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Glades at a Glance

Sour Orange Festival extended to Jan. 18

Since cold weather dampened the festival on Jan. 9, it has been extended to a second day in Lakeport on Red Barn Road. All participants and spectators may return without a fee. There will also be a community yard sale on the same day. There will be a quilt raffle, too. Please come back on Monday, Jan. 18.

Miss US South Florida Teen sign-ups

The Miss US South Florida Teen Pageant is now open for registration. If you are from Clewiston, Labelle, Moore Haven, South Bay or Belle Glade and between the ages of 14 - 18 you are eligible to join.

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Sam Griffin recalls fishery history

Fishing lure creations are still available in Lakeport

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES/HENDRY -- Sam Griffin, of Lakeport, gave a presentation, Jan. 8, at the 'Food For Thought' program that is sponsored by Glades County public library. Mr. Griffin spoke about the commercial fishing and guiding that his family did in the Clewiston and Moore Haven area of

Lake Okeechobee starting from 1921.

That is the time his dad arrived on the west shore of the big water. The elder Griffin was able to catch shiners with a cane pole in the big lake. Then he used the shiners as bait for bass fishing in Lake Hicpochee. At that time, bass were a legal commercial fish that was sold to the fish house businesses. Seine nets were used to harvest bluegill, crappie, shell cracker, catfish and turtle. By the 1930's bass was no longer sold commercially.

After the seine nets were gath-

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INI/Nena Bolan

Sam Griffin was a guest speaker at the public library's Food For Thought program, Jan. 8. He spoke about his hand made fishing lures and commercial fishing and guiding on Lake Okeechobee. The Glades County public library is located in Moore Haven on Riverside Drive.

Traffic team resumes meetings for 2010

Construction planned for MHES drop-off site

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES COUNTY -- The community traffic safety team (CTST) met Jan. 7, and discussed enforcement lights, distracted driving, grant projects and construction plans for a pick-up/drop-off site at Moore Haven Elementary School.

Larry Coggins, FDOT, was introduced as the new law enforcement contact for this region. He will attend the Glades County community traffic safety meetings when his schedule allows for it.

Sergeant Donald Watts, GCSO school resource officer, reported 237 traffic citations were handed out by the road patrol in December, with 120 of those occurring in the city of Moore Haven. Twenty-seven were for seatbelt violations and 5 were DUIs. Sergeant Watts commented that the Glades County Sheriff's Office has requested

enforcement lights for the traffic signals at US 27 and Sixth Street in Moore Haven, and for the intersection of US 27 and SR 29 near Palmdale.

The small white enforcement lights are attached to the bottom of traffic signals, and turn on when the traffic light changes to red. It enables road patrol deputies to know when the signal switches to red, if they are on the opposite side of the street. Enforcement lights may help deputies catch drivers who run through red lights. The small white lights only turn on

when the signal is red.

Debra Stallings, FDOT/CTST coordinator, mentioned the county is responsible for installing and maintaining enforcement lights. She added that LED lights require less maintenance.

"The lights are on the same power circuit as the red light," said Larry Coggins, FDOT contact.

Debra Stallings commented on the success of FDOT's booth at the Christmas on the Caloosahatchee festival. They operated videos of

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Recognizing National Influenza Vaccination Week

Free H1N1-Flu vaccines are still available

By Pat Dobbins

Happy New Year and welcome to 2010! Now that the New Year has begun and as we are heading back to work and school settings, it is more important than ever to think about getting the H1N1-Flu vaccine.

January 10 to 16, 2010 is National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW), and now is the perfect time to understand the importance of being vaccinated.

You may hear on the news that cases of H1N1-Flu have been decreasing, but please think about getting an H1N1 vaccination for you and your family members.

"Please do not be complacent about protecting yourself and your families from H1N1 infection" said Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. "This virus continues to cause serious illness and deaths."

Flu experts warn that we should prepare for a possible third wave of H1N1-Flu.

There is ample supply of the vaccine and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced that the vaccine

is now open to everyone (all ages).

Most people 6 months and older can get the vaccine. Be sure to let your health care provider know if you or your child has an allergy to eggs, any other allergies, or any medical conditions.

Please remember that the seasonal flu vaccine will not protect you from the H1N1 Flu.

The 2009 H1N1-Flu Vaccine is made the same way as seasonal flu vaccines. Millions of seasonal flu vaccines have been given safely and millions of people have all ready safely received the H1N1-Flu Vaccine.

For those who may be hesitant to receive the vaccine by injection, healthy people from ages 2 years to 49 years have the option to choose a nasal spray form of the vaccine.

Also keep in mind that children aged 9 years and under will need a second dose 30 days after receiving the first dose to ensure the vaccine will be more effective for them.

The following schedule has been set up in the communities of Hendry and Glades so that you may bring in your family members to get their free H1N1-Flu Vaccination:

- Moore Haven – Doyle Connor Building - Thursday - Jan. 14 – 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Clewiston – Health Department (1100

S. Olympia) – Saturday - Jan. 16 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- LaBelle - Health Department (1140 Pratt Blvd) – Tuesday - Jan. 19 – 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Clewiston - Health Department (1100 S. Olympia) – Thursday - Jan. 21 – 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Moore Haven - Health Department (956 US Hwy 27 SW) – Saturday - Jan. 23 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Clewiston - Health Department (1100 S. Olympia) – Tuesday - Jan. 26 – 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Moore Haven - Health Department (956 US Hwy 27 SW) – Thursday - Jan. 28 – 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- LaBelle - Health Department (1140 Pratt Blvd) - Saturday - Jan. 30 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Felda – Felda Community Center (999 CR 830, Felda) – Monday – Feb. 1 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There are also "walk-in" days scheduled at each Health Department in Hendry and Glades counties.

The "walk-in" days to receive the H1N1-Flu Vaccination are as follows: LaBelle: Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Clewiston: Tuesday mornings from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Friday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Moore Haven: Monday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday mornings from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information, you can call the Hendry County Health Department at 863-674-4056 xt.117 or 863-983-1408 or the Glades County Health Department at 863-946-0707.

More information can be found on-line at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>. You can also get information at www.myflusafety.com.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the toll-free number 1-877-352-3581.

From 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., to ask more specific medical questions. After hours, you will hear recorded information.

Information is available in English, Spanish and Creole.



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National Influenza Vaccination Week highlights the importance of getting vaccinated during the traditionally busier winter periods. Though reports say H1N1 is on the decline, experts still encourage residents to get their vaccines.

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Clubs and organizations

Glades County Gun Club

The Glades County Gun Club will hold an open range shooting event on Saturday, Jan. 17. The Range is located at the Glades County Sheriffs Gun Range at Gun Club Rd on SR 78 4.2 mi NE of US 27.

Glades residents are welcome at no charge. Insurance requires all guests to register, attend a short range safety briefing and sign a waiver. Eye and ear protection is mandatory and will be available by the club.

The gate will open at 8 a.m., registration from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., briefing at 8:45 a.m. Shooting to begin after briefing till about 11 a.m.

Guests may be accompanied to the firing line and supervised by a club member for safety concerns. Black Power guns are welcome. 1st half of event is for handguns, 2nd half for rifle. For further information call 863-946-2566.

Westergaard House available

The Glades County Historical Society announces that the restored 1920's Peter Westergaard House on Avenue L in Moore Haven is available for meetings.

Nonprofit organizations can reserve the home for free. Private occasions like baby showers, birthdays and bridal showers require a \$25 clean up fee. To reserve this historic home call Julie Wigton at 863-946-2060.

