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The Moore Haven Terriers secured their third straight win last Thursday against Community School of Naples by the score of 31 - 21. For more photos, turn to page 12.

## Last Grocery Store Leaves Moore Haven

U-Save closes doors,  
leaders plan for the future

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA  
Glades County Democrat

The last of the grocery stores in Moore Haven went out of business last week. The change is a devastating one, local officials and leaders aced. Without any other grocery store in the immediate area, residents will be forced to make the trek to the communities of Clewiston, LaBelle, or

Okeechobee to buy the essential items they need from week to week.

For some people, this might be near impossible.

"A lot of people don't have a way to travel," said John Ahern. "They either used to walk to the store or ride in a golf cart. Some of them rode motorized wheelchairs."

Such was the way of life for many people who relied on the Moore Haven U-Save for many decades as their primary grocer. Located on the main drag of the city, there weren't too many who couldn't walk if they decided to and reach

the store in fairly quickly.

Some might have been in shock, though Mr. Ahern, Moore Haven City Councilman and a director with the Glades County Economic Development Council (EDC), saw the writing on the wall a long time ago.

"I went by the store several times a day. There really wasn't the number of vehicles in the parking lot that there was. You could see it was coming," said Mr. Ahern. "The business had gone downhill."

It is a unique time in the city's history, offered the leaders.

A grocery store has existed in one form or another as far back as the 1920s, and during its heyday in the 1960s and 1970s, Moore Haven was home to several grocery stores competing for the business of residents.

"Sometimes we had three or four grocery stores," remembered Mr. Ahern. "But the times changed and the small, family-owned store was hard to operate."

Never has that been truer than the last few

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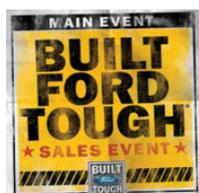
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## GLADES AT A GLANCE

### The Muse Community Association

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Muse Community Association on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. There will be no jam session on Oct. 22. All of the events are open to the public. All of the events will held at the Muse Community Center Building on Loblolly Bay Road (Hwy. 720).

For more information, please call 863-674-0467.

### Successful Small Business

Join the Small Business Administration, the Small Business Development Center and the Glades County Economic Development Council for the "Successful Small Business" workshop on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Moore Haven Library. For more information or to register, call 239-745-3700.

### Horsemanship 101

Horsemanship 101 on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn the basics of horse anatomy, veterinarian care, horseshoeing, and grooming. Ages 6 to 17, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to RSVP, please call 863-467-6039.

### Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be at the Maple Grove Baptist Church harvest festival on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be games, food, prizes, candy and fun for all. Come out and enjoy the evening.

### Fraternal Order of Eagles #4523

Fraternal Order of Eagles #4523 of Moore Haven (101 Avenue J) would like to share their activities with members and friends.

- Steak Dinners on Friday's from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Breakfast the first and third Sunday mornings from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### Meetings are as follows:

- Men Aerie - second and fourth Thursday's at 7 p.m.
- Lady Auxiliary - first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Eagles are hometown builders who support our police, firefighters, and others who protect and serve.

### Quit Smoking Now Class Available

A new Quit Smoking Now class will start at the Moore Haven Public Library on Nov. 1. It is a one-hour class, once a week, for six weeks. The class is from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) is available. Please contact Angelica Pena at The Hendry Regional Medical Center to register. For more information, please call 863-902-3019.

### Bear-Awareness Video for FWC Contest

High school students interested in conserving the Florida black bear and raising public awareness about bears are invited to create a one-minute video. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is extending the deadline in its 2011 Florida black bear public service announcement (PSA) contest. Launched in May, the FWC-sponsored contest now has a deadline of Nov. 18. High school students participating in the contest will use their creativity to inform Floridians about black bears, so people can live without human-bear conflicts in their communities. The winners' videos will be posted online at [www.MyFWC.com](http://www.MyFWC.com) and [www.YouTube.com/MyFWCvideos](http://www.YouTube.com/MyFWCvideos).

For more information, e-mail [BearContest@MyFWC.com](mailto:BearContest@MyFWC.com) or visit [www.MyFWC.com/Bear](http://www.MyFWC.com/Bear).

### Time to Register for Art in the Park

Area artists and craftsmen are cordially invited to exhibit and sell their work at "Art in the Park" in Moore Haven on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The purpose of the event, now in its seventh year, is to bring artists and the public together for their mutual benefit, in a pleasing setting where people can relax and linger.

The venue is the Glades County Public Library and adjacent park across the street from the Caloosahatchee River in Moore Haven's Historic District. Painters, sculptors, potters, photographers, and hand-crafters are encouraged to reserve their place now. Non-juried and free for artists and public. Parking is free and convenient. Exhibitors are responsible for their own setups.

The event is sponsored by the Glades County Public Library and its advisory board. The library's address is 201 Riverside Drive.

For more information and to reserve a place, call Mary Booher, Director of Libraries, at 863-946-0744.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### West Glades School

West Glades School teachers will be working at the LaBelle McDonald's on Monday, Oct. 24, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. to raise money for the Science Fair. Come lend your support.

### Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

On Oct. 20, the Glades County Tobacco-Free Partnership will be meeting at 3 p.m., at the Moore Haven High School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Litchy by email at [sarah\\_litchy@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:sarah_litchy@doh.state.fl.us) or by phone at 863-946-0707 ext. 404.

### Annual Yearly Progress

GCSD and MHES announce the release of Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) and school grade reports. MHES and WGS earned a letter grade of A from the Florida Department of Education and did not meet AYP.

As required under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, the District has sent home letters explaining what AYP is, how it is achieved,

and what we are doing to improve student achievement.

Additionally, parents received information informing them Florida Virtual School is the school of Choice for both MHES and WGS.

### Moore Haven High School

We are starting a community choir which will meet every Thursday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. The first rehearsal will be Oct. 20.

Anyone from 6th grade to adult are invited to attend.

This choir will be performing on the holiday concert with MHHS students to be held in December before the students go on Christmas break. If you don't think that you have a great voice don't panic, there is strength in numbers.

We have a lot of great music for this group and it should be an enjoyable time to those who participate. If you have never heard of the a cappella group "Straight No Chaser" you need to check them out on Youtube. We are doing two of their songs "Hark The Herald" and "Indiana Christmas".

