in Moore Haven. She was 77.

She was born Aug. 15, 1931, in Moore Haven to Noah Langdale and Mamie (McCall) Langdale. She was a lifelong resident of Moore Haven. Audrey owned and operated for many years the Alvin's Bait & Tackle.

Survivors include son, Alvin L. Ward Jr. (Lorie) of Moore Haven; daughters, Brenda Choban (Joe), and Alvina Marie Ward, both of Moore Haven; sisters, Mildred Ford, and Elizabeth Devinnay, both of Moore Haven; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 29, 2009, at First Baptist Church of Moore Haven with Reverend Sherrill Tillery officiating. Interment followed in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Carolyn Owens Laren, 59

HIGHLANDS, Texas — Carolyn Owens Laren, of Highlands, Texas, passed away on Feb. 2, 2009. She was 59.

Carolyn was born in Clewiston, Fla., on May 23, 1949, to Charles (Tubby) Owens and Mary Lou Lund Owens.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Patricia (Pro) Steadman.

Surviving are her husband, Rick Larsen; two daughters, Artis (Boyd) Martin and Darby (Emmett) Miles; her mother, Mary L. McWhorter; one brother, Cyrus (Sandy) Owens; two grandchildren, Miranda and Justin Martin; and a great number of nieces and nephews.

Carolyn was employed as a customer service agent for many years at Continental Airlines in Houston, Texas. She will be greatly missed by all.

Lewis Carmon Kelly, 85

CLEWISTON — Lewis Carmon Kelly, of Clewiston, passed away March 29, 2009, in Cape Coral. He was 85.

He was born April 22, 1923, in Mitchell County, N.C., the son of the late Mack and the late Gladys (McKinney) Kelly.

He served during World War II in the Army. He was a Superintendent, employed by U.S.S.C.-AES, until retirement in 1994. He was a Member and former deacon of Evangel Assembly of God Church, American Legion and Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary.

Survivors include his wife, Idella (Greer) Kelly; son, Michael C. Kelly of Huntsville, Ala.; grandchildren, April M. Childers and husband Jeremy, Aaron Kelly, Christen Kelly, Christopher Kelly, all of Huntsville, Ala.; niece, Barbara Mathis of Cle-

wiston; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mack and Gladys Kelly; sister, Nina Stanford; and grandson, Jonathan Kelly.

Funeral services were April 3, 2009, at Evangel Assembly Of God, with Pastor Gary Corley officiating. Interment followed in Ridgelawn Cemetery.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Russell 'Rusty' Lance England

OKEECHOBEE — Russell "Rusty" Lance England, of Okeechobee, died Monday, March 30, 2009 in Highlands County.

He was born Nov. 11, 1959 in Idalou, Texas, he had been a resident for 26 years.

Rusty is preceded in death by his mother, Winnie B. Frasier (Schmidt) and father, Jimmy Bruce England.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Vicky England of Okeechobee; son, Jeffery England of Okeechobee; sisters, Trish Shipley of Dawn, Texas, Tabby Martinez of Phoenix, Ariz.; brothers, Mike Tapley of Yeehaw Junction, Rick England of Albuquerque, N.M., and Bruce England of Bosque Farm, N.M.

Services were Sunday, April 5, 2009, in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th St., Okeechobee.

The Salvation Army readies for Hurricane Season

Salvation Army sends team members from Florida to National Hurricane Conference

As The Salvation Army of Florida gears up for this year's hurricane season, it continues to partner with FEMA, local and state emergency management officials and local non-profits to ensure residents are protected.

Salvation Army Florida team members Dulcinea Cuellar and Kevin Smith are attending this year's hurricane conference in Austin, April 6-10. The conference is a forum which communicates planning and strategy for federal, state and local emergency management officials.

The Salvation Army is committed to partnering with all levels of government to help become more efficient in its disaster relief, providing a collaborative response when no one entity can handle it alone.

"Rumors have it that we may have a less active hurricane season this year," said Kevin Smith, director of Emergency Disaster Services for The Salvation Army's Florida division. "We are planning for the 2009 hurricane season as if it was 2004 coming again."

With a fleet of more than 100 trucks,

mobile kitchens and other vehicles, the Florida division is readying for whatever Mother Nature sends.

The Salvation Army fleet is strategically placed throughout the state of Florida. Along with the trucks and trailers, The Salvation Army also has an army of volunteers ready to help residents and emergency workers at the time of disaster.

In 2008, Salvation Army Florida volunteers and staff were deployed throughout the south. Following Hurricane Ike, The Salvation Army provided more than 5.3 million meals, drinks and snacks to residents and emergency workers in Galveston and the surrounding area. Volunteers and canteens also served flood victims from Tropical Storm Fay, which made four Florida landfalls in August 2008.

"We remain committed to be able to assist whenever disaster strikes," Smith said. "It is vital to our mission as an organization to be prepared and continue testing and training."

About The Salvation Army:
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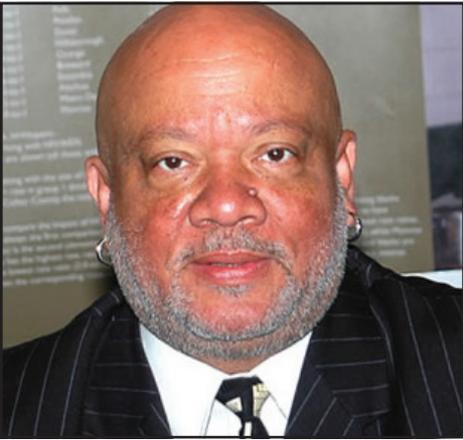
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Bobo named an Ambassadors for AIDS Awareness



Submitted photo

Robert Bobo.

In honor of Black History Month, which is every February, community leaders and community-based organizations recognize the HIV/AIDS advocates who have contributed to HIV/AIDS Awareness in the State of Florida.

These individuals have given tirelessly of their time to make a difference in the lives of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Black Life is Worth Saving.

Mr. Robert Bobo, Operation Management Consultant I, for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments was recently recognized for his talents and efforts.

An article recognizing him as one of "Florida's Ambassadors for AIDS Awareness" appeared on the Black PR Wire Web-

site at: http://www.blackprwire.com/client/fdoh/fdoh_bhm/index.html

Robert Bobo secured Ryan White Title III funding for two separate organizations, managed and oversaw the entire operation of the AIDS Resource Council of Southwest Florida, Inc., an HIV specialty Clinic and ASO, and the Hendry County Health Department HIV/AIDS Program.

Throughout his career, he developed policies and procedures for the clinics for purposes of passing administrative audits, developed a Case Management component for the ASO, and negotiated contracts with the Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida for Ryan White Title II funding for medical care and case management.

A man of many talents, Mr. Bobo developed the first public school HIV testing program in the United States.

He also developed an outreach program for the Lee County AIDS Task Force, taught basic and advanced HIV Certification courses, developed a Family Life Center for Lee Mental Health Center, Inc., standardized laboratory procedures and formatted laboratory functions on the Meditech Computer System, and testified before the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C.

FWC stocking Lake Okeechobee with young bass

By Eric Kopp

INI Florida

Fisheries biologist Don Fox is doing something that's never been tried — stocking largemouth bass in Lake Okeechobee.

Mr. Fox and fellow biologists from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) spent several hours last week putting 22,000 to 25,000 young bass into the lake from Cody's Cove to First Point.

He said the stocking program will continue in the next few weeks with hopes of putting as many as 200,000 fry in the lake.

"If this works, we'll stock Moonshine Bay around the same time next year," he said.

Although fish populations had already started to decline, hurricanes Frances and Jeanne exacerbated the problem.

The 100 mph-plus winds from the 2004 storms not only made life temporarily rough for people around the big lake, it ruined life for fish in the lake.

"The hurricanes decimated the habitat," Mr. Fox stated. Winds and the subsequent wave action ripped up bulrush, cattail, peppergrass, hydrilla and eel grass and took away nearly all the habitat that fish need to live, eat and breed.

But now, many of these native grasses are coming back. Forage such as shad and grass shrimp have exploded which means there is plenty for largemouth bass to eat.

"If it's going to work, it's going to work now," said Mr. Fox, who has spent the last 27 years trying to improve the fishery on Lake Okeechobee.

The idea of beefing up the bass population began a few months ago but until recently, Mr. Fox and his fellow biologists at FWC's Okeechobee office resisted the idea because things weren't right — no forage, little habitat and too many other predators such as gar and bowfin (mudfish).

But, things have changed.

"We batted the idea around for a while, and now there's enough natural forage to support them," he explained. "We've never stocked fish in a system with this type of habitat. Normally, we stock lakes like Apopka or Griffin."

So, in stepped Rick Stout — the director of the Florida Bass Conservation Center



Courtesy photos/FWC

An estimated 22,000 to 25,000 fry largemouth bass were released into Lake Okeechobee Thursday, March 26, as part of a stocking program aimed at "bumping" up the bass population.

in Richloam. He had room in his outdoor ponds so the idea of stocking Lake Okeechobee was now 'hatched.'

By electro shocking, Mr. Fox — along with biologists Alyssa Jordan, Corey Lee and Brent Bachelder — took 80 pair of spawning bass from the Rim Canal in the Lakeport area. These brood fish were then taken to Mr. Stout.

"We brought them back to the hatchery, got them acclimated here for a couple of weeks and once they got settled in we took a fin clip from the pectoral fin that's about the size of the fingernail on your little finger," he explained. "We sent those to a genetics lab in St. Petersburg and they checked each one to be sure they were pure Florida strain bass."

He said two of the potential breeder fish had to be removed from the others because they had northern genes. Mr. Stout said northern genes appear, basically, in largemouth from Kentucky northward.

"Back when Florida was an island, those bass became isolated from those in the north. Then, when the ocean receded after the ice age and Florida became reconnected with the U.S., some pure Florida bass began to migrate north and some began to migrate to the south," he explained. "But, pure Florida bass occur from the Suwanee River

south."

He could only surmise that those fish with the northern strains came from private land owners or homeowner associations that stocked their lakes with fish from private businesses whose fish have the northern genes.

Once Mr. Stout had the brood fish, a tag about twice the size of a grain of rice was inserted into their abdomens. This tag, called a passive integrated transponder (PIT), emits a nine-digit number. With this tag, each fish can be identified since each PIT tag emits a different number.

The brood fish were then put into 100-foot x 300-foot brooding ponds and allowed to spawn. Mr. Stout said these brood ponds are stocked at a rate of about 20 to 25 pair per acre.

"We then look for fry about 7 to 8 millimeters in length," he explained. "The male will keep them schooled up and when they rise up we go in with a fine net seine and transport the fry to a fertilized pond. They will be kept there about three to four weeks."

Mr. Stout, Mr. Fox's former Tennessee Tech University roommate, said over a four-week phase he and his crew will harvest about 60 percent of the fry.

