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Chalo Nitka Pageants

The Chalo Nitka Festival Pageants will be held Feb. 20 at the Moore Haven High School Auditorium. Princess Pageant starts at 5 p.m. Queen Pageant begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students, ages 4 and under free. Queen contestants are competing for a \$500 scholarship.

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Rep. Denise Grimsley listens to local officials

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES COUNTY -- State Representative Denise Grimsley met at a legislative round-table discussion with local government, Jan. 26. Official attendees were from Glades County government, the City of Moore Haven and Glades County School Board. The purpose of the meeting was to assure that local issues are known and discussed with legislators and their staff.

County manager, Wendell Taylor, acknowledged the support of Rep. Denise Grimsley to implement the funding search and construction of a new health clinic. The approximately \$5 million

project may begin next month, and will be located north of the public safety office along SR 78 east. Mr. Taylor commented her help was very meaningful to citizens.

"It is near and dear to our hearts. You had a huge roll in it," Mr. Taylor said.

The "green" clinic building will meet with environmental standards, and heat energy will generate from a system beneath the parking lot. Wendell Taylor mentioned the county is trying to get help with funding a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Currently, the EOC works out of the county manager's offices within the courthouse, and in the

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Submitted photo

Swamp cats

These two juvenile bobcats can be seen at Gatorama off US 27 near Palmdale in Glades County. These kittens were rescued when the mother was hit by a vehicle. They had to be hand-raised and cannot be released.

Retired teacher spins the 'Wheel of Fortune'

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES/HIGHLANDS -- Retired Glades County school teacher, Kathy Mathis, has had some excitement in her life since she left Moore Haven High School. She traveled to Los Angeles, California last month so she could spin the wheel on the TV game show, Wheel of Fortune.

Starting two years ago, Ms. Mathis went to Naples where the Wheel Mobile was set up, and she was chosen for an audition. After

two more auditions, Kathy Mathis found out she would be on her way to California.

"A very exciting process," said Ms. Mathis.

Last month, she and her daughters, Brooke and Susan, traveled to Los Angeles and stayed in nearby Culver City where the show is taped. According to Ms. Mathis, the actual studio is quite small. She was surprised at the size because it seems larger on TV. There were many people behind the scenes that worked with contestants throughout the day. She and 19 other contestants showed

up at 7:30 a.m., but the taping did not start until noon. Eighteen were going to be on the show and two were alternates in case something happened right before taping. Six shows were taped on that day.

The actual wheel weighs over 1000 pounds, and game players were coached on how to spin the wheel. They also were coached on how to play the game wedges, how to watch the used letter board, the puzzle, and score board. The coaching was quite involved and serious. Each show is a half hour long including commercials.

"It was right up there with some

of the most intense 22 minutes of my life," she said.

Ms. Mathis and the other contestants even did promos for TV stations that air the Wheel of Fortune in this local area.

Kathy Mathis mentioned we met Vanna White, game show co-host, prior to the taping. She was dressed in blue jeans with a t-shirt, and her hair was pulled back in a pony tail. Vanna stopped to wish everyone good luck. At the time, no one recognized her because

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Weather Forecast for Glades County from the National Weather Service.

Moore Haven and surrounding areas:

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. East wind between 3 and 8 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. East wind around 8 mph.

Extended Forecast:

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. Breezy, with a east wind 7 to 10 mph becoming south between 17 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Southwest wind between 10 and 13 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. West wind between 11 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.



Housing expo slated for Feb. 4 at Doyle Conner Bldg.

The Glades County Economic Development Council, in partnership with Glades County State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) and the Joint City, County, School Board Housing committee will host a Homebuyers Expo, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 from 5-7 p.m. at the Doyle Conner Bldg. in Moore Haven. This is the second housing expo sponsored by the Glades County EDC. The first, held in 2008, was a success.

The February event is being planned to encourage prospective buyers to take advantage of the federal tax credit program which ends April 30.

"Our goal is to assist families in becoming new homeowners in Moore Haven," said EDC Director Whirls. "No matter how many new jobs we create with projects like the new 7L Brands Mulch Plant in Palmdale or the Waste Management C&D landfill or the Glades County Detention Center, if the folks who work in Glades County live outside Glades County, we're losing the downstream economic benefit of that new job creation. With new residents, we increase our tax base and consequently funding for our schools and services like law enforcement and emergency medical services, and it becomes easier to recruit new commercial businesses to the city, like a much needed pharmacy, to serve those new residents."

Keynote speaker for the housing expo will be Sean Stephens, branch manager of Metroplex Mortgage Services of Tampa, who has been phenomenally successful assisting homebuyers in securing 100 percent financing through USDA and FHA loans. The loans are fixed rate, with no downpayment required and his company charges no application fees.

Mr. Stephens will be able to assist prospective buyers interested in taking advantage of the up to \$8000 first time homebuyer tax credit as well as the \$6000 tax credit available for repeat buyers.

Glades County SHIP coordinator Erica Villafuerte will also be on hand to explain how prospective homeowners can take advantage of the \$8,000 first time homebuyer tax credit via the SHIP downpayment assistance program.

"The SHIP funds for FY 2009-2010 may only be used for the tax credit. Clients would be able to apply with certain conditions as long as they have a sales contract prior to April 30, 2010 and closing must occur prior to June 30, 2010," said SHIP coordinator Villefuerte. "The SHIP assistance must be paid back and is only available as a down payment."

SHIP funds cannot be used to reimburse those that have already closed and mobile homes are not eligible.

Enterprise Zone coordinator Whirls will also be available to tell potential homeowners how they may qualify for tax incentives by purchasing a new home in the City of Moore Haven enterprise zone.

Developers, Brian Sullivan of Branch Countryside Estates and Benny Richmond of Haven Homes will be on hand with site plans, house plans and other exhibits of new housing alternatives currently under construction in Moore Haven.

Area banks will be on hand to discuss financing options which are available. Area real estate professionals will also be on hand representing existing homes and rental opportunities for those who might not be quite ready to buy.

Invitations are being sent to Glades County businesses, city, county and school board personnel, who may work here and live elsewhere because they haven't found suitable housing, as well as those who have been forced to rent because they didn't think they could find an affordable home in Moore Haven. The event is free and open to the general public.

Sullivan's Branch Countryside Estates is a planned 40-unit affordable housing project in Moore Haven.

Homes in the subdivision will start at \$129,000 for a three bedroom, two bath model, with a one car garage. Mr. Sullivan is also building a three bedroom, two bath, two-car garage model for \$159,000.

All of Sullivan's homes feature raised panel cabinets, tile and carpet flooring, vaulted ceilings, Trane air conditioning and heating systems with a five-year warranty and upgraded appliance packages.

Floor plans for 15 different models, ranging from the 3-bedroom, 2-bath Bluebird II, at \$129,000 to the 3BR/2Ba and garage Hancock at \$161,000 may be viewed at Sullivan's website www.BranchCountrysideEstates.com.

Haven Homes by Benny A Richmond range from \$128,000 to \$155,000. The homes feature ceramic tile floors, wall to wall carpeting in the bedrooms, marble windowsills throughout, all wood cabinetry, Moen faucets and Energy Star qualified appliances.

Anyone interested in more information on the housing expo can phone Erica Villafuerte at 863-946-6004 or Tracy Whirls at 863-946-0300.

Clubs and organizations

Democratic Executive Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Glades County Democratic Executive Committee will be held Thursday, Feb. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Westergard House 270 Avenue L Moore Haven. The last meeting was held in December and new officers were elected: Chair, Ellen Geake, Vice Chair, John Capece, Secretary, Ann Coffey and Treasurer, Ellen Beers. Con-

tact Ellen Geake 863-946-1963.

Westergard House available

The Glades County Historical Society announces that the restored 1920's Peter Westergard 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.

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Martin wins FLW Series event on lake



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Home sweet home: Scott Martin celebrates his first major win on Lake Okeechobee with his mom, wife and the rest of his family.

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. – Team National Guard pro Scott Martin of Clewiston, Fla., caught a five-bass limit weighing 20 pounds, 3 ounces Saturday to win \$50,000 in the FLW Series Eastern Division tournament on Lake Okeechobee with a four-day catch of 20 bass weighing 71-9.

The catch gave him the win by a 2-pound, 3-ounce margin over John Cox of Debarry, Fla., who caught a total of 20 bass weighing 69-6 and earned \$20,000.

"I'm about to cry after this one," said Martin, who has won more than \$1 million in FLW Outdoors events. "It's an amazing feeling. I've lived here my whole life and I fished my first FLW tournament here and I've been fairly successful here and been in the top 10 a few times. But to win one and keep it here on the lake is awesome. For the city of Okeechobee and the city of Clewiston and all the communities around the lake ... it's unbelievable.

"I wanted to win this tournament and I focused," Martin added. "When you focus in on something ... when you believe it, you achieve it. If you doubt it, you'll do without it. That's been my motto all week."

Martin opened the tournament in fourth place Wednesday with five bass weighing 21-4 that he caught on junebug-colored Lake Fork Trophy Lures "Live" Magic Shad and watermelon red Reaction Innovations Trixie Sharks while fishing the South Bay area. On Thursday he added another five bass weighing 17-14 to move into second place. He then caught five bass weighing 12-4 Friday to make the crucial top-5 cut in second place. Saturday Martin stuck with the baits he'd used the first three days of competition and sealed his win. Martin also received \$6,000 for being the Ranger Cup program winner.

"You try to put yourself in position to win tournaments and to make the right decisions on the final day and have a great day ... it was just one of those days that would be hard to ever duplicate," Martin said.

Martin said he returned to the area he fished all week and again had it to himself. He said he slowed down and picked the area apart and relied on GPS to cover different trails through grass than he fished the previous three days. Martin said he retrieved the baits steadily on the surface in heavily matted areas.

"I think the key to my success this week is I haven't caught many of the males," Martin said. "I saw lots of males every day. I could have caught my limit every morning and had 10 to 12 pounds, but I left them there on purpose. With the full moon coming, I wanted those males to bring the females. So I just marked them and kept fishing and fishing.

"I think it's a mistake to catch everything you see, and I've done it, and it's stupid, really with a full moon," Martin said.

Cox, who led the Okeechobee event for the first three days of competition, said conditions totally changed for him on the last day.

"I went to my area that had a lot of fish in it and the wind was blowing into it," said Cox, who completed his first FLW Series event. "I thought the rocks in front of it would protect it some, but I got in there and it was muddy."