If you are interested, please contact Bryan Browning at 863-946-0801 or [bryan.browning@gladesschools.org](mailto:bryan.browning@gladesschools.org).

## LAKEPORT NEWS

- Lakeport Gators meets every Friday from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to come out and take part in the crafts, food and games. For more information, call Brenda at 863-532-8314.

- Lakeport Community Center Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call George at 863-946-1222.

- Lakeport Community Center Yoga classes every Monday and Friday at 12:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Dori at 863-227-1074.

- Lakeport Gators Kid's and Teen's are asking for donations of food, craft materials and other items to help with our weekly activities. For more information or to donate, call Brenda at 863-532-8314.

- Lakeport Community Halloween Family Carnival on Friday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. at the Lakeport Community Center. There will be food, costume parade, and all children will receive a treat bag to take home.

We are in need of donations of prizes, candy, paper products, campfire marshmallows, chocolate chip cookies, sprinkles and money. If you would like to contribute, please call Brenda at 863-532-8314.

- Lakeport Gators Kids are proud to be hosting "Angel Tree" for local residents of Lakeport during the holiday season.

If you need assistance this year to help your child/children to have gifts at Christmas, please contact Brenda for an application.

All information is kept confidential. Applications will be available until Nov. 11. They will also be collecting food items for local residents.



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# Inland Birdwatching Fun: Turkey Vulture

BY MARGARET ENGLAND  
Hendry-Glades Audubon

No matter how many common names a bird species may have, it has only one scientific name. To download the 2011 updated list of the common names for Florida's 512 verified species and the official rules for "Wings Over Florida" certificate awards, go to the "Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail" web site at [www.floridabirdingtrail.com](http://www.floridabirdingtrail.com). Click "Birding Resources," then "Checklist of Florida Birds."

The list includes the common names for 495 native Florida birds and accidentals, 13 established non-native and four native species that are now considered extinct in Florida. You can apply for full-color certificates that are awarded at five levels starting at a life list of 50 Florida species (Beginner) and ending at 350 species (Elite Florida Birder).

Recently the common name of the Common Moorhen was changed to the Common Gallinule. Some changes in the past included the Sparrow Hawk being changed to the American Kestrel and Louisiana Heron becoming the Tricolored Heron. The Turkey Vulture is known in some North American regions as the Turkey Buzzard or just Buzzard.

The Turkey Vulture is a very large dark bird that appears black from a distance, but up close it is dark brown with a featherless red head and pale sharply hooked bill. They have long, broad wings with long "fingers" at their wingtips and a long tail that extends past its toe tips while in flight. When soaring slightly raised wings form a "V" when seen head-on.

This common bird which is found year-round throughout Florida has keen vision and sense of smell. It is a scavenger that feeds on carrion found on roadways, pastures, near bodies of water or dumps. They will eat vinyl material and decaying matter that is the breeding ground for disease. Turkey Vultures lack vocal cords, but will hiss when irritated or give a low nasal whine while in flight.

Their nesting habitat is chiefly dense stands of saw palmetto. A nest isn't built for the one to three eggs that the female lays on bare ground annually from February to May. Incubation takes 38 to 41 days with the young fledging at about two months of age.

If you would like to participate in upcoming bird trips to STA5 or receive the October - December 2011 Hendry-Glades Audubon digital newsletter, e-mail Margaret England [sta5birding@embarqmail.com](mailto:sta5birding@embarqmail.com) or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. The schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs is available on the HGAS website at [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org)



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## Turkey Vulture.

New and current Hendry-Glades Audubon Society "Facebook Friends" will be entered in a monthly drawing for a "Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America" during October, November and December 2011. "Like" the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society Facebook to enter the next drawing and to find out who is October's winner.

# W. Roy Wilkes



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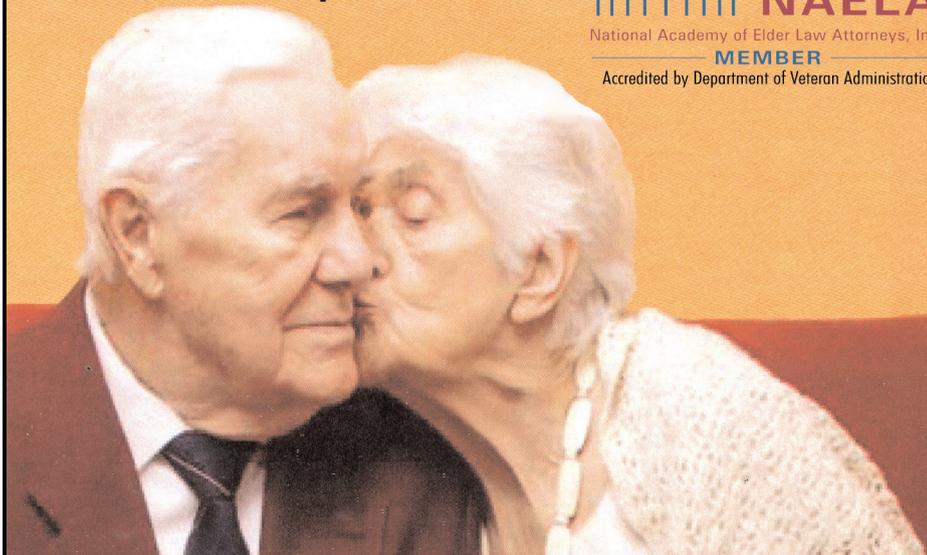
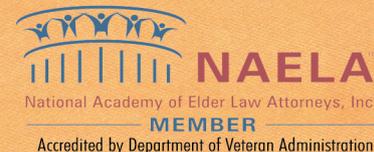
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Pickup for Yard Waste will be collected in these areas:

Area	Collection Dates
Port LaBelle Area	October 24
LaBelle Rural Area	October 25
Clewiston –Harlem Area	October 26
Clewiston-Hookers Point Area	October 27
Clewiston Rural Areas (Flaghole, Pioneer, Montura, LaDeca)	October 28

**This cleanup is for a ONE TIME PASS THROUGH in each area. Yard Waste must be placed at your curb by 6 am on the day of your areas' collection. Any yard waste found to be placed after the pass through will be subject to the guidelines set forth in the Hendry County Code of Ordinances.**

Pickup Requirements for this one-time event are as follows:

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- Limbs and branches are not to exceed 4 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter
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### Ellen Peterson, 87

ESTERO — Ellen Peterson nee Salisbury, 87, of Estero, passed away on Oct. 14, 2011.