Bingo helps food pantry

Bingo is offered as a fund raiser and as entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. Bingo will be held every Thursday until May. This will support the Food Pantry which serves Glades County every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

The church can be contacted at 863-946-0696.

VFW Post #9528

The VFW Post #9528 is located at 2002 S.R. 78 W. in Buckhead Ridge. 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 is 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.

New schedule for free bread

New Hope Baptist Church in Moore Haven on Yaun Road announces a new day and times for the free bread program during the fall and winter season.

Bread, and other baked goods are available only on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome. We hope to see you there.

Special needs shelter

Glades County Emergency Management would like to remind persons who have special needs and will be requiring shelter during an emergency, to contact the Emergency Management office at 863-946-6020 to obtain an application, or you can apply in person at Glades County Courthouse located at 500 Ave J - Room 7, Moore Haven, FL 33471.

Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5p.m.

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.

General News and Information

Free services help elders

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

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

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

newszap.com. More and more people are starting blogs - including business people, support groups, and individuals with an opinion on the day's news or culture. If you are a local blogger who would like to be listed, please visit <http://www2.newszap.com/blogs/request.htm> and fill in the form.

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Local Weather

Weather Forecast for Glades County from the National Weather Service.

Moore Haven and surrounding areas:

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Wind chill values as low as 43 early. Calm wind becoming east between 6 and 9 mph.



Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. East wind between 3 and 5 mph.



Extended Forecast:

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. North wind at 9 mph becoming east.



Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.



Saturday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. Chance of precipitation is 60%.



Saturday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Sunday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.



M.L.King Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.



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Celebrating Arbor Day in the state of Florida

Residents of Florida will celebrate Arbor Day 2010 on January 15. While National Arbor Day is held on the last Friday in April, several states, including Florida, observe the holiday at a time best suited for tree planting for their residents. The best way to celebrate Arbor Day is to plant trees. The Arbor Day Foundation's Web site (www.arborday.org) offers many helpful tips to celebrate the tree-planters' holiday, from how to plant a tree to selecting the right tree for the right place.

To find out which trees grow best in Florida, consult the Arbor Day Foundation's Hardiness Zone Map at www.arborday.org/tree-info. Florida has 138 cities and towns that were honored by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA recognizes communities that are committed to its trees. More than 135 million Americans live in a Tree City USA community. To see a list of Tree City USA communities, go to

www.arborday.org/programs.

The first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, thanks to a resolution proposed by Nebraska City, Neb., resident J. Sterling Morton. Morton, a civic leader, agriculturist, and former newspaper editor, urged Nebraskans to "set aside one day to plant trees, both forest and fruit."

Today, Arbor Day is observed in all 50 states and in countries around the world.

The cabbage palmetto, sabal palmetto, was adopted as Florida's state tree in 1953. In 1970 the state legislature passed that a palmetto tree should be featured on the state seal instead of a cocoa palm.

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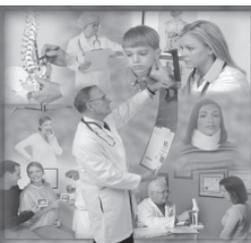
Medium trees, such as: washington hawthorn and goldenrain tree

Small trees, such as: redbud, dogwood, and crabapple

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January 15 is Arbor Day in Florida. Celebrate by planting a tree.



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FWC: Cold weather means pythons are sunning

During this cold snap in South Florida, Burmese pythons in the wild may be out sunning themselves in an effort to stay warm.

And that means hunters out in four South Florida wildlife management areas (WMAs) should be on the lookout for the unwanted, nonnative species.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds hunters that they may continue to take Burmese pythons and all other reptiles of concern within four South Florida WMAs during the normal course of hunting during the areas' small-game seasons.

All properly licensed and permitted hunters have the authority, if they wish, to harvest pythons and other reptiles of concern (Indian python, reticulated python, northern and southern African rock python, amethystine or scrub python, green anaconda and

Nile monitor lizard) on Everglades, Francis S. Taylor, Holey Land and Rotenberger WMAs and Big Cypress National Preserve during specified hunting seasons.

Small-game seasons on all four management areas continue through March 7. On Big Cypress, however, the small-game season ends Feb. 1.

In all four WMAs, only a Florida hunting license and management area permit are required to hunt reptiles of concern from now through the end of the small-game seasons.

"During the warm-weather months, Burmese pythons stay hidden out of the sun, but with the temperatures dipping below normal in these areas, they have to find a way to stay warm," said Jenny Tinnell, FWC biologist with the exotic species section.

"They may be out in the open more than before to find the warmth of the sun, and

we hope hunters, in the normal course of hunting in these areas, will take advantage of the opportunity to help stop the spread of this nonnative species."

With the exception of the small-game season in the Deep Lake Unit of Big Cypress (where only bows and muzzleloaders are allowed), hunters may use shotguns, rimfire rifles and handguns to take pythons.

Nets and snares also may be used, but no matter the method of take, all reptiles of concern must be euthanized on site.

Reptiles of concern may not be taken out of the wildlife management areas alive and must be reported to the FWC within 36 hours by calling, toll-free, 866-392-4286, or going to MyFWC.com and selecting "Burmese pythons" in the "Quick Clicks" menu.

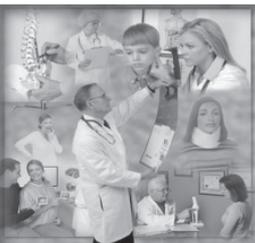
However, any reptile of concern taken from Big Cypress must be checked in at one

of the area's six check stations.

Hunters may do what they wish with the reptiles' skin and meat. However, according to the National Park Service, mercury testing on two dozen captured Burmese pythons in Everglades National Park revealed extraordinarily high levels of mercury in the meat - well above levels considered safe to eat in freshwater fish and alligators.

Officials estimate there are thousands of Burmese pythons in the wild in South Florida.

The FWC's goal is to contain the spread of these pythons in the wild and prevent establishment of other reptiles of concern. Data collected by hunters on these state-managed lands will assist in preventing their northward movement.



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Robert Freeman Sherrell, 80

CLEWISTON — Robert Freeman Sherrell, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009, in Clewiston. He was 80.

He was born January 26, 1929 in Baxter, Tenn., son of the late George Monroe Sherrell and the late Alice Jane (Thomas) Sherrell. He was a resident of Clewiston since 1945. Robert worked as an electrician with U.S.S.C. for many years. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie Doris (Fletcher) Sherrell; sons, Lavonne Sherrell (Ann) and Tim Sherrell (Elizabeth) of Clewiston; brothers, Lloyd Sherrell of Baxter, Tenn., and Billy Sherrell of Cookeville, Tenn.; sisters, Mary Martin and Dorothy McCaleb of Baxter, Tenn.; and grandchildren, Luke Sherrell, Lori Sherrell, Tasha Cornelius, Joshua Sherrell, Stephanie Vinson, Andrew Sherrell and Tonya Sherrell.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Saturday, January 2, 2010, at First Baptist Church of Clewiston, with Dr. Todd Buck officiating. Interment followed in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Milton Vesey Evans, 79

CLEWISTON — Milton Vesey Evans, age 79, of Clewiston, passed away Dec. 29, 2009, in Clewiston. He was born Nov. 8, 1930, in Memphis, Tenn., son of the late Charles Evans and the late Minnette Van Dozier Fast Evans.