"We don't like really big fish, primarily 4 to 7 pounders," he said. "In younger fish (4 to 7 pounds), the egg quality is typically much better. Once they get above that, the quality of the egg begins to diminish somewhat."

With the fry in hand, so to speak, Mr. Stout traveled to Lake Okeechobee where he met up with his old college roommate and the young bass were placed in Lake Okeechobee.

Mr. Fox said the Cody's Cove to First Point area was chosen because there was an exceptional forage base for the bass, good habitat consisting of eel grass, mixed with some peppergrass and hydrilla and the fish will be more confined.

Beginning in a couple of weeks, the local biologists will begin electro-shocking the area to check on the fry.

Now, remember that small fin clipping from the brood fish? When the local biologists shock this area they will take similar small fin clippings from young bass. Each

clipping will then be sent to the Florida Wildlife Institute lab in St. Petersburg, where geneticists will be able to identify the bass as either wild or stocked.

This test will also tell the biologists from which brood pond the fry came, as well as which female.

Mr. Fox said the electro shocking will continue about every two weeks until it gets to the point they stop finding stocked fish because they have migrated out of the area. He went on to say the stocked bass should reach a length of about 5 inches by fall and will likely begin to spawn when they get to about 10 inches.

Since this type of stocking has never been done here before, the FWC biologists have no idea what the mortality rate will be for the fry.

While bass stocking is only aimed at "bumping up" the population in an area, it cannot be done to increase the total bass population simply because the lake is too big. Still, if this initial stocking is successful it will be repeated in different areas of the lake to increase those populations.

Unfortunately, there is little to be done for the badly diminished crappie population. Mr. Fox said there simply isn't the quantity and quality of forage needed. Crappie, or specks, are too selective in what they eat.

"Bass will basically eat anything that doesn't eat them first," said Mr. Fox.

Crappie, however, depend on such as invertebrates as chizzywinks. And, like much of the fish populations, these invertebrates disappeared with the hurricanes.

"There just isn't enough natural forage to support them (crappie)," said Mr. Fox.

But, for the bass, the timing is right for a little help from man. And this help, said Mr. Fox, includes a new lake level schedule and renewed interest in Lake Okeechobee's well being from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"We have to have water levels that don't impact the ecological process of the lake, and the new lake regulation schedule is more conducive to the ecological process of the lake," Mr. Fox explained.

That new schedules calls for a high of no more than 15.5 feet, and a low of no less than 12.5 feet.

Religion columns

Thoughts From an Empty Tomb

By Pastor John Hicks
First United Methodist Church

The road to Calvary was not what I had envisioned it. It's been twenty-five years, but I still remember experiencing Jerusalem for the first time and traveling along the Via Dolorosa – the “Path of Sorrow”.

It wasn't what I thought it would be. I had imagined a spiritual stroll along the path that Jesus went. Instead I found myself in an upstream struggle against a multitude of shoppers, street vendors, soldiers, and tourists. Every few steps, some vender or shopkeeper would step in front of one of our group and dangle camels, scarves, and various souvenirs. Not only was there no time for reflection, we had to struggle to stay together. Finally we turned the corner and headed for the church of the Holy Sepulcher. I thought it would be better. I was wrong.

I expected something simple. I found something ornate. At the time of Jesus, this was a cemetery. Now it's a cathedral covered with marble and gold and intricate paintings. Forty-three lamps hang above the traditional spot of Jesus' tomb. I tried to picture it as it originally was, but couldn't.

People were lined up to go in. Lots of people. I hate waiting in line, so you could probably guess my mindset. Blocking the way in was a black-robed, black bearded, black chatted priest who kept on saying, “Twenty minutes, twenty minutes”. Those might have been the only words of English he spoke, because the guys in front kept responding, “But that's what you told us fifteen minutes ago”. The crowd mumbled. I mumbled. Someone muttered about the temple needing another cleansing.

Then came the words, “Come this way”. It was James Flemming, our guide. Jim took us behind the crowd and into the back area of the church to a place that didn't look like it was used too often. It was dark. It was musty. It was cold. As my eyes adjusted, I saw a small opening. It was a rock-hewn tomb. I walked over to the opening, and just like the apostle John, I looked in. I was amazed. It was not a large room like I'd imagined, but a small room barely lit with a small oil lamp.

“Go on in”, Jim said. I didn't have to be told twice. Another guy about my size and I squeezed in and sat on the cold floor. Suddenly, the lights went out and a door outside slammed shut. I felt myself in a dark, tight, claustrophobic room that seemed to be sealed shut and closing in on me.

Sharing the experience, my friend whispered, “God put himself in a place like this.” After a few long minutes in the dark tomb, a light came on. With the light came realization.

The Easter story is not just a Sunday School story. The life of Jesus was not just a romantic fable. The Christian experience is not just a somewhere-over-the-rainbow illusion. It's real, and what was true then is true now. I was in a cold tomb, but besides my friend and I, it was empty. It had been empty for over 2000 years. It is still empty.

The God who rolled the stone away then still moves stones for us today. The message of the empty tomb declares that no power on earth could keep Christ down then, and that no power on earth can keep us down when we are in Christ Jesus now.

Christ is risen. And our response, “HE IS RISEN IN-DEED!”

“The ransom!”

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist
First Christian Church

Matthew 20:20-28 says, “Then came to Him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons worshipping Him and asking a certain thing of Him. And he said unto her, What wouldest thou? She saith unto Him, Command that, these my two sons may sit, one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left hand, in Thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask, Are ye able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? And are ye able to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with? They say unto Him. We are able. Then Jesus said, The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give his life A RANSOM for many.”

We hear many times of people who have been shanghaied, and held for ransom. The ransom is the price to buy back the person who was stolen. The price of ransom is usually set at a high price. The human race was shanghaied in the Garden of Eden, and the rest of the story in the Bible is the account of the price that was paid for man's redemption.

Peter gives us the best description for the price that was paid for the redemption when he said in 1st Peter 1:18-19 “Knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible things with silver and gold, from the vain manner of your lives handed down from your fathers, but with precious blood, as a lamb without spot, even the blood as a lamb

without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ.

No one ever suffered as Jesus on the cross; all the pain and suffering of His body was small indeed compared to the agony of His soul. He tasted death once for every man. Paul tells us in 2nd Corinthians 5:21 “Him who knew no sin was made to be sin that we might become the righteousness of God.” Jesus on the cross felt as though He had committed every sin ever committed. Such a catalogue of sins as mentioned in 1st Corinthians 6:9-12 “Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, not thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, not revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you but ye are washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.”

Then Paul tells of the ransom paid for our souls when he told Timothy in 1 Timothy 2:6 “Christ Jesus who gave Himself a RANSOM for all. Our sins can be compared to the flood in the days of Noah. The waters covered the earth according to Genesis 7:19 “Prevailed exceeding upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits did the waters prevail, more than twenty feet, and the mountains were covered.” In like manner the flood of the blood of Jesus poured out on the cross can cover all sins, not matter how great, of every one who has ever lived! Because of the blood of Christ there will be former murderers, drug pushers, whore mongers, rapists, child abusers, who will walk the golden side walks of heaven.

The tragedy of it all can be read in the words of Jesus in John 5:40 “And ye will not come to Me that ye may have life.” But Jesus' invitation persists in Matthew 11:28-30 “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

We come to Him by Believing the Gospel, Repenting of sins, Confessing faith in Him and being Immersed in water, in the like figure of His death, burial and resurrection; and then rising to walk in newness of life, ministering even as He did as a part of His church!

Easter, 2009

By The Reverend Samuel Thomas, Ph. D.
Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Once I moved into a new ministry in the middle of a

northern winter. There were piles of snow in my yard that cold January; everything was white. Trees were trunks and branches pointing skyward without any leaves or shoots; no signs of grass or greenery to be seen.

Earlier in life, allergies kept me from enjoying much of the flowers and greenery that was around me; in fact, it often meant a “sneezing jag” and an annoyance instead of sharing in something beautiful. As I settled in, making new friends, starting a new ministry, learning about a new community, the snow gradually melted. There, beneath all, was grass in my yard, and under my front window was a patch of earth. No grass was growing there, and it seemed to be just there. One day, as I was entering, there were tiny sprouts growing from that ground.

I recalled them but didn't think anything special; until, one day, returning home, there was a bright red tulip reaching toward the sky in the midst of that once-barren, once-frozen plot on ground. The petals were unfolding and the stem stood there erect; a silent sentinel of beauty, and - of the promise of new life. It had caught my attention; under the bleak ground, surviving all of the hostile elements, life had prevailed. This creation of beauty was sleeping but not dead and I thought about something that I hadn't seen before - or had seen before thousands of times and taken for granted.

There was a passage I had said many times before; “Life is changed, not ended,” and the witness of God's promise that was in my front yard that day. That promise of resurrection is the story of Easter, the promise for all of God's creatures; you and I. Easter is the story of an empty tomb. The earth did not hold Jesus of Nazareth, He rose from it and brought a new and more glorious life.

What seemed dead, He who seemed dead, was not dead at all but waiting to fulfill His promise, His reason for coming, His witness to us all. Life continued on that warm Spring day in the first century, and every century thereafter. The heart of the Christian message is that we have that promise as our own, too. We, who bear within us, that kernel of life that comes from God and returns to Him one day, inherit that “We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed (1 Corinthians 15:53).”

I saw that promise on a sunny Spring day in my yard, others have seen it in an empty tomb, and it is yours and mine; His signs are all around us; witnesses and sentinels pointing Heavenward and reminders of the eternal message of Easter for us all.

Religion briefs

Cowboy Church Hand & Hand Ministries

Will have fellowship at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, food will be served. Gospel music and the word of God, brought this month by Pastor Gena Brim, will begin at 7 p.m.

Come and listen to this fine lady share the word of God, we are located on the corner of Main and 5th at the Palmdale Community Center, all are welcome.

Easter Egg Grab and Resurrection Party

First United Methodist Church of Clewiston is hosting a community wide Easter Egg Grab and Resurrection Party on Saturday, April 11, starting at 10 a.m. Children up through the fifth-grade are invited to come for crafts, egg coloring, an egg hunt, and Easter story telling, followed by a hot dog lunch. Older children and youth can help with crafts and help hide eggs. Bring baskets and friends! No charge! 331 W. Osceola Ave. For further information please call 863-983-5269.

Special Easter Service with Butterfly Release

The community is invited to join First United Methodist Church of Clewiston in a special Easter celebration with special music from, “My Chains Are Gone, an Easter Celebration of Freedom,” at 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 12.

Butterflies will be released at our flower cross following each service, and a free Easter Breakfast will be served starting about 9:45 a.m.