She was born in North Carolina on Dec. 5, 1923. She is survived by a niece, Rhonda Romano (Thomas) of St. Petersburg; a nephew, James Davis (Barb) of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and grandnieces, Megan and Michelle.

She was predeceased by a sister, Mary Alice Davis.

She graduated from the University of Georgia in 1945 with a degree in Chemistry and she received her Masters in counseling in 1963 from Appalachia State. She came to Southwest Florida shortly afterwards, and served as the Director of the Counseling Center at Edison College for many years. She also became a fierce advocate for our wildlife and wild places.

Ellen was a warrior when it came to the environment. She cared deeply and devoted her life to saving the planet and protecting Mother Earth. She served on many boards and advisory committees such as the Agency for Bay Management, the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Save Our Creeks, the Responsible Growth Management Coalition, The Everglades Committee, the Environmental Peace and Education Center and the Sierra Club's Calusa Group. Ellen founded the Calusa group over 30 years ago and remained the chairperson until her death.

The Agency for Bay Management was formed as a result of a lawsuit about where FGCU would be built; Ellen was the only member who refused to sign off on the settlement agreement.

Ellen spoke at countless county commission hearings, and her presence was powerful, always intelligently informed, and unrelenting. She was responsible for saving one of the most beautiful places in all of Southwest Florida, Fisheating Creek. At a Water Management District annual meeting, after a video about the creek and Ellen's speech, there was not a dry eye in the audience.

Ellen fought to save the Florida panther, heritage trees, and many other listed and endangered species. She succeeded in obtaining outstanding Florida waterways designations for many of our local rivers and streams, providing them higher levels of protection. With the help of several environmental groups, Ellen fought and won the battle to stop a coal-fired power plant from going into Glades County.

She protested and picketed against nuclear plants and was arrested for civil disobedience. She created a presentation to save the Imperial River and was successful in preventing the Water Management District from eliminating the oxbows, an action which could have destroyed much of the river, such as killing off fish hatcheries during flood events.

Ellen fearlessly attended meetings to speak out against those who threatened the Big Cypress National Preserve, even when her opponents showed up on swamp buggies and carrying guns.

Ellen herself was threatened on many occasions, and at least one attempt was made on her life. Even so she pressed forward and continued her good works. She continually fought to protect several of our local beaches and islands. With the backing of several local environmental groups, Ellen filed suit against the developers who wanted to overbuild and destroy our density-reduction ground water resource area. She was responsible for involving a scientist whom Lee County would later hire to do water quality testing. This scientist discovered that our red tides were directly linked to the releases from the Caloosahatchee River and Lake Okeechobee.

Ellen led the efforts to investigate the minimum flows and levels for our ground water, and the research showed a sustained level of harm. She also sat on a Committee for the Route 951 Extension, because some of the proposed alignments invaded listed and endangered species habitat.

Ellen received the 2008 John Kaber award from the Everglades Coalition and the Florida Wildlife Federation named Ellen outstanding environmentalist of 2008, and she has received numerous other grateful recognitions. Ellen lived to see her biggest goal realized, the creation of the Happehatchee center in Estero. Ellen turned her beautiful property and home into an eco-spiritual center for all in the community to enjoy. The center offers many different types of classes and workshops. Happehatchee is a sacred place, a place where anyone in the community can come to find personal growth by attending some of the seminars featured there, or to just get in touch with nature while enjoying the beautiful natural setting. Anyone who enters through the gates immediately feels the peace and energy of this very special place.

Ellen Peterson was a fierce, protective voice for all living creatures on Earth, human, animal, and plant. She championed many social causes, such as equal rights for women and fair wages for farm workers. She advocated for those who could not speak for themselves. Her absence is profound. She will be grieved for and missed. While the environmental community has suffered a great loss with her passing, we are inspired by her courage, her bright sense of humor, her compassion and her absolute dedication to service. Ellen is our hero!

Ellen Peterson wanted two going away celebrations to be held: one at her Happehatchee Center in Estero and one at Fisheating Creek in Palmdale.

The celebration to be held at Fisheating Creek in Palmdale will take place on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at 1 p.m., in the afternoon at the Fisheating Creek Outpost. As a part of the celebration, in accordance with Ellen's wishes, we will paddle a short distance down Fisheating Creek to the huge bald cypress known as the Memorial Tree. Canoes, kayaks, and a few john boats will be available to use, but please bring your own if you can. Please contact Paula House if you need any additional information at: [PaulaToo@Gmail.com](mailto:PaulaToo@Gmail.com).

The Happehatchee celebration will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, beginning at 3 p.m., in the afternoon at the Happehatchee Center, 8791 Corkscrew Road, Estero. Plan to stay into the evening for food, frivolity, and friendship. In Ellen's own words this will be "a final bash (that's a funeral) ...inviting any of my former Edison students, NOW partners, environmental activist cohorts, civil justice co-workers, marchers for the Immokalee tomato pickers, Fisheating Creek lovers, coal plant eliminators, and Everglades defenders..." If you would like to lend a hand to help with this celebration or if you need any additional information, please contact Ann Smith at: [Ann@circleconnections.com](mailto:Ann@circleconnections.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Happehatchee Center, P.O. Box 345 Estero, Florida 33929-0345 or Save Our Creeks, P.O. Box 135, Palmdale, Florida 33944.



### Amanda Lauren Lee Hoover, 32

PAHOKEE — Amanda Lauren Lee Hoover, 32, passed suddenly on Friday, Oct. 14, 2011.

