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FAQ: FWC offers tips on living with gators

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission answers frequently asked questions about alligators.

What is considered a "nuisance alligator?"

Generally, alligators may be considered a nuisance when they are at least four feet in length and pose a threat to people or their pets or property. Alligators less than four feet in length are usually not considered a nuisance because they are:

- Naturally fearful of people;
- Not generally capable of eating anything larger than a small turtle -- they eat small fish, frogs, and other small animals;
- Too small to be a threat to even small pets and pose no threat to people;
- Typically not dangerous to people unless someone attempts to handle them;
- Common in Florida and the mere presence of a small alligator is not cause for concern, even when they turn up in places where people may not expect to see them such as drainage ditches.
- However, occasionally alli-

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Gators more active this time of year



INI/Ashley Smith

Recent alligator attacks underscore the importance of being cautious around the large animals.

By Charles M. Murphy
INI Florida

Two alligator attacks reported recently in Glades County illustrate the need to observe safety precautions around alligators.

On June 1, a 50-year-old Loxahatchee man was treated for leg injuries after an alligator attack at Cabbage Woods Ranches in northeast Glades County.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Investigator JW Armstrong said Oscar Sanchez Perez's dog had gone into a pond to swim when the alligator tried to get the dog. Mr. Perez went into the water to save the dog and was bitten above and below the knee.

Mr. Perez was transported by friends to Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee. He was treated and released.

The dog escaped without injury.

According to FWC, they were unable to locate the alligator.

In an unrelated case on May 26, a trapper removed a nearly 10 foot long alligator after it attacked and killed a dog in a canal behind a trailer park at 3178 County Road 721 in Moore Haven.

FWC investigator Scott Van

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Abrasives used in smokeless tobacco

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES -- The Glades County Tobacco Free Partnership held a meeting, June 17. Members learned that smoking is prevalent in Florida and nearly 21 percent of the population smokes cigarettes. This has not changed in the past 10 years. Nearly one out of five adults in Florida smokes. Approximately 28,700 adult Floridians die each year from smok-

ing.

Some of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations that go into effect on June 22 prohibit the sale of cigarette packs with fewer than 20 cigarettes, prohibit the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco in vending machines, self-service displays and prohibits free samples of cigarettes and limits distribution of items such as hats or t-shirts with tobacco brands or logos.

The sale of any tobacco products to people under the age of 18 is prohibited. Any violations can

sical, social and cultural events or any team or entry in those events. Gifts or other items in exchange for tobacco products are not allowed. Audio ads may only use words without music or sound effects. Regulations also do not allow the sale or distribution of items such as hats or t-shirts with tobacco brands or logos.

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Local vet has mobile clinic

Lee Shewmaker has served Glades, Hendry and Collier Counties for nearly 40 years

By Nena Bolan
Glades County Democrat

GLADES HENDRY -- Veterinarian Lee Shewmaker has a mobile vet clinic that has served Clewiston pets for more than a year.

The traveling hospital is custom designed in a motor-home that Doc Shewmaker sets up by the Tractor Supply store in Clewiston off US 27. Pets can be treated Monday through Thursday in the afternoon. A client can make an appointment, or show up and list his name on the sign-in sheet.

The motor home is designed for examinations, testing, medication and veterinarian procedures, if needed. A small surgery room was installed for emergencies. Generally, there are one or two staff members available to help Dr. Shewmaker. Pet owners can sit outside in the shade of the motor home's awning, if they need to wait for their turn. Generators supply the power for inside air conditioning, computers and medical appliances.

Lee Shewmaker studied agriculture at the University of Kentucky, and received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University. He was an intern

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Local Weather

Weather Forecast for Glades County from the National Weather Service.

Moore Haven and surrounding areas:

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 94. Heat index values as high as 104. East wind between 5 and 11 mph.



Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 75. East wind between 5 and 8 mph.



Extended Forecast:

Friday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 93. East wind between 7 and 11 mph.



Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 76. East wind between 5 and 8 mph.



Saturday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92. East wind between 6 and 9 mph.



Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 76. East northeast wind between 5 and 7 mph.



Sunday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92.



Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 76.



Monday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92.



Clubs and organizations

Glades County Gun Club

The Glades County Shooting Club will have a shooting day on Sunday, June 27. The range is located at the Glades County Sheriffs Gun Range at Gun Club Road on SR 78, 4.2 mi NE of US 27. The public is invited. Bring your own firearms and ammo. Legal stuff only. The Range Officer will guide you through procedures, so certain safety procedures will be followed and the shooting will be fun and safe for all. Come and enjoy our Second Amendment right. Find out how good a shot you really are. Learn from others and maybe share your knowledge with them at the same time. The gate will open at 2 p.m. Shooting will begin shortly after till about 4 p.m. Black powder guns are welcome. First half is for handguns and second half is for rifles. For further information call 863-946-2566

tinues its mission to offer free weekly computer classes to citizens of Glades County. Currently, Introduction to PC's is being offered at the Glades County Library on Mondays.

Introduction to PC's allows beginner users a chance for hands-on experience in basic computer hardware, basic Microsoft software and other basic computer concepts.

For schedules and class information, please call the Glades County Library at 863-946-0744.

Free computer classes continue at library

The Heartland Library Cooperative con-

Big Moon Paddle

Join the Outpost staff for our first Big Moon Paddle, Saturday, June 26. Meet up at the campstore by 8:15 p.m. Enjoy an easy paddle down to the Memorial Tree for talk on wildlife and old creek stories around the fire with Allen and "lifetime creek dweller" John. Experience our corner of the glade's incredible "night life" along the primordial creek--just as the natives did hundreds of years before... well almost!

Cost is \$19.95 per person. Includes fire-

General News and Information

Westergaard House available

The Glades County Historical Society announces that the restored 1920's Peter Westergaard House on Avenue L in Moore Haven is available for meetings. Nonprofit organizations can reserve the home for free. Private occasions like baby showers, birthdays and bridal showers require a \$25 clean up fee. To reserve this historic home call Julie Wigton at 863-946-2060.

ing immediately follows the dinner.

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

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

VFW Post #9528

The VFW Post #9528 is located at 2002 S.R. 78 W. in Buckhead Ridge. Post opens at noon, Monday through Sunday.

Special needs shelter

Glades County Emergency Management would like to remind persons who have special needs and will be requiring shelter during an emergency, to contact the Emergency Management office at 863-946-6020 to obtain an application, or you can apply in person at Glades County Courthouse located at 500 Ave J - Room 7, Moore Haven, FL 33471. Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5p.m.

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

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

• Every Thursday is bar bingo at 12:45 p.m. Lunch is available.