There will be special programs for children, and each child who comes will receive a butterfly to release. For further information please call 863-983-5269.

Community Easter Sunrise Service

We are rotating churches each year for our Easter sunrise services.

The Community Easter Sunrise service this year will be hosted by Pastor David McClusky and Calvary Baptist Church at 1075 Davidson Road in Hookers Point.

The service will begin at 6:30 a.m. and will

include special music, praise teams, drama, and speakers from churches across our community. Everyone is invited to stay for the traditional Easter breakfast following the service.

All are invited to come and all churches are invited to participate. Please call 863-983-5269 for more information or to become involved!

Fish Fry Dinners on Fridays

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.

Reviving the stones conference

Angel Braham Ministries Inc. is hosting a conference on Saturday, April 11 starting at 6 p.m. at 525 East El. Paso Ave. in Clewiston. Registration is free, topics discussed will be as followed: Economic survival during the recovery process; Embarrassed but not ashamed; Using what is left of you and Repositioning yourself from hopeless to hopeful.

For more information please call 863-983-8505 or visit www.angelbraham.com.

New Mission in La Florida

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

The Calusa ceremony grew louder, as the excited crowd danced with an abandonment that inflamed the men and women with recklessness. Their pageantry of debauchery was suddenly interrupted when five priests stepped from the darkness into the firelight, with solemn faces that hid the righteous indignation that burned within their hearts.

A deadly silence fell over the Calusas, who stared at the priests with blackened, grimacing faces that revealed wild, hypnotic eyes, seething with hate. The priests in their pious state failed to realize the perilous predicament they had placed themselves in.

A young priest stepped forward and began to admonish the Calusas about their evil and idolatrous ways in a strong, confident voice that grew louder as religious zeal overcame wisdom and prudence. Soon, a stream of condemning words flowed from his reckless lips, accusing the Calusas of being in league with the Devil.

His sermon did not fall on deaf ears. The Calusas quickly turned into a raging mob, whose chanting voices hummed like an angry hive of bees. They surged toward the priests, howling their protest, while shaking clenched fist. The priests retreated from the advancing danger, but there was no refuge from the maddened crowd. The young priest, whose great oratory voice had moments earlier defiled the Calusa, now shrieked to high, soprano notes as he ran panic stricken to escape the murderous Calusas.

This fictitious yarn reflects men of the cloth comforting a society that practiced barbaric beliefs. It was a clash of theologies that allowed no compromise between the opposing cultures. It is time to take "A Walk in The Past" and read about a new mission in the land of the Calusas.

In 1697, the Council of Indies forced the Franciscans to send volunteers to the Calusas. Five Franciscan priests were selected and sent to south Florida. They sailed from Cuba to present day Key West and then to the province of Calus, near present day Port Charlotte.

The ship's captain anchored several miles outside the harbor and refused to carry the priests to shore for fear of the Indians. The Calusa Casique sent delegates in dugout canoes to the ship, so the fearful captain retired even further out to sea. The priests were eventually ferried to shore by the "friendly" Calusas.

One priest described the village, "The Indians of the settlement and key where I am, it appears, amount to about 400 men, innumerable children and as the women are at home I have not seen them except for those of the house of the cacique, who would be about 20. They tell me there are many people. In all it appears to me that they amount to about one thousand, all idlers, from what I have seen."

The province of Calus was the capital of the Calusa Indian Nation. There were numerous Calusa settlements scattered north toward Tampa Bay and south to the keys, but reportedly not as large. The Calusa Indi-

an Nation was still strong and had not been weakened by European diseases.

It is interesting that the priests accused the Calusa Indians of being idlers, which I think is erroneous. True, they weren't industrious people, but there was no need to be. They lived in one of the richest estuaries in Florida: Clams, Oysters, large schools of Black mullet and a multitude of other fish species lived in great abundance along their shores.

They were a fishing society that thrived from this limitless, marine bounty. The Calusa developed into a sophisticated culture because they had plenty of time to think and become creative. However, the old saying, "An idle mind is the devils workshop" probably has some merit. The Calusa developed an unhealthy religion in their spare time. They practiced incest, polygamy, sodomy and sacrificed adults and children to appease their gods.

The priests were well received, when they first arrived. They started a mission and had a great audience. Attendance and attitudes were good, while the "loaves and fishes" lasted. The limited gifts ran out, and the Indians became hostile because they saw no need for salvation.

The Calusas never had a real interest in Christianity and saw conversion only as a ritual to appease the Spanish and get gifts. The five priests had brought supplies that would last the mission six months, but had failed to bring many gifts for the Calusa Indians. The revival was going to close out early.

The priests started verbally attacking the Calusa's traditional beliefs, which created a fragile truce, especially since there were no gifts. The truce ended, when the priests interrupted a religious ceremony and condemned the dancing Calusa for their idolatry.

Some say timing is everything, and the priests could not have picked a worse time. They did make heads turn, but unfortunately it was their own. The Calusa, intent on murder, attacked the priests and would have killed them, if the old Casique chief hadn't intervened.

The badly beaten priests retired to their huts and suffered at the hands of the Calusa for several days. Finally, the dispirited priests asked to be taken back to Key West, where they hoped to signal a ship and return to Cuba. The priests were returned, but only after all their possessions had been stolen, including their cloths.

They remained at Key West for a month, with little food or water, and almost starved to death. Fortunately, a passing ship stopped and picked them up. They returned to Cuba and later wrote letters describing their ordeals.

There will be more "Tale Tales" in next week's edition "A Walk in The Past," when we investigate the demise of the Native Florida Indians.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will hold a workshop to discuss recreation and related issues for the East side of Hendry County at 7:00 p.m. on April 23, 2009, at the Harlem Civic Center, 2000 7th Street, Clewiston, Florida.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the workshop. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such 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.

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Joseph Wayne Example and Jane Ann Illustration were married on Jan. 1, 2009, in a local church. Your news item was published in the newspaper. The bride and groom were accompanied by their parents, Loretta Example, Bob Neighbor and Andrew Illustration. The best man was Roger Example and the officiant was George Example, D.D. The ring bearer was Susan Example and the flower girl was Sarah Example. The ceremony was held at the Garden Club. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Illustration and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Example. Reception at the Garden Club. Photo by Jane Smith.



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SUSAN A. EXAMPLE
Susan Ann Example was born at 2:00 p.m. on Jan. 1, 2009, in a local hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Example. The father is Joseph W. Example and the mother is Jane A. Illustration. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Example and Mr. and Mrs. Illustration. Her godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Example and Mr. and Mrs. Illustration. Photo by Jane Smith.



ANNIVERSARY
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. EXAMPLE
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Spring into April with a Green Home

DEP offers environmentally friendly tips for thinking green when spring cleaning

TALLAHASSEE - Spring is here and it's time for spring cleaning. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) encourages residents to think green when spring cleaning this year by using eco-friendly cleaning products, finding new life for unused items and properly disposing unwanted medications.

"Spring cleaning is the perfect time to begin making choices that protect Florida's natural environment," said DEP Director of Sustainable Initiatives Deas Bohn.

"Whether choosing to use non-toxic green cleaners, learning the proper methods for prescription drug disposal or implementing a household recycling plan, these choices not only protect and preserve natural resources, but help to save money and protect human health too."

Many common cleaning products are hazardous to the environment when poured down the drain or thrown away.

Consumers can use recipes to make cleaners at home that are equally as effective as traditional products, and safer for people and the environment. DEP offers tips and recipes for "green" cleaning at: www.dep.state.fl.us/pollutionprevention/green_cleaning.htm.

For those who don't have time to make their own cleaners, there are now hundreds of environmentally friendly products widely available through stores and the Internet.

Important safety and environmental features of these products include being non-toxic, biodegradable, made from renewable resources and petroleum-free.

The Green Seal, EcoLabel or other third party certification assures environmentally friendly contents. Old cleaners should be properly disposed of at the nearest city or county household hazardous waste collection center rather than being thrown in the trash.

Another way to think green this spring is to find new life for unused or unwanted items. DEP offers the following tips to give unwanted items a second life:

- Non-profit thrift stores accept gently used items and usually gives donors a receipt to use for tax purposes.

- Give away old clothing, household items or lawn care items to a neighbor, friend, or co-worker who may need them.

- Freecycle Network is a web-based, non-profit organization that helps people offer up items that other people will happily take (www.freecycle.com). Also, you can offer things for free to people in your area on an online bulletin board or newspaper.

- Host a yard sale or sell your older items on an online bulletin board.

- Recycle everything that you can, such as small pieces of unfinished wood, glass jars and boxes gathering dust in your garage. Also, recycle household hazardous wastes such as oil, batteries, fluorescent lamps,

will pay up to \$1 for returned ink/toner cartridges.

- Reuse packing cartons and shipping papers.

- Save and reuse gift boxes, ribbons and

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paint, and pesticides (www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/hazardous/pages/household.htm).

- Recycle unwanted televisions and electronics. Recycling your television, instead of throwing it away keeps waste out of landfills, and allows the recovery of electronic components that contain lead and other toxic materials. (www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/electronics/pages/televisions.htm).

- Convert scrap paper into telephone answering pads or scratch pads. Print drafts on the blank side of used paper. Reuse file folders and ring binders.

- Many office product suppliers will take back empty ink/toner cartridges, recycle them for you, and allow store credit towards future purchases. (www.recycleplace.com)

larger pieces of wrapping and tissue paper.

In addition, when disposing of expired or unwanted prescriptions, and over-the-counter medications this spring, it is important to choose a method of disposal that won't compromise the environment. The preferred method of disposal is with the household garbage rather than flushing medication down the toilet or drain. This method helps protect Florida's water bodies and drinking water by reducing pharmaceutical traces.

"The proper disposal of expired or unwanted medications helps protect Florida's residents and visitors as well as local waters and aquatic life," said Mary Jean You, Director of DEP's Division of Waste Management. "We encourage all Florida residents and visitors to be smart about the appropriate methods for disposal of unwanted medica-

tions as well as household items and cleaning products."

To protect the environment, please use these guidelines instead of flushing medications:

- Keep in the original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally digested.

- Mark out your name and prescription number for safety.

- For pills, add some water or soda to start dissolving them. For liquids, add something inedible like cat litter or dirt.

- Close the lid and secure with duct tape or packing tape.

- Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque (non see-through) container like a detergent container.

- Tape that container closed.

- Hide the container in the trash. Do not put it in the recycle bin.

To increase recycling throughout Florida, last summer Governor Charlie Crist signed into law the Energy, Climate Change, and Economic Security Act of 2008 which establishes a new statewide recycling goal of 75 percent to be achieved by 2020.

Within the law DEP is directed to develop a program to achieve this goal and submit it to the Florida Legislature for consideration by January 1, 2010.