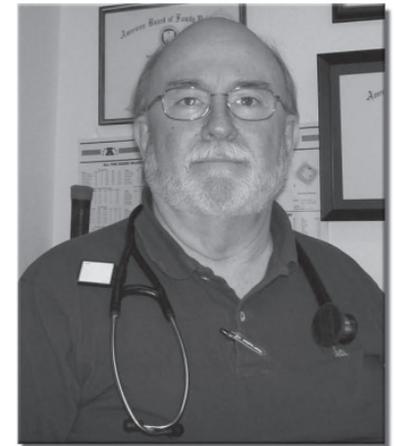
Cox said he fished a while in his first area, caught one fish and relocated east of the Kissimmee River. He managed to catch five small keepers off beds and later culled another keeper.

A complete list of results can be found at FLWOutdoors.com.

FLW Outdoors, named after Forrest L. Wood, the legendary founder of Ranger Boats, is the largest fishing tournament organization in the world offering anglers worldwide the opportunity to compete for millions over the course of 189 tournaments in 2010. FLW Outdoors has also taken fishing mainstream with FLW Fantasy Fishing awarding the largest prizes in the history of fantasy sports. FLW Outdoors memberships

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LMC introduces newest member of its medical staff

Belle Glade, Fl – Lakeside Medical Center is proud to introduce Family Medicine practitioner Nikerson Geneve, DO as the newest physician to join the hospital's medical staff.

Dr. Geneve, who speaks English, Spanish, Creole and French fluently, is accepting new patients to his primary care practice. Dr. Geneve's office is located in the Glades Medical Plaza at 941 Southeast First Street in Belle Glade.

The offices of Lakeside Medical Center's two other new physicians, Marian Sampson, MD and Sherida Williams, MD are also at that location.

Together, Dr. Sampson and Dr. Williams operate Lakeside Medical Center OB-GYN, providing quality women's health services to the community.

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Geneve to our growing medical staff here at Lake-

side Medical Center," said Brian P. Gibbons, Jr., Hospital Administrator.

Dr. Geneve, who most recently practiced Family Medicine in Wellington, built his medical career in South Florida after earning his Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. He completed his residency training at Wellington Regional Medical Center.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to join the medical staff here at Palm Beach County's newest hospital, Lakeside Medical Center," said Dr. Geneve. I look forward to providing the highest level of medical care in my Family Medicine practice with an emphasis on treating patients as individuals.

One of the advantages of working in a small community hospital is that at every level, the professionals you work with become an extension of your own family, said Daniel B. Kairys, MD, staff surgeon, Lakeside Medi-

cal Center. And family is very important at Lakeside. As a surgeon, I'm impressed with the three operating rooms, two of which are sized for more complex procedures.

In all there is 1,700 square feet of surgical space. My fellow physicians and I also appreciate working with a veteran nursing team that focuses on quality, patient-centered care.

I have been drawn to work here by the opportunity to give back to this community through the delivery of quality health services.

The completion of this centrally-located hospital and medical campus less than two years after ground was broken is a great success story.

It's also a dream come true for physicians and the health care community, donors, government officials and the community at large, said Mr. Gibbons.

The community should know that we remain committed to the expansion of health care services for the residents of our region. We're developing expanded volunteer programs and locating specialized services on our medical campus. The next few years at this hospital will be very exciting.

The new hospital is designed with patient comfort, privacy and security in mind. Focused on Women's Health, Emergency Care and Outpatient Services, Lakeside Medical Center features a Birth Place with large labor and delivery rooms, a nursing station that allows direct observation of newborns and spacious and private postpartum accommodations. Two weeks after the hospital opened, Lakeside Medical Center celebrated the birth of triplets, the Glades area's first in more than a decade.

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Charity Wilson and Necler Legros, both from Belle Glade, welcomed identical twin daughters NeKeela and NeKayla Legros, and a baby boy, Necler Legros IV, on Thursday, October 29. The babies, born at 34 weeks, weighed 3 lbs, 13 oz., 4 lbs. 2 oz., and 3 lbs., 14 oz., respectively.

The fact that Ms. Wilson went into labor at 34 weeks is very good, said Dr. Ahmed Barhoush, a practicing OB/GYN physician in Belle Glade who delivered the babies. Lakeside Medical Center is a beautiful facility and the veteran nursing and medical staff did a great job helping to bring these triplets into the world.

Ms. Wilson says she found The Birth Place at Lakeside Medical Center to be comfortable and family-friendly.

I've had a wonderful experience here, she said. The staff and the hospital were so

nice. You can tell they are happy to be in this new building.

Having such a modern facility for our new mothers is something we've looked forward to for a while, said Lynn Foley, RNC, Nurse Manager of Obstetrics. Being able to take advantage of it for a special birth like this allowed us to truly serve our patient's needs.

Equipped with the latest in monitoring technology, Lakeside Medical Center's Critical Care Unit includes six private rooms, a nursing station with full view of all CCU beds and generous entries to accommodate patient care equipment.

Computerized throughout – including electronic patient charts and bedside bar code scanning systems, Lakeside Medical Center has streamlined the admissions process to provide efficient and quality healthcare.

A new digital mammography machine, funded in part by a generous grant from PNC Bank, along with a Palm Beach County

Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant, now enables the early detection of breast cancer so it can be treated more effectively. Enhancements in the telemetry unit will allow patients recovering from an illness or surgery to be monitored in the hospital at all times, even if they are away from their bed.

Other state-of-the-art initiatives will bring the patient to the doctor, such as telemedicine, online x-rays and charting—some of which are already in place. These features will enable doctors to remotely monitor a patient's status and communicate instructions to clinical staff from almost any location.

Operated and built by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County and supported by the Glades Healthcare Foundation, Lakeside Medical Center has been warmly embraced by the community it serves. From the highly-skilled physicians to the caring staff to the dedicated volunteers, the staff at

Lakeside Medical Center is proud to

provide the best health care to those in the Glades' communities.

To understand what our new hospital means to this community, you need to take a look at what it took to get here, said Bryan F. Cross, Glades Rural Area Support Board Chair. In 2004, when ownership of Glades General Hospital transferred back to the Health Care District, we recognized that the physical plant would not extend into the future. The Glades General Hospital Board worked with the District Board on a plan to replace our more than 60-year-old hospital by building a hospital for the future. As a resident of this community, I can tell you that this medical facility exceeds any expectations that I ever had when we purchased Glades General in 2004. Now we look for everyone in our community and in neighboring towns to support Lakeside Medical Center—physicians and residents alike.

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Gaudy Redish, 90

JONAS RIDGE, N.C. — Gaudy Redish, age 90, of Jonas Ridge, passed away Jan. 27, 2010, at Life Care Center in Banner Elk, N.C.

She was born June 27, 1919, a daughter of the late Gardie Matison and Ona Iowa Lance Waters. Gaudy was a member of Lakeside Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, N.C.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Carlisle Redish; brothers, Paul Waters, Clayton Waters, Junior Waters and Jack Waters; and a sister, Anna Rue Converse.

Survivors include her two sons, Tommy Redish and wife Vanessa of Jonas Ridge, N.C., Derrell Redish of Lake Harbor, Fla.; grandchildren, Brandi Forbes of Newland, N.C., Mindi Grissom and husband Scott of Wilmington, N.C., Mandy Redish of Clewiston, Fla., Kevin Redish and wife Jessica of Conover, N.C., Jeremy Forbes of Newland, N.C., Chase Redish of Lakeport, Fla., Amanda Redish of Florence, S.C.; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 28, in the Grandfather Chapel of Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home with Rev. Joe Ingham officiating.

A local funeral service was held Sat. January 30, 2010, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston with Rev. Bill Derryberry officiating. Interment followed in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Rufus Irvin Tull, 73

CLEWISTON — Rufus Irvin Tull, age 73, of Clewiston, passed away Jan. 27, 2010, in Clewiston.

He was born June 17, 1936, in Poplar Bluffs, Mo., the son of the late Charlie and the late Effie Mae (Woods) Tull. Mr. Tull married Wanda Mills April 1981; she survives.

He was a Lock Master for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers retiring in June 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda (Mills) Tull; one son, Edison Tull of Clewiston; two sisters, Olive White, and Barbara Watson; step-children, Eugene Fullard, Kenneth Fullard, Ricky Fullard, and Roxanne Lawson; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday Jan. 31, 2010, in Akin-Davis Funeral Home, where visitation was held on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m., with Rev Troy Ezell officiating. Interment was in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Marguerite Cress Wolfe, 91

DECATUR, Ga. — Marguerite Cress Wolfe, surrounded by her children, passed away in Coventry Place Tuesday, January 26, 2010, after a short illness. She was 91.

She was born and reared in Cleveland, Tenn., the daughter of William Ira Cress and Bessie Burns Cress.

Upon marrying, she and Jay resided in Cleveland, Miss., until World War II. With the war effort, they moved to several different states, where she met the challenge of turning 15 more houses into homes for her family. She was an enthusiastic homemaker with an obsession for taking care of people and was the hub that united her grandchildren summer after summer. When her nest was empty, she shared her caretaking as a Pink Lady. Her main club interest was the Eastern Star.

Marguerite first worked in retail, and then she and Jay worked side by side in their family business of building and operating cable television systems in the Mississippi Delta. They retired in 1969 and, thereafter, wintered on Lake Okeechobee, prior to making Clewiston their permanent residence in 1985.

Marguerite was preceded in death by Joseph (Jay) Edward Wolfe, her husband of 68 years, and five siblings. After being widowed in 2006, Marguerite enjoyed living an active life in the retirement home of her trusted nephew, Mike Cress, with one of her daughters near by.

Mrs. Wolfe is survived by one sister, Anne Cress Cavini; her daughters, Juanita Wolfe Dunn of Bastrop, La., Beverly M. Wolfe of Decatur, Ga. and Jo Ann Wolfe Smith of Decatur, Ga.; grandchildren, Gigi Dunn, Jerry Crawford, Jay Crawford, Anne Claire Dunn Stephenson, Walt Peden, Megan Dunn Meador and Mary Jo Ann Peden Grisham; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Saturday, February 6, 2010, at Coventry Place.

A.S. Turner & Sons of Decatur, Ga., handled the arrangements for cremation.



About Wood Storks

The Hendry-Glades Audubon Society is presenting an interesting program on Wood Storks, a local bird that ole timers once called Ironheads because of their hard, flint like heads.

Come join us and enjoy an hour of free entertainment as guest speaker, Rena Borkhatari, provides an informative presentation on this mysterious bird.

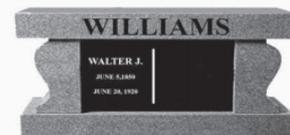
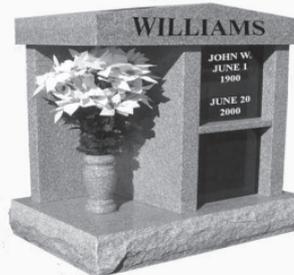
The HGAS Wood Stork program is Monday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clewiston Museum. For information about other HGAS meetings or bird tours call: Margaret England (863) 674-0695 sta5birding@em-barqmail.com



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Preparing for the Afterlife

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

Colonel Taylor's army spent December 26, 1837, burying the dead and preparing the wounded for the trip to Fort Bassinger. The Seminoles, after extracting these heavy casualties on the Americans, were driven from the Battle of Okeechobee into the fastness of the Everglades, where they, too, mourned their dead.