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

Free services help elders

Center for Independent Living will be doing outreach on a regular basis at the Moore Haven, Clewiston, and LaBelle sites between

the hours of noon until 2:30 p.m. You can contact Tera or Linda at the Center for Independent Living at 941-766-8333 in Charlotte County to find out the days that they will be available in those areas.

Narcotics Anonymous meets

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

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Religious columns

Lessons from persons with a true vocation: Wisdom

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

When I worked on a boat, there were several essential rules to observe: Buy good parts; you'll be away from the parts store for some time and you need to have the best if things aren't to break down. Do preventive maintenance; you can't afford to have an outboard or generator "gum up" when you are in the middle of nowhere. When you're at the dock, use the time to make any needed repairs or to replace something that may have been neglected for awhile. Paint things before they rust and not afterward.

The people who did such things were true sailors; they got home after every voyage. Some of my ancestors and former in-laws were farmers. They also had similar wisdom. Buy good tools; they'll last a lifetime and take care of them. Buy a bigger pump than the minimum you need; it will run cooler and last longer, and you may need a larger one some day. Fix things right the first time; you won't have to lose time doing the job over again. Change the oil in your machinery; save things that can be reused later, you never know what will come in handy – and when.

They were true farmers; they were successful and helped feed a hungry nation. Biblically, I've read that "No man can serve two masters (Luke 16:13, Matthew 6:24)." It's

about being faithful to your calling without compromise or trying to cut corners when things can come back to bite you. There is a professional ethic that requires us to be 100 percent of what we are called to be; Christian, sailor, farmer, teacher, mechanic, contractor, physician, accountant, clerk, policeman, parent. Chesley Shellenberger was one hundred percent pilot; landing a plane under the most difficult of circumstances and pulling all of the available resources at his command together to save lives.

Captain Richard Phillips of the ship "Alabama Maersk" and the crew of the U.S.S. Bainbridge that rescued him, were all professional sailors when they liberated him from Somali pirates; one hundred percent of what they were called to be. The message to Christians is that you also must be all that you are called to be; and do your best.

Today, we are faced with another maritime crisis; an oil leak that has affected thousands of people. I have listened to attempts to stop or at least control the disaster and to prevent the havoc it is causing to our coasts and the people who live and work there.

My hope is that those who are involved in reaching a solution are one hundred percent committed to resolving the problem. I've noted that different solutions have been tried with limited success to date, and pray that one hundred percent of all of the available resources will be applied to eliminating this national disaster. That is the mark of professionals; persons with a sense of vocation, sense of God's calling to them. That is your calling and mine, and theirs.

Ode to Lucky O Henry

By Pastor John Hicks

First United Methodist Church

Henry was found abandoned at John Stretch Park. He was such a lovable dog that those who found him didn't want to send him to animal control. Enter a search for a home.

Herb had just lost a special friend by the name of Lucky. He wasn't looking for a replacement, but when he met Henry, there was a mutual connection.

I called the dog O. Henry after the author of "The Gift of the Magi." It's a story about a couple who lived very simply, but gave sacrificially to bless the other. The woman cut her beautiful hair and sold it to purchase a chain for her husband's prize watch. The man sold his gold watch to purchase special combs for his wife's beautiful hair. Such was the love shared by Herb and O. Henry.

Herb had a whole in his heart that O. Henry filled. The two were almost inseparable. O. Henry had an immune disorder that required a lot of special care. Both gave sacrificially to bless the other.

Over time, O. Henry's name was changed to Lucky, partly because of his circumstance, partly because of his resemblance to the former Lucky.

Unfortunately, Lucky's condition finally took him down. The loss was painful, but the times of love and companionship left their imprint. Someone once stated that God put dogs on earth to remind us of some im-

portant truths, for on one level dogs seem to do better at displaying Christ-like traits than humans. Think about it. Consistently more humble, more loving, more grateful, more joyful, more kindhearted, and so on. Lucky was such a dog. His life gave his master a new step in his gate and a warm smile in his heart.

What is it about dogs that evokes such a positive response? Whatever it is, we know that dogs demonstrate loyalty and obedience, and offer comfort and a sense of well-being.

The point? Perhaps we should try a little harder to be godly and dogly in our daily lives. Following are several dog-truths that Lucky shared that we might do well to adopt:

1. Greet loved ones with wagging tails (or stump!). Nothing is more important than feeling loved, and there's no creature on the planet that does it better than a dog. The wagging tail affirms that this is where we belong: This is our home, where we live, where we're safe and where we're loved.

2. If someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle gently. We all have bad days. That's why we need encouragement and affirmation. When we are depressed, we know that it takes only a quiet word, a gentle touch to bring us around. Words are not always needed, or even helpful. A gentle nuzzle will do wonders.

May I never let my dog be a better Christian than myself.

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Flavored Tobacco Products - 'What you need to know'

Tobacco companies have long denied they are targeting youth with their flavored tobacco products, but in fact a recent poll by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found that one in five youth between the ages of 12 and 17 had seen flavored tobacco products or ads, while only one in 10 adults reported having seen them.

However, flavored tobacco still comes in a variety of products such as cigars, cigaril-

los and smokeless with flavors like vanilla, orange, chocolate, cherry, coffee and other kids of flavors that make tobacco products especially appealing to kids, and can lead to tobacco addiction. Another way Big Tobacco is targeting youth is through product packaging. Flavored tobacco products tend to resemble candy packaging with bright colors and bold graphics. Hendry County Tobacco-Free Partnership in collaboration

with local Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) chapters will be working toward a voluntary ban on flavored tobacco product sales in Hendry County.

The Student Social Norms Survey, which is taken by Hendry County 7th -12th grades during the fall, show that 84% of our youth are not using cigarettes however; the perception is that ALL youth are smoking. Research has shown that flavored tobacco products

appeal to kids, disguise the bad taste of tobacco, is just as addictive as regular tobacco products, and have the same harmful health effects as regular tobacco products.

For more information on how you can help keep a dangerous product out of the hands of Hendry County youth please contact Valarie James at (863) 673-4041 or attend a monthly Tobacco-Free Partnership meeting.

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Major patient room renovations at Hendry Regional

By Glenda Wilson

It's been long coming, but Hendry Regional is making great strides in renovating its patient rooms.

Beginning with two rooms at a time (to accommodate patient volume), Beatrice Acosta, the Environmental Services Director, has been working diligently to enhance customer service by making room décor, patient safety and comfort a priority. The first two rooms (of twenty two) are almost complete.