For more information on the new statewide recycling goal of 75 percent, and to share your comments on ways to achieve this goal and view comments from others on our web-based forum, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/recyclinggoal75/.

For information on where to recycle, contact the local county recycling coordinator by visiting www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/recycling/pages/contact_counties.htm. Another excellent resource is Earth 911. Call 1-800-CLEANUP or visit www.earth911.org.

For more information on the proper disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/medications/default.htm.

DEP's Office of Sustainable Initiatives is comprised of three voluntary, non-regulatory programs that assist Florida industry and citizens in protecting the environment.

The Clean Marina Program, the Florida Green Lodging Program and the Florida Pollution Prevention Program offer a variety of services including on-site assessments, consultations, speakers and workshops, all at no cost to citizens or organizations.

The goal of the Sustainable Initiatives programs is to meet the needs of the present population without compromising resources for future generations. To learn more about DEP's Sustainable Initiatives, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/green.

To learn more about DEP's P2 Program, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/pollutionprevention.

U.S. Sugar completes sugarcane harvesting season



INI/Ashley Smith

U.S. Sugar completed their most recent season with a smaller than anticipated crop.

Weather-related impacts produce smaller than expected crop

Clewiston, FL – April 6, 2009 – U.S. Sugar Corporation completed its annual sugarcane harvest operations today and the Clewiston Sugar Factory expects to grind out the last cane on Tuesday, bringing to a close the second season of its automated, consolidated sugar manufacturing facility.

The Company harvested 162,725 acres of sugarcane, producing an estimated 5.65 million tons of cane.

The Clewiston Refinery, which continues to operate year-round, will produce an estimated 12.35 million cwt. of refined sugar products.

“We have successfully harvested and ground our whole cane crop a little earlier than we anticipated, and the mill operated very well this year,” said Robert Coker, senior vice president, public affairs.

Coker said that like the rest of the Florida industry, U.S. Sugar’s cane crop was almost 700,000 tons smaller than expected due to the combined effects of drought, freeze and lack of irrigation water.

The company’s citrus crop is similarly tracking under estimate by the same percentage for the same reasons.

“With the Clewiston Refinery continuing to break production records, we intend to import sugar to feed the Refinery for the second consecutive year,” Coker said.

“That’s the advantage of our modern, automated and fully-integrated sugar operation,” Coker said.

“The low cost efficiency of our sugar manufacturing operations enables us to import raw sugar and refine it at a profit,” Coker said.

Due to the Refinery’s record pace last year, U.S. Sugar became the only Florida sugar processing facility to import sugar when it imported 46,000 tons of “estandar” sugar from Mexico to refine and sell.

Floridians with disabilities choose: Medicaid or job



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The Partnership for Work & Healthcare is urging lawmakers to eliminate the choice that some Floridians under Medicaid now face: whether to stay unemployed and receive Medicaid benefits, or find a job and lose those benefits altogether.

Work incentive program could make both employment and healthcare access a reality

TALLAHASSEE—For many Floridians with disabilities, the choice between competitive work and Medicaid assistance is all too real.

While many of these citizens have a desire to work and contribute to the economic vitality of their communities, Florida law strongly discourages against this.

To qualify for Medicaid assistance, individuals must not exceed a low-income and asset level.

There are exceptions for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients; however, current policy limits their opportunities to work.

The Partnership for Work & Healthcare, a Florida coalition comprised of more than 30 agencies statewide, is encouraging legislators to pass landmark legislation this session that would eliminate the choice between taking a job and having healthcare.

According to the Federal Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act (TWWIA), individual states have the option to create a program offering employed persons with disabilities a Medicaid “buy-in” option.

“Florida is one of only 9 states not incorporating this work incentive option into their state Medicaid plan,” said Olga Golik, a member of the Partnership for Work & Healthcare.

“This legislation, championed by Senator Victor Crist, would provide invaluable support to citizens with disabilities while simultaneously bolstering the workforce, economy and communities across the state.”

The proposed Work Incentive Medicaid Coverage initiative would allow persons with disabilities to enter the workforce while retaining access to needed healthcare via the following:

Individual can earn up to \$39,000 or 250 percent of the Federal Poverty level.

Individual can accrue cash assets of

\$10,000 (individual) or \$15,000 (married).

Participants could be charged a premium based on a sliding scale once earned income exceeds 100 percent of the Federal Poverty level.

The current version of the bill substitutes a workgroup for implementation in 2010.

This will slow down both the process and cost in tough economic times but will keep the program moving forward.

“Ultimately, this buy-in will enable people with disabilities to keep their healthcare and participate in their communities through meaningful employment,” said Margaret J. Hooper, Public Policy Coordinator for Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

“These Floridians should not have to choose between work and healthcare access.”

Research conducted by The National Disability Institute indicates that a majority of individuals with disabilities surveyed would try to obtain a job if their Medicaid services were not jeopardized as a result.

This would positively impact Florida in the following ways:

- Reduce dependence on tax payer dollars and public assistance programs
- Increase workforce assets
- Increase tax revenues generated
- Increase independence and quality of life for Floridians with disabilities

For more information about the Work Incentive Medicaid Coverage initiative, to become a partner or tell your personal story, visit www.PartnershipForWork.com.

General News and Information

Crossing Guard training

A course for Crossing Guard Trainers will be held Thursday-Friday, May 7-8, at the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 1, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830. To register contact Carol Pulley at carol.pulley@dot.state.fl.us.

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>

New mulch plant processes logs from Lykes Forest

PALMDALE—7L Brands, LLC, a division of Lykes Bros. Inc., recently opened a new manufacturing facility in Palmdale. The plant, constructed during the summer of 2008, and fully operational on Oct. 16, 2008, processes eucalyptus and pine logs into environmentally friendly mulch products and related horticultural goods. The 35-acre facility provides for log storage, mulch processing and finished packaged storage.

The new plant employs three managers along with 10 production and skilled equipment operators. Located on Highway 27, the plant is positioned in the center of the Lykes forest with 16,000 acres of plantation eucalyptus to the north, and 50,000 acres of plantation pine to the west and south. A strong north-to-south footprint allows freight traffic to move on and off the property quickly and efficiently. 7L Brands implemented a sequence of equipment that reduces the

logs through a 1200 hp electric grinder and an electric conveyor system and is sized to a specific shredded mulch texture through an electric oscillating screener.

"The grinding operation was developed to increase yield on raw material and return savings associated with intensive freight costs," noted Alan Shaffer, vice president of sales and marketing.

A 14,000-square-foot packaging facility was constructed with the help of Lykes Bros.' engineering team, and houses a state-of-the-art automated packaging line. Three primary stations within the packaging line are managed by two technicians and three large computer and electronic panels that monitor the status of the bagging process. Each station communicates with the next throughout the bagging, palletizing and stretch-wrapping process. One bag line is currently operating with plans for a second

line.

"Our goal was to design the property and facility for planned expansion," said Shaffer. "We advanced our goal and provided the means to implement an entirely electric powered manufacturing process."

7L Brands will be manufacturing and promoting a line of truly sustainable eucalyptus mulch as the perfect environmentally friendly alternative to cypress mulch. Eucalyptus regenerates from the stump, matures quickly, and can be harvested four times over 25-30 years. All mulch produced at the plant is 100 percent pure virgin wood, free of any construction, demolition, pallet or other waste-wood materials. And recently, an aged heartwood eucalyptus was introduced.

"Our heartwood eucalyptus mulch has an all natural, rich, earthy red tone without a chemical color additive," added Shaffer. "That's exciting!"

The new mulch manufacturing facility has provided jobs for staff living in Lee, Hendry, Glades and Highlands counties.

Lykes Bros. Inc. was founded in Florida by seven brothers more than 100 years ago on the core values of unity, hard work, stewardship, re-investment in growth and diversification of business. The company continues to be creative and diversify its traditional agriculture operations with the more recent moves into renewable fuel crops and natural resources management. The addition of a sustainable mulch product adds value to an already strong landscape operation focused on sod and native landscape trees. The company's mission is to assure quality in its products and services, stewardship of its land assets, and community involvement. For more information, visit www.7LBrands.com.



Submitted photo

Lykes Bros. Inc., newly opened manufacturing plant processes eucalyptus and pine logs into environmentally friendly mulch products.



Submitted photo

Electric conveyor system used at the new mulch plant.

Bad economy: Dairy farmers see milk prices plummet

Some dairy farmers not making enough to pay feed bills

By Chauna Aguilar
INI Florida

Local dairies are feeling the economic squeeze as they have too many cows with too much milk, a higher cost of production and not enough demand for the end product.

"Prices for milk are the lowest they have been since 1978," said local dairyman Red Larson, of Larson Dairy. "Many farmers aren't getting enough money from their milk to pay to feed the cows."

This issue is not just local, but nationwide with an extensive exporting drop of 50 percent from the last few years. According to Mr. Larson from 2006 to 2008, dairies were encouraged to increase production due to an increased exporting market for butter, powder and cheese. The world-wide recession caused sales to drop 30 percent at first and then ultimately now to 50 percent just in this export market.

Dairies are now stuck with too many cows -- more than they need to milk, according to Mr. Larson. When cows are not paying for their feed through the production of milk, they are sent to the slaughter house where they "help us out with the hamburger economy," explained Mr. Larson.

Prices of milk continue to drop for the consumer.

The price that the dairy farmer receives is set by Federal Milk Marketing Orders. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), each milk marketing order includes: a classified price plan system of minimum prices; terms of the order; and provisions for the administration of the order.

According to the USDA, the purpose of these orders are to "stabilize market conditions, benefit producers and consumers by establishing and maintaining orderly marketing conditions, and assure consumers adequate supplies of pure and wholesome milk at all times." Benefits include assuring dairy farmers a reasonable minimum price for their milk throughout the year as well as drastic changes in price for the consumer due to heavy and light stages of milk pro-

duction.

Dairies then negotiate a premium above that USDA set price based on supply and demand and quality of their milk.

According to Mr. Larson, prior to November 2008 the dairy price for milk was \$25 per hundred weight, which equals 11.66 gallons of milk. Prices began to fall in November and were down to \$17.16 per hundred weight for February. General Manager for McArthur Farms, Bob Rydzewski expressed concern for the industry in general that is basically living off of credit and equity during these rough economic times. Mr. Rydzewski explained that some dairy farmers re-mortgaged or drew equity from their farms to expand their operations when the land prices were sky rocketing. Now the land prices have plummeted and they have lost the equity that they once had. It takes equity and credit to survive during these hard times.

According to Mr. Rydzewski, in the past cows were worth \$2,200 to \$2,500 a head and have now dropped in value to \$1,400 to \$1,500 a head. So, not only the land values have dropped, but the value of the cows has also dropped.