He was a resident of Clewiston since 1998. Milton was born and raised in Memphis and graduated from Memphis State University. He was a former, longtime resident of Jacksonville. He retired as a college recruitment director with Southern Bell Telephone Co.

Milton is survived by his son, David Michel Evans of Clewiston. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Albert Evans and Creighton Evans.

Cremation will take place at Caloosa Crematory in LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Evelyn Marie Fletcher, 87

CLEWISTON — Evelyn Marie Fletcher, age 87, of Clewiston, passed away at 10:20 p.m. on Jan. 11, 2010, in Weston, Fla.

Evelyn was born May 19, 1922, in Campaign, Tenn., the daughter of the late Spencer and Cora Hamilton Beard. She married Maurice Fletcher on Aug. 3, 1942 in Huntsville, Ala.; he preceded her in death on March 10, 1990. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clewiston for over Fifty years.



She was a homemaker and musician for many years.

Evelyn leaves behind her loving children, Marcelyn Griffin, Michael Fletcher, and Warren Fletcher; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, in First Baptist Church of Clewiston, visitation will be Friday evening in Akin-Davis Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston.

Ima Jean Fields, 61

CLEWISTON — Ima Jean Fields passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, after an extended illness. She was 61.

Ima Jean was born on March 19, 1948, in Belle Glade, the daughter of the late William H. Johnson and Geraldine Johnson. She retired from United States Sugar Corporation after many years of service.

Ima Jean was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and one sister.

Ima Jean is survived by her husband, Billy D. Fields of Clewiston; son, Jimmy Fields (Gloria) of Jonesboro, Georgia; four grandchildren, Joshua Fields, Sasha Fields, Nelson Rojas, III and Alexander Rojas; three brothers and seven sisters, many nieces and nephews and a host of brother and sister-in-laws.

Final resting place is Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston. Arrangements were entrusted to Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston and Pastor Yates of Clewiston Gospel Ministries officiated the ceremony.

Ronald E. Knox, 72

CLEWISTON — Ronald E. Knox, passed away Sunday, January 3, 2010, in Clewiston. He was 72.

He was born March 14, 1937 in Dayton, Ohio, the son of the late Harlan and Helen (Reineger) Knox. Mr. Knox married Martha Hensley. He was a Machinist working for the Boeing Company.



He was preceded in death by his son, Harlan Knox.

Survivors include his wife, Martha (Hensley) Knox; three daughters, Tonda (Wilbert) Moore, Gail (David) Muench, and Sharon (deceased husband, Martin) Etzweiler; two brothers, Ralph Knox and Kenneth Knox; two sisters, Dolores Bordelon and Sylvia Verdon; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were 10:30 a.m. Wednesday January 6, 2010, in Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 438 E. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston, with Elder Stanley Campbell officiating. Interment was Wednesday January 6, 2010 in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

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A Walk in the Past: 'The Battle of Okeechobee'

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

General Jesup's military tactics employed mobile units that operated independently of one another. These probing units were successful in ferreting Seminoles from hideouts that lay deep in the Florida swamps. The constant harassment forced many of the Seminoles to engage in open skirmishes while, at the same time, pressured the outnumbered and outgunned Seminoles to seek refuge from the soldiers by retreating into South Florida.

General Jesup once stated that he and the American people knew as little about Florida as they did China and how right he was. If Jesup's analogy of North and Central Florida was likened to China, then he probably thought of South Florida as being comparable to the moon, since no white American had ever surveyed, much less explored, the liquid land that we now call the Everglades.

In 1837, the famous Cartographer, John Williams, made a military map of Florida. However, he excluded one minor detail from the map, a large lake that according to legend lay nestled in the back waters of South Florida.

Tales abounded about this vast legendary lake because no white American had ever ventured into South Florida to vindicate the lake's existence. This fallacy would soon be corrected by Colonel Zachary Taylor.

Colonel Taylor had served in the War of 1812 and the Black Hawk War of 1832, before entering service in the Florida Theater. In 1837, General Jesup assigned the First Infantry Regiment, commanded by General Taylor, the task of patrolling the area between the Peace River and the Kissimmee River.

The 1st Infantry settled into a daily routine and constructed a fort called Fort Gardner along the Kissimmee River, while assigned to this sector.

This routine changed abruptly on December 19, 1837, when Colonel Taylor received permission from General Jesup to march south and search for Seminoles.

General Taylor marched his army out of Fort Gardner the same day he received the marching papers. During the first day's march, the famous Seminole Chief Jumper and his people walked in and surrendered. The following day, the slow moving army surprised and captured several camps of Seminoles as it prodded ever deeper into the unknown.

On the third day, Taylor ordered the construction of a small stockade because the area was becoming more impenetrable and slowing the advance of his bulky army.

The heavy baggage and cannons were to be stored at the hastily built stockade that he named Fort Basinger.

It should be noted that Fort Gardner and Fort Basinger were named after officers that died in Dade's Massacre.

General Taylor's army was approximately 1,000 men strong. Roughly 700 of these men were Army regulars, while the rest were either volunteers or Indians. Two hundred and twenty of the volunteers were from Missouri, under the command of Colonel Gentry.

The Missouri volunteers became involved in the Seminole War after president-elect, Martin Van Buren and Thomas Hart Benton, a senator from Missouri had "a good ole boy" conversation.

Benton reportedly said, "If the Seminoles had the Missourians to deal with, their stay in Florida would be short." After Martin Van Buren defeated Andrew Jackson in the presidential election and became president, he remembered Senator Benton's boast and asked if some Missourians would travel to Florida and fight the Seminoles. Senator Benton replied, "The Missourians will go wherever their services are needed."

According to all accounts, the Missourians were tough and looking for a fight. While Taylor was resting his troops at Fort Bassinger, several Missourians spotted Seminoles when taking their horses to pasture. They informed Colonel Gentry, who crossed the Kissimmee River and prepared his men for battle.

A mad Taylor rode up and told Colonel Gentry, "that was the way with these volunteers, they were always too forward when not wanted, and always behind when they were."

Taylor went on to say, "that he had but little confidence in him (Gentry) or his troops, that from that time if he or any other of his officers disobeyed his orders they would be punished to the full extent of the law."

On December 23, 1837, General Taylor left approximately 200 men at Fort Bassinger and proceeded south. He traveled seven miles the first day. The next day it rained most of the day.

Despite the rain, Taylor's army surprised a small band of Seminoles and captured them.

On Christmas morning, December 25, 1837, Taylor marched his men through a section of pinelands and stumbled upon numerous Seminole chickees.

Taylor and his men knew the Seminoles had to be in the area and went on the alert.

At about 11 a.m. the army reached a hammock that had a small creek running in front of it.

Everyone feared an ambush, so General Taylor ordered the Missourians to cross first. After they had crossed safely, he sent the Army regulars across.

The Missourians were unhappy with Taylor's leadership because they felt he was sparing his Army regulars a hail of hot lead, while making the volunteers good candidates for cannon fodder.

Not long afterward, troops captured a Seminole on horseback. He was questioned and reported there were many warriors waiting for the troops at a large hammock only one mile away.

Taylor held a war council and planned his attack. He would march two lines of soldiers to the hammock. The first line would be made up of volunteers, while the second and third lines would be Army regulars.

Missouri Volunteer, Colonel Gentry, questioned the frontal approach that used the European conventional line of attack and suggested that Taylor out flank the Seminole held hammock and attack it from all positions.