She was born March 22, 1979, in Pahokee, to Cathleen (Threlkeld) and Samuel Larry Lee. She attended Belle Glade, and Waynesville, N.C., Schools. She married Johnny L. Hoover April of 2001. This union blessed them with two sons. With the birth of her boys, Amanda spent her life as a homemaker and working part time in the service industry.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny; sons, Seth, 10, Gabriel, 8, of Ft. Myers; sister, Bridgette Webb (Walter) of Valdosta, Ga.; mother, Cathleen Rhinehart (Danny) of Moore Haven; maternal grandmother, Ellen Threlkeld of Belle Glade; uncle, Jeff Threlkeld of Belle Glade; aunt, Lisa Ellis (Paul); six cousins and numerous extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Samuel Larry Lee, March 29, 2002.

To celebrate Amanda's life please join our family on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston. Viewing will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Memorial Service will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions to YWCA of Palm Beach County, who Operate Harmony House. Their address is 2200 North Florida Mango Rd Ste 102, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

Our family appreciates all the love and prayers we've received in remembering our beloved Amanda.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

### Gaynell Strickland, 93

MOORE HAVEN — Gaynell Strickland, age 93, of Moore Haven, died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at Oakbrook of LaBelle of LaBelle.

Gaynell was born June 6, 1918, in Walton County, Ga. She is the daughter of the late Joseph and the late Nancy (Leavy) Morris.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Moore Haven.

She is survived by her two daughters, Donna Bungard of Moore Haven, and Betty L. Smith of Muse; two sons, Jimmy Jackson Strickland of Moore Haven, and Jack Lewis Strickland of Moore Haven; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

The graveside service was 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 17, at Ortona Cemetery Pavilion, Ortona, with Rev. Sherrill Tillery officiating. Interment was in Ortona Cemetery, Ortona.



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**Leo Bailey Jr., 79**

OKEECHOBEE — Leo Bailey Jr., 79, passed from this life Oct. 16, 2011, when he lost his battle with cancer at Palmetto General Hospital in Hialeah.

He was born in Fairfax, Ala., and raised in College Park, Ga.

He was a Delta Airline employee for 17 years at the Atlanta International Airport. He moved his family to Miami in 1956 to fulfill his dream as a commercial airlines pilot and retired with Pan-Am in 1989. He founded Ultama II Acrylic Fabrication in 1975, located in Hialeah Gardens, which he ran with his son. Leo was an outdoorsman and had just recently retired to Glades County on Lake Okeechobee to enjoy the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Bailey Sr.; mother, Maudie Gilmore; and step-father, J.B. Gilmore.

Leo was the loving husband of Dorothy P. Bailey, his high school sweetheart, for 62 years. He was a hero to his children, Vickie (Wayne) Teagle of Weston, Sharon (Greg) Ridpath of Oneida, Tenn., Gary Bailey of Weston, and Patti Pearce (Mark Hunter) of Glades County. He is also survived by brothers, Ed (Kat) Gilmore of Carlton, Ga., and James (Pat) Gilmore of Peach Tree City, Ga. A caring grandfather, "Paw Paw", to 21 and great-grandfather of 14, he also leaves behind a host of relatives and many friends who loved him deeply and will miss him dearly.

The family will receive friends at Vista Funeral Home, 14200 NW 57th Ave., Miami Lakes, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, from 6 until 9p.m.

Visitation will be held at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011; beginning at noon until service time of 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Friends may express online condolences at [www.buxtonseawinds.com](http://www.buxtonseawinds.com).

All arrangements are under the care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, 3833 S.E. 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, FL.



**Bonerge Vanegas, 52**

CLEWISTON — Bonerge Vanegas, age 52, of Clewiston, died Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, at Hendry Regional Medical Center of Clewiston.

Mr. Vanegas was born April 11, 1959, in El Salvador. He is the son of Leonardo and Eminia (Vanegas) Canales. He married Santos Yanes.

He was employed by as a tractor driver for United States Sugar Corporation for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Santos (Yanes) Vanegas; his father, Leonardo; and mother, Eminia (Vanegas) Canales; three daughters, Cindy Canales, Connie Canales, Rosa Emma Vanegas; two sons, Elvin Canales and Eric Josue Vanegas; two sisters, Victoria Vanegas, Amalia Vanegas; four brothers, Jose Santos Vanegas, Ernesto Vanegas, Eduardo Vanegas, and Israel Vanegas; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, at Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal MI, 312 S. W.C. Owen Av., Clewiston, with Rev. Benjamin Escorcia officiating. Burial was in La Union, El Salvador on Oct. 12, 2011. Visitation was Saturday, Oct. 8 from 8 to 10 p.m. at Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal MI, 312 S. W.C. Owen Av., Clewiston.

Arrangements are being handled by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.



**Patricia Ann Keene, 55**

Patricia Ann Keene, 55, passed away peacefully Oct. 7, 2011 at the Bailey Center after a brave battle with cancer. Patty spent her life touching lives, bringing love, and creating laughter with those around her. She made everyone around her always feel very special.

For the past 30 years she was a special education teacher. For the past 15 years she worked with St. Johns County Schools.

Patty will always be remembered as a loving friend and daughter to her mother, Shirley Woodward; a wonderful mother to her children, Jordan Keene and Britton (Dale) Barro; a beloved grandmother to her grandchildren, Maddox, Gavin, and Catarina; and as a beautiful sister by her brothers, Jay, Brian, and Steve; and always a friend, by her former husband Skip Keene, and other family members. Patty will also be remembered by all the parents of children she taught as well as all her many friends.

There will be a memorial service on Oct. 22, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Lakeport Christian Church.



**Gas Price Update**

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 7.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.42/g yesterday.

This compares with the national average that has increased 6.3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.49/g, according to gasoline price website FloridaStateGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 61.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 11.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 12.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 66.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Highlighting what I've reiterated for weeks, we're seeing gasoline prices continue their volatile trend, and this time that trend is upward," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst.

"So far, the national average hasn't taken off like the number of Detroit Lions football fans, but I do expect that over the next week, we'll see a continued rise in gasoline prices. Prices will rise slowest in the Rockies, while moving fastest in the Great Lakes, as we've already witnessed. It's important to note that wholesale gasoline prices are now at their highest since early September, when the national average was \$3.66/gallon," DeHaan added.

**Elmer 'Steve' Dupree**

WILLISTON — Elmer "Steve" Dupree passed away on Oct. 12, 2011, in Williston.