The old air-conditioner units that were affixed to the windows have been removed and replaced with air/heat wall units (similar to those in hotels), giving the patient the ability to control their own room temperature.

- A fresh, soft color of paint adorns the walls.

- Sink and vanity areas now have an attractive mahogany look.

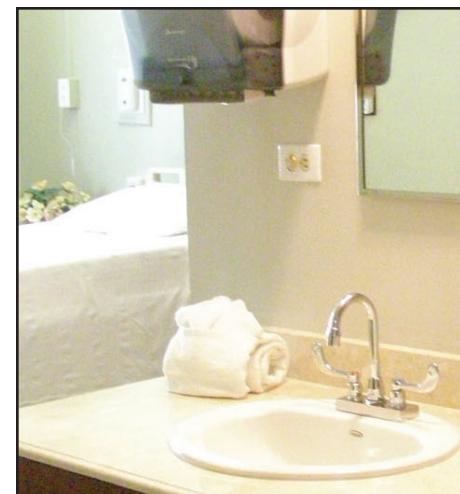
- The door to each room has been sanded and stained a mahogany color to complement the beautiful vanities.

- New and improved lighting is above the hospital beds.

- The lavatories, with new commodes, plumbing fixtures, ceramic tiled walls and floors, and new shower curtains, provide a cleaner and more pleasant atmosphere.

- The floors of the patient rooms will soon have a gorgeous authentic look of wood-like laminate.

"The cost to renovate each room is approximately \$5,000, but it's gratifying to see the finished project, and it's definitely a move towards increased patient satisfaction," says Beatrice.



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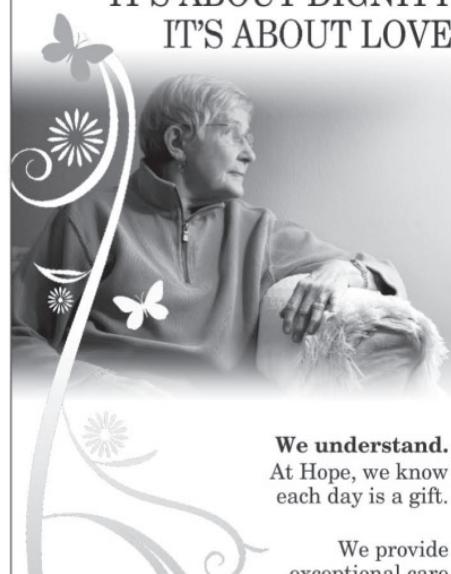
Hendry Regional's commitment to customer service is evidenced by renovations that are being made to patient rooms.

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Sally Schick Cato, 65

OCALA — Sally Schick Cato, age 65, died peacefully at home on Sunday, June 20, 2010 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Born May 19, 1945, to Harry and Opal Schick, Sally grew up in Clewiston, Fla. She attended Averett College and graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in early childhood education. On June 30, 1965, she married the love of her life, Paul Cato. Sally and Paul were childhood sweethearts who shared and expressed their love through 45 years of marriage.

Sally lived and taught school in many different places -- including Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina. Most recently she taught at Hale Academy in Ocala where she is remembered for her excellence in teaching and mentorship. Her passion for education was centered on teaching children to read. Countless children and adults have been touched by her patience, insight and ability to make learning not only fun but a priority.

Sally was dedicated to service and volunteering at her church in the communities in which she lived. She was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA. Over the years she served on nomination committees, worship committees and taught both adult and children Sunday school. At Countryside Presbyterian Church she also led a small covenant group and organized the first Vacation Bible School.

Sally was an inspiration to other cancer patients during her illness. She will be especially remembered for her unwavering faith, quick smile and laughter, her gift of listening and the way she loved her family and friends with a whole heart.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Cato of the home; one son, W. Joe Cato of Raleigh, N.C.; one daughter, Pamelia Cato Hinterlong and husband Jim of Tallahassee, Fla.; one sister, Susan Martinez of Ocala; and two grandchildren, Daniel and Sara.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., today, June 24, at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala, FL 34476. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A reception will be held following the service in Founders Hall at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Marion County or the Countryside Presbyterian Church building fund.

A special thanks to all the medical professionals for their care over the years and the staff and volunteers at Hospice of Marion County for their help and support.

Clewiston Fire Marshall William C. 'Bo' Pelham Jr., 58

CLEWISTON — Clewiston Fire Marshall William C. "Bo" Pelham Jr., age 58, of Clewiston, passed away at 9:10 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010.

Bo, as he was known to all who knew him, was born Aug. 25, 1951, in Pahokee, Florida, the son of William C. "Bill" Pelham Sr. and Florilla Christine Brown Pelham. He married Sandra Rhymes in Clewiston on March 18, 2000, she survives. Bo was a long-time member of the Clewiston Elks Lodge #1853, holding several local offices. He was an exalted leader for the lodge and also served as

a District and State Committee Chairman. Bo joined the Clewiston Fire Department in 1974, working his way up to Fire Marshall in 1983 where he served until his passing. He was a member of the Hendry County Hunting Club and held offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Bo also served as a Hendry County Commissioner for 12 years and was chairman of the board for several years. He also worked as Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Clewiston for many years. Bo was Eastern Hendry County Emergency Management Director. He was a member of Sugarland Lodge #1281 F&AM in Clewiston and the Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Fort Myers. Bo was a member of both the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary and the Hendry County Sheriff Auxiliary.

Bo is survived by his loving wife of ten years, Sandra of Clewiston, his father William C. "Bill" Pelham, Sr. of Clewiston, brothers; Curtis I Pelham, Wilbern R. Pelham, sister; Waynette Harris and one step-daughter, Claudia Perkins, one step granddaughter; Emilee Perkins and many close friends.

Services celebrating Bo's life were held Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the John B. Boy Auditorium in Clewiston where Rev. George Bryant officiated. Members of Clewiston Fire Department were pallbearers. Visitation was held Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at the Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Interment followed in Ridge-lawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Akin-Davis Funeral Home.

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Ruby L. Armstrong, 90

BELLE GLADE — Ruby L. Armstrong, age 90, of Belle Glade passed away June 17, 2010, at Raulerson Hospital.

She was born Jan. 15, 1920, in Lepanto, Ark. She cooked for the American Legion, Elks Club, Golf Club, Bridge Café Dixie Ana all in Belle Glade. She loved her family and dogs and cats; and enjoyed Miami Dolphins football. She attended the Church of God.

Mrs. Armstrong was preceded in death by her husband, Don Laster in 1970; daughter, Betty Fern Aunspaugh; and son, Tony Aunspaugh, Sr. She is survived by her son, Kenneth W. Aunspaugh of Belle Glade; daughter, Glenda Chambers of Okeechobee; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. today, June 24, 2010, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Don Leon officiating.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bassokeechobeefh.com.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 NE 2nd ST, Okeechobee, Fl 34972.