General Taylor said, "Colonel Gentry, are

you afraid to attack their center?" to which Gentry replied, "No, sir. If that is your order, it will be done that way."

The Seminoles had prepared a loud welcoming committee for General Taylor and his men. Seminole leaders, Sam Jones, Alligator and Coacoochee, (who had escaped imprisonment under a flag of truce) had prepared the killing ground.

Notches were cut in the cypress trees to steady the Indians' aim, while a corridor of sawgrass was cut through the slough, so that it led to the center of the hammock

It is estimated that nearly 400 Seminole warriors waited patiently for the arrival of the American forces. Sam Jones commanded half of the Seminoles and was in charge of the hammocks right wing that faced the Americans, while Alligator commanded 120 Seminoles in the hammock's center. A vengeful Coacoochee commanded 80 Seminoles on the left wing.

The Missourians and other volunteers advanced in the first line with the 6th Infantry following 50 yards behind them.

The 4th Infantry was 50 yards behind the 6th Infantry in a third advancing line, while General Taylor's 1st Infantry stayed behind as a reserve.

When the first line of Missourians and other volunteers were 100 yards from the hammock, they were met with a tremendous volley that raked their line.

Colonel Gentry, who was leading the Missourians, encouraged the volunteers to continue advancing and was wounded shortly afterward.

The Seminole's withering fire was so intense that it was likened to a scythe as the bullets mowed the Sawgrass down. Standing up in the withering fire, Colonel Gentry ordered the men to fight, lying down in the Sawgrass.

Colonel Gentry was shot fatally in the abdomen as he continued to encourage the volunteers to move forward.

The 6th Infantry, which was behind the volunteer line, started receiving lethal fire as they entered the 100 yard killing zone.

The Missourians lay hidden in the Sawgrass as they reloaded and fired, while the 6th Infantrymen remained standing in a long line of blue as they advanced loading and firing their guns.

The murderous fire from the Seminole rifles started tearing great gaps through the advancing line of blue.

Soon the advancing 6th Infantry caught up with the Missouri volunteers, who were crawling slowly in the protective cover of the Sawgrass toward the hammock.

The Seminoles intense and accurate fire became so lethal to the closing 6th Infantry that it began to fall back despite the fatally wounded Colonel Gentry's encouragement to continue the attack.

The retreating 6th Infantry spread pandemonium among the Missouri volunteers, who started following suite.

Shouting Seminoles surged from the hammock and began to press the attack as they scalped fallen Infantry and volunteers. Retreating men from the 6th Infantry as well as the Missourians rallied and countered attacked, finally driving the Seminoles back to the hammock.

The 4th Infantry, which had been behind the 6th continued to move forward. The combined forces of the Army regulars and volunteers eventually drove the Seminoles from their hammock stronghold back into the Everglades.

The Battle of Lake Okeechobee was bloodiest battle the Army fought during the Second Seminole War. General Taylor's casualties were 26 dead and 112 wounded.

No one is sure of the Seminole losses in this battle. This battle was the final blow to the Seminoles because they never waged war on this scale again.

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School briefs

Glades Youth Athletic Association meeting

The Glades Youth Athletic Association will be holding a meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the ball fields on 10th Street. We need every parent that wants their child to play ball to attend this meeting.

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FFA Chapter raffle

The Moore Haven FFA chapter would like to announce that we are currently selling raffle tickets.

The tickets are for a 6X10-landscaping trailer that was built by the students. The ticket will be pulled Saturday night at the 2010 Chalo Nitka Rodeo during intermission.

This was made possible by tremendous support from many of our local businesses including St. Lucie Tire and Battery, Bob Dean Supply Inc, W&W Lumber, and Lehman Auto Body and Service Center.

Tickets are being sold at the following prices, 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20 and they can be purchased from any FFA chapter member or Mr. Phillip Cosby at Moore Haven High School.

If you have any questions please call 863-946-0811 ext. 129.

Federal Grants for Moore Haven Elementary School

The School Improvement Initiative grant and all other applicable federal grants for Moore Haven Elementary School are available for review and comment in the school office or the Glades County District Office. These grants enable MHES to provide services to enhance student achievement.

Any questions should be directed to the Supervisor of NCLB/Federal Programs at 863-946-0202, Ext. 127. Federal Grants for Glades County Schools Federal grants for Glades County Schools are available for review and comment in the Glades County District Office.

These grants enable schools to provide

supplemental services to enhance student achievement including on-going, sustained professional development.

SAC surveys available online

Each year the Moore Haven Junior-Senior High School SAC (School Advisory Council) conducts climate surveys to determine plans for the upcoming school year.

We ask that parents and community members give us feedback via the surveys so that the school's improvement plan for the 2009-2010 school year will reflect your needs.

The surveys can be accessed online at www.glades-schools.org by choosing Moore Haven Junior-Senior High School. You will find a School Advisory Link on our home page.

This link will take you to the survey links. The surveys will close May 30. If you have any questions about the surveys, please contact Laura Ahern at 863-946-0811 ext. 109.

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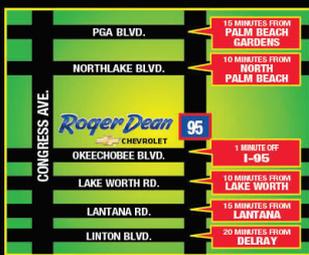
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Glades Board of County Commissioners meets

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A rather routine meeting began 2010 for Glades County Commissioners Tuesday. The agenda was filled with routine business items, a presentation related to a new park, and an agreement that continues and EMS agreement between Okeechobee and Glades Counties.

Hugo Geistman, President of the Ortona Community Association presented a plaque to the Commission for the recent addition of a new park in Ortona. He also expressed appreciation to the BOCC for their support of the Ortona Children's Library.

The BOCC approved a request from the OCA to prohibit motorized vehicles and the use of alcohol in the park. The county also approved the expenditure of \$2,279 to build a park around the new park.

The Commission approved a federal grant that benefits local fire departments. The Assistance to Firefighters grant will bring \$60,000 to purchase a physic-control life pack. The county match is 5-percent of \$3,000.

The BOCC also approved certificates of public convenience and necessity agreements with Okeechobee County Fire Rescue, West Coast Ambulance and the Seminole Tribe to provide emergency medical services in portions of the county.

The County also will hold a surplus property auction on Feb. 20, at 9 a.m. at the Road

Department building on State Road 78.

The County will also apply with a Community Development Block Grant 2008 Disaster Recovery Application for \$200,924 for damage done during Tropical Storm Fay. The money can help rehabilitate homes, demolish and build replacement homes and also pay for temporary relocation costs for families.

The county approved new street names in the industrial park near Moore Haven that will also be the new location of the proposed health department building. The streets will be appropriately named Health Park Drive and Industrial Drive.

The County also agreed to drop legal action against the contractor who replaced the roof on the Buckhead Ridge Volunteer Fire Department building after the storms of 2005. County Attorney Richard Pringle said there has been no action on the case in over a year and the court has requested the case be dismissed.

The County also lost their 4-H leader and Cooperative Extension Agent to the Okeechobee Cooperative Extension. The County is working with the University of Florida to name a replacement in that job.

State Representative Denise Grimsley will meet January 26 at 9 a.m. with County Commissioners, City of Moore Haven officials and the Glades County School Board at the School Board offices.

Jan. 28, at 3:30 p.m. has been set for the State Legislative Delegation meeting. It will

be held in the County Commission chambers.

Bids for the new health department came in at just under \$5 million. A ground breaking ceremony could be held sometime in February.