Historians are uncertain about the losses the Seminoles sustained in the Battle of Okeechobee because the Seminoles, like the Marines of today, always tried in every possible way to remove their wounded and fallen comrades from the field of battle and bring them home.

The Seminole's motive for removing fallen comrades from the battlefield went beyond the human bond of loyalty that develops between men, who face death together in battle. Loyalty did play an important role, but it was the Seminole's religious beliefs and customs that placed strong emphasis on removing the bodies from the field of battle.

Seminole religious beliefs and customs placed great importance on removing the slain from battle, so the body couldn't be mutilated or desecrated by the enemy. Such an act would alter the slain person's spiritual body in the afterlife. The custom of recovering the slain from the hands of the enemy was practiced by most Native Americans.

The ceremonial burial rites were very important and used to ensure the deceased person a happy life in the next world. It is unfortunate, but most information on the rituals is hidden from outsiders and remains a mystery even today.

I have read numerous 18th century eyewitness accounts of persons who saw and recorded various stages of the Seminole burial ceremonies. These written accounts indicate the living mourned the deceased for several days, while women left their hair in disarray during the bereavement period.

The mourning period was probably limited to several days prior to the funeral rituals because Florida's warm climate sped up decay in the deceased person. I recall stories told to me as a young boy (by older Florida relatives) about the expediency of burying the dead who weren't embalmed.

The body was washed and prepared by family or friends for viewing and kept overnight at a relatives home until the funeral services were held the next day. However, nature dictated that individuals stay up with the dead person during the night because discharged fluids that emitted from the decomposing body had to be removed. This overnight "Virgil" was called a "Wake" in the South.

After the Seminole mourning period ended, the dead warrior was placed above the ground at a remote location, along with some of his personal possessions. One account stated that the deceased person's personal possessions used in the funeral were broken, hence freeing the dead man's spirit from his earthly possessions.

The body was then left to Mother Nature's care, until only the whitened bones of the deceased remained. The bones and personal possessions were later gathered and buried.

Many Native Americans practiced similar rites when preparing a body for the afterlife. Spanish captives and priests in the 15th and 16th centuries wrote about the early Florida Indians placing their dead in houses called "Charnel Houses." Guards were posted around the house, until the flesh decayed from the person's bones. The bones were prepared and wrapped in tanned skins, then placed on a raised platform, which served as a cemetery.

Archeologist in Florida located one such burial site at Fort Center, a state wildlife management area located close to Lakeport, Florida. The site is open to the public and free. There is signage explaining the Native American culture and the artifacts found at the site.

After the Battle of Okeechobee, many of the Seminoles made their way southeast, toward the Loxahatchee River. While moving eastward across the Glades, they may have used the high ancient mounds of the Mayaimis Indians as a place to camp and mourn their dead. Regardless of where the Seminoles established their camps, they would have been forced to put their dead to rest.

An ole Gladesman told me an interesting story about this area several years ago. He and his brothers were Florida Crackers that were very much at home in the woods. Their well honed hunting skills put plenty of ill gotten venison on the table because they were renowned poachers who frequented the large private lands that lay to the east of Lake Okeechobee.

One day, he and a brother were illegally poaching deer and had stopped to rest on a high ridge, deep within an oak hammock. His brother noted a small object protruding from the sandy soil, which seemed out of place. He started digging and soon a long, rusted gun barrel with a flintlock hammer was unearthed from a forgotten time.

Who would bury a flintlock gun in the middle of a swamp? Flintlock guns were used during the Seminole Indian Wars, but saw little usage by the time white settlers started moving into the Glades. Culturally, soldiers that fought during the Seminole Wars and the later Glades Settlers would never have parted with a gun, to appease a fallen comrade or friend traveling into the afterlife.

The flintlock gun more than likely belonged to a deceased male Seminole. Did this gun once spew hot lead at soldiers in blue or feel the cold, death grip of its master's hands, as he too died in Battle of Okeechobee? We will never know the answer, but it is stories like this that makes South Florida History so fascinating.

A re-enactment of the Battle of Okeechobee will be presented Saturday, Feb 6th at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, Feb.7th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park, which is located at 3500 S.E. 38th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida. The GPS location is: 27.211601-80.789530.

Please take the time to see this historical event. The actors dress in authentic looking uniforms, while Seminoles wear in traditional cloths of that time. There will be horse rides, 1800's Medicine show, Living History, Blacksmith, Cracker Cow Camp, Cannon Demonstration, music, food and lots of fun. Admission is five dollars per car.

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Attention all homebuyers

The Glades County Economic Development Council has partnered with the city of Moore Haven, Glades County and the Glades County School Board Housing Committee to host a homebuyer's expo, set for Feb. 4, 2010 from 5 -7 p.m. at the Doyle Conner Bldg. here in Moore Haven. Contractors including Brian Sullivan and Bennie Richmond will attend to promote the new Branch Country-side Estates and Haven Homes subdivisions in Moore Haven, as well as other contractors offering options for build to suit projects for those who already own their land.

Keynote speaker for the housing expo will be Sean Stephens, branch manager of Metroplex Mortgage Services of Tampa, who has been phenomenally successful as-

sisting homebuyers in securing 100 percent financing through USDA and FHA loans. The loans are fixed rate, with no down payment required and his company charges no application fees.

Mr. Stephens will be able to assist prospective buyers interested in taking advantage of the up to \$8,000 first time homebuyer tax credit as well as the \$6,000 tax credit available for repeat buyers.

Glades County SHIP coordinator Erica Villafuerte will also be on hand to explain how prospective homeowners can take advantage of the \$8,000 first time homebuyer tax credit via the SHIP down payment assistance program.

The event is free and open to the public.

Religion briefs

Clewiston

Fish on Fridays

Fish on Fridays will be available at the New Bethel AME Church beginning at 3 p.m. For more information please call 863-6972.

Valentine's Day Fudge For Missions

Calling all chocolate lovers (and those that love them!) First United Methodist Church of Clewiston is hand making chocolate fudge to help support mission outreach. Each block of fudge is one half pound of chocolate delight wrapped in a beautifully decorated Valentine's Day box. Only \$10 per box! Boxes available for pickup starting Wednesday, Feb. 10. Only a limited number are available, so order yours now! 863-983-5269. Delivery available in the Clewiston area for multiple orders.

Evangel Assembly of God

Religious column

A call to prayer!

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist
First Christian Church

The greatest threat to spiritual awakening in America is Christian withdrawal! Though 2 Chronicles 7:14 promises "healing to the land," many of God's people wag their heads in unbelief, questioning whether the land can be healed, or even should be. Twenty-first Century prophets of gloom predict that America is beyond hope, beyond faith, beyond mercy.

The negativism has caused many to turn their backs to the spiritual, social and moral issues facing our nation... to walk away from involvement with a "what can I do about it", attitude.

"After all, isn't this the way it will be in the last days? Isn't this just a sign of the times? Let's eat, drink, and be merry... the Lord is coming soon!" And so the silent Christian majority folds its hands to wait, watching Satan win one victory after another and not even lifting a prayer!

Passive indifference, prayerlessness and resignation to the conditions around us

have allowed the enemy to move freely and without opposition through the media, the university, the legislature.

This was not Christ's plan for us. In Matthew 5:13 He defines our role to be that of "salt in the earth." Meat packed in salt is preserved and the normal process of decay restrained.

In the same way Christians filled with the Holy Spirit and the dynamic of prayer have the power to be that kind of restrainer, holding back corruption, and in turn holding back the judgment of God.

Sodom and Gomorrah had no such restrainers (Genesis 18:22-33). It was not the abundance of sinners that brought final destruction. It was the absence of saints.

Often the cry is heard in America, "Love it or leave it!" Tragically, we as Christians have left it if we have failed it in prayer. We have become salt that has lost it' savor... its influence... its restraining power.

What hope is there for an America whose saints have given up and packed their bags for Heaven? May it never be, "Lord, give us mercy, healing, rebirth in 2010!"

Moore Haven

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.

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Notice of Referendum To be held Tuesday, March 9, 2010 Regarding Hendry County Hospital Authority Limited Ad Valorem Tax Revenue Bonds

The Governing Body (the "Governing Body") of Hendry County Hospital Authority (the "Authority") has determined that it intends to issue Limited Ad Valorem Tax Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds") of the Authority to pay the costs of capital expenditures of the Authority authorized by law. As provided by Resolution No. 009-2009, duly adopted by the Governing Body on October 26, 2009, a bond election shall be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Authority, for their approval or disapproval, the issuance of the Bonds.

If approved, the Bonds shall be issued in one or more series, at one time or from time to time, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$14,000,000. The Bonds shall be payable from ad valorem taxes levied and collected by the Authority on all taxable property in the geographic jurisdiction of the Authority at a rate not to exceed 1 mill. Existing tax rates are not being proposed to be increased as a result of the vote. (i.e. - no increase in current taxes).

The Bonds shall not be issued unless the Bonds shall be approved at the bond election by a majority of the qualified electors of the Authority voting in such election, all in the manner provided in the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida.

The polling places and times shall be the same as in general elections held in Hendry County.

In accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, all qualified electors of the Authority shall be entitled to vote in the Bond election to which this notice pertains.

NOTA de REFERENDUM Para el Martes 9 de Marzo 2010 Con Respecto del Condado de Hendry Autoridad de Hospital Anuncio Limitado de Ingreso de Bonos

El Cuerpo de Gobierno (el "Cuerpo de Gobierno") de el Condado de Hendry Autoridad de Hospital (la "Autoridad") a determinado que su proposito para repartir Anuncio Limitado de Ingreso de Bonos (los "Bonos") de la Autoridad para pagar los desembolsos capitales de autoridad por ley. Como proveer por resolucio #2009-009, debidamente adoptado por el Cuerpo de Gobierno el 26 de Octubre 2009, una eleccion de bonos se llevara a cabo el Martes 9 de Marzo 2010, para el proposito acreditado de electores de la autoridad, para el aprobacion o desaprobacion, para la emision de los Bonos.

En caso que sea de aprobacion los Bonos se repartiran en uno o mas series en una vez o de tiempo a tiempo en la cantidad agrear el principal que no excedese \$14,000,000. Los Bonos de cuentas de pagar por Bonos de ingresos colectados de impuestos por autorizado por la gravable de propiedad en la geografico jurisdiccion que autoriza el porcentaje que no excederse 1 mill. Ingresos en existencia no se propone aumentar en resulta de el voto (i. e. no aumentar en impuestos actuales).