Franco D. Massa, 58

CLEWISTON — Franco D. Massa, age 58, of Clewiston, passed away at home with his family at his side on June 19, 2010, at 12:30 a.m.

Franco was born in Australia on June 2, 1952, the son of the late Auldrico and Nancy Cardenie Massa. He worked for Hilliard Brothers for many years in their Sugar Cane Harvesting Division. He was of the Catholic Faith.

Surviving Franco include his children, Andrew Massa and Amity Massa; and brother, Ivo Massa of Australia.

Memorial Services will be 11 a.m., Thursday, June 24, 2010, in Akin-Davis Funeral Home- Clewiston.



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CCA appoints Warden for Moore Haven Correctional Facility

Experienced CCA leaders named to top posts

CCA has named long-time corrections professionals with the company as wardens of two Florida facilities it will begin managing in coming months.

In April, the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) awarded management contracts to CCA for Moore Haven Correctional Facility in Moore Haven, Fla., located in Glades County, and Graceville Correctional Facility in Graceville, Fla., located in Jackson County. The facilities will officially transition to CCA on Aug. 1 and Sept. 26, respectively.

"We are confident that we have chosen extremely capable and highly respected professionals to lead these facilities," said Rick Seiter, CCA chief corrections officer. "In continuing our 15-year partnership with the State, we look forward to these wardens applying their CCA background and Florida leadership experiences at their new assignments."

Laura E. Bedard has been named warden

of the 985-bed Moore Haven Correctional Facility. She has nearly 30 years of experience in corrections, beginning her career in 1982. Bedard taught in the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida State University from 1989 to 2005, specializing in women and crime, mental health and offender treatment. She earned a Ph.D. in social work from Florida State University in 1998 and served as the state's first female deputy secretary for the Florida Department of Corrections in 2005.

In 2008, Bedard joined CCA as assistant warden of programs at Gadsden Correctional Facility in Quincy, Fla., where she was responsible for education, medical and mental health, food service, chaplaincy services, drug treatment and recreational programming. Bedard has contributed to many publications and books, and has won a range of distinctions from the American Criminal Justice Association and the Florida Department of Corrections, among others.

Jason T. Ellis has been named warden of the 1,884-bed Graceville Correctional Facility in Graceville, Fla., located in Jackson County. With more than 17 years in corrections,

he began in 1993 as a correctional officer at the CCA-managed Metro-Davidson County Detention Facility in Nashville, Tenn., where he also served as assistant shift commander and shift commander. He later served as chief of security at both the formerly CCA-managed Mountain View Correctional Facility in Spruce Pine, NC and the CCA-managed Citrus County Detention Facility in Lecanto, Fla.

Ellis was later promoted to assistant warden at Citrus and also served in that role at CCA's Wilkinson County Correctional Facility in Woodville, Miss. In 2006, he returned to Citrus County Detention Facility as warden. Ellis holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Middle Tennessee State University as well as a number of professional certifications from several departments of corrections and related organizations.

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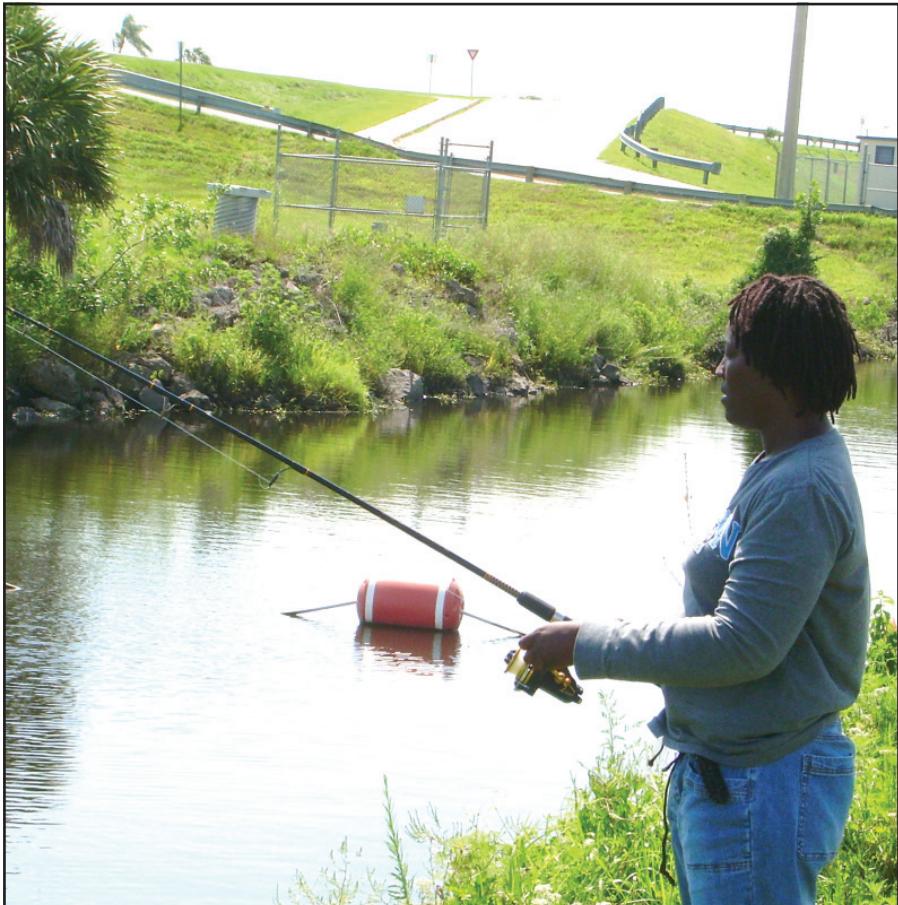
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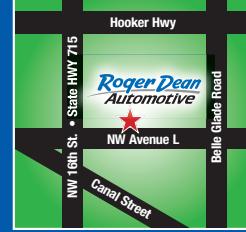


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Tobacco

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be reported to www.fda.gov/tobaccoproducts or email askctp@fda.hhs.gov or phone 877-CTP-1373.

Sarah Litchy, Glades County Health Department tobacco specialist, and Jennifer Robertson attended the Moore Haven city council meeting on June 15th to discuss the possibility of making Moore Haven's parks

Tobacco-Free. There was good discussion with both positive and negative comments. In the end, it was decided that more discussion was needed and Tobacco-Free Parks was put on the agenda for the July 6th, 7 p.m. meeting. Anyone who would like to support this issue is invited to attend the meeting.