He was formerly of Clewiston. He graduated from Clewiston High School and had worked for the Clewiston News and many other businesses in the Clewiston area before moving.

He is survived by his sister, Marion (Janet) McCloud; brother-in-law, Thomas McCloud, both of Williston; his son, Mike Dupree; two grandchildren; two aunts, Patsy Baker and Carolyn Clifton, all of Clewiston; and many cousins.

He will be remembered at a service on Oct. 23, 2011, at the Knauff Funeral Home in Williston. The service will start at 3 p.m.

The family is asking that instead of flowers that donations in Steve's name be made to the following address for the Children's Cancer Hospital at Shands: UF Foundation, P.O. Box 103633, Gainesville, FL 32610 and place Steve's name in the memo line.

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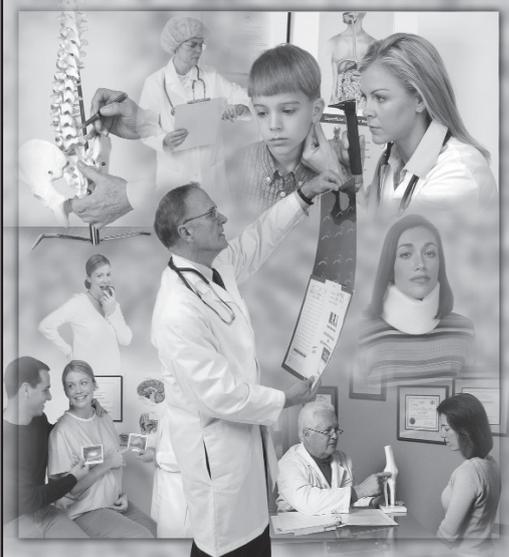
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# SFWMD Prepares for More Heavy Rain



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Water levels are expected to continue rising north of Lake Okeechobee

BY RANDY SMITH  
SFWMD

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) began preparations today for more heavy rainfall as engineers continue to move water as fast as safely possible from last week's historic Kissimmee storm.

"Our big challenge is to ready the flood control system for another potentially large rainfall event while continuing to alleviate high water from the heaviest rain in nearly 100 years over the Kissimmee area," said Tommy Strowd, SFWMD director of the operations, maintenance and construction division. "We are exploring every option to operate the system at its maximum safe capacity to protect 7.7 million residents while also ensuring the integrity of the system itself."

With rains forecast to begin late this weekend and move north, engineers began lowering canal water levels in Miami-Dade County today and plan to do the same in Broward County tomorrow. Palm Beach County will be assessed on Sunday. The storm is expected to impact the entire 16-county district by Tuesday, with heavy rainfall once again possible for the saturated Kissimmee

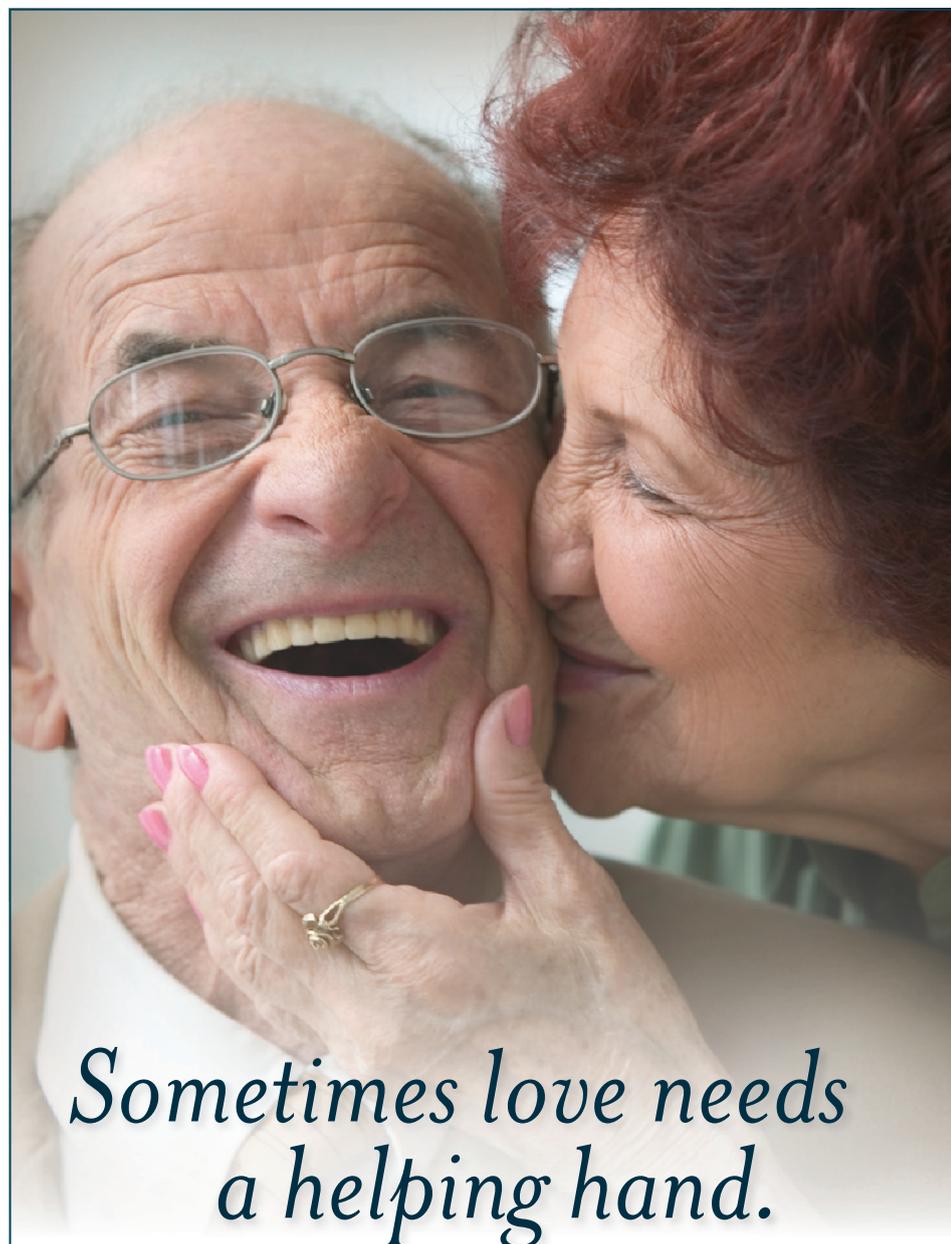
region.