"I am afraid that this may change the

whole industry for good," stated Mr. Rydzewski. Losing cattle in the southeast region could cause the need for importing milk in the future which would in turn increase costs for the consumer. If a local dairy failed, it would be catastrophic for this county.

"The cost of production is more than consumers are willing to pay. Farmers are living off credit until the demand comes back," explained Mr. Rydzewski. He even went as far as to say that the dairy farmers may end up in the same predicament as the auto industry with too much product and not enough demand.

Costs will continue to be incurred by the dairy farmers as the cows are fed and taken care of to produce milk for the consumer.

While the future population predictions tout a bright future, only time will tell if all of the dairy farmers will make it through the rough times that are to come while waiting for this world-wide recession to ease. Once they make it through, it will still take time for businesses to recover after living off credit for so long.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Chauna Aguilar can be reached at caguilar@newszap.com.

Moore Haven Eastern Stars installs officers

In March of each year, the Moore Haven Chapter No. 116, Order of the Eastern Star, which is composed of members from Moore Haven, Clewiston, Lake Harbor, Belle Glade, Pahokee and LaBelle, installs its officers.

Sister Jeanne Woodard was elected and installed as the new Worthy Matron and Brother David Veale, New Worthy Patron. Brother Guy Wilson was the outgoing Worthy Patron.

Sister Jean has been appointed as Grand Instructor of District 26 and has served the Chapter in various capacities. Her theme for her year is "One Nation Under God."

Sister Annie P. Espinosa, outgoing Worthy Patron, will have the honor of serving

at Grand Chapter in Jacksonville, as a personal page for Sister Margaret Nathurst, and Sister Margaret Smart will have the honor of serving as a Page at General Grand Chapter being held in Tulsa, Oklahoma and she has been appointed State Chairman of ESTARL in Florida.

The installing officers were Past Grand Matron, and Grand Treasurer, Sister Margaret Nathurst as Installing Chaplain, Past Grand Ruth, Sister Linda Fore as Installing Chaplain, Past Grand Adah Nathalee Summerall as Installing Marshal, all of Fort Myers, and Sister Luella Nordstrom, as Installing Organist.

Rob Morris, a master Mason and Grand

Master of Mason in Kentucky, first organized the Order of the Eastern Star in 1850. In 1880, the General Grand Chapter, order of the Eastern Star conferred on Morris the title of "Master Builder of the Order of the Eastern Star." Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star now encircle the earth.

Moore Haven Chapter No. 116 was instituted in 1921 and has been an active organization for 88 years, contributing to many charities including Heart, Cancer, and others including ESTARL which helps students training for religious leaderships. Affiliated master Masons in good standing who are at least 18 and the wives, daughters, legally ad-

opted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, granddaughters, step-mothers, step-daughters, stepsisters, daughters-in-law and daughters of sisters or brothers of affiliated masters Matrons in good standing at the time of their death, are eligible to be members.

The Chapter holds its meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Sugarland Masonic Lodge No. 281 Free and Accepted Masons located on Highway 27 in Clewiston. With the new officers installed, Moore Haven Chapter is ready for another productive year.



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Moore Haven Eastern Stars Chapter No. 116 officers for 2009-2010.



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Moore Haven Eastern Stars installing officers.



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Port LaBelle C.O.P. Captains

Pictured with the recently acquired additional Glades County C.O.P. car are Ken Fuller (Co-Captain) and Roger Saunders (Captain). The Port LaBelle C.O.P. program has nearly 30 members, and anyone in the Glades County Port LaBelle patrol areas interested in becoming a member should contact Mr. Fuller at 863-673-4660, Mr. Saunders at 863-675-6288, or e-mail sandybar@embarqmail.com. Thank you to Sheriff Stuart Whiddon and the Glades County Sheriff's Office for all of their assistance and support of this important program.



INI/Nena Bolan

House warming get-together

Denna Adkins, third from the right, is a Palmdale resident who does charity-ministry work. She moved to a new residence and friends gave her a house warming luncheon on April 4 at the Church of God of Prophecy in Moore Haven.

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Automobiles
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CHEVY LUMINA - 1997, LOADED, NEW TIRES, 135K MILES \$1600 (863)801-5678

DODGE 1985 - looking to buy-we need a motor dodge 360 1985-1992 out of a van or pick-up \$500. (863)983-2809

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LINCOLN MARK VII, 1990, 96k miles, 1 owner, good cond. \$4000 firm. call from 4-8pm (407)436-1266

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TOYOTA COROLLA, '92 - 4 dr., auto, \$1250 or best offer. (863)697-9005 or (863)532-0189

VW 1960 - DUNE BUGGY STREET LICENSED 1600 CC ENG, RUNS GREAT. \$3700. (863)447-1733

Autos Wanted
JUNK CARS OR TRUCKS WANTED. Top price paid. We come to you. Call (561)512-9606

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MAZDA 1994 - 4-wd, auto. V-6, bucket seats \$700/or best offer. (863)697-3666

Golf Carts
EZ GO - W/4"lift, stereo, over sized tires, enclosed, head lights. \$1500 or trade for pontoon trl (954)707-2274

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CHEVY 350 - 300hp - fresh rebuild - all new internal parts \$2000/or best offer. (863)697-0136

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OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS Ciera S - Good running car for parts. Clean title \$295. (863)697-0996

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Pickup Trucks
CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2002 - One owner, 47500 miles, V-8 \$11500 / n e g . (863)763-8132

CHEVY PICKUP 1500 1989 - V8 full size w/ 8' bed extra cab runs great \$2500/or best offer. (863)673-2250

CHEVY DUALY 1979 - 4x4 Flatbed, No title, Good for parts, Must go \$1000. (239)462-1564

DODGE DAKOTA 1995 - GREAT TRUCK \$1650. (863)634-4780

Pickup Trucks
FORD 2001 - Factory Ford bumper hitch \$150/neg. (863)801-9812

FORD 350 1985 - Dually good truck/engine. \$1650/or best offer. (863)697-0996

FORD F-150 1984 - Tan, 300 eng, 4sp, 70,340 miles cold ac. \$2400. (561)261-0682

FORD F-150 1997 - 3 Door, Very good condition, Cold AC \$5000/or best offer. (239)986-0296

FORD F150 - 1999, Auto, a/c, long bed, v6, good cond. \$1,950 (812)989-3022

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TOYOTA 1 TON 1990 - Auto, 6cyl, 4 new tires, cold ac, runs & drive \$2400. (561)261-0682

Utility Trailers
FACTORY OPEN Utility Trailer - 6' 4" X 12', 3,500 lb. Axle, Sides, Tailgate. \$700. (561)573-3499

Vans
CHRYSLER VOYAGER 2003 - 60,000 miles, Used not abused. Well maintained. 7 passenger. Air bags, anti-lock brakes, p/w, V-6, a/c, auto. P/I \$6000/neg. (239)633-9246 (863)675-3390

DODGE '88 - Hi Top Van, \$1,200.00 (863)763-0214

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Public Notice
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. NAME IN NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2093 2006 3-01-43-34-010-0150-0010 P & Y DEVELOPMENT LLC
Lots 1,2,3,4,21,22,23 and 24, Block 150, of the GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, as revised September 7, 1937, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, pages 71 thru 78, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of April, which is the 30th day of April, 2009.
Dated this 11th day of March, 2009.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
315220 CGS 4/2,9,16,23/09

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 09-000015CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF JEWELL MINON RHEBERG Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JEWELL MIXON RHEBERG, deceased, whose date of death was November 12, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Hendry County Clerk of Courts, P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 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 decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE OR THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
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 first publication of this notice is April 9th, 2009.
Personal Representative: KAREN L. MILLER Post Office Box 787 Alva, Florida 33920
Attorney for Personal Representative: LANCE M. MCKINNEY, Attorney Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. 8373 Seago Lane Ft. Myers, FL 33901 Telephone: (239) 939-4888 Fax: (239) 277-0601 316540 CN 4/9,16/09

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 09-020-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF VALENTIN GOMEZ, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of VALENTIN GOMEZ, deceased, whose date of death was August 31, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Hendry County Clerk of Courts, P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 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 decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE OR THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
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 first publication of this notice is April 2nd, 2009.
Personal Representative: MARIA INEZ RODRIGUEZ also known as MARIA INEZ GOMEZ 5037 S. Obispo Circle LaBelle, Florida 33935
Attorney for Personal Representative: MICHAEL A. GENNARO, ESQ. Attorney for MARIA INEZ RODRIGUEZ also known as MARIA INEZ GOMEZ Florida Bar No. 237647 P.O. Box 100088 Cape Coral, FL 33910 0088 Telephone: (239) 542 3148 Fax: (239) 542 8953 315037 CGS 4/2,9/09

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2007-1032-CA
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff vs. MARIA RAMIREZ, et al, Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 19, 2009 and entered in Case No. 2007-1032-CA of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and MARIA RAMIREZ, et al, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR, HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 22nd day of April, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE CANAL OF THE SOUTH 30 FEET THEREOF. ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 6140, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.
A/K/A 575 SOUTH SHETLAND ST. CLEWISTON, FL 33440
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 23, 2009.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Miller Deputy Clerk
**See Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Clerk of Court whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 514773 CN 4/2,9/09

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Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 08-01-CA
INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff vs. FRANCISCO FRANCO; CARDINA FRANCO; UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; RAINTREE VILLAGE UNIT NINE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, FSB; Defendants
RENOUNCE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 23, 2009, and entered in Case No. 08-01-CA, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida, INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. is Plaintiff and FRANCISCO FRANCO; CARDINA FRANCO and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, FSB, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY, IN FRONT OF OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS, ADMINISTRATION BLDG, HENDRY CO. COURTHOUSE AT 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE, LABELLE IN HENDRY COUNTY, FL 33975, at 11:00 a.m., on this 22nd day of April, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 12, BLOCK 2315, PORT LABELLE UNIT 9, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 144, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
A 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 but file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 27th day of March, 2009.
BARBARA S. BUTLER
As Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ D. Hammond
As Deputy Clerk

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2007-1032-CA
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff vs. MARIA RAMIREZ, et al, Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 19, 2009 and entered in Case No. 2007-1032-CA of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and MARIA RAMIREZ, et al, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR, HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 22nd day of April, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 23, 2009.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Miller Deputy Clerk
**See Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Clerk of Court whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 514773 CN 4/2,9/09

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Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. Plaintiff vs. CASE NO. 08-861-CA BASIL LASHLEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BASIL LASHLEY; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Hendry County, Florida, described as:
LOT 5, BLOCK E, HARLEM ADDITION NO. 8, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 136 AND 137, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
To include a: 2001 FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISE VIN FLFLY70A28424WC31 82562034 2001 FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISES VIN FLFLY70A28424WC31 82562171 A/K/A 716 ALABAMA AVENUE CLEWISTON, FL 33440
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the Hendry County Courthouse (being the second floor hallway of the Hendry County Courts Building), LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 AM, on April 22, 2009.
DATED this 20th day of March, 2009.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 20th day of March, 2009.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ D. HAMMOND
Deputy Clerk

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2007-1032-CA
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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 23, 2009.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Miller Deputy Clerk
**See Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Clerk of Court whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 514773 CN 4/2,9/09

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

A Public hearing of the Acquisition and Restoration Council, established pursuant to s. 259.035, F.S., are scheduled to take public testimony on all Florida Forever land acquisition projects and new proposals as follows:

DATE: Thursday, April 30, 2009
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: Florida Public Archaeology Network at Brevard Community College (North) 1311 U.S. Hwy 1 N Building 1 Room 214 Titusville, FL 32780

For further information please contact the Office of Environmental Services at (850) 245-2784.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the auditor at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Office of Environmental Services at (850) 245-2784.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 26-2009-CA-000091

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC., Plaintiff vs. GARY R. DUBIN, et al, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY R. DUBIN

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAL OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HENDRY County, Florida:

LOT 43, BLOCK 2291, PORT LABELLE UNIT 9, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 144, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group P.L. Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff; s attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Okeechobee News.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court on this 31st day of March, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ A. HOLSBEEK
As Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, FL 33622-5018
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.