Tobacco free partnership members and Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) are concerned that some youth may equate health hazards to cigarette smoking only. According to the Centers for Disease Con-

trol, smokeless tobacco is a health hazard and addictive. It is not a safe alternative. Smokeless tobacco products contain 28 cancer causing substances, and its users are 50 times more likely to get cancer of the cheek and gums. Gum disease, recession of gums and a soft-tissue lesion that consists of a white patch that cannot be scraped off, called leukoplakia, may result from smokeless tobacco use.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, salt products, which can cause high blood pressure problems, are an ingredient

in smokeless tobacco. Nicotine and other chemicals in smokeless tobacco enter the bloodstream through tiny cuts caused by abrasives such as sand and fiberglass.

Quit tobacco phone help is available at 800-QUIT-NOW and 877-U-CAN-NOW. The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) can be reached at 877-819-2357 or at www.ahectobacco.com. For local help call Angelica Pena, Tobacco Cessation Program, at 863-902-3019.

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Gators

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Buren said three children and two dogs were playing in the back yard when the alligator grabbed a dog and took it into the water.

The alligator had apparently caused problems before. Resident Carole Taylor said she had called the State Nuisance Alligator hotline two weeks before this incident and didn't receive a reply.

State authorities said they had no record of any complaints in this area before this incident.

The FWC said alligators are more active this time of year due to the annual mating season. In 2009, the FWC received more than 14,000 nuisance alligator complaints. Alligator trappers were issued nearly 11,000 permits and tags and removed nearly 8,000 nuisance alligators.

State officials said alligators are typically not dangerous to people unless someone attempts to handle them. They note the mere presence of a small alligator is not cause for concern even when they turn up in places as retention ponds and drainage ditches.

Alligators are considered a nuisance when they are at least 4 feet in length and pose a threat to people or their pets or property. Nuisance alligator trappers work under contract with the FWC. The sale of the alligator hide and meat is their primary compensation.

FWC said the state doesn't try to relocate captured nuisance alligators because they often try to return to their former home. That can create problems for people or other alligators. If an alligator does return to the capture site, recapture is likely to be more difficult the second time.

The nuisance hotline is 1-866-FWC Gator or 1-866-392-4286.

According to the FWC, alligators are opportunistic feeders and will eat what is readily available to them. They prefer to go after prey they can overpower easily. Opportunity is the primary factor that causes an alligator to pursue prey.

Most alligators are naturally afraid of humans, but may lose that fear when people feed them. Feeding alligators actually teaches them to associate people with food. For that reason, it is illegal to feed wild alligators.

Alligator bites are most likely to occur in or around water. Although alligators can move quickly on land, they are not well-adapted for capturing prey out of the water. However, they can lunge at prey if within a few feet of the shoreline.

Some bites are the result of accidental

collisions. When a swimmer bumps into an alligator, the reptile may inflict a defensive bite at whatever just bumped into it. This sometimes happens in golf course ponds when people retrieve golf balls.

Alligator bites can result in serious infection—therefore, victims should seek immediate medical attention if bitten.

The FWC allows an annual alligator harvest, which provides commercial and recreational hunting opportunities and assists in helping to achieve population-management objectives. Alligator hides, meat and their parts can be sold from legally harvested and tagged alligators.



INI/Nena Bolan

Grey bird

A fluffed up and content catbird perches close to the ground near the Caloosahatchee River.

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CASE NO. 2009-CA-000859

WACHOOA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, CREDITORS AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST RONNIE WRIGHT A/K/A RONALD WRIGHT A/K/A RONALD LEE WRIGHT, DECEASED, ET AL Defendants.

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Public Notice**Public Notice**

IN THE CIRUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 10-034-CP
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF SARAH J. BURLEY ALSO KNOWN AS SARAH JANE BURLEY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SARAH J. BURLEY also known as SARAH JANE BURLEY, deceased, whose date of death was March 25, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL. 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 or 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 TIME 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 DECEASED'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 17, 2010.

Attorney for Plaintiff:

ALISON C. HUSSEY, ESQ.
Attorney for WENDELL BURLEY
Florida Bar No. 116165

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Public Notice**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 09-648-DR**

Juan Jose' Ibietorremenda Petitioner and Deborah Ibietorremenda Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Deborah Ibietorremenda Address Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Moskowitz, Mandel, Salim & Simowitz, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394 on or before July 24, 2010, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice. In THE CLEWISTON NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

If you fail to file your answer or written defenses, if any, to it, on Moskowitz, Mandel, Salim & Simowitz, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394 on or before July 24, 2010, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice. In THE CLEWISTON NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 6/4/2010.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: R. DeLa Cruz Deputy Clerk

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: B. Rhymers Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 22-2008-CA-000114

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

DIANNE E. PRATT, et al, Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 10, 2010 and entered in Case No. 22-2008-CA-000114 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and DIANNE E. PRATT; et al, are the Defendants;

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate or 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 TIME 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 June 17, 2010.

Attorney for Plaintiff:

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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-000964

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
EARL S. DYESS A/K/A EARL S. DYESS, IV, et al., Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: EARL S. DYESS
A/K/A EARL S. DYESS, IV

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 511 WATER OAK AVENUE, CLEWISTON, FL 33440

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT

KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS;

TENANT #1; TENANT #2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of HENDRY County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in HENDRY County, Florida described as:

THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER, LESS THE SOUTH 25 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES, BEING IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS THE WEST ONE-HALF OF TRACT NO. A-6, LABELLE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

and commonly known as: 2320 Case Road, Labelle, Florida 33935, at public sale on June 30, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 Hickpochee Ave., 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 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Ken Kellum, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe St., Ft. Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239)533-1000, within two working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-87/1.