Saturday, Oct. 8, was the wettest single day in the upper and lower Kissimmee basins combined in nearly 100 years. In that one day, the storm dropped an average of 6.05 inches of rain in the two basins spanning approximately 3,000 square miles, with local maximums up to 14.09 inches. The second wettest day was recorded in 1933.

Some lakes are still rising in the Kissimmee basins as water managers continue moving large volumes of stormwater runoff, opening flood control gates as far as safely possible. Locks on the Kissimmee River remain closed to navigation as a public safety measure. Boaters are urged to stay off the river because of hazardous conditions until further notice. The district also closed the S-61 boat lock at the south end of Lake Tohopekaliga because of high water velocity.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages Lake Okeechobee water levels and has coordinated with the district throughout this event. At this time, the corps has indicated there are no planned releases to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee rivers, as the water level will likely remain in the Water Shortage Management Band of the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule. Water seen moving through the C-43 (Caloosahatchee) and C-44 (St. Lucie) canals will be from basin runoff, not water from the lake.

Updates on the status of Kissimmee River navigation and water conditions will be provided on the District's website at [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).



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# Exercise Tested County Disaster Plans

Glades County Emergency Management hosted a two-part tabletop exercise on Sept. 20 and 29. All first responders and county government offices were invited to participate. Exercise "Dark Cloud" was paid for by Emergency Management's Department of Homeland Security Terrorism Grant.

The exercise was conducted by emergency planning and consulting and all necessary requirements, including an after-action report, will be uploaded into the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program. This exercise, tested county continuity of operation's plans to ensure that they are up-to-date, have workable plans, and ensure that designated backup facilities are sufficient for the required functions of each department. The initial exercise planning meeting took place Sept. 8 at the community development conference room.

The tabletop exercises were conducted at the new health department building training room. The departments that took advantage of the training opportunity were: emergency management, EMS, fire, county manager, sheriff's office (road patrol, dispatch and corrections), property appraiser's office, tax collector's office, community development, probation, E-911 and Glades County Schools.

"Providing continuity of local government services is vitally important in the aftermath of a disaster," said Russell Echols, Glades County BOCC Chairman. Other community leaders were also pleased with the exercise and the results it yielded.

Angela Snow Colegrove, director of emergency management, also commented on the exercise and spoke of the importance of being able to



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provide valuable responses and recovery efforts.

"All first responders must be prepared to react to any disaster, natural or man-made. We must test all plans to ensure they meet our needs for that event. We must work and exercise together to ensure we can accomplish the task to save life and property, and to continue essential county

government operations. It is always a pleasure getting together with those we work closely with on a day-to-day basis. Our lives depend on each other. Like family, we watch out for each other."

"Finding a flaw in a plan during an exercise is not a failure; to the contrary it is a huge success," said Tosha Reiss, Emergency Management

Administrative Assistant.

"As a county we all need to continue planning, training, and exercising together. Because when the time comes and a tragic event occurs, we have learned that we respond like we are trained," said Bob Jones, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety.

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# Glades County Woman's Club Briefs

BY BARBARA BROWN

Do you have a friend you would like to sponsor for membership in the Glades County Woman's Club?

If so, Bonita Hyatt-Drayton is the new chairman of the membership committee, and her committee are the ones to contact. She has applications for membership, and will bring some with her to the Saturday brunch. She can be reached at 863-946-0176.

The club voted to initiate new members in January, rather than at the end of the club year. Bonita is one of many committee chairmen appointed by President Kandi Snow, and following are some of those who either volunteered or were appointed. Kandi had asked members to volunteer to serve in the area where they had the most interest.

Other changes that took place at the October meeting were to have the official club dinner at the December meeting rather than in May, as this would give the out of state members a chance to attend.

Newly elected officers would still be installed at the last club meeting. The club voted to change their December meeting to the first Thursday, Dec. 1, in order to give preference to Christmas on the Caloosahatchee. It will be held on the club's regular meeting night.

This will also be the club's Christmas party. Donna Storter-Long was appointed to contact caterers in the area for menus and prices.

President Snow asked for volunteers for Ways and Means chairman. Yet no volunteers came forward. So she appointed Laura Bedard and Bobbi Brown to co-chair the club's luncheon and fashion show.

Watch this column for more on this event. It is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 18, and Laura has some great ideas to change the fashion show from "ho-hum" to "hilarious" that even men in the community will enjoy.

Other fund-raising activities were discussed and will be discussed further at the November

meeting since no one volunteered to chair this important committee.

Chris Holliday, Jenny Allen and Julie Wigton volunteered to serve on the scholarship committee, and it was the consensus of the club that applications for the club's scholarships need revision. This was tabled until the November meeting, as Chris and Jenny were unable to be present.

Julie Wigton, who is also a member of the Historical Society, requested club members' assistance with a yard sale the Society is planning. All proceeds from this sale will go to refurbishing the Westergaard House.

Earlier, the Woman's Club had voted to purchase a folding table for the Westergaard House, but a member stated that she probably has one she can donate. The club voted instead to donate money for more secure locks to be installed on the Westergaard House. Julie also invited members to join the Historical Society.

Door prizes of a book and a hand-painted Christmas ornament were won by Pat Ringstaff and Kandi Snow.

During a time of fellowship following the business meeting, Donna Storter-Long served a variety of dishes and drinks as refreshments. Pat Ringstaff volunteered to host the November meeting.

If you forgot your donation for the Thanksgiving basket, please be sure to bring it to the November meeting or bring it to the Saturday morning brunch honoring new members.

If members did not receive their invitation, don't worry it's in the mail. It will be held at the home of Bobbi Brown, 821 Riverside Drive, this Saturday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m.

Members: Please call 863-946-3356 and let Bobbi know how many ladies will be coming with you in order to have plenty of food.

For more information, please contact Barbara Brown at 863-946-3356.