316669 CN 4/9,16/09

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on 4/18/2009 at 11:00 AM at FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, 1025 Commerce Drive, LaBelle, FL, 863-675-1025, the undersigned, FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

Gabriel Oatsval - 9 Misc. items
Loreta Barraza - 44.45 Misc. items
Tom Corbitt - W14 Misc. items
Ernest Smith - J53 Misc. items
Patricia Stubbs & Tammy Seymour - K29 Misc. items
316945 CGS 4/9,16/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2007-CA-26

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A., A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff vs. THOMAS S. HALL, JR., et al, Defendant(s)

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 27, 2009 and entered in Case No. 2007-CA-26 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A., A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff and THOMAS S. HALL, JR.; TINA D. HALL; TENANT #1, N/K/A JOHN DOE; TENANT #2 N/K/A JANE DOE are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 23rd day of April, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 6, BUCKHEAD RIDGE, 4TH ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

PARCEL ID#: 536-38-34-007-0000-0060

A/K/A 6 Canal Way, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 30, 2009.

Joe Flint
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Jennifer Bevis
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.

316674 CN 4/9,16/09

NOTICE AUCTION ON Friday, April 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at 1233 N.W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida

* Property of Angela L. Taylor: Recreational and misc. items
316585 SUN 4/9,16/09

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1496, 2006, 1-36-44-32-A00-0186-0000, MRS. CHARLES S. GAMBY

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot no. 4053 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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

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

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 Fifth Thursday in the month of April, which is the 30th day of April, 2009.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2009.

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

315380 CGS 4/2,9,16,23/09

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1896, 2006, 1-23-43-34-040-0000-0042, Mary B. Wagoner & the heirs, Beneficiaries & Devisees of the Estate of Otto Wagoner.

Lot 7 of OKEELANTA PLANTATION COMPANY'S first plat in Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 57, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, and lying and being in fractional Section 23, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of April, which is the 30th day of April, 2009.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2009.

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

315395 CGS 4/2,9,16,23/09

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1590, 2006, 1-31-44-33-A00-0012-0000, MANUEL LOPEZ & FANNY LOPEZ

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road over the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 6091, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of April, which is the 30th day of April, 2009.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2009.

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

315399 CGS 4/2,9,16,23/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1042, 2006, 1-22-44-32-010-0009-0070, JULIA GONZALEZ

Lot 7, Block 9, of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 37, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of April, which is the 16th day of April, 2009.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2009 .

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

313572 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MALBEC II, 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1171, 2006, 1-22-44-32-010-0083-0100, TODD JAMES, LLC

Lot 10, Block 83, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 37 through 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of April, which is the 16th day of April, 2009.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2009 .

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

313566 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MALBEC II, 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1682, 2006, 1-14-43-34-040-000C-0110, BONITA G. FARNER

Lot 11, Block C of SHERWOOD SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 127-128, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY in the month of MAY, which is the 7TH day of MAY, 2009.

Dated this 25TH day of March , 2009 .

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

316517 CGS 4/9,16,23,30/09

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2837, 2006, 4-10-43-29-070-2230-0130, AMOS EUGENE & DANIELLE EUGENE

Lot 13, Block 2230, 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.

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 FIRST THURSDAY in the month of MAY, which is the 7TH day of MAY, 2009.

Dated this 25TH day of March, 2009.

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

316516 CGS 4/9,16,23,30/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 687, 2006, 1-33-43-31-A00-0039-0000, JOSE A. HERNANDEZ

The Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 31, East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 163, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of April, which is the 16th day of April, 2009.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2009 .

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

313571 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1710, 2006, 1-21-43-34-010-0005-0080, ALICE M. BRITTON

Lot 8, Block 5, HARLEM ADDITION NO. 4 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida. According to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY in the month of MAY, which is the 7TH day of MAY, 2009.

Dated this 25TH day of March, 2009.

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

316521 CGS 4/9,16,23,30/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 480, 2006, 1-27-43-29-010-0002-0090, BEN WESLEY NIEDECKEN, III

The East one-half of the West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; LESS the North 30 feet thereof, previously reserved for perpetual road right-of-way.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of April, which is the 16th day of April, 2009.

Dated this 25th day of February , 2009 .

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

313558 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MALBEC II, 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1722, 2006, 1-21-43-34-010-0009-0100, WILLIE C. BATTLE & MOLLIE MAE BATTLE

Lot 10 in Block 9 of HARLEM ADDITION NO. 5 TO CLEWISTON, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat recorded in Plat book 3, Pages 48 and 49 of the Current Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY in the month of MAY, which is the 7TH day of MAY, 2009.

Dated this 25TH day of March, 2009.

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

316524 CGS 4/9,16,23,30/09

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2265, 2006, 4-10-43-29-020-2044-0150, Ironstone Bank f/k/a Atlantic States Bank % Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur

Lots 15 , Block 2044, PORT LABELLE UNIT 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be

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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
2199	2006	3-02-43-34-460-000C-0040	LINA NAVARRO, L/E to Ramon H. Navarro & Juanita Janie Navarro

Lot 4, Block C, SEMINOLE MANOR, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 93 and 94, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY** in the month of **MAY**, which is the **7TH** day of **MAY, 2009**.

Dated this **25TH** day of **March, 2009**.

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

316493 CGS 4/9,16,23,30/09

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **MALBEC II, 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
1729	2006	1-21-43-34-010-0001-0090	Daisy Hill Life Estate and Toshih R. Drummond

Lots 9 and 10, Block I, HARLEM ADDITION NO 2 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida. According to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat book 3, Page 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY** in the month of **MAY**, which is the **7TH** day of **MAY, 2009**.

Dated this **25TH** day of **March, 2009**.

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

316499 CGS 4/9,16,23,30/09

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **CABERNET I, 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
2976	2006	4-10-43-29-080-2287-0240	RUDOLPH INNOCENT & EDWINE ETIENNE

Lot 24, Block 2287, PORT LABELLE UNIT 8, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 131, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY** in the month of **MAY**, which is the **7TH** day of **MAY, 2009**.

Dated this **25TH** day of **March, 2009**.

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

316520 CGS 4/9,16,23,30/09

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
688	2006	1-33-43-31-A00-0042-0000	JOSE A. HERNANDEZ

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 162, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **April**, which is the **16th** day of **April, 2009**.

Dated this **25th** day of **February, 2009**.

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

313560 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

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.

WHEREAS, the recent freezes and drought affecting Hendry County has created an extremely high danger of grass, brush and forest fires throughout all of Hendry County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has the authority under Ordinance No. 2001-03 to impose a moratorium on all unregulated fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

1. A fire emergency exists within Hendry County, Florida, under the definitions and provisions of Hendry County Ordinance No. 2001-03, as amended.
2. The Board hereby imposes a moratorium on all unregulated fires within Hendry County, Florida, as provided in said Ordinance No. 2001-03, Section 2, as amended. An unregulated fire means any outdoor fire other than a cookfire which is not permitted by a governmental agency.
3. The moratorium imposed hereby shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further action by this Board.

Duly considered and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, this 24th day of February, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Janet B. Taylor, Chair
 ATTEST:
 Anita Bischel, Deputy Clerk
 Barbara S. Butler, Clerk

316627 CB/CN 4/9,16,23,30/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1041	2006	1-22-44-32-010-0009-0030	JORGE LUIS REYES & FLORENTINA G. REYES

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

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **April**, which is the **16th** day of **April, 2009**.

Dated this **25th** day of **February, 2009**.

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

313556 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
798	2006	1-29-43-32-A00-0023-0000	PAHOKEE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, INC

Parcel 1
 The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East of the Public Records of Hendry County Florida. Less road dedication of the 25' on the North side of the tract.

Parcel 2
 The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. less road dedication of 25' on the North side of the tract.

Parcel 3
 The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Parcel 4
 The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less road dedication of 25' on the South side of the tract.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **April**, which is the **16th** day of **April, 2009**.

Dated this **25th** day of **February, 2009**.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court

Hendry County, Florida
 313561 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
700	2006	1-33-43-31-A00-0234-0000	JOHANNE H. CYR & MATTHEW D. CYR

% JORDYN TAYLOR PROPERTY, INC.

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter. Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the South 20.00 feet thereof. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 154, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **April**, which is the **16th** day of **April, 2009**.

Dated this **25th** day of **February, 2009**.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court

Hendry County, Florida
 313587 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

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
2130	2006	3-01-43-34-010-0376-0100	SAGAMORE PLACE, LLC

Lots 19 thru 21, Inclusive, Block 376, of the GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, as revised September 7, 1937, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 71 thru 78, Inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday** in the month of **April**, which is the **30th** day of **April, 2009**.

Dated this **11th** day of **March, 2009**.

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

315181 CGS 4/2,9,16,23/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
801	2006	1-29-43-32-A00-0041-0000	PAHOKEE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, INC

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **April**, which is the **16th** day of **April, 2009**.

Dated this **25th** day of **February, 2009**.

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

313575 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
802	2006	1-29-43-32-A00-0042-0000	PAHOKEE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, INC

Parcel 1
 The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less road dedication of 25 feet on the North side of the tract.

Parcel 2
 The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. less road dedication of 25 feet on the North side of the tract.

Parcel 3
 The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less road dedication of 25 feet on the South side of the tract.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **April**, which is the **16th** day of **April, 2009**.

Dated this **25th** day of **February, 2009**.