Results of a study on the county landfill are expected to be ready sometime in March, County Manager Wendell Taylor said.

Work on the Pearce Canal is nearing completion according to Missy Barletto of the South Florida Water Management District, Okeechobee Service Center.

Commissioner Bob Giesler said the Buckhead Ridge Marina has also re-opened. He said he was satisfied with the quality of work that was done. The cost of the project will be \$1.25 million.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Glades BOCC (l-r) Commissioner Paul Beck, Commissioner Donna Storter, Commissioner Bob Giesler, Commission Chairman Russell Echols, Commissioner Butch Jones, Ortona Community Association President Hugo Geistman, and Glades County Manager Wendell Taylor.

Freeze damages may cost over \$100 million

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES COUNTY -- According to county extension agent, Gene McAvoy, LaBelle, the sustained low and freezing temperatures of the past 11 days have been severe and left heavy damage to southwest Florida vegetable and fruit crops. Last week, the damage to citrus had been marginal, but several more nights of a hard freeze has not only hurt the fruit, but has significantly harmed citrus trees.

Citrus fruit has frozen on the tree which will cause it to dry out quickly and provide less juice. Even though damaged trees will survive, their performance next year will yield less fruit.

Vegetable crops such as tomato, eggplant, squash, green beans and peppers have shriveled from the frost and left wounds in the plants. Most importantly, the flowers on young vegetable plants have fallen off and the next harvest should produce much less. Green bean growers

in the Homestead area report that the crop is near lost, and residents can come to the fields and glean for the remains.

Sugar cane has been hurt in Glades County, and the next few weeks are vital to the farmer. Damages will have to be assessed in the near future after some plants been harvested.

Gene McAvoy mentioned the pasture grass has turned brown and is not palatable to livestock, which will cause ranchers to purchase more feed.

"Agriculture was the bright spot in this economy," Mr. McAvoy said, Jan. 11.

Now the shine has gone from that bright spot and the freeze will greatly affect truck drivers, pickers and consumers. According to Mr. McAvoy, south Florida produce is shipped all through the U.S., and the impact will be felt everywhere. Tomatoes that used to cost \$14 a box will now cost \$24 a box. A box of peppers was \$8, but will now cost \$18. Overall, the agricultural loss could be over \$100 million.

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Mini-van left the roadway and became airborne

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES COUNTY -- On Jan. 2 at 8:40 p.m., Deputy R. Ermeri, GCSO, responded to the area of US 27 and CR 720 near Moore Haven due to a report of an alleged intoxicated driver.

When the sergeant arrived on the scene he met with Craig De Vries, federal law enforcement officer, who had observed a mini van that had left the roadway several times and nearly overturned several times.

According to the arrest report, the officer also advised Sergeant Ermeri that the van had crossed the lanes of traffic several times, and had become airborne after leaving the pavement and striking a driveway. The van driver then parked on the east side of CR 720.

Sergeant Ermeri made contact with the driver who was in the driver seat with the engine running and the lights on.

The officer, Craig De Vries, was still on the scene and he commented this was the

van that was driven recklessly.

The suspect, Efrain Hernandez, 29, Benbow Village, was found to have a suspended drivers license out of North Carolina.

According to an arrest report, Sergeant Ermeri's observations led him to believe the suspect was intoxicated, and he began an investigation and field sobriety test.

This was done with the assistance of a language translator.

Due to the manner in which the suspect attempted to complete the test, the sergeant placed Efrain Hernandez under arrest.

He was taken to the Glades County jail and observed for 20 minutes. Then a breath sample was taken on a Intoxilyzer 8000.

It measured .247 on the first sample, and then .258 on the second sample. Mr. Hernandez was issued a DUI and driving while license suspended. Bond was set at \$750.

Staff writer Nena Bolan can be reached at nenabolan@yahoo.com.



INI/Nena Bolan

GCSO mobile center

The Glades County Sheriff's Office brought a mobile incident command center to the Sour Orange Festival in Lakeport, Jan. 9. Employees welcomed visitors during the rainy weather.



INI/Nena Bolan

Sour Orange event is extended

Lakeport residents provide music and dessert at the Sour Orange Festival, Jan. 9. The festival will be extended to Jan. 18 due to very cold, rainy weather. A community yard sale is also planned for the same day and location.



INI/Nena Bolan

Vendors will return Jan. 18

Vendors and visitors had to bundle up in winter gear during the Sour Orange Festival, Jan. 9. Vendors, entertainers and spectators are invited back for an extended day of festivities on Jan. 18, from 8-3 p.m. in Lakeport. A community yard sale is also planned for the day.



INI/Nena Bolan

Quilt raffle

The Lakeport Quilting Club will hold a raffle at the extended Sour Orange Festival on Jan. 18. The event was scheduled for Jan. 9, but the weather was very cold and all participants are invited back Jan. 18.



INI/Nena Bolan

Fishing lures and lore

The audience at 'Food For Thought' in the public library are eager to examine fishing lures created by Sam Griffin, Jan. 8. Mr. Griffin gave a presentation on commercial fishing, the current Lake Okeechobee fishery, and hand made fishing lures.



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Hot gumbo on a cold day

The Lakeport Garden Club served a mighty fine gumbo at the Sour Orange Festival, Jan. 9. The festival has been extended to Jan. 18 because of the unusually cold weather.

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Public Notice
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000262

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff,
 vs.
 LOIREL LOPEZ, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000262 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA is the Plaintiff and LOIREL LOPEZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION; TENANT #1 N/K/A MILAGROS MARTINEZ are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 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 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, LESS THE WEST 30 FEET AND THE NORTH 30 FEET THEREOF RESERVED FOR PERPETUAL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 305 E ROAD LABELLE, FL 33935

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 Dec. 31, 2009.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ D. Hammond
 Deputy Clerk
 Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 F09023322

****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 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.**
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Public Notice
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY
 Case #: 2008-CA-000421

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT3 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Jesus Leyva and Mayelin Leyva, Husband and Wife; Barbara H. Alston and Robert D. Heppmann Individual, et al as Co-Defendants; Representatives of the Estate of Howard E. Hill a/k/a H.E. Hill (DOD 12/24/2007); Deceased and as Co-Trustee of the Howard E. Hill Revocable Trust U/T/D 10/20/2007; Calvin Alston, Individually and as Trustee of the Big Lake Trust; The Big Lake Trust; Bank of America N.A. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 30, 2009, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000421 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series: 2007-OPT3, Plaintiff and Jesus Leyva and Mayelin Leyva, husband and wife are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on January 27, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE SOUTH 40 FEET THEREOF AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD TO THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 2522, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1990 SHAD DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME ATTACHED THERETO HAVING VIN#14605527A, TITLE #48416960 AND VIN# 14605527B, TITLE # 49489112.

a/k/a 535 SUNSET TRAIL, LABELLE, FL 33975

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front steps of the Glades Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL South entrance, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on 2/11/2010.
 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.

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.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT HENDRY COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 25 EAST HICKPOCHIE AVENUE, LABELLE, FL 33935 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF SALE. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8770 DATED AT LABELLE, Florida, this 5th day of January, 2010.
 BARBARA S. BUTLER
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Hendry County, Florida
 By: /s/ S. MILLER
 DEPUTY CLERK
 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
 SHAPIRO & FISMAN, LLP
 10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy
 Suite 112
 Tampa, Florida 33618
 09-143079
 343195 CN 1/14,21/10

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Pursuant to Chapter 298.12, Florida Statutes, a meeting of landowners of BARRON WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held at 9:30 A.M., January 21, 2010, at the District office on 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida 33935.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect one member of the Board of Supervisors and review annual reports.