Los Bonos no se repartiran solo que sea aprobado en la eleccion por mayoria por los electores calificados de la autoridad de los votantes en la eleccion, todo en la manera proveer de la ley Constitucion de el Estado de Florida.

Los sitios de votacion y tiempos seran los mismos que la eleccion general de el Condado Hendry.

En acuerdo con la ley Constitucion de el Estado de Florida, todo elector calificado de la Autoridad se le dara derecho para votar en la eleccion de Bono sera la siguiente manera:

La forma de el Boletto en esta eleccion de Bono sera de la siguiente manera:

The form of the ballot in this Bond election shall be as follows:

BALLOT Hendry County Hospital Authority Limited Ad Valorem Tax Revenue Bonds

The Hospital Board proposes to issue bonds for construction of capital projects for multiyear improvements in LaBelle and Clewiston. These projects will include, but not limited to, a new Emergency Room in Clewiston and expanded services in LaBelle. The Authority will retire these bonds from existing revenues without increasing tax millage assessed in Hendry County. No more than (\$14 million) will be borrowed and no more than (1) mill will be reserved for this issue.

May the Hendry County Hospital Authority issue bonds, secured by a levy, at a rate not to exceed one mill, and pledge of ad valorem taxes by the Authority, in the amount not to exceed \$14 million, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum lawful rate, to pay the costs of capital expenditures of the Authority authorized by law.

Condado de Hendry Autoridad de Hospital Anuncio Limitado de Ingreso de Bonos

Los Directores de Hospital propone salida de Bonos para construccion de proyectos de capital para anos de multitudine para mejoramiento en LaBelle y Clewiston. Estos proyectos incluir, pero no limite para, un Nuevo Cuarto de Emergencia en Clewiston y expansion de servicios en LaBelle. La Autoridad le retirara estos Bonos de ingresos en existencia sin creciente de impuesto de millage evaluado en el condado de Hendry. No mas que (14 million) se tomara un prestamo y no mas de (1) mill ingreso de reserve para este punto.

Le permite el Condado de Hendry Autoridad de Hospital repartiran bonos asegurado por una leva, un porcentaje que no excedese un mill, y prenda, de anunico limitado de ingreso por la Autoridad, que no excedese \$14 million, que el interes no excedese el maximo porcentaje por ley para de pagar el costo de desembolsos de capital de autorizacion de Autoridad de ley.

For Bonds/Para Bonos
Against Bonds/En Contra de Bonos

Lucretia A. Strickland
Supervisor of Elections
Hendry County, Florida
F.S. 100.342

Hendry County Hospital Authority

Glades County Youth hold on to positive image

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES COUNTY -- Did you know that most Glades County youth choose not to use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs? Sixty-seven percent of youth in this county choose not to smoke cigarettes. These are statistics based on 2008 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey and 2009 High School Teen Norms Survey. Members of Tobacco Free Partnership learned this at a meeting, Jan. 27.

The partnership is a program with local health department sponsors; and representatives from schools, local government, non profit organizations and the Heartland Educational Consortium. Students from Moore Haven Junior-Senior High School attended the meeting to represent Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), and to report on their experience at a conference, Dec. 8-9.

They stayed at the Lake Placid Conference Center during the Heartland Consortium Youth Leadership Conference with Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD). The SADD Chapter Five covers Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto Counties. John Varady, consortium coordinator,



INI/Nena Bolan
Glades County Tobacco Partnership met Jan. 27 to discuss strategy for discouraging tobacco use by children and teens. SWAT members from Moore Haven Junior-Senior High School who attended the meeting were Jana Clarke, Kiaerra Perkins, Elizabeth Nelson, Elizabeth Johnson, and Patricia Ainsworth.

worked with students.

"They really did a great job," said Mr. Varady.

Moore Haven students who attended the retreat were Linda Cano, Mayte Cisneros, Jada Clarke, Jana Clarke, Japhia Clarke, Jesse Elrod, Whitney McPherson, Kiaerra

Perkins, Ever Velasquez, and Yanesi Velasquez. They came up with a radio skit that will be used as part of school announcements. They learned how to use a positive approach to change social norms through use of the media and communication with the public. Their job will be to introduce

the public, local officials and the media to a positive image of youth, and to ask them to become partners in programs like Glades County Tobacco Free Partnership.

At the December conference in Lake Placid, they learned that most youth live positive lifestyles and do not indulge in violence, and substance abuse. According to John Varady, an outside focus group of unrelated students was asked to visit the youth conference to observe how the SWAT and SADD teens learned and practiced depicting the positive media image. The focus group was pleased and wanted to learn more.

During the Tobacco Free Partnership meeting, Jan. 27, county residents and department representatives also learned how youth are misrepresented in the media and how the tobacco industry has been a commercial influence on American life since the 1870's. More news about the partnership plans for the county will be available in future articles.

The next Tobacco Free Partnership meeting will be Feb. 25 at the Moore Haven High School library at 3 p.m. Call Angelica Pena for more details at 863-946-0707.

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

Governor and Cabinet approve Curry Island state land management agreement

To expand opportunities for recreation, and enhance resource protection, Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Cabinet, sitting as the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, today approved a lease agreement between the state of Florida and the Lake Okeechobee Habitat Alliance, Inc. (LOHA). The agreement, which allows LOHA to manage more than 2,700 acres of state-owned land located at Curry Island in Glades County, is the result of a public/private partnership between the state and LOHA, as well as Glades County and the South Florida Water Management District, who both manage adjacent parcels.

"Today's decision exemplifies the commitment of Governor Crist and the Florida Cabinet to not only protecting Florida's valuable natural lands, but to ensuring they are open and available for the public to experience," said DEP Secretary Michael W. Sole. "This public/private partnership demonstrates a balanced approach to managing land and enhancing recreational opportunities for the public to enjoy."

The lease agreement approved by the Governor and Cabinet today authorizes LOHA to manage and restore the property's natural resources and to create a fish and wildlife habitat area with a variety of natural resource-based recreational uses open to the public, such as fishing, birding, hiking horse-back riding, nature study, primitive camping as well as hunting in controlled areas.

"The area around Curry Island has a long tradition of public hunting," said Jeff Allen of the LOHA Board of Directors. "This lease helps us bring our resources to restoration efforts that aim to improve the conditions for public hunting as well as other types of recreation. We appreciate this chance to partner with the state and look forward

to additional partnering opportunities with Glades County and the South Florida Water Management District."

The Florida National Scenic Trail runs along portions of this property border as well as the adjacent Glades County property. As part of the recreational planning process, the Curry Island Trailhead and Trail Loop are being developed to eventually connect with the Florida National Scenic Trail. This will provide trail users direct access to remote primitive camping, several fishing ponds, and the Historic Parker Place & Youth Camp. DEP's Office of Greenways and Trails recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Transportation for construction of a portion of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail, which will facilitate connectivity to the Curry Island access point.

"We are optimistic about the potential this project has to attract bird hunters and recreation seekers from all around the state to Glades County," said Glades County Commissioner Paul Beck. "These partnerships will help us to create a destination that will not only be a tremendous asset to the local economy but will also help to enhance and restore the beautiful natural habitat on Curry Island."

In addition to offering numerous recreational activities, LOHA will also work closely with the South Florida Water Management District to conduct habitat restoration activities within the leased area. This will include plant sampling and monitoring activities, restoration of native vegetation, exotic species removal and prescribed burning. Any fees received from recreational activities will be utilized for habitat restoration and maintenance of the leased premises. The lease is valid for five years, with one five-year re-

newal option.

For more information about the Florida

Department of Environmental Protection, visit www.dep.state.fl.us.

DEADLINE FOR EXEMPTIONS

Phillip Pelletier, Property Appraiser, says in today's economy every penny counts for all of us. Why not take advantage of your savings between now and March 1, 2010 by coming to the Property Appraiser's Office in the Courthouse, third floor in LaBelle during office hours (8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.) Monday thru Friday **OR** our Clewiston sub-office at 100 E. El Paso same hours/days apply.

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6. Tangible Personal Property Exemption	\$25,000.00
7. Agriculture Classification (Green Belt)	
8. Homestead Portability	

If you have recently purchased your property the previous owners exemptions are NOT transferable. New applications MUST be filed in the event of any changes or deed transfers. This would include changes in Agricultural Classifications also.

You should have received your automatic renewal receipts for Homestead Exemption (white) and Agricultural Classifications (green), if you still qualify keep your receipt do NOT return it to our office.

TO FILE FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION YOU WILL HAVE TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING:

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- Florida Vehicle Registration
- Hendry County Voter Registration OR Recorded Declaration of Domicile
- Social Security Number
- Permanent Resident Card (if not a US citizen)
- Mobile Home Registration or Title in order to purchase the permanent "RP" sticker, if filling on a mobile home.

For those disabled persons that are unable to come to the Courthouse, please call and arrangements will be made for you to file an application for Homestead Exemption or any other exemption.

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Glades schools participate in Heartland Regional Science Fair

Glades County Schools is excited this year to join the Heartland Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The Regional Fair is coordinated through an interagency agreement between the School Districts of DeSoto, Hardee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee counties in the state of Florida.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide science students the opportunity to advance from the local county level to regional, state, and possibly international competition. It is a series of fairs in which a student may participate, each one progressively more competitive.

The school and local fairs are coordinated by the individual school district. Projects receiving a first or second place at the district level qualify to continue on to the regional fair to be held Feb. 17 at the Veterans Building located on the Seminole Tribe of Florida Brighton Reservation.

Glades County had 42 first and second place participants that are now eligible to move on to the regional Science Fair.

Glades County held their District Science Fair on January 26, 2010 with 68 students participating in the Junior Division (grades 6-8) and 18 participants in the Senior Division (grades 9-12). The District Science Fair awards were:

Senior Division

Biological Sciences

Third: McKenzie Green, Kourtney Jimenez.

Second: Hilda Davila, Joshua Osborne.

First: Carly Hessler, Warner Ward.

Physical Sciences

Third: Kevin Longwell, Xavion Scott, Maria Toledo.

Second: Jesse Elrod.

First: Dustin Chapman, Taylor Harris, Matt Lanier, Dustin Thomas.

Junior Division

Behavioral and Social Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Medicine and Health, Microbiology

Second: Elizabeth Johns

First: Thomas Barfield, Zachary Hudson, Amy Perry.

Plant Sciences/Botany

Third: Anageli Acosta, Tamea Allen, Fabian Beltran, Ashley Gregg, Tristan Mudge, Jessi Quinn.