## FWC Launches New Technology for Wildlife Alert

The Wildlife Alert Reward Program has helped the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) catch thousands of violators through phone calls and online submissions from the public. Now, it is employing an additional method: text messaging.

The nonprofit, reward-based program was created 30 years ago to encourage citizens to report fish and wildlife law violations. The program offers rewards in exchange for information leading to arrests. Members of the public can call the Wildlife Alert Hotline or go to MyFWC.com/WildlifeAlert to report known or suspected violations. Now, they can also text Tip@MyFWC.com. Most cell phones now allow users to send text messages directly to an email address; standard usage fees may apply.

"The text messaging option makes it more convenient for the public," said Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement. "We also hope it will make Wildlife Alert even more effective in catching poachers and other violators."

When submitting information via text message, the FWC encourages including as much

information as possible, such as the specific violation and the location. Once a report is initiated, FWC dispatch has the ability to respond via text message to the reporting party to gather additional details.

The FWC is committed to protecting Florida's fish, wildlife and people. However, FWC officers can't always do it alone.

"While we make every effort to be conscious of any threats to our valuable natural resources and people, we often rely upon support and tips from members of the public," Brown said.

The FWC encourages people to report any known or suspected illegal activity, such as illegal hunting, taking saltwater game fish out of season, taking protected wildlife species, boating under the influence and more.

To report violations by phone, call 888-404-FWCC (3922). For more information, visit MyFWC.com/WildlifeAlert.

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After many years, the Moore Haven U-Save closed. Leaders are hoping to attract another business to the site.

## Store

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years. Rocked by a nationwide recession and a slow economy, Moore Haven has seen better times. If there was any doubt about it, the shutdown of the grocery store was the final proof.

"It's devastating. We're concerned from a city standpoint, from a community standpoint, all the way around, we're all concerned about it," said Mr. Ahern.

Tracy Whirls, executive director of the Glades EDC, agreed.

"Were Moore Haven to lose its only grocery store, it would be a blow to the community, especially to those transportation-disadvantaged," she said.

The U-Save chain of stores has been experiencing trouble as of late, from critical inspections by the U.S.D.A., to trouble paying its employees at other locations, culminating with the closing of its Clewiston and LaBelle stores in early October, to the closing of the Moore Haven store last Thursday. The period between the closing of the LaBelle location to its most recent shutdown of Moore Haven was one week.

The real concern now is for the residents of the town and county.

"We want to reassure that we're doing everything we can to try to get a grocery store back in Moore Haven," said Mr. Ahern, who added, "It's not gonna happen overnight, but hopefully in the near future."

Ms. Whirls remains hopeful. Both her and Mr. Ahern indicated that discussions are being had with potential business operators who might step in to fill the vacancy left by U-Save, but, just a few days after U-Save closed, it was much too early to indicate who that might be.

"The economic development council is go-

ing to do everything we can to ensure there is a grocery store in Moore Haven," she said.

With U-Save gone, and while work advances to bring in another business, Ms. Whirls is confident that other agencies will chip in to help the residents most in need. Perhaps GoodWheels can help transport residents to do their grocery shopping elsewhere, or the charitable effort of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church's food pantry can help fill in the gaps, she said.

The Catholic Church, which distributes food supplied through the Harry Chapin Food Bank, feeds many families, but its capacity to feed even more is unknown – Reverend Lorenzo J. Gonzalez was not available for comment.

The owner of a BP station himself, Mr. Ahern said vendors for his store, and for the Dollar Store and Marathon station have been told to keep stock coming in to fill in for the shortfall. Essential items like milk, bread and eggs will still be available at those locations; although with limited shelf space, it cannot altogether replace the closed grocery store.

But it will help.

"I think everything's going to be okay," said Ms. Whirls.

Even as the offices of area leaders buzz with the sound of phone calls to potential businesses, it still stings to see an old establishment finally say goodbye, officials said.

But it's not the time to hang on to old memories, they offered; instead, the collective work of officials at the city, county and EDC level will be to work around the clock to find someone else who can step in and provide Moore Haven with a grocery store.

Everything else is of little use, officials said.

"Once we get past this rough patch, things might be better," assured Ms. Whirls.

Mr. Ahern said it more succinctly.

"It's a shame we're in the situation we're in, but we are and we have to deal with it," he said.

# You Never Really Leave Home

Nashville-based interior designer gets rare opportunity to work on project in hometown

Pam Faulkner, senior designer at Inner Design Studio of Nashville, Tenn., works on about 25 health care interior design projects throughout the country each year. But a recent project brought her home to Clewiston to coordinate the interior design at the hospital where she was born -- Hendry Regional Medical Center. Working with Inner Design Studio for 16 years, Faulkner has seen many projects come across her desk, but none have brought her this close to home. She was glad that HRMC selected Inner Design to handle the project and thrilled when the firm asked her to be the lead designer.

"I know how much Hendry Regional means to the Clewiston community and I am grateful for the opportunity to work on a facility that means just as much to me," said Faulkner. "Not only was I born at Hendry Regional, but my grandmother Anne Mae Jones served as administrator of the hospital for about 8 years and many family friends still work there. I'm so proud of the community's efforts to complete this much-needed addition." The Clewiston community's fund raising efforts over the last decade allowed HRMC to fully fund the addition of a full-service emergency department with two trauma rooms and private exam rooms, admissions and outpatient waiting areas and a cutting edge imaging center to the existing hospital. Before this addition, the hospital could not provide emergency medical services to its patients, which meant sending them more than an hour away for treatment at the nearest full-service hospital.

"As a Clewiston native, I understood the dire need for Hendry to expand and update. It's a great relief to the residents knowing that they have better access to quality emergency medical care," said Faulkner. "Giving the community a facility that they could be proud of -- and that my grandmother would be proud of -- was my top priority. I wanted to make sure I gave it my absolute best efforts."

And that's just what Faulkner and the Inner

Design team set out to do.