Landowners may cast one vote for each acre or fraction thereof owned, either in person or by proxy. Proxy forms are available by calling 863-675-0346. The Board of Supervisors will meet immediately after adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting.

This meeting is open to the public.
 Mark D. Colbert, Chairman
 342897 CB/CGS 1/7,14/10

Public Notice
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 22-2009-CA-000123

AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 POLINDRANANAN RAMANAND, DEORAJEE RAMANAND; UNKNOWN TENANT 1, UNKNOWN TENANT 2; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the herein named Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 16, 2009, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on January 5, 2010 in this cause, I will sell the property situated in GLADES COUNTY, Florida, described as:

THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SUBJECT TO A 30 FOOT EASEMENT ON THE WEST AND NORTH BOUNDARY LINES OF SAID PROPERTY FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND INSTALLATION OF UTILITY LINES.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1990 SHAD DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME ATTACHED THERETO HAVING VIN#14605527A, TITLE #48416960 AND VIN# 14605527B, TITLE # 49489112.

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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front steps of the Glades Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL South entrance, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on 2/11/2010.
 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.

Joe Flint
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Jennifer Bevis
 Deputy Clerk
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Public Notice
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 7 pm at the Montura Club-house, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.
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Public Notice
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2008-CA-000936

FIFTH THIRD BANK, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO R-G CROWN BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
MICHAEL J. LARE A/K/A MICHAEL LARE, et al Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-000936 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein FIFTH THIRD BANK, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO R-G CROWN BANK, is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL J. LARE A/K/A MICHAEL LARE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL J. LARE A/K/A MICHAEL LARE N/K/A ANN LARE; STONE AGE PAVERS, INC., are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 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 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

LOT 26, BLOCK 2032, PORT LABELLE UNIT 1, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 50, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2032 S MONTANA CIRCLE LABELLE, FL 33935

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 Dec. 30, 2009.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ D. Hammond
 Deputy Clerk
 Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 F08059209

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DENTON 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
 1547 2007 1-25-44-32-A00-0115-0000 ALEJANDRINA PADRON & SHIRLEY GIL
 The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 1138 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 FOURTH THURSDAY in the month of JANUARY, which is the 28TH day of JANUARY, 2010.
 Dated this 9TH day of December, 2009.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida

341563 CGS 12/31/09;01/07,14,21/10

Public Notice
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2008-CA-000748

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOSE L. CARRERO, et al Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-000748 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and JOSE L. CARRERO; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 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 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

THE EAST ONE-HALF (E 1/2) OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD F THE SOUTH 40 FEET AND EAST 30 FEET THEREOF, A/K/A TRACT 4537, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

A/K/A 393 APALOOSA AVENUE 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 Dec. 31, 2009.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ D. Hammond
 Deputy Clerk
 Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 F08059209

****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 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.**
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2008-CA-000919 DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-CB4,
Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANK GUTIERREZ, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Dec. 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-000919 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENRY COUNTY, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-CB4, is the Plaintiff and FRANK GUTIERREZ; MELISSA GUTIERREZ; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA AT 11:00 AM, on the 3rd day of February, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

LABELLE, BLOCK 59, THE SOUTH 137 FEET OF THE WEST 185 FEET, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 311 S OAK STREET, LABELLE, FL 33935

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 January 4, 2010.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F08057508

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Public Notice

South Florida Water Management District Notice of Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWM District) gives notice of its Agency Action for the following water use permits:
Water Use Permit 50-00881-W issued to the South Shore Drainage District (P. O. Box 969, Belle Glade, Florida 33430) pursuant to application 090114-8 for the continuation of an existing use of Lake Okeechobee, SFWMD Canal (L-20) and SFWMD Canal (L-25) for diversion and impoundment, agricultural irrigation and landscape irrigation use serving 4189.99 acres with an annual allocation of 2598.97 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 393.9394 million gallons. The project is in Palm Beach County in Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 35 East and Sections 4-11, 14, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, adjacent to US Hwy 27 and between the Miami and North New River Canals. The permit is subject to 22 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Water Use Permit 50-00891-W issued to Pahokee Water Control District (P. O. Box 969, Belle Glade, Florida 33430) pursuant to application 090114-11 for the continuation of an existing use of surface water from the SFWMD Canal (L-10) for diversion and impoundment and agricultural irrigation use serving 15172.34 acres with an annual allocation of 9513.94 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 1418.4364 million gallons. The project is in Palm Beach County in Sections 13-15, 21-24, 25-28, 32-36, Township 42 South, Range 37 East and Sections 18-20, 27-30, 31-35, Township 42 South, Range 38 East between State Hwy 770 and US Hwy 98. The permit is subject to 22 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Water Use Permit 50-00889-W issued to Pelican Lake Water Control District (P. O. Box 969, Belle Glade, Florida 33430) pursuant to application 090114-7 for the continuation of an existing use of surface water from Lake Okeechobee and the SFWMD Canal (L-10) for diversion and impoundment and agricultural irrigation use serving 5529.9 acres with an annual allocation of 3412.7 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 521.6394 million gallons. The project is in Palm Beach County in Sections 13-14, 22-23, 26-27, 33-35 Township 41 South, Range 37 East and Sections 2-5, 10-12 Township 42 South, Range 37 East, east of Lake Okeechobee and including areas around Ammons Road, Connors Highway and Mill Road. The permit is subject to 22 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Water Use Permit 50-00879-W issued to East Beach Water Control District (P. O. Box 969, Belle Glade, Florida 33430) pursuant to application 090114-5 for the continuation of an existing use of surface water from Lake Okeechobee for diversion and impoundment and agricultural irrigation use serving 5619.6 acres with an annual allocation of 3627.6 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 516.3732 million gallons. The project is in Palm Beach County in Section 24 Township 42 South, Range 36 East and Sections 9, 16-19, 20, 29-32 Township 42 South, Range 37 East, east of Lake Okeechobee, south of NE 8th Street and north of US 441. The permit is subject to 22 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

The above Permits and Staff Reports, including limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the projects meet SFWMD statutes and rules can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Veguilla, Deputy Clerk, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or by telephone at (561) 686-8800 extension 6739.

The District's agency action as set forth in the Staff Reports shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below, followed by the procedures for pursuing mediation.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of the Clerk at the SFWMD Headquarters at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. Pleadings to Rule 28-106.104 Fla. Admin. Code, on any documents received after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. A copy of the Petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the persons named above at the address indicated. Failure to file a petition within the 21 days of publication of notice, or other receipt of the written notice, whichever first occurs first, constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to an administrative determination (hearing) pursuant to Sections 28-106.11(4) Fla. Admin. Code. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

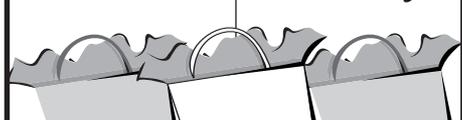
A petition that disputes the material facts on which the District's action is based must contain the information set forth in Rule 28-106.201(2), Fla. Admin. Code, including:

- (1) Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
- (2) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
- (3) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
- (4) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
- (5) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
- (6) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
- (7) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
- (8) If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
- (9) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the District's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice.