Second: Chloe Ahern, Chase Altman, Briana Banda, Brittney Drayton, Brittany Hamric, Gil Jimenez, Chandler McCormick, Conner Morris, Zach Muniz, Sophie Polhemus, Skylar Pottorf, Caleb Rimes.

First: Cesar Aguilar, Jamie Ferguson, Eli Germain, Caitlin Holt, Zach Phillips, Evalena Sabella, Alexis Timms.

Physical Sciences, Chemistry, Engineering, Physics and Astronomy, Consumer Sciences

Third: Kathleen Barfield, Brianna Carner, Kalgary Johns, Dalton Tevlin.

Second: Erica Arthus, Adrian Hernandez, Lindsey Sampson.

First: Bronson Bass, Boyd Brown, Michael Elrod, Briana Kellogg, Keyana Nelson, Kate Perry, Blake Ridgill.

Special Awards recipients received a gift certification for recognition in the following areas:

Best Food Science Project

Sr. Division: Warner Ward.

Jr. Division: Zach Phillips.

Creative Use of Photography

Sr. Division: Jesse Elrod.

Jr. Division: Skylar Pottorf.

Best Use of Scientific Method

Sr. Division: Joshua Osborne.

Jr. Division: Amy Perry.

Overall Showboard Appearance

Carly Hessler.

Best in Show - Senior Division

Biological: Warner Ward.

Physical: Matt Lannier.

Best in Show - Junior Division

Biological: Caitlin Holt.

Physical: Bronson Bass.

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Submitted photo

Local students participated in the Heartland Regional Science Fair recently. Forty-two Glades County students will move on to participate in the regional science fair held on Feb. 17 at the Veterans Building located on the Seminole Tribe of Florida Brighton Reservation.

Moore Haven Elementary School

Kindergarten

S honor Roll

Collin Ahern, Rober Auler, Ivan Calderon, Sierra Cardona, Nicholas Carr, Zachary Cevallos, Ryan Cowan, Johnny Crawford III, Valdemarr Davis, Audilia Gallo, Steven Jax Garrigus, Sierra Hart, Triana Hawkins, April Horn, William Hunter, Samantha Langdale, Geraldo Lopez, Karla Lopez, Annalisa Martinez, Alexia Meyers, Sean Osborne, Savannah Palmer, Jennifer Peeples-Korinke, Rosmary Rubio, Jeremy Salarzar, Jerry Secudino, Eli Strenth, Alberti Tapia, Tatiana Thompson, William Unland, Austin Villalobos, Anthony Whidden and Bryant Williams.

First-grade

A honor roll

Brooklyn Carner, Julio Escobar, Nykia Franklin, Luis Gomez, Katelyn Hunter, Alexis McCaig, Jorden Perez, Lizbeth Ruiz Luevano, Jakhia Smith, Zorian Tullock, Alexander Walker and Briann Woodham.

A/B honor roll

Katelynn Barnes, Andrew Blackwell,

Anta'Sha Braham, Madelyn Brewer, Justin Connell, Dynia Cooper, Blake Hawkins, Jada Jenkins, L Javia McPherson, Jalee Martinex, Joseph Mellott, Daniela Navarethe, Luis Osorio, Aracely Perez, Brice Prowant, Lizbeth Rico, Tyler Unverferth and Soraya Vilafuerte.

Second-grade

A honor roll

Madison Corwin, Chris Eaton, John Eaton, Rieonna McCaig, Nathanel Rife and A'Trelle Thomas,

A/B honor roll

Mary Brewer, Colton Brown, Stevontae Brown, Taylor Coy, Christopher Davidson, Ja'Heim Davis, Ted Dearstyne, Madison Deaton, Lillianna Dunivent, Karey Estes, Maria Galvan, Kerri Hines, Makkenzie Kellogg, Susan Longwell, Ashley Lopez, Evan Navarro, Fatima Osorio, David Perry, Joe Perry, Zedric Redd, Makayla Strenth, Sakaiya Summers, Destiny Town and Alex Williams.

Third-grade

A honor roll

Destiny Anderson, Alexis Auler, Alissa Haynes, Austin Lee, Cheyenne Osborne, Jacey Ridgdill and Maria Rodas.

A/B honor roll

Fatima Arroyo, Karina Cisneros, Yailyn Cisneros, Monica Deune, Angel Galvez, Stephanie Gamez, Lacy Green, Cassie Hart, Brandi Hellback, Austyn Kellogg, Briana Leavy, Autumn Lee, Sabra Mercer, Sidero Oliveros, Lowell Roberts, Matthey Smith, Benjumin and Johnathon Wright.

Fourth-grade

A honor roll

Rosemary Aragus, Devyn Arnold, Brooks Bass, Nellie Blanco, Gabriella Brown, John Cox, Babi Galdamez, Nathan Harris, Patrick Heflin, Bryan Light, Sidney Platt, Mariela Rubio, Skye Schnleter, Alexis Stoppiellao and Gesselle Velasquez.

A/B honor roll

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ward.

Fifth-grade

A honor roll

Shane Arnold and Jesse Espinosa.

A/B honor roll

Sean Cowen, Shane Cowen, Olivia Everett, Tori Light, Pablo Lopez, Justine Osborne, Destiny Smith, Alexis Troia, Glendy Velasquez and Katherine West.

Sixth-grade

A honor roll

Chloe' Ahern, Brittney Drayton, Alina Flores, Jessica Hendrix, Jacob Jeflin, Monica Leavy, Cesar Salgado, Tevon and Megan Whitehead.

A/B honor roll

Gary Beck, Brianna Carner, Victoria Cisneros, Tonoria Cunningham, Nicholas Dduncanson, Savannah Devine, Jose Garcia, Vekeria Hallback, Preston Haynes, Shyla Hough, Titus Johnson, Kala McIntosh, Cheyenne Naile, Kate Perry, Kelly Rico, Cheyenne Seiler, Dalton Tevlin, Briyelle Themia, Melissa Velasquez and Taysia Wilcox.

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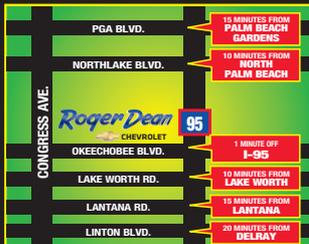
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MHES award

Jim Brickel, Moore Haven Elementary School principal, left, accepts a 2009 Florida School Recognition Award presented by Wayne Aldrich, superintendent, Jan. 14.

MHHS award

Jean Prowant, Moore Haven High School principal, left, accepts the 2009 Florida School Recognition Award from Wayne Aldrich, superintendent, Jan. 14.

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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-000472

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSE P. VELASQUEZ SR A/K/A JOSE P VELASQUEZ, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Jan. 19, 2010 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000472 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 P VELASQUEZ SR A/K/A JOSE P VELASQUEZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSE P VELASQUEZ SR A/K/A JOSE P VELASQUEZ NIKIA LUPE RODRIGUEZ;** 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 11:00AM, on the 17th day of February, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

TRACT 373, THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2001 PIONEER 20TH STREET, 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 January 25, 2010.
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
F09045077

****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.**
344969 CN 02/04,11/10

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
1996 Ford 1FMUJ32X8TU98267
1998 Dodge 2B4FP2535WR73374
1995 Mitsubishi 4A3AK4Y3SE152556
345239 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, CIVIL ACTION Case #: 2009-CA-000211
American General Home Equity, Inc., Plaintiff,
vs. Thomas K. Kohler and Tina R. Kohler, Husband and Wife; Wooley Sheds, Inc.; State of Florida Department of Revenue; Lois Lashway; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 1/14/2010, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000211 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein American General Home Equity, Inc., Plaintiff and Thomas K. Kohler and Tina R. Kohler, Husband and Wife are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOOREHAVEN, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on 2/18/10 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE SOUTH 190 FEET OF LOT 33, OF GLADES LITTLE RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 22, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 AVENUE J, P.O. BOX 100, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471 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 VISUALLY IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8770
DATED AT MOORE HAVEN, Florida, this 15th day of January, 2010.

JOE FLINT
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Glades County, Florida
By: /s/ Jennifer Bevis
Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAWN D. FISHER, LLP
10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy,
Suite 112
Tampa, Florida 33618
09-143544
344177 CN 1/28;2/4/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 162.01, Florida Statutes, as an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, and Polk County, Florida. The regular meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 18, 2010 at the Golden Gate Community Center, Room A/B, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, Florida. The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA. 345288 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2008-CA-0039
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs. **KERRY R. O'SHAUGHNESSEY, et al** Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Dec. 16, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-0039 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,** is the Plaintiff and **KERRY R. O'SHAUGHNESSEY;** are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 25th day of February, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

LOT 10 COUNTRY MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 3 AND 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON SERIAL NUMBER FLA14612520A & FLA 14612520B

A/K/A 10 SEMINOLE AVENUE, 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 15, 2010.
Joe Flint
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jennifer Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F08005635

****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.**
344223 CN 01/28;02/04/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 22 2009 CA 000043
MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff
vs. **JOSEPH C. COPP AND MARY E. COPP AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,** Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on December 16, 2009, in the Circuit Court of Glades County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida described as:

LOT 8, BLOCK 4, LAKEVIEW ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 66-87, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A mobile home with the VIN number VIN N/A sits on the property.

a/k/a 1387 RUGBY CIR. LABELLE, FL 33935 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Nwabufu Umunna, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 3rd day of December, 2009.
JOE FLINT
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Jennifer Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 8639462140, PO BOX 1018, MOORE HAVEN FL, 33471. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System. File #17167

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
344961 CN 2/4,11/10

344178 CN 1/28;2/4/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 09CP41
IN RE: ESTATE OF **DANNY MONROE BACKES,** Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **DANNY MONROE BACKES,** deceased, whose date of death was June 13, 2009 and social security number is 265-17-9192, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 10, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with the court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is January 28th, 2010.

DOREEN BACKES
Personal Representative
1497 Muse Road
LaBelle, Florida 33935
STEVEN J. POLHEMUS, ESQ.
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 2188
LaBelle, Florida 33975
Telephone 863-676-0087
By: Steven J. Polhemus, Esquire
Florida Bar Number 182567
344398 CN 1/28;2/4/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 09-CA-190
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC, Plaintiff,
vs. **ANTONIO DIAZ, et al,** Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RIVER VIEW VILLAGE UNIT ONE HURLED TWO PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
A Florida corporation
Last known address(es): UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 2, BLOCK 50, UNIT 102, PORT LABELLE, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 66-87, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A mobile home with the VIN number VIN N/A sits on the property.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is January 28, 2010.
JOYCE M. McLEOD
Personal Representative
1170 Park Drive
LaBelle, Florida 33935
STEVEN J. POLHEMUS, ESQ.
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 2188
LaBelle, Florida 33975
Telephone 863-675-0087
By: Steven J. Polhemus, Esquire
Florida Bar Number 182567
344454 CN 1/28;2/4/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 10-CP-1
IN RE: ESTATE OF **FRANK HENDERSHOT,** Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **FRANK HENDERSHOT,** deceased, whose date of death was August 13, 2009, and whose social security number is 157-30-8953, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 10, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is January 28, 2010.