Dated this June 7, 2010.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

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

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**See Americans with Disabilities Act

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

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Public Notice**Public Notice**

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

**CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 09-001437-CA**

**CALEOOSAHTCHEE RIVER DEVELOPMENT, LLC,
a Florida Limited Liability Company,
Plaintiff,
v.**

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROPERTIES, INC.,
a Florida Corporation
and KEY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Defendant.**

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, I will sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, on the second floor of the Administration Building in front of the office of the Clerk of Court, 25 E. Hickpochee, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on the 16th day of July, 2010, that certain parcel of real property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as follows:

EXHIBIT A**PARCEL 1:**

The West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter, excluding road right-of-way and excluding the North 154 feet thereof, Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

PARCEL 2:

A parcel of land situated in the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 16, and run South 89° 00' 00" East (assumed basis for bearings), along the North line of said West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of County Road S-78; thence South 00° 47' 40" West, along said Easterly right-of-way line, a distance of 2,003.67; thence South 89° 59' 45" East, along the North line of the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 282.70 feet to the Northeast corner of said West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, thence South 00° 48' 07" West, along the East line of said West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 19.88 feet to the point of beginning of the herein described parcel of land; thence continue South 00° 48' 07" West, a distance of 648.02 feet to a point on the South line of said West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16; thence South 89° 59' 36" East, along the South line of said West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 997.84 feet to the Southeast corner of said West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16; thence North 00° 49' 27" East, along the East line of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 648.14 feet; thence North 89° 00' 00" West, parallel to the North line of the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of said Section 16, a distance of 998.09 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 3:

A parcel of land situated in the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 16, and run South 89° 00' 00" East (assumed basis for bearings), along the North line of said West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of County Road S-78; thence South 00° 47' 40" West, along said Easterly right-of-way line, a distance of 1,514.26 feet to the point of beginning of the herein described parcel of land; thence continue South 00° 47' 10" West, along said Easterly right-of-way line, a distance of 489.41 feet; thence South 89° 59' 45" East, along the North line of the West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 282.70 feet to the Northeast corner of said West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16; thence South 00° 48' 07" West, along the East line of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 19.88 feet; thence South 89° 00' 00" East, parallel to the North line of said West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 998.09 feet to a point on the East line of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of said Section 16; thence North 00° 49' 27" East, along the East line of said Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 16, a distance of 509.31 feet; thence North 89° 00' 00" West, parallel to the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of said Section 16, a distance of 1281.05 feet to the point of beginning.

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.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2010.

BARBARA S. BUTLER, CLERK
Circuit Court of Hendry County
By: /s/ S. Miller
Deputy Clerk

C. Richard Mancini, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
Henderson, Franklin, Starnes and Holt, PA
3451 Bonita Bay Boulevard, Suite 206
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Donald R. Bly, Esq.
Gary Dumas, Registered Agent

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Clerk of Court whose office is located at 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33975, and whose telephone number is (863)675-5217.
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**Public Notice****Public Notice****HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT****NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swagerty DATE: 7/13/10

SUBJECT AREA: 411 Adult Program Requirements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for adult program requirements.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51 and 1001.43 F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51 and 1001.43 F.S.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for adult program requirements.

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, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on July 13, 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 15, 2010, for the following Proposals:

E175: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing and Litter Removal in Highlands County. Budget Estimate: \$329,000.00

E176: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Pavement Markings and Signing District Wide. Budget Estimate: \$200,000.00

E178: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Asphalt Repair in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades, & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$500,000.00

E179: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Installation of Truck Lane Restriction Signs on I-75 in Charlotte & Lee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$115,000.00

E180: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Ditch Cleaning and Grading in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$147,040.00

E181: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Driveway and Metered End Repairs in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$140,000.00

E182: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Placement of Soil, Fertilizing, Watering and Hydro seeding application in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$180,000.00

E183: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Furnishing and Installing SC100GN Test Level 3 Hydraulic Cylinder Crash Attenuator or Equivalent in Lee County. Budget Estimate: \$33,140.00

E184: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Pipe & Metered End Replacement in Charlotte, Lee, Glades, & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$254,870.00

E185: A Certification of Qualification is not required for Maintenance of Double Ditch Drainage Systems in Desoto County. Budget Estimate: \$120,000.00

E186: A Certification of Qualification is not required for South Skyway Rest Area Seawall Repair/Rehabilitation in Manatee County. Budget Estimate: \$148,500.00

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict1/PLANTHOLDERS%20LIST/>; or by calling (863) 519-2559.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS**MOWING FOUR CORNERS****BID NUMBER: 2010-25****OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Mowing Four Corners". 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 July 8, 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.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference on Thursday, July 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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.

Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners
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Public Notice**Public Notice****HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS****NOTICE TO BIDDERS**
BID NO. 2010-24

Sealed bids, in triplicate, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until **Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 2:00 PM EDT**, by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, at the Hendry County Complex, Clerk of Circuit Court, Attn: Barbara Butler, C.E. Hall Building, Administrative Wing, 2nd Floor, Room A-226, 50 South Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935; and subsequently opened in a meeting to be held in the Clerk's office and publicly read, for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work connected with a project for the **LaBelle Airport - Grading and Drainage Design for T-Hangar Development Area and Associated Taxiways**.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 2:00 PM EDT** at the Hendry County Engineer's Office, 99 East Cowboy Way, LaBelle, FL 33935.

Bidders are invited to submit bids for this work on the bid forms provided. Other bid or proposal forms will not be accepted.

The complete examination and understanding of the Contract Documents consisting of the project plans and specifications, including all addenda or other revisions, and parts of the proposed work is necessary to properly submit a bid. On or after **June 16, 2010**, Contract Documents consisting of the project plans and specifications and all addenda or other revisions will be available for examination and may be obtained from the office of URS Corporation, 7650 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, Florida, 33607-1462. (Phone: 813-675-6538; contact Kelli Leonard) for the non-refundable amount of \$100.00.

A Bid Bond in the form as bound in the Contract Documents or Certified Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid must accompany each Bid.

Successful Bidder will be required to execute and to provide a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in an amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total value of the Contract awarded to him with a satisfactory surety or sureties for the full and faithful performance of the work.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and 49 CFR, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Programs, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

No bid may be withdrawn after closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in or reject any or all bids and to award or refrain from awarding a Contract for the work. Contractor selection and disqualification criteria are set forth in Hendry County Ordinance No. 2001-08.

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date: June 10, 2010 By: Janet Taylor, Chairwoman
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**EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT that pursuant to applicable laws, a meeting of the landowners of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on **Friday, July 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** in University of Florida/IFAS- Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430, for the following purposes:

1. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine;
2. Election of Supervisor(s);
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Supervisors meeting will commence immediately thereafter and the purpose of this meeting is to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 and to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoeck, at 561-655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.

DATED this Monday, 7th day of June, 2010.