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

313564 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting 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 Interlocal 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 12:00 PM on April 16, 2009 West Pasco Government Center, Commission Chambers, 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL 34645.** 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. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding 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 hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA or (407) 629-6900.

316394 CN 4/9/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
743	2006	1-35-43-31-010-0003-0020	RENE ALEJANDRO MARTINEZGUERRA

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 2, Block J, Pioneer Plantation, 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.

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Dated this **25th** day of **February, 2009**.

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

313590 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

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
1723	2006	1-21-43-34-010-0009-0120	MARY STEWART

Lot 12 in Block 9 of HARLEM ADDITION NO. 5 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 48 and 49 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY** in the month of **MAY**, which is the **7TH** day of **MAY, 2009**.

Dated this **25TH** day of **March, 2009**.

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

313526 CGS 4/9,16,23,30/09

NOTICE SEMINOLE TRIBAL REGULAR ELECTION MAY 11, 2009

For Tribal Council Representatives and Board of Directors Representatives in accordance with the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and the Amended Corporate Charter of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., a Regular Election is called for the following offices, on Monday, May 11, 2009

SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA	SEMOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA, INC.
TRIBAL COUNCIL:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
BIG CYPRESS RESERVATION REPRESENTATIVE (1)	BIG CYPRESS RESERVATION REPRESENTATIVE (1)
BRIGHTON RESERVATION REPRESENTATIVE (1)	BRIGHTON RESERVATION REPRESENTATIVE (1)
HOLLYWOOD RESERVATION REPRESENTATIVE (1)	HOLLYWOOD RESERVATION REPRESENTATIVE (1)

Enrolled members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida who have reached their 18th birthday on or before May 11, 2009, and who have lived on any combination of the reservations ten (10) month out of each year for the past four years, are eligible to vote for the positions mentioned above.

The representatives for Tribal Council and Board of Directors are voted for by residents of their respective reservations.

Eligible members who wish to become candidates may obtain a petition form from one of the Tribal Offices at Brighton, Big Cypress, and Hollywood reservations, beginning April 7, 2009 or can obtain information from the Secretary of the Tribal Council and Board of Directors. The completed petitions from candidates must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. on or before April 14, 2009 so that the announcement of candidates can be announced April 15, 2009.

ALL ELIGIBLE TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO VOTE!

PRISCILLA D. SAYEN
 SECRETARY
 315695 CN/IB 4/9 ON 4/8/09

Public Notice

Public Notice

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

Public Notice

Public Notice

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

Public Notice

Public Notice

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The City of Clewiston is considering applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$700,000 for FY 2009 CDBG funding cycle.

Public Notice

Public Notice

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PATHWAY PLAN FOR HENDRY COUNTY
Hendry County has scheduled public information workshops regarding a Comprehensive Pathway Plan. A study is currently being conducted by Hendry County to determine locations of proposed new pathways in Hendry County.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
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316915 CN 4/9/09
The public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be at the City Commission meeting held in the City of Clewiston Commission Chambers on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

316002 CB/CN 4/9,16,23/09
If you have any questions regarding the Comprehensive Pathway Plan project, you may contact Mr. Shane Parker, P.E., County Engineer at (864) 675-5222 or by email at sparker@hendryfla.net.

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

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

313559 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

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:

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.

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.

316530 CGS 4/9,16,23,30/09
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

315227 CGS 4/2,9,16,23/09
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

Public Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Friday, April 17, 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
Hendry County, Florida

316666 CB/CN 4/9/09

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY ACTION TASK FORCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Community Action Task Force will hold a meeting Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 1:30pm at the Hendry County Administration conference room located at Courthouse Square, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle. The meeting is open to the public. The site is handicapped accessible.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, 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.

HENDRY COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION TASK FORCE
316782 CN/CB 4/9/09

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS
FELDA MSBU STORMWATER MASTER PLAN
RFQ NUMBER: 2009-19**

OPENING DATE AND TIME: APRIL 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the development of a Stormwater Master Plan for the Felda MSBU. Proposers must have expertise in designing Stormwater Master Plans and should have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by April 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Engineering Department, located at 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 1670, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5222.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer, actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation and is a Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

HENDRY COUNTY
Janet B. Taylor, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
315404 CB/CN 4/2,9,16/09

**REQUEST FOR BIDS
PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES FOR
HENDRY COUNTY JAIL INMATES
BID NUMBER: 2009-17**

OPENING DATE AND TIME: APRIL 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Pharmaceutical Services for Hendry County Jail Inmates". In order to be considered, Bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by April 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

HENDRY COUNTY
Janet B. Taylor, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
314480 CB/CN 3/26;4/2,9/09

**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 Hendry County:

Bobbie M Kelley, Ft Denuad Oak Grove (Kelley Grove) PO Box 353, LaBelle, FL 33975, has submitted Application 090130-38 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00537-W to irrigate 26.5 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-43 Canal and the project is located in Section 15, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

SGB Farms Inc (Mott and Vaughn Farm) c/o US Sugar Corporation, 111 Ponce de Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090204-10 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00039-W to irrigate 3746.94 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the L-25 Canal and the project is located in Sections 19,24,25,30,31,36, Township 44 South, Ranges 34,35 East.

Southern Gardens Groves Corporation (Knight Land) c/o US Sugar Corporation, 111 Ponce de Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090204-12 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00074-W to irrigate 3208.64 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the L-24 Canal and the project is located in Sections 3,10,22,27,34, Townships 45,46 South, Range 34 East.

US Sugar Corporation and SBG Farms Inc (Dunwoody Doverspike Annex) c/o US Sugar Corporation, 111 Ponce de Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090204-18 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00377-W to irrigate 3616.79 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District Canal and the project is located in Sections 1-3,26,34,35, Townships 43,44 South, Range 32 East.

US Sugar Corporation (Section 35 Duda) 111 Ponce de Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090204-27 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00613-W to irrigate 638 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the L-24 Canal and the project is located in Section 35, Township 45 South, Range 34 East.

US Sugar Corporation (Townsite 14 Sections) 111 Ponce de Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090204-4 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00040-W to irrigate 8400.96 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Industrial Canal and the project is located in Sections 1,3-10,12,31-34,36, Townships 43,44 South, Ranges 33,34 East.

US Sugar Corporation (Griffin Land) 111 Ponce de Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090204-6 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00034-W to irrigate 1255.05 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the L-25 Canal and the project is located in Sections 23,26, Township 44 South, Range 34 East.

Marlin W Hilliard Revocable Trust and Joe Marlin Hilliard Revocable Trust (Jim's Hammock) 5500 Flaghole Rd, Clewiston, FL 33440 has submitted Application 090205-17 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00495-W for a diversion and impoundment covering 2295 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-43 Canal via the Hilliard Canal and the project is located in Sections 7,8,17,18,20, Township 43 South, Range 32 East.

Hilliard Brothers of Florida Ltd (Whitehurst East - Tony's Mound) 5500 Flaghole Rd, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090205-19 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00004-W to irrigate 1197.88 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and the L-2 Canal and the project is located in Sections 4,33, Townships 45,46 South, Range 34 East.

Bolles Drainage District, c/o Lawrence Worth, PO Box 1685, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090206-10 for renewal of Water Use Permit 50-00880-W for a diversion and impoundment covering 12082.2 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Miami Canal and the project is located in Sections 1-4,9-12,15,16,21-23,26-28, Townships 44,45 South, Range 34 East.

Charles Reid or Eddie Reid (Reids Cane) 340 W Crescent Dr, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090206-13 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00032-W to irrigate 40 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Surficial Aquifer and the project is located in Sections 7,8,12,13, Township 43 South, Ranges 33,34 East.

Ritta Drainage District, PO Box 1685, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090206-8 for renewal of Water Use Permit 50-00870-W for a diversion and impoundment covering 9681 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Miami Canal and the project is located in Sections 1,2-14,16-18, Township 44 South, Ranges 34,35 East.

Marlin W Hilliard Revocable Trust & Hilliard Mistletoe Inc (Tony's Mound) 5500 Flaghole Rd, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090211-20 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00072-W to irrigate 1822 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and the Blumberg Canal and the project is located in Sections 16,21,28, Townships 45,46 South, Range 34 East.

Resource Conservation Properties Inc (Eagle Point Groves) 9990 Coconut Rd, Ste 200, Bonita Springs, FL 34135, has submitted Application 090212-14 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00264-W to irrigate 31 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from an adjacent canal and the project is located in Section 9, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

Orangebrook Estates LLC (Bowman Farms) 27499 Riverview Center Blvd, Ste 230, Bonita Springs, FL 34134, has submitted Application 090212-15 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00046-W to irrigate 100 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Sandstone Aquifer and the project is located in Section 1, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

A Duda & Sons Inc (Duda LaBelle Farm) PO Box 620257, Oviedo, FL 32762, has submitted Application 090212-6 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00106-W for a diversion and impoundment covering 2748 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-43 Canal and the project is located in Sections 1-36, Townships 43-45 South, Ranges 28,29 East.

US Sugar Corporation (Hancock Land) 111 Ponce de Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090217-3 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00452-W to irrigate 1894.8 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Manley Canal and the project is located in Sections 15,22, Township 46 South, Range 34 East.

Custom Citrus Care Inc (River Grove) PO Box 3026, LaBelle, FL 33975, has submitted Application 090217-8 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00260-W to irrigate 23 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-43 Canal and the project is located in Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

Custom Citrus Care Inc (Stafford Citrus Grove) PO Box 3026, LaBelle, FL 33975, has submitted Application 090217-9 for a Water Use Permit to irrigate 23 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from onsite lakes and the project is located in Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

Orangebrook Estates LLC (Harrell's Grove) 27499 Riverview Center Blvd, Ste 230, Bonita Springs, FL 34134, has submitted Application 090218-20 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00246-W to irrigate 52.5 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Sandstone Aquifer and adjacent canal and the project is located in Section 6, Township 43 South, Range 29 East.

Hendry Turf (Section 15 Farm) 110 Ridge Wood Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090223-21 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00688-W to irrigate 159.8 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from an onsite ditch/canal and the project is located in Section 15, Township 46 South, Range 34 East.

J & J Ag Products Inc (Siboney Farm) PO Box 70, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090223-31 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00448-W to irrigate 688.4 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Manley Canal and the project is located in Sections 16,21, Township 46 South, Range 34 East.

J and J Ag Products Inc (Farm 19) PO Box 71, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090223-34 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00170-W to irrigate 652 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Manley Canal and the project is located in Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 34 East.

Stitt Ranch Inc (Stitt Ranch) 4513 W US Hwy 27, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090223-35 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00250-W to irrigate 300 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Hendry Hilliard Canal and the project is located in Sections 22,27, Township 43 South, Range 32 East.

East Hendry County Drainage District, PO Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975, has submitted Application 090223-37 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00042-W to irrigate 480.72 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Industrial Canal and Lake Okeechobee and the project is located in Sections 13,14,23,24, Township 43 South, Range 34 East.