Personal Representative:
ELAINE HENDERSHOT
1094 Harper Lane NE
Moore Haven, Florida 34971
Attorney for Personal Representative:
COLIN M. CAMERON
200 N. 4th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-8600
Fla. Bar No. 270441
344763 GCD 1/28;2/4/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 08000148CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF **HELEN CHRISTINE PICKLES,** Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **HELEN CHRISTINE PICKLES,** deceased, whose date of death was MARCH 29, 2008 and social security number is 264-40-3504, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, Labelle, Florida 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is January 28, 2010.

JOYCE M. McLEOD
Personal Representative
1170 Park Drive
LaBelle, Florida 33935
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LaBelle, Florida 33975
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344454 CN 1/28;2/4/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 26-2009-CA-000469
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs. **DAVID A. KARAM, et al,** Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 13, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000469 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein **WELLS FARGO BANK, NA;** is the Plaintiff and **DAVID A. KARAM; ANGELA S. KARAM; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,** 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 11:00AM, on the 17th day of Feb., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 12, BLOCK 2288, OF PORT LABELLE, UNIT 8, SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 131, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 9024 MAYWOOD CIRCLE UNIT 8, PORT 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 Jan. 27, 2010.
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
F09046591

****See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding.**
345383 CN 02/04,11/10

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will hold a workshop/special meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7pm at the CCWCD Conference Room, 475 S. Cabage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and take action on the ATV's use in the reservoir. And any other business that may come before the Board.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT (863)983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED DATE.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
345282 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Ritita Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Ritita Drainage District for the year 2009, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, North US 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 11:00 PM, for the purpose of:

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT
By: Steve Stiles, President
345291 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 18, 2010, for the following Proposals:

E1H86- A Certification of Qualification is not required for base work, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, signing and pavement marking, box culvert replacement and sidewalks on State Road 600 in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$150,343.00

E1I01- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Mowing, Litter Removal and Edging and Sweeping of Water Ponds and Primary Roadways in Charlotte County. Budget Estimate: \$416,236.00

E1I02- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing, Litter Removal and Under Deck Herbicide Application in Desoto County. Budget Estimate: \$312,968.00

E1I03- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing, Litter Removal and Under Deck Herbicide Application in Hardee County. Budget Estimate: \$221,550.00

E1I04- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Highway Lighting Maintenance on the Primary Roadway System in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$40,000.00

E1I05- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Herbicide, Strip Application in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$125,060.00

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/#PLANHOLDERS%20LIST>; or by calling (863) 519-2559.

344280 CB/CN 1/28;2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BOLLES DRAINAGE DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Bolles Drainage District for the calendar year 2010. All regular meetings are scheduled for 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless meeting date conflicts with holiday) at 11:30AM. The Purpose of the meetings is to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

MEETING DATES
Tuesday, Jan 12, 2010
Tuesday, Feb 9, 2010
TUESDAY, FEB 9 2010 - 11:00 am
ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING
Followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday, Mar 9, 2010
Tuesday, Apr 13, 2010
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Tuesday, July 13, 2010
Tuesday, Aug 10, 2010
Tuesday, Sept 14, 2010
Tuesday, Oct 12, 2010
Tuesday, Nov 9, 2010
Tuesday, Dec 14, 2010

By: Ruben Rifa, Chairman
Bolles Drainage District
345294 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID

Wright Construction Group is requesting bids and proposals from subcontractors and suppliers for the construction of the Glades County Health Clinic. This project will be LEED Certified and includes site work, ICF exterior walls, standing seam roof, interior construction for all trades including MEP's and medical equipment installations. The project is located adjacent to the Glades County Jail in Moore Haven, Florida.

Base bids and proposals must be based upon plans and specifications. Alternates and value engineering suggestions will be considered but must be clearly identified. PDF plans on a CD can be obtained at the offices of Wright Construction Group located at 5811 Youngquist Road, Fort Myers, FL 33912, viewed at our on-line plan room at www.wrightco.com, and at other locations by calling (239) 481-5000. Bids and proposals must be submitted on or before February 05, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. to the Wright Construction Group office or by fax at (239) 481-2448. Bids received after 2:00 pm will be considered non-responsive.

344736 GCD 1/28;2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Disstion Island Conservancy District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Disstion Island Conservancy District for the year 2009, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, North US 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 10:00 A.M., for the purpose of:

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
By: Sam Williams, Chairman
February 4, 2010
345290 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utility Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, as amended; Executive Order 11246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, disability or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is L. T. Todd, General Manager and CEO of Glades Electric Cooperative. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utility Services, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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Public Notice

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HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on February 9, 2010, beginning at 4:00 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida to discuss County office space in the Clewiston area and related issues.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman

345123 CB/CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

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SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SFWMD) NOTICE OF INTENDED AGENCY ACTION

The following Petition for Formal Wetland Determination will be considered for approval:

Application 091208-13 (Permit 26-00002-F) Hilliard Brothers of Florida (Hilliard Flaghole Property) 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, FL 33440. The subject property is located on the east side of Flaghole Road south of US 27 in the City of Clewiston, Hendry County. The 6,109 acre parcel is located directly south of the Airlades Airport. There are sixty-four wetlands totaling 331.9 acres scattered throughout the property in small pockets within the agricultural production areas as well through a larger slough system running southeast to northwest through the center of the property.

Any person whose substantial interests will be affected by the District's proposed action on the Petition may request an administrative hearing on the proposed action pursuant to Section 40E-1.511, FAC, by writing to: Environmental Resource Regulation, SFWMD, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680. If no request for an administrative hearing is filed within 21 days from the date of publication, the Executive Director will then take final action on the Petition for the Formal Wetland Determination.

344647 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Disstion Island Conservancy District for the calendar year 2010. All regular meetings are scheduled for 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless meeting date conflicts with holiday) at 11:00AM. The Purpose of the meetings is to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

MEETING DATES
Tuesday, Jan 12, 2010
Tuesday, Feb 9, 2010
TUESDAY, FEB 9 2010 - 10:00 am
ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING
Followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday, Mar 9, 2010
Tuesday, Apr 13, 2010
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Tuesday, July 13, 2010
Tuesday, Aug 10, 2010
Tuesday, Sept 14, 2010
Tuesday, Oct 12, 2010
Tuesday, Nov 9, 2010
Tuesday, Dec 14, 2010

By: Sam Williams, Chairman
Disstion Island Conservancy District
345293 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF BOLLES DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Bolles Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Bolles Drainage District for the year 2009, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, North US 27, Clewiston, Florida, on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 10:30 AM, for the purpose of:

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
By: Jason Langade, President
345292 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

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IMPORTANT NOTICE
GLADES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an Affirmative Action organization and will continue to meet its non-discrimination and affirmative action obligations by insisting that all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and others who do business with the Cooperative also adhere to strict non-discriminatory and affirmative action practices.

Additionally, Glades Electric Cooperative will continue to insist on full compliance of its Affirmative Action Plan in its hiring, promotion and other employment practices. The Cooperative invites and encourages all minority individuals and groups to participate in all its membership activities, to be active in the vending of materials and supplies, and to enter bids on contracts for services needed by the Cooperative.

Any minority individual or minority group interested in participation in any of these activities and needing more information about equal opportunities at the Cooperative, may contact L. T. Todd, General Manager and Affirmative Action Compliance Officer, Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc., by writing to him at Glades Electric Cooperative, P. O. Box 519, Moore Haven, FL 33471; or by calling him at (863) 946-0061.

344982 CGS/CB 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1178	2007	1-15-44-32-A00-0001-0000	Gary Scott Miller/ Pilar Home Developers Inc.

The Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 15, township 44 south, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road over the North 80 feet thereof. Also known as Tracts 3317 thru 3320 and Tracts 3345 thru 3347 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

LESS AND EXCEPT the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 3348 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 THIRD THURSDAY** in the month of **FEBRUARY**, which is the **18TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2010**.

Dated this **30TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2009**.

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

343581 CGS 1/21,28 2/4,11/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Pahokee Water Control District, the annual meeting of the landowners of Pahokee Water Control District for the year 2010, will be held at the office of said District located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of:

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

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
By: /s/ Kenneth McDuffie
President
344852 SUN 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
999	2007	1-13-44-32-A00-0051-0000	Victor L. Robinson

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast 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 5594, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY** in the month of **FEBRUARY**, which is the **18TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2010**.

Dated this **30TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2009**.

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

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Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Hendry County, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this published notice to receive the information regarding the basis for your potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve this matter. Failure to respond may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor, and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Call 863-983-5230 or 863-983-1592.

El Aviso se da por Este Medio:

Este aviso es para usted que su elegibilidad de votar esta en cuestion. Usted tiene que comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones, del condado de Hendry, Florida, antes de 30 dias despues de la fecha de este anuncio publicado para recibir la informacion al respecto de su inelegibilidad potencial y procedimiento de resolver este caso. Si no responde, puede dar lugar a una determinacion dela ineligibilidad por el Supervisor, y su nombre sera quitado del sistema estatal del registro de votantes. telepone 863-983-5230 or 863-983-1592.

Veronica A. Olvera
475 Pine Ave.
LaBelle, FL 33935

Steven White
412 Fraser Ave.
LaBelle, FL 33935

Lucretia A. Strickland
Supervisor of Elections
PO Box 174
LaBelle, FL 33975
Hendry County, Florida
F.S. 98.075

345298 CB/CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Ritita Drainage District for the calendar year 2010. All regular meetings are scheduled for 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless meeting date conflicts with holiday) at 11:45AM. The Purpose of the meetings is to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

MEETING DATES
Tuesday, Jan 12, 2010
Tuesday, Feb 9, 2010
TUESDAY, FEB 9 2010 - 12:00 pm
ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING
Followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday, Mar 9, 2010
Tuesday, Apr 13, 2010
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Tuesday, July 13, 2010
Tuesday, Aug 10, 2010
Tuesday, Sept 14, 2010
Tuesday, Oct 12, 2010
Tuesday, Nov 9, 2010
Tuesday, Dec 14, 2010

By: Steve Stiles, Chairman
Ritita Drainage District
345295 cn 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1251	2007	1-22-44-32-010-0001-0120	Pilar Home Developers Inc

Lot 12, Block 1, 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.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY** in the month of **FEBRUARY**, which is the **18TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010**.