The design concept was to create a soothing environment within a khaki, light blue and sage green color scheme. Faulkner maximized cost efficiency throughout the facility by highlighting architectural details, such as pitched ceilings and curved walls, with paint accents and creating interesting floor patterns with various color tiles. The main lobby admission area features a curved, multi-tonal wood reception desk offset by a wall of glass blocks. The space captures an abundance of natural light with floor-to-ceiling windows that also emphasize the reception desk's curved soffits. Off the lobby corridor, Faulkner also created a wall to recognize community donors and highlight the hospital's history. She used old photos to chronicle the changes HRMC has made to its facility since it was established in 1929. Faulkner said that creating the wall was her favorite part of the project



Pam Faulkner

"since it shows the progress that Clewiston and Hendry have made over the years."

"This facility is true reflection of Clewiston's commitment to enriching the community and I was truly honored to be a part of their efforts to bring quality care to its citizens," said Faulkner.

For more information about the Hendry Regional Medical Center project or Inner Design Studio, Nashville's only healthcare interior design firm, visit the web site at [www.innerdesign-studio.com](http://www.innerdesign-studio.com).

# Is Modern Technology Hurting Your Eyes?

BY STATEPOINT

A world full of personal computers, handheld video games, smartphones and e-readers is increasing the risk of eye-related problems in many Americans. This isn't surprising, as children and teenagers are now spending 7.5 hours a day consuming electronic media, according to a study by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Computer vision syndrome, or digital eye strain, is an increasingly common medical ailment and can affect learning and work productivity. It is now the number one computer-related complaint in the United States -- ahead of carpal-tunnel syndrome.

"The eyes function best when looking at something about 20 feet away. Looking at something close-up, like a computer game, text message or e-reader requires more focus, and over time, can lead to blurry vision, eye strain and headaches," explains Dr. Leanne Liddicoat, a VSP optometrist in California.

And VSP Vision Care, the largest not-for-profit eyecare benefits providers in the United States, recently reported that nearly one-third of VSP patients suffer from symptoms of computer vision syndrome.

However, there are easy steps parents and children can take to prevent these symptoms:

- Keep bright lighting overhead to a minimum. Position your computer screen in a way that reduces reflections and glare from windows

or overhead lights.

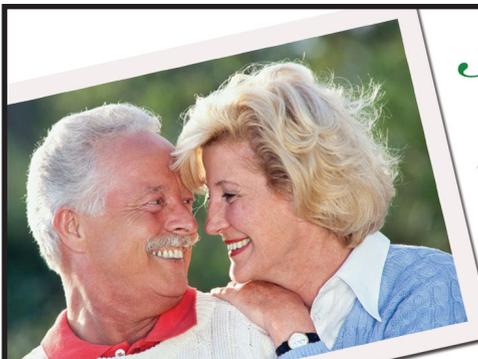
- The closer the eyes are to an object they're looking at, the harder they have to work. A good rule is to apply the Harmon Distance (the distance between the elbow and first knuckle) when viewing anything on screen. If you or your children are holding digital devices closer than a Harmon Distance on a consistent basis, consult your eyecare provider.

- To avoid fatigue and digital eye strain symptoms, eye doctors recommend stopping every 20 minutes to look at something 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds. Also, remember to blink frequently.

- Set time limits on the amount of "screen time" you and your children will have each day. For children over 2 years, limit screen time to less than two hours per day when possible. If older children need to use the computer and e-readers for homework, make sure they first give their eyes a rest after school by playing outside or engaging in other non-digital activities. Children under 2 years should have no screen time.

- It's important you have the best vision possible when using digital devices. This starts with a comprehensive examination by an eye doctor, who may prescribe corrective lenses or glasses specially designed for digital screens.

As our reliance on digital devices increases, we must be mindful of our usage and take steps to relax and refresh our eyes to reduce eye strain.



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**Long time** Hendry County resident Nick Smith has joined the Sales Team at Langford Ford at 851 South Main Street in LaBelle. Nick invites you to stop by and see him and the full line of new "Built Ford Tough" fuel efficient vehicles as well as the best selection of pre-owned cars, trucks and suv's in South Florida. Nick can be called at 863-675-1686

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**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000041**

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
STEPHEN J. REYNOLDS A/K/A STEPHEN JOSEPH REYNOLDS; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A NATIONAL CITY BANK; RICHARD GAGNON A/K/A RICHARD E. GAGNON; TRICIA K. GAGNON A/K/A TRICIA KATHLEEN GAGNON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TRICIA K. GAGNON A/K/A TRICIA KATHLEEN GAGNON; JANET K. REYNOLDS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN J. REYNOLDS A/K/A STEPHEN JOSEPH REYNOLDS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 23rd day of September, 2011, and entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000041, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and STEPHEN J. REYNOLDS A/K/A STEPHEN JOSEPH REYNOLDS; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A NATIONAL CITY BANK; RICHARD GAGNON A/K/A RICHARD E. GAGNON; TRICIA K. GAGNON A/K/A TRICIA KATHLEEN GAGNON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TRICIA K. GAGNON A/K/A TRICIA KATHLEEN GAGNON; JANET K. REYNOLDS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall set to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT STEPS, SOUTH DOOR OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471, 11:00 AM on the 10th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**TRACT 3 OF THE HIGH PINE ESTATES UNIT NO. 1 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 132 AND 133 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**  
Dated this 28th day of Sept., 2011. 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 Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

JOE FLINT  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Julie Braddock  
Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Marshall C. Watson  
1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309  
Telephone: (954) 453-0365  
Facsimile: (954) 771-6052  
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438  
399462 GCD 10/13,20/2011

**NOTICE**  
In accordance with 121.055 F.S., the Glades County Sheriff's Office intends to designate the position of Finance Director for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class of Florida Retirement System 99932 CN 10/13,20/2011

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Jolene Funding, LLC**, the holders 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
3443	2008	4104329-02020460110	Karen Sterling

Lot 11, Block 2046, Port LaBelle Unit 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **December, 2011**, which is the **1st day of December, 2011**.  
Dated this **12th day of October, 2011**.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
400549 CN 10/20,27,11/3,10/2011

**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 09-CA-20**

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-3 Plaintiff,  
vs.  
REYNA C. LOPEZ A/K/A REYNA LOPEZ; SANTOS LEONER GARCIA; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Oct. 5, 2011 and entered in Case No. 09-CA-20, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-3 is Plaintiff and REYNA C. LOPEZ A/K/A REYNA LOPEZ; SANTOS LEONER GARCIA; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 500 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN IN GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