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573 Fla. Stats, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405 Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for these agency actions under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. at this time.
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **DENTON 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
1980	2007	1-07-44-33-030-0008-0090	HILARIO MEDINA MOJICA C/O JOSE MEDINA REYES

Lot 9 in Block 8 of WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 thru 2 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 FOURTH THURSDAY** in the month of **JANUARY**, which is the **28TH** day of **JANUARY, 2010**.
Dated this **9TH** day of **December, 2009**.

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

341577 CGS 12/31/09;01/07,14,21/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **DENTON 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
1975	2007	1-07-44-33-030-0004-0070	RICARDO CORRALES & EVA CORRALES

Lot 7 in Block 4 of WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 thru 2 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **DENTON 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
1441	2007	1-22-44-32-010-0083-0080	JAMES W. CROWE & CATHERINE M. CROWE

Lot 8 in Block 83, of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 37, 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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Hendry County, Florida

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FRANK P & JUNE E HARBEN** 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
176	2007	1-06-44-28-A00-0219-0000	RAY PECK & BESSIE A PECK

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 28 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 FOURTH THURSDAY** in the month of **JANUARY**, which is the **28TH** day of **JANUARY, 2010**.
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Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2614	2007	2-18-43-29-A00-0020-0000	ELIZABETH G. MACK & DANA BROWN

The East one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 18, Township 43 South, Range 29 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.

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Barbara S. Butler
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Hendry County, Florida

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2608	2007	2-18-43-29-030-0000-2160	ELIZABETH G. MACK & DANA BROWN

Lots 216 thru 227, Block 10, EVELYN TERRACE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat book 1, Page 46, 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 **9TH** day of **December, 2009**.

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

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1065	2007	1-13-44-32-A00-0247-0000	AMELIA BOUZAMAYOR

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 5486 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.

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Hendry County, Florida

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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS

CLEWISTON EAST PARK

BID NUMBER: 2010-07

OPENING DATE AND TIME:
January 25, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for the "CLEWISTON EAST PARK." In order to be considered, bids must be received at the C.E. Hall Building in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, Clerk's Office, Room A-226, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida 33935, by Monday, January 25, 2010 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 may be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 165 S. Lee Street, Suite A, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (mailing address), or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585 or by e-mail to jmcclhane@hendry-fla.net.

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 bids 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.

Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners
343617 CB/CN 1/14,21/10

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Thrift shop open at Church of God

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 and Hand Ministries of Palmdale, if you would like to help us call 863-612-0640, if no answer leave message, God bless you.

Clewiston

Angelfood Ministry

The Clewiston Ministerial Association is taking orders for Angelfood ministry through Thursday, Jan. 14.

Open to everyone, Angelfood ministries provides about \$60 worth of food for \$30. January menus can be found and orders

made at the Salvation Army, First United Methodist Church, New Harvest Church, Calvary Baptist Church, and the Iglesias de Dios Pentecostal Church.

More church and community sites are expected in the future. People can also order online at Angelfoodministries.com.

Foodstamps accepted.
Call Alice at 863-983-5269 with questions or for orders.

Pickup will be Saturday, Jan. 23, 1:30 to 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Clewiston Gospel Ministries Yard Sale

Clewiston Gospel Ministries will be having a Yard Sale on Friday, Jan. 15 beginning at 1 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 16 beginning at 8 a.m. located at 6800 Flaghole Road.

This event is to benefit Billy (Bo) Gray. All donations are welcome.

There will also be a bake sale and car wash if weather permits. Items include furniture, clothing, tools, knick/knacks, toys, and just a little of everything.

For further information please contact Gene at 863-983-4437 or 863-228-5417.

6th Annual Hallelujah Hoedown!

First Christian Church, 201 N. Francisco St., will be having its 6th Annual Hallelujah Hoedown, Jan. 22-24, 7 p.m. each evening.

This year, as in the past, J. D. Miller will be the Emcee and Kenny Speakes will be the Humorist Speaker.

Jackie Miller, Minister of First Christian, will lead the singing between the different performers.

This year's performers include, "The Messenger's Quartet" of Lexington, Ky., The Diggie Family of Lexington, Ky., Lowell Mason, known as "The World's Smallest Gospel Singer," The Cornwell Twins, Aaron Roberts, Jerry Trammell, The Ky. Hillbillies, Artie and Dora Carnes and The Church Choir. There will be a different program each night.

With the church's recent expanded facilities and parking lot they hope to seat over 200 for each service.

Free tickets are available by calling 863-983-1804.

Starting January 2010 our food pantry ministry "Loaves and Fish" will be distributing food to families in need from our Outreach Center from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. every 1st and third Wednesday.

Lyster's Fund At First Christian

On Jan. 8th the mobile home of Bob and Linda Lyers was gutted by fire.

They lost most of their personal belongings. The Lyers have two children Jesse, age 13, and Katie, age 15.

The Red Cross made it possible for them to stay in a motel for a few days and gave them clothing allowances.

Judy Vann is allowing them to stay in rental property until they get another home.

First Christian Church has started a Fund to help the Lyers with their needs.

There is an immediate need for beds and bedding. If you would like to help with this emergency you may make your checks payable to "First Christian Church" For Lyver's Fund.

For information you may call 983-1804.



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CLEWISTON HOMES

- 2/1.5 House 421 W. Ventura **\$89,900**
- 3/2 Home 432 W. Crescent Dr. **\$69K**
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Religious columns

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen - period!!!

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

I've listened to people say "Happy Holidays" and there have been times during the Christmas season (Yes, I said "Christmas" season) when they've greeted me that way. People usually know that I believe in celebrating Christmas and, curiously, some of those who greeted me with "Happy Holidays" also share my faith!

I imagine that a generic expression of good will is better than none; but there is a time when sharing oneself is even better. I've been called upon to give prayers, usually blessings and invocations, at meetings and public events. It happens to all clergy.

The reason may go back to their being the most appropriate ones to express the sentiments, thoughts, reflections of the group for asking God's presence-blessing-intervention-guidance.

At this point, the choice is to be "generic" or "who I am and what makes me the one who may be the most appropriate person in the room to offer such a prayer. I take it that, when asked, I am called upon to bring all of the resources, traditions, thoughts to bear on what I have to offer.

It isn't "Do you want a watered-down version of me" but "I am honored by your calling on me-I'll do my best to be who I am for you." On many occasions, I've been in the presence of others who do not share my faith: their leading in prayer can be quite edifying and I accept and adapt what is offered.

I've attended worship occasions in Amerindian languages; not understanding a word of what was offered; I shared in the tenor of the service but I did not know or understand the context of the service.

Likewise, when I've attended services in German; getting some words here and there; and drawing as much as I could because I wanted to be at least in part contributing to the communal worship where I found myself.

I do better in French; where I've spent time building a Church in that language; and certainly better in English. The messages throughout are "The doors are open; come and share our ways of doing things, our beliefs, our message."

My tacit reply is "Thank you, I will, but please don't water it down because I am with you today." My tradition includes the One who says "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10)."

Wish me a "Happy whatever..." and I will see that it comes from who you are; I'll adapt it, accept it as offered with my own understandings, take it as a good will intention on your part. But don't offer me something less; that's not really who you are or who I really am. From our traditions we should have respect for the beliefs of others and this is how it should be; but in turn we should be

respected as well. Enough said!

Everyone Needs a Buddy

By Pastor John Hicks

First United Methodist Church

I wonder if the Scripture saying "whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me" applies to animals?