Dated this **30TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2009**.

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

343580 CGS 1/21,28 2/4,11/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1070	2007	1-13-44-32-A00-0257-0000	Gloria M. Martinez-Mendez

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 5435 Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY** in the month of **FEBRUARY**, which is the **18TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010**.

Dated this **30TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2009**.

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

343572 CN 1/21,28;2/4,11/10

Public Notice

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
1277	2007	1-22-44-32-010-0015-0150	Maria Isabel I. Ramirez/ Maria A. Garcia/ H.E. Hill Montura Land & Cattle

Lot 15, Block 15 of Montura Ranch Estates First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37,38,39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY** in the month of **FEBRUARY**, which is the **18TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010**.

Dated this **30TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2009**.

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

343600 CGS 1/21,28 2/4,11/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

South Florida Water Management District
Notice of Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District) gives notice of its Agency Action for Water Use Permit 50-00173-W.

The continuation of an existing use of surface water from the SFWMD Canal (L-12) for agricultural irrigation use serving 9060 acres with an annual allocation of 613.52 million gallons (a maximum monthly allocation of 904.6484 million gallons) pursuant to application 090211-12, for a project known as Boy Farm for the purpose of agricultural irrigation of 9060 acres of sugarcane using a flood/seepage irrigation system. The permit is subject to 18 Limiting Conditions. The Project is located in Palm Beach County in Sections 25, 38 Township 42 South Range 38 East; Sections 6-8, 16-20, 29-32 Township 42 South, Range 39 East; Section 1 Township 43 South, Range 38 East; and Sections 5-7 Township 43 South, Range 39 East located between the SFWMD Canal L-8 and State Highway 700. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest. The permit was issued September 21, 2009 to US Sugar Corporation, 111 Ponce De Leon Ave, Clewiston FL 33440.

The above Permit and Staff Report, 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. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.104 Fla. Admin. Code, 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 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. as provided by Subsection 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 this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. at this time.

345121 CN 2/4/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
939	2007	1-36-43-31-010-000N-0140	Margaret J. Smeed

The Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 14, Block N, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY** in the month of **FEBRUARY**, which is the **18TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010**.

Dated this **30TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2009**.

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

343602 CGS 1/21,28 2/4,11/10

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GRANTING AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 5:05 p.m., Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider an ordinance granting an ad valorem tax exemption to Southeast Renewable Fuels, LLC, entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXATION TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY FOR SOUTHEAST RENEWABLE FUELS, LLC, A NEW BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR A FINDING THAT REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTIMATED REVENUE LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE EXEMPTION GRANTED TO SOUTHEAST RENEWABLE FUELS, LLC; GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION TO SOUTHEAST RENEWABLE FUELS, LLC; PROVIDING FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH THE EXEMPTION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman

345124 CB/CN 2/4/10

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HENDRY COUNTY
JAIL INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES

RFP No. 2010-09

Opening Date and Time: February 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals for medical services to inmates in custody at the Hendry County Jail, LaBelle, Florida. Such services shall be provided at the jail or at the contractor's premises. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by February 24, 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 can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

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

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

Janet B. Taylor, Chair
 Board of County Commissioners
 344751 CB/CN 1/28;2/4/10

Public Notice

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1168	2007	1-14-44-32-A00-0270-0100	Gary Scott Miller/ Pinar Home Developers Inc.

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot No. 2944 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 THIRD THURSDAY** in the month of **FEBRUARY**, which is the **18TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010**.

Dated this **30TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2009**.

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

343601 CGS 1/21,28 2/4,11/10

CITY OF CLEWISTON
PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clewiston City Commission will conduct two **PUBLIC HEARINGS** on February 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon as practical thereafter, in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the adoption of the Ordinance 2010-01 regarding City Code Enforcement regulations and Ordinance 2010-02 regarding expanding CRA Boundaries in the City of Clewiston:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-01
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 26 "CODE ENFORCEMENT" OF THE CLEWISTON CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR ENACTMENT OF A NEW CHAPTER 26 ENTITLED "CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD" OF THE CLEWISTON CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR OFFICERS DESIGNATED; PROVIDING FOR ORGANIZATION; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR CONTENTS OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR REFUSAL TO ACCEPT NOTICE OF VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR CONDUCT OF HEARING; PROVIDING FOR POWERS; PROVIDING FOR DURATION OF LIEN; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FINES, COSTS OF REPAIR, LIENS; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICES; PROVIDING FOR LIEN RESEARCH FEE; PROVIDING FOR REQUEST FOR LIEN REDUCTION; PROVIDING FOR COSTS; PROVIDING FOR DEPOSIT, DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR PROVISIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE BOARDS; ACT SUPPLEMENTAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EXISTING COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND AMENDING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed ordinances is available in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, for the inspection of any interested parties and interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting for public hearings, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Clewiston City Hall is a handicapped accessible facility.

Any questions pertaining to this document should be directed to the Clewiston City Manager, either by phone (863) 983-1484, by fax (863) 983-7222 or U.S. Mail (115 W. Ventura Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440).

Marilyn McCorvey
 City Clerk
 344994 CN 2/4/10

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: R. Scott Cooper DATE: 2/23/10

SUBJECT AREA: 256 Limited Use of Social Security Numbers and Other Identity Information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for use of social security numbers and other identity information.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1012.23 and 119.071 F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1012.23 and 119.071 F.S.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for use of social security numbers and other identity information.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on February 23, 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S. 344988 CN 2/4,11,18; CB 2/18/10

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Operation of City Concession Stands

The City of Clewiston Recreation Department will accept proposals for the operation of Sugarland Sports Complex (SSC) Concession Stand(s) from March 2010 - June 2010. Proposals may be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked, "Concession Stand Bid" to the City Clerk, City of Clewiston, 115 W. Ventura Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440 until 3:00 p.m. on February 25, 2010, at which time proposals will be opened and read aloud. Individuals and/or companies wishing to bid should hold a current State License in Food Management and Food Handling.

The City of Clewiston Recreation Department is interested in a single fee, plus a % of sales to be paid for the right to be the sole vendor of each and/or all of the concession stands located at SSC.

The selected vendor will be responsible for staffing of the concession stand, product ordering and vendor payment, preparation and serving of food items, health and sanitation codes and inspections, and all appropriate operating licenses.

The selected vendor will be expected to open approx. 30 minutes before game time and close at the end of the last scheduled game. The vendor will be expected to facilitate the complete operation of the concession stand on those nights of regularly scheduled league games and make-up games as supplied to them by the Clewiston Recreation Department. The selected vendor and its employees shall not be City of Clewiston employees.

The City of Clewiston reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part, with or without cause, or to accept the proposal that in its judgment best serves the City of Clewiston.

** Please call Lance Ramer at (863) 983-1492 to schedule a time to review the facility.

344943 CN 2/4/10

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**South Florida Water Management District
Notice of Agency Action**

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District) gives notice of its Agency Action for Water Use Permit 26-00034-W pursuant to application 090204-6, for the continuation of an existing use of groundwater from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and surface water from the industrial canal, SFWMD Canal (L-East) and the SFWMD Miami Canal for agricultural irrigation use serving 14620.05 acres of sugar cane using a crown flooding (seepage irrigation system via 9 existing withdrawal facilities). The project is known as US Sugar Corporation - Hendry County Project with an annual allocation of 2152.7 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 2,789.3 million gallons. The permit is subject to 21 Limiting Conditions. The project is located in within Hendry County in S3-10, 23, 26 T44S/R34E; S1,12 T44S/R33E; S36 T43S/R33E; S31-34 T43S/R34E; S3,10,15,22 T46S/R34E; S22,27,34,35 T45S/R34E.

The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest. The permit was issued January 25, 2010 to US Sugar Corporation at 111 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440.

The above Permit and Staff Report, including limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the projects meet SFWMD statutes and rules can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Vegaulla, 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. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.104 Fla. Admin. Code, 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 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. as provided by Subsection 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 this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. at this time. 345120 CN 2/4/10

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1059	2007	1-13-44-32-A00-0232-0000	ELDIS M. VERDAZCO

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest 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 East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract No. 5533, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY** in the month of **FEBRUARY**, which is the **18TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010**.

Dated this **30TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2009**.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1207	2007	1-15-44-32-A00-0147-0000	Carlos Mato

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, 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. 2540 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
824	2007	1-28-43-31-A00-0048-0000	Nawshad Chowdhury

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. ALSO known as Lot 353, PIONEER PLANTATION.

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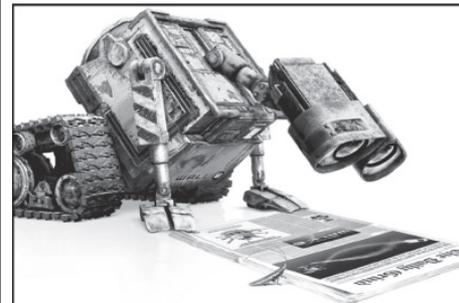
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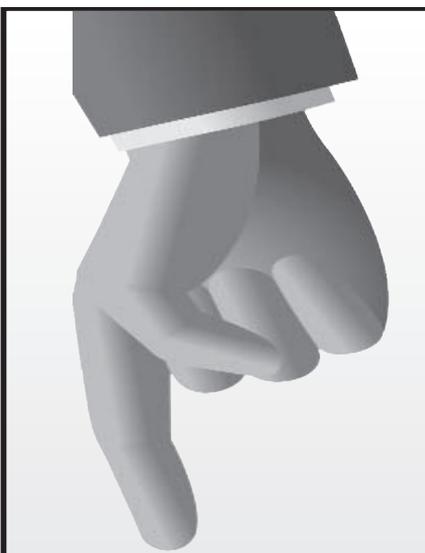


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Religious columns

Communication is Key

By Pastor John Hicks

First United Methodist Church

A lady went to a marriage counselor. She stated, "I want to divorce my husband."

"Do you have any grounds for divorce?" the counselor asked.

"Why, yes. We have almost an acre."

"You don't understand," said the counselor. "What I want to know is if you and your husband have a grudge."

"That we don't have," she said. "But we do have a carport."

The counselor shook his head and said, "I'm sorry, but I still don't see any reason why you should divorce your husband."

"It's just that the man can't carry on an intelligent conversation," she replied.

We laugh, but problems with communication are a part of life. Communication is a tricky thing. Is what we think we are saying really being understood by those we are trying to communicate with? We can't assume what we say will always be understood, even if it seems obvious to us.

In the newspaper column, "Ask Heloise", she once gave a household hint in which she shared that one should put a cup of liquid in the cavity of a turkey when roasting it. Believe it or not, someone wrote her that "the turkey tasted great, but the plastic cup melted." Now she is very careful to say: "POUR a cup of liquid in the cavity of a turkey."