Travis and Lisa Cleghorn (Hendry County Farm) 7780 SR 80, Moore Haven, FL 33471, has submitted Application 090223-38 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00327-W to irrigate 262 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and Myrtle Slough Canal and the project is located in Sections 3,10, Township 43 South, Range 31 East.

Double Down Express, 4085 Hancock Bridge Pkwy, N Ft Myers, FL 33903, has submitted Application 080627-28 for an Environmental Resource Permit for 33.81 acres of residential lands. The water will be discharged to the Caloosahatchee and the project is located in Sections 11,12, Township 43 South, Range 28 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.

316608 CGS 4/9/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **ANTONIO & COLETTE MARTINEZ** 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
1368	2001	1-14-44-32-A00-0211-0100	STELLA KEVENIDES EST. MONTURA LAND AND CATTLE INC

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 2837, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **April**, which is the **16th day of April, 2009**.

Dated this **25th day of February, 2009**.

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

313592 CGS 3/19,26;4/2,9/09

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
1551	2006	1-07-44-33-030-0008-0060	JOSE DOLORES REYES & EULILDES REYES % JUANITA CARRILLO

Lot 6 in Block 8 of WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 thru 2, 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 **11th day of March, 2009**.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1293	2006	1-26-44-32-A00-0026-0000	JOSE E. DEL CASTILLO

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 1002, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **11th day of March, 2009**.

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Solid Waste Advisory Board will hold a meeting April 16, 2009 at 6:00 pm, at the Special Districts Office - 3300 Utility Drive, LaBelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter discussed at such 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.

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Easter Egg Hunt

The Ortona Community Association is sponsoring its annual children's egg hunt at Larry Luckey Indian Mound Park on Hwy 78, Saturday, April 11 beginning at noon. There will be prizes for winners in different age categories. Kids and their parents will be treated to refreshments. All are welcome. For further information, contact Marie Kussmann, OCA Children's Program, at 863-675-3465.

Moore Haven Community Churches announce Sunrise Service

The April 12, Easter Sunrise Service will be held in Moore Haven at 7 a.m. at the Lone Cypress Tree across from the Glades County Public Library. Join your community as we celebrate our Risen Lord. For your comfort, bring a lawn chair and enjoy the joint church service.

Annual Sausage and Pancake breakfast

The Moore Haven Lions Club will hold its 32nd Annual Sausage and Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 12 at the Moore Haven Schools Cafeteria. Serving will start

upon completion of the Easter Sunrise Service about 7:30 a.m. and conclude at 8:45 a.m. Everyone is urged and invited to attend. There is no charge; however donations are encouraged with all receipts going to support the Ronald McDonald Houses.

GC history books at library

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

Go Green

Help The Glades County Democrat GO GREEN and raise money for your community group at the same time!

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tion sold by recognized local community and civic groups.

For details, e-mail okcirc@strato.net or call Janet at 863-634 1188.

Narcotics

Anonymous meets

Narcotics Anonymous meets Mondays at 7 p.m. for open discussion meeting at Buck Head Ridge Christian Church, 3 Linda Rd., Buckhead Ridge. For more information, please call 863-634-4780.

We want your news!

The Glades County Democrat welcomes news from the community. Post your news events, photos and opinions online at www.newszap.com. To contact us, e-mail to gcd-news@newszap.com or call toll free 866-399-5253. For more information, see the At Your Service Box on page 4.

Updated VFW Post #9528

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

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

auxiliary.

- Wednesday: Ladies Auxiliary dinner and Men's Auxiliary or AmVets. Music will be available.

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

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

- Membership meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 10 a.m. The House Committee meeting is on the fourth Saturday.

For information, contact Commander Robert Hare at 863-467-2882. All games and special events are shown on three televisions. The game room has a regulation-size pool table.

Native Plant Society plans meetings

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

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



INI/Nena Bolan

Highwaymen Artist Al Black

Al Black, an original Highwaymen Artist, was visiting Glades and Hendry Counties on March 30. He displayed his south Florida scenery oil paintings at a roadside in LaBelle. Highwaymen Artists are well known for their art which was created during the 1950's and 1960's. They sold them out of the trunks of their cars along the highways. A book about Al Black and his art will be out April 26. It is called "The Highwaymen Murals: Al Black's Concrete Dreams" by Gary Monroe.

Cleanup

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is the nation's largest volunteer-based action and education organization that promotes

the improvement of community environment.

For more information about volunteering on April 18, call the county development department at 863-946-1535.

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Enjoying food and fellowship

The Church of Christ Defenders of the Faith held a women's conference April 4, and they invited husbands to a luncheon at Avenue C in Moore Haven. Pastors Efen and Maria Cisneros mentioned that the community is invited to visit every Saturday at 6 p.m. at Chalo Nitka Park in Moore Haven.

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ments begin May 11, and nation wide strict enforcement begins May 18 through June 1. This coincides with Memorial Day week-

end. A survey done last year showed that the percentage of local drivers using seat belts was much lower than the national average which was 83 percent.

Florida Highway Patrol reports that there was a fatal traffic accident on C.R. 78, March 27. It happened south of Potato Farm Grade Road about 3:52 p.m. and involved a Pon-

tiac van and an International tractor truck. Stephen Stashko, 70, was traveling south on C.R. 78 in the van and crossed the center line. He collided with Richard McAninley, 58, driver of the tractor truck. Two hundred and fifty gallons of diesel fuel were spilled and a fire erupted. Richard McAninley of Port Saint Lucie received minor injuries. Stephen Stash-

ko of Fort Lauderdale died at the scene.

Sergeant Donald Watts, Glades County Sheriff's Office, commented that he came to the accident scene after the fire department arrived. He had to park far away because the heat from the fire was so extreme. The road was closed for several hours.

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GCSO responds to shots fired complaint

By Nena Bolan

Glades County Democrat

MOORE HAVEN -- According to an investigation report, Detective Sergeant Mike Pepitone was contacted March 29 about 7 a.m. by Sergeant Weikert who had responded to a shots fired complaint at the southwest side of Moore Haven.

Detective Sergeant Pepitone was advised that a burglary victim had fired several warning shots when he confronted two suspects stealing a dirt bike out of his barn. The two suspects left in a silver four door car. The victim and his son had pursued the suspects

and when confronted the suspects fled on foot, leaving behind stolen vehicles.

Also according to the report, as Detective Sergeant Pepitone was on his way to assist Sergeant Weikert he also heard that Deputy Sheriff Ermeri had stopped a Suburban with three occupants at the intersection of Riverside Drive and North Avenue.

When Detective Sergeant Pepitone arrived at the victim's residence he was informed one of the vehicles left by the suspects was a silver four door car, and that the suspects were possibly from Belle Glade; furthermore, Deputy Sheriff Ermeri was still requesting assistance on Riverside Drive.

Detective Sergeant Pepitone went to Dep-

uty Sheriff Ermeri's location and was told the three occupants advised that they had come to Moore Haven to go fishing; however, they did not have any fishing gear.

After speaking to each subject individually, the driver cooperated and said that a friend named Mike called her and asked to be picked up in Moore Haven, according to the investigation report. Detective Sergeant Pepitone was informed that the silver four door car that was left by the suspects was registered to Michael Jarvonirvin Key, 21, of Belle Glade. Law enforcement officers were informed that Mr. Key was accompanied earlier in the day by Cartavious Jamale Chatman, 21, of Belle Glade. All three occupants

of the Suburban assisted law enforcement and made statements.

On March 31, Detective Sergeant Pepitone had the burglary victim look at photo line ups and he was able to identify the alleged suspects Michael Jarvonirvin Key and Cartavious Jamale Chatman. The victim's son also viewed photo line ups and identified Michael Key. A third suspect was not identified. On April 1, arrest warrants were requested for Michael Key and Cartavious Chatman. On April 2, Michael Key was arrested in connection with the burglary and his bond was set at \$30,000.

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FWC continues tracking panthers across Southwest Florida

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) stated Monday that the program that tracks endangered Florida panthers with GPS-equipped collars is intact, despite cutbacks in state budgets.

"We are still tracking the panthers in Southwest Florida," said Darrell Land of the FWC's panther team. "And we're using the GPS-equipped collars to give us information about individual panther movements."

Land spent Monday morning flying all over Southwest Florida and was able to track 12 panthers. Since Land joined the FWC's panther team in 1985, monitoring from the air has been a regular practice every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

"We can tell if an animal has moved," Land said. "And if they haven't, we can get in there to determine if it's been injured or giving birth to kittens."

The FWC uses two methods of tracking panthers. The newer GPS equipment allows tracking of the panther when biologists can't get up in the plane at night or during storms. The longevity of the GPS monitor is limited, so panther trackers also use the old-style VHF equipment. The older technology is dependable for three or more years, but its use requires a biologist to collect location information from airplanes.

Travel restrictions on state agencies in recent months have resulted in the FWC's panther team cutting back on monitoring panthers within Everglades National Park, which requires overnight stays in hotels.

"We can monitor just fine within the area of our home office in Naples without incurring overnight travel costs," Land said. "We felt this year it would be better to limit our monitoring program to more local areas."

The range of the Florida panther has been reduced to Southwest Florida, where approximately 100 of the unique cats exist today. The panthers' numbers declined to approximately 30 cats by the early 1980s. Work by FWC biologists has been successful in bringing those numbers back up and restoring the genetic health and vigor of the panther population. Much of the funding for panther research and monitoring comes from fees collected when residents purchase panther specialty license plates.

"Research by biologists includes field studies on the panther to determine denning habits and movement patterns," said Kipp Frohlich, leader of the FWC's Imperiled Species Management Section. "All of these studies aid in the long-term survival and recovery of the Florida panther."

For more information on the Florida panther, go to MyFWC.com/panther/index.htm. To report dead or injured panthers call the Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922

SFWMD: Rainfall deficits increasing again

After a brief respite, little rain was seen over the last week

West Palm Beach, FL – In an effort to keep the public informed about the dry conditions gripping much of the state, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is issuing the following latest conditions report.

After a few days of locally heavy precipitation concentrated on the Lower East Coast, little rain was seen across South Florida over the last week. Water levels in the primary regional storage systems – the Water Conservation Areas and Lake

Okeechobee – are continuing to drop as the days get longer and evaporation rates increase.

While periodic rain is welcome, the drought is not expected to be alleviated until persistent rainfall arrives in the wet season, which typically starts in June. In the meantime, water conservation remains the best defense against drought conditions.

The SFWMD is closely monitoring water levels and is urging residents and business to conserve water and follow landscape irrigation restrictions to stretch the public supply. More information about limits by area is available on the District's water restrictions Web site. For water saving tips, visit www.savewaterfl.com.



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