Buddy came into our lives riding in the engine block of a delivery truck to the church. When the truck left, I thought at first the kitten had been run over. I picked him up by the scruff of his neck and said, "Hey buddy, are you okay?" Fortunately, he was, and the name stuck.

I wasn't planning to keep Buddy, but we fell in love with him. Strangest of all, however, was that my dog Pepper adopted the kitten as her own. When you give yourself for the benefit of others, your life is enriched as is theirs.

So it is with Pepper and Buddy. She became his care-taker and protector. They still play with each other today, and Buddy learned to fetch and beg food like his adopted mom.

There is truth in the prayer of St. Francis where it states, "For it is in giving that we receive." Everyone needs a "buddy" to come into their lives. We receive a blessing when we encounter and help those in need that cross our path. We should pray for such opportunities. Be prepared, however, for God might answer our prayers in an unexpected way!

A pastor found a kitten up a tree in his backyard that was afraid to come down. The tree wasn't sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided to tie a rope to his car and the tree, and then back up until the tree bent over enough for him to reach the kitten.

But as he backed up, the rope broke and the tree snapped back, sending the kitten sailing through the air out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible and walked the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen the kitten. Nobody had, so he prayed, "Lord, I commit this kitten to your keeping," and then went back to work.

A few days later at the grocery store, he met one of his church members and happened to look in her shopping cart. Knowing she didn't like cats, he was surprised to see cat food in her cart, so he asked her about it.

She replied, "You won't believe this," and told him how her little girl had been begging for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her, "If God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She continued, "Pastor, I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

Strange, weird, crazy, bazaar!

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist

First Christian Church

A fellow preacher that I admire reported that he recently typed in his name on an internet spot and when the reply came in it had his phone number and address

But the most amazing thing about the knowledge the computer had to say about him was the category under which he was listed. Above his name in large print it said PEOPLE WHO ARE STRANGE, WEIRD, CRAZY AND BAZAAR.

He wondered how they found out he belonged in that category. But when he found the source he was rather complimented that he was listed in this category. After all the opinion of the computer is the world view of things.

He said he could understand why he was listed as strange, weird, crazy and bazaar. For one thing he has the view that two men or two women getting married to each other is the most low down, rotten, stinking, thing that two humans could do.

The world view of this procedure is that it is an acceptable life style. So from the standpoint in their view he was definitely strange, weird, crazy and bazaar.

For another thing he has the view that two people living together in what they call a relationship (shacked up) are immoral whoremongers and/or fornicators. Others excuse the problem by making the asinine remark: "But this is a new century." Since

this is the world view he said he really did belong in the category of strange, weird, crazy and bazaar.

Perhaps the view that he had of sports is the one that really does me in, he said. In my view America has made a god of sports. In ancient Rome one of the signs of decadence was the love of sports. Christians sometimes had to enter the arena to fight wild beasts. Today is the same only worse.

Ancient Christians did not want to be devoured by wild beasts, but modern Christians enjoy the ordeal. Some are devoured by the Nitany Lions. How about the Detroit Tigers. Then there are the Bengals, actually the Bengals don't do much damage.

Some arenas have a low budget and cannot afford lions and tigers so they use wildcats. I understand they turn five of them lose at one time. I will spare you the details of how some suffer as the go into the arena with the bears, the bulls, the rams, the bulldogs and the gators.

He said, In my view most of the quote Christians unquote have a greater love for the lions, tigers, wildcats, bears, bulls, rams, bulldogs and gators, than they do for the LAMB.

And so, he said, dear friends it should come as no surprise that I found my name listed on the Internet in the category of those who are STRANGE, WEIRD, CRAZY, AND BAZAAR. All I can say is "Amen"!

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Fishery

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ered, fish for market was iced down and shipped north to Jacksonville, Florida and Richmond Virginia; and on to New York City. Along the way the fish were iced several times to keep it cold. Alabama and Georgia also provided a large market for commercial fish. Some species of fish caught in the seine were considered culls or non-food fish, and these were processed, frozen and sold to saltwater fishermen as chum or bait.

Sam Griffin was born in Clewiston, 1937, and grew up near the seafood market and marina on the east side of the city. At a young age he would get into the water and

pull boats for fishermen. By age 13 he was a guide on Lake Okeechobee. He recalls navigating the crooked Kissimmee River and its numerous ox-bows before it was cut into a straight canal by the Corps of Engineers.

His family operated a fish camp and a boat marina until the late 1970's. Those places are now named Uncle Joe's Fish Camp, off CR 720, and Angler's Marina in Clewiston.

Sam Griffin experimented with creating fishing lures that would be durable and attractive to largemouth bass and snook. He discovered that the foundation to an excellent lure is the type and quality of wood. It cannot have too much sap or knots in it. Initially, Mr. Griffin acquired equipment and supplies from Louisiana, Oklahoma and Oregon. According to Sam Griffin, his fish-

ing lure business employed about 22 workers at its busiest time. He has shipped lures to Japan, Australia, Italy, Africa and South America.

He brought examples of his fishing lures and a progression board to the Jan. 8 presentation. The progression board contains about ten lures in various craft stages. He explained the woodwork, lacquer, thinner, choice of color and drying time for each lure on the progression board. The audience was quite interested in his description of crafting lures because they are also anglers, hobbyists and craftsmen. He and his wife, Carol, still operate a fishing lure workshop in Lakeport.

Audience members asked Sam Griffin about the health of Lake Okeechobee and its fishery. He explained that before the Franklin

Lock was installed on the Caloosahatchee River, more fish migrated from salt to fresh water than is seen today. Greater numbers of snook and tarpon were caught in the river and Lake Okeechobee. He remembers anglers caught redbfish, sheepheads, and flounder in the big lake. Curiously enough, before 1970, tarpon in the lake reached 150 pounds.

Mr. Griffin mentioned that powerful federal and state agencies often keep the lake one foot too low to maintain its good health. During releases, the water level is pulled down too quickly; and the fishery is depleted of fresh water, even if it does not rain.

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Traffic

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public service announcements (PSA) which featured the deadly affects of driving while distracted by cell phone calls or texting. Ms. Stallings noticed young spectators watching the PSAs, and how they would go find

friends to watch it with them.

"I think it made an impact on the kids," she said.

Sergeant Watts added that he believes students are very curious about the affects of distracted driving and non-use of seat belts. He requested FDOT participation in a future presentation for the schools. Ms. Stallings commented that they are always looking for safety projects and are making plans for a

Chalo Nitka booth with videos of PSAs.

Debra Stallings mentioned federal and state employees are required not to use cell phones while driving. City and county governments can pass ordinances against it, but must post the ordinance on signs so motorists are informed about it. She also handed out copies of concept papers for grant projects focused on traffic safety.

Scott Bass, school district administration, informed the team that it had received an FDOT grant of \$436,000 for construction of a safer drop-off site behind Moore Haven Elementary School. It should eliminate confusion by the pre-schools, Chalo Nitka grounds and administration building; and it should ease the problem of visitors coming

through the back entrance. A parking lot is planned for the area.

"We're really excited about it," said Mr. Bass.

Local drivers are reminded that the traffic light at Tenth Street and US 27 in Moore Haven is programed to be a fully functioning light during the start and end of the school day. At other times it is a blinking light.

Earlier in the day, before 6 a.m., a Hendry County accident occurred involving three large trucks near the Clewiston city limits on US 27. There was one fatality. Several employees of Glades County Sheriff's Office stopped to offer assistance while they were on their commute to Moore Haven.

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