Communication is key, and can make all the difference. Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale survived 2,714 days as a POW in Vietnam. On one occasion, the North Vietnamese handcuffed Stockdale's hands behind his back, locked his legs in heavy irons, and dragged him from his prison cell to sit in an un-shaded courtyard so other prisoners could see what happened to anybody who refused to cooperate.

According to the Navy's official report, Stockdale remained in that position for three days. The guards would not let him sleep, and Stockdale was beaten repeatedly. After one beating, Stockdale heard the sound of a towel snapping. He noticed that the noise was not random.

History has shown that POWs and hostages have been sustained by ingeniously improvised lifelines of communication. In Vietnam, a clever tap code, in which the number of sequence of taps spelled out letters of the alphabet, became the prison-

ers' chief means of communication. What James Stockdale heard sitting out in that prison courtyard that day was a towel snapping out in prison code the letters GBUJS. It was a message he would never forget: "God Bless You Jim Stockdale." He will tell you that it was that simple act of communication that kept him going.

Communication is key, and can make all the difference. In a similar simple act of communication to help us keep going in the midst of what's happening to us, Christ is tapping out an encouraging message. He's saying "God bless you! You can make it!" To those who have ears to hear, let this truth be communicated!

Getting closer to Heaven: Is it learning from others?

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

One of the great stories I heard was about a man from Hawaii. He told how the people there were proud of their pineapples and how important pineapples were to them. When he went to school, he said that they always talked about pineapples. Math was "Two plus two pineapples equal how many pineapples?"

Geography was "The world is round but not perfectly round; something more like a pineapple." Ecology was about using the leftovers to make energy; pineapple-power. Nutrition was about the nourishment offered in fruits and vegetables - like the pineapple, for instance.

Then he said "One day I made a trip to the mainland and found out that the rest of the world didn't run on pineapples!" It's easy to get to thinking our way is the only way. One of my colleagues just spent a year ministering in Italy.

She has talked about it ever since: the music, the customs and traditions that are celebrated, the wonderful food, the ways people greeted each other on the street. She was impressed with a way of life that was different from the one she knew in New York; perhaps with something to offer to others. As I reflected on it, I thought "And they do it all without pineapples!"

We do better at times. We know that the world doesn't run on sugar; (although there may be a day when it will be the basis of a

practical fuel.) We know that have our ways of doing things here at home, thank you, but also must recognize that others have their ways and they are as well-served, too.

Years ago, our Church purchased an old church of another denomination. It was a beautiful building, full of icons and with very few places to sit. I became very curious about how people used to worship in this building. The altar was square and joints were sealed with wax.

I learned that the people believed that icons were two-dimensional while statues were three-dimensional; the commandment said "No graven images" and perhaps statues were less respectful. I learned that the altar was taken from measurements in the Old Testament.

I had stumbled upon a way people had worshipped that served them well and was very well thought-out. Most of all, I found that they had something to say and something to offer by their traditions and practices. I was sorry in a way that they had ceased to be a part of the "religious landscape" in that community; something certainly was lost.

When the Lord said "I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen; I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice and there shall be one flock and one shepherd (John 10:16)."

When that day comes, we will listen seriously to what others have to offer; overcome the pride of thinking we are the best and only ones who are "right", learn from one another, and be a little closer to Heaven!

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NOTICE

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Annual Cane Grinding Festival benefits fire department

The 31st Annual Cane Grinding Festival has music and open pit BBQ

By Nena Bolan

Glades County Democrat

ORTONA -- On Feb. 6, the rural, Glades County community of Ortona will celebrate its 31st Annual Cane Grinding Festival at Larry Luckey's Ortona Indian Mound Park off SR 78 west. The event is the main fund raiser for the local volunteer fire department and their festival booth can always boast about the grand desserts prepared by local ladies.

Tickets can be purchased in advance in Moore Haven at the Glades County courthouse in the county manager's office, or at the economic development office in the old Chamber of Commerce building on Tenth Street. Tickets are also for sale in LaBelle at Whisper Creek RV Park, or in Ortona from the volunteer fire department.

Ortona was founded about 1924 by an Italian immigrant who loved the sandy woodlands along the north side of the Caloosahatchee River. He named it after his birthplace in Italy. Early residents harvested trees, raised hogs and cattle, created citrus groves, caught fish and grew sugarcane for the syrup. The Cane Grinding Festival is held every February, and families of early settlers show the grinding process on vintage equipment. The cane syrup is bottled and sold to



INI/Nena Bolan

Sugarcane grinding is demonstrated every year at the Ortona Cane Grinding Festival. The old fashioned method squeezes green juice out of the stalks and it is cooked into a syrup and bottled. This year's event is Feb. 6.

spectators.

Small farm families used to grow their

own patch of sugar cane. It was a food pantry staple of everyday life. The juice is

squeezed out of the green stalks. The mildly sweet, fresh juice was not refined so it retains many nutrients and can be made into drinks and tonics. Sugarcane harvest usually occurs from October to April. The bulk of the juice was boiled down into cane syrup and bottled. It has various kitchen uses and can be topped on pancakes, biscuits or cornbread.

There are three boating and fishing neighborhoods in Ortona. River Oaks, Turkey Creek and Meadowlark RV Resort have canals with access to the Caloosahatchee River. The navigation lock is a popular snook fishing destination. These neighborhoods are on the north side of the river, and the Corps of Engineers' Ortona Campground is on the south side of the river. The River Forest Yachting Center provides hurricane storage and services for large vessels.

Admission includes a chicken or pork dinner cooked on an open pit. The Bluegrass Stagecoach Band and Country Rhythm Cloggers are the scheduled entertainment. Spectators can browse booths for arts and crafts, non profit group information and raffle drawings.

The Ortona Indian Mound Park can be found along SR 78 west between Moore Haven and LaBelle just west of the cemetery. Early Native American mound builders lived in this area long ago, and remnants of their middens or canoe landings can be seen at the park.

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Boat ramp closed

The boat ramp at First Street near Fishermans Village in Moore Haven is closed due to a construction project on the new marina.

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halfway during an emergency situation. The Moore Haven city manager, Frank Thomas, reminded Rep. Grimsley that the city is small and has limited funds. The storm water projects are key to the redevelopment of downtown Moore Haven. He commented it would be helpful if she could protect Moore Haven from unfunded state mandates. School officials informed Rep. Grimsley that the class size amendment is a dilemma for the school district because there are not enough funds to implement the state amendment. If they are unable to comply with the amendment, the district will lose funding. It is a serious situation for such a small rural district. Rep. Denise Grimsley received a resolu-

tion that was approved by Glades County commissioners on the previous day during a board meeting, Jan. 25. Resolution No. 2010-03 supports the Florida Legislature appropriation for \$1 million for an FDOT Study and Analysis leading to a better decision on the practical siting of the inland port known as South Florida Intermodal Logistics Center (SFILC). Glades County acknowledges the SFILC will have an economic influence over all counties within the region of South West Florida, South Central Florida and South East Florida. SFILC will provide economic diversification and job creation benefits for the entire region, including Lake Okeechobee communities such as Glades County. "We are still working at it," said Denise Grimsley.

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State Representative Denise Grimsley met with Glades County commissioners, Glades County School Board and Moore Haven city council, Jan. 26.

Briefs cont.

Glades Youth Athletics hosts signups

Glades Youth Athletics will be holding sign-ups for tee-ball, baseball and softball on Saturdays, Feb. 6, 13 and 20 at the ball fields on 10th Street, from 9 a.m. til 12 p.m. We will not accept any sign-ups after Feb. 22, please sign your child up on one of these days. The cost for registration is \$35 per child. For more information call Jerri Lynn at 863-227-1201.

31st Annual Cane Grinding Festival

The 31st Annual Cane Grinding Festival will be on Saturday, Feb. 6 under the beautiful oaks at the Larry Luckey Ortona Indian Mound Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entrance west of Ortona Cemetery on State Road 78. Open pit barbecue, 1/2 chicken or pork, baked potato slaw coffee or tea. Entertainment provided will be bluegrass stagecoach band, country rhythm cloggers, arts and crafts, cane grinding and syrup making. Bring a chair, a friend and enjoy the day! Tickets available at the Ortona Store, Glades County Managers Office in the Courthouse, in the City of Moore Haven, Whisper Creek RV Park, EDC Office at the Old Chamber building and the Ortona Volunteer Fire Fighters. If you are interested in securing a \$25 space for sale of arts and crafts, please write or call Teresa Summeralls at 10364 W. SR 78, Moore Haven, Fl 33471 or 863-675-4001.

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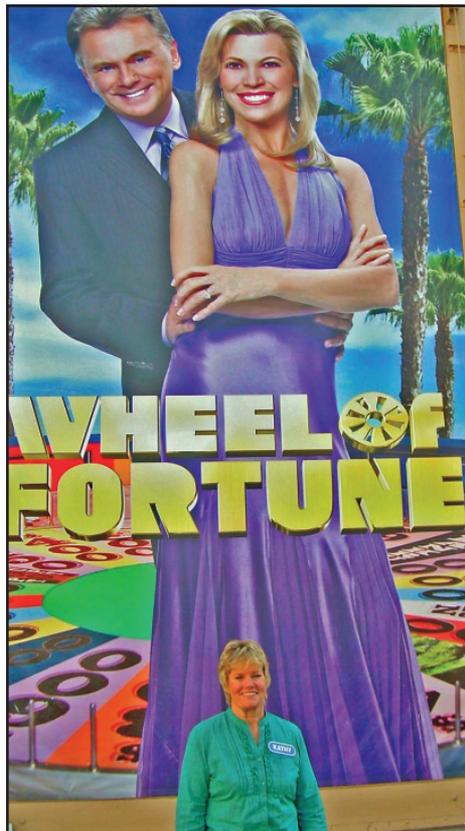
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she just looked like an average person on the street without makeup. However, the next time they saw her she looked very glamorous. Ms. Mathis explained family members or guests were not allowed into the building on taping day until 11 a.m., and they had to stay in the audience section. Contestants were not allowed to look at them, and the family could not look at contestants either for fear of being disqualified. Officials said that it might appear like they could cheat. She explained they all were so nervous it would not be possible to figure out what anyone



submitted
Kathy Mathis, retired Glades County teacher, traveled to Los Angeles so she could compete in a Wheel of Fortune game show.

was trying to tell them anyway. Local TV viewers will not know the results of Kathy Mathis' turn at the wheel until later in February on NBC affiliate WBBH in Fort Myers. Will she spin and win?

"My show airs Feb. 24. Tell all the folks to tune in and scream at me from their couches," she said. *Staff writer Nena Bolan can be reached at nenabolan@yahoo.com*

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