By: Charles F. Schoeck, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
357176 CGS 6/17/24/7/1/10

Public Notice**IN THE CIRUIT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 09 CA 139****SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff vs.**

WILLIAM E. LAWSON, if living and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, beneficiaries, devisees, or other persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against WILLIAM E. LAWSON, and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, as unknown tenant(s) in possession. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Defendant, WILLIAM E. LAWSON, if living and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, beneficiaries, devisees, or other persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against WILLIAM E. LAWSON, and all heirs, successors or assigns of Mr. Lawson:

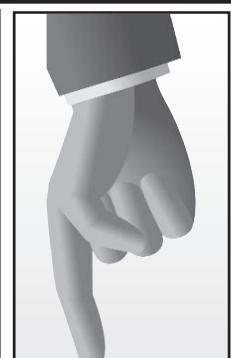
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose the mortgage existing on property which you may have an interest has been filed against you. The real property or its address is commonly known as 23182 Hollywood Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935, and is more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 7 THROUGH 11, LOTS 12 THROUGH 16, THE WEST ONE-HALF OF LOT 6 AND THE WEST ONE-HALF OF LOT 17, ALL IN BLOCK 18 OF CRESCENT PLACE SUBDIVISION NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 2, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH A 1993 PEACHSTATE MOBILE HOME #PSHGAI3148.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Stovash, Cash & Tingley, P.A. c/o Daniel M. Eisell, Esquire, whose address is SunTrust Center, 200 S. Orange Ave., Suite 1220, Orlando, Florida 32801, within thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication, which was on June 10, 2010, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED this 1st day of June, 2010.

CLERK OF THE COURT
/S/ Kimberly L. Clement
357910 GCD 6/24/7/1/10



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Public Notice**Public Notice****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING****OF EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors of the Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District will be held on Friday, July 9, 2010, during the Annual Landowners' Meeting, which begins at 9:00 a.m. in the University of Florida/IFAS - Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33433.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear all objections to the budget as proposed, to make such changes to the proposed budget as the Board of Supervisors deems necessary and to adopt the budget as finally approved by the Board of Supervisors for the District.

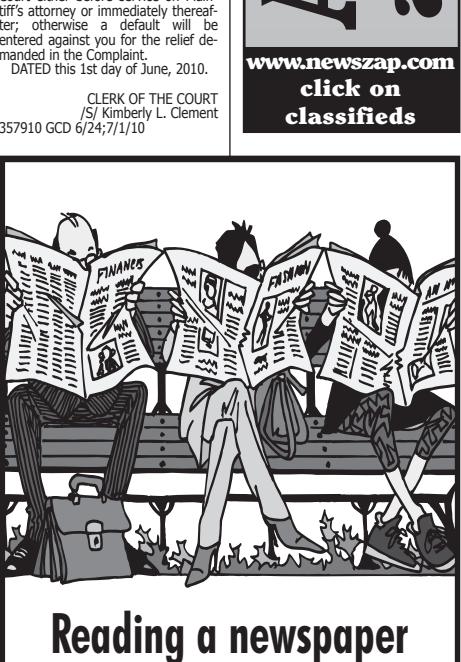
If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoeck, at 561-655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.

DATED this Monday, 7th day of June 2010.

By: Charles F. Schoeck, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
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Public Notice**Public Notice****NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Chapter 77-562 Florida Acts of 1977, The Board of Supervisors of Sugarland Drainage District has caused to be prepared a budget of the cost of maintaining and operating all of the work and improvements of the District for the period beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 31, 2011, and that said budget is on file in the Office of the District, 5500 Flahole Road, Clewiston, Florida.

The Board of Supervisors of Sugarland Drainage District will meet in the Office of the District on JUNE 30, 2010, at 9:45 a.m. for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to said budget.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Sugarland Drainage District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
JOE MARLIN HILLIARD
PRESIDENT
358216 CN 6/24/10

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Chapter 77-562 Florida Acts of 1977, The Board of Supervisors of Flaghole Drainage District has caused to be prepared a budget of the cost of maintaining and operating all of the work and improvements of the District for the period beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 31, 2011, and that said budget is on file in the Office of the District, 5500 Flahole Road, Clewiston, Florida.

The Board of Supervisors of Flaghole Drainage District will meet in the Office of the District on June 30 at 9:15 a.m. for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to said budget.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Flaghole Drainage District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
JOE MARLIN HILLIARD
PRESIDENT
358230 CN 6/24/10

REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 6000000358

Fuel Tank Platforms Central Region, Okeechobee, Glades and Palm Beach Counties, FL

The Procurement Department of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to 2:30 p.m. opening time on **Tuesday, July 20, 2010** for Fuel Tank Platforms Central Region, Okeechobee, Glades and Palm Beach Counties, FL.

An **OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held on **Tuesday, June 29, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m.**, at the Clewiston Field Station, 2425 Hookers Point Road, Clewiston, Florida 33440 for all interested respondents. Visits to selected field sites will immediately follow. Transportation will be the responsibility of interested attendees. Casual attire is recommended for the site visits.

All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov; (3) by calling (561) 682-6391; or (4) by calling the 24-hour **BID HOTLINE (800) 472-5290**. The public is invited to attend the bid opening. Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our web site - www.sfwmd.gov.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Chapter 77-562 Florida Acts of 1977, The Board of Supervisors of Hendry Hilliard Water Control District has caused to be prepared a budget of the cost of maintaining and operating all of the work and improvements of the District for the period beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011, and that said budget is on file in the Office of the District, 5500 Flahole Road, Clewiston, Florida.

The Board of Supervisors of Hendry Hilliard Water Control District will meet in the Office of the District on June 30, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to said budget.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry Hilliard Water Control District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HENDRY HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
JOE MARLIN HILLIARD
PRESIDENT
358211 CN 6/24/10

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law mandatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District, for the year 2010, will be held at the office of Hilliard Brothers of Florida, Ltd., 5500 Flahole Road, Clewiston, Florida on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 9:00 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.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, he 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 Supervisors
Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District

By: Joe Marlin Hilliard
President
358204 CN 6/24/10

Public Notice**Public Notice****NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**

Heath F. Billie, 33832 N Horseshoe LP, Clewiston, FL
Caridad Fernandez, HC 61 Box 683, Clewiston, FL
Katrina Silva, P O Box 1723, Clewiston, FL
Kenneth W. Stevens, 2312 US 27 Hwy W, Clewiston, FL
Eulalio Valdez, III, 600 Twin Lakes Dr, Lot 6B, Clewiston, FL

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 ineligibilidad potencial y procedimiento de resolver este caso. Si no responde, puede dar lugar a una determinacion de la ineligibilidad por el Supervisor, y su nombre sera quitado del sistema estatal del registro de votantes. telefono 863-983-5230 o 863-983-1592.

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES FOR
HENDRY COUNTY JAIL INMATES
RFP NUMBER: 2010-22

OPENING DATE AND TIME: **July 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Pharmaceutical Services for Hendry County Jail Inmates". In order to be considered, proposals 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 July 15, 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 RFP 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 RFP, 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 RFP, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

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**Vet**

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at Kentucky Equine Practice and gained livestock experience at two Oklahoma facilities. Later, Doc took more classes and acquired chiropractic techniques.

He settled in LaBelle in 1971 and opened his doors for small and large animals at Shewmaker Animal Hospital. He also operates the Immokalee Animal Clinic in Collier County. Doc works with large and small animals throughout Collier, Glades and Hendry Counties.

LaBelle residents can take their animals to the main clinic at 1566 North Bridge Street where the Shewmakers also have Doc's Feed Store and a gift shop, Casa De Vaqueros. Office hours in LaBelle are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Collier County residents can take their pets to the Immokalee Animal Clinic at 1400 Roberts Avenue. The office hours in Immokalee are Monday through Saturday



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Shirley Walker, vet assistant, works with a senior dog at the Clewiston mobile vet clinic located at the Tractor Supply store in the afternoons from Monday through Thursday. Veterinarian, Lee Shewmaker, in the background, has treated large and small animals for nearly 40 years in Hendry, Glades and Collier Counties.



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The Clewiston mobile vet clinic is operated by veterinarian, Lee Shewmaker, of LaBelle Animal Hospital. The custom designed motor home is parked at the Tractor Supply store in the afternoons, Monday through Thursday.

from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Clewiston pet owners can go to the mobile vet clinic outside Tractor Supply on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Wednesday the hours are from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Glades County residents can choose to take pets to the LaBelle office or the Clewiston mobile vet clinic.

A long-time vet assistant, Shirley Walker, has worked for the clinic off and on for nearly 20 years. She can handle animals, operate the computer and schedule appointments. Ms. Walker mentioned the veterinarian services also offer laser surgery, dentistry, chiropractics, boarding and grooming, special feeds and emergency treatment.

Doc cautions animal owners to avoid leaving pets outdoors in the summer heat and to never leave them inside a vehicle.

"It will kill them. Dogs can easily get heat stroke," he said.

The main number for LaBelle Animal Hospital and Clewiston mobile vet clinic is 863-675-2441.

Staff writer Nena Bolan can be reached at nena-abolan@yahoo.com

FAQ

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gators less than four feet in length are legitimate problems and must be addressed. Call the Nuisance Alligator Hotline if an alligator less than four feet in length:

- Approaches people;
- Does not retreat if approached; or
- Is in a location that is not natural (such as a swimming pool).

If you have a nuisance alligator call the Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 1-866-FWC-GATOR (1-866-392-4286).

What happens to alligators when they are removed by trappers?

When a nuisance alligator trapper removes an alligator, it becomes the property of the trapper. In most cases, the alligator is skinned and processed for its hide and meat. Occasionally, a nuisance alligator is sold alive to an alligator farm, animal exhibit or zoo. Nuisance alligator trappers work under contract with the FWC; they are not state employees. The sale of the alligator hide and meat is their primary compensation. This system results in tremendous savings to Florida's taxpayers.

Why doesn't the FWC relocate nuisance alligators?

Florida has a healthy and stable alligator population. We have about 1.25 million alligators in Florida. Alligators live in all 67 counties, and they inhabit all wild areas of Florida that can support them. The removal of nuisance alligators does not have a significant impact on our state's alligator population. Relocated alligators often try to return to their capture site. They can create problems for people or other alligators along the way. If an alligator successfully returns, capturing it again would be necessary and likely more difficult the second time.

To avoid creating a problem at the release site, nuisance alligators would need to be relocated to remote areas where they would not encounter people. These remote areas already have healthy alligator populations, and the ones that already live there have established social structures. The introduction of a new alligator to these areas would likely cause fighting, possibly resulting in the death of a resident alligator or the introduced alligator.

Is the American alligator an endangered species?

Historically, alligators were depleted from many parts of their range as a result of market hunting, poaching, and loss of habitat. In 1967, the alligator was listed as an endangered species (under a law that preceded the Endangered Species Act of 1973), meaning it was considered in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. The Endangered Species Act prohibited alligator hunting, allowing the species to rebound in numbers in many areas where it had been depleted. Alligators were down listed from endangered to threatened in 1977, and, in 1987, the American alligator was reclassified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as similarly of appearance to a threatened taxon. This designation does not imply that alligator populations are threat-



ened; its purpose is to provide safeguards to protected crocodilians, such as the American crocodile and the black caiman (which occurs in South America), by regulating the management of alligators and the legal trade in alligator products.

What was the largest alligator ever recorded in Florida?

Female alligators rarely exceed 9 feet in length, but males can grow much larger. The Florida state record for length is a 14 foot 5/8 inch male from Lake Monroe in Seminole County. The Florida record for weight is a 1,043 pound (13 feet 10 1/2 inches long) male from Orange Lake in Alachua County.

How many alligators are in Florida?

Counting animals in the wild is one of the most challenging tasks for wildlife scientists. To attempt to census all of the alligators in Florida would be difficult, time-consuming, and expensive. We can, however, estimate Florida's alligator population by determining the amount of suitable habitat and the average density of alligators in that habitat. The area of habitat can be estimated using geographic information systems, and alligator densities are derived from alligator surveys conducted by FWC staff. Based on this information, we believe there are approximately 1.25 million wild alligators in Florida.

Can I use a fence to keep alligators off my property?

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recommends using a standard 4 foot high fence, of either field wire or chain link, with the bottom buried approximately 6 inches in the ground. It's important that alligators are prevented from crawling under the fence at low areas. You may also want to angle the top of the fence in the direction of where an alligator might approach. If you use standard pipe fence-posts, this can be accomplished by mounting angled barb-wire arms on the posts, and attaching wire mesh or chain link to the arms. A fence may help to deter an alligator from entering your yard, but you should never assume that any fence will always stop an alligator. Alligators hunt in water, or at the water's edge. A fence that keeps children and pets away from the water's edge is more important than trying to keep alligators out of your yard.

How fast can an alligator run?

We know of no one who has measured the ground speed of alligators. Actually, there is little reason, in regards to advancing the basic knowledge of alligators for population management, to research this topic. Alliga-

tors are aquatic animals; they hunt and capture prey that is in or immediately adjacent to water. Alligators and other crocodilians will go on land to feed on dead animal carcasses, and they may attempt to prey upon confined or tethered animals. Although alligators are capable of running, they use this gait to flee threatening situations. There is no documented evidence of alligators running after human beings. Also, there is no basis to the myth that you should run in zig-zag patterns to avoid a charging alligator. If you do find yourself in the extremely unlikely position of avoiding a lunging alligator, you should run in a straight line away from the alligator and its habitat, which is where the alligator will most likely retreat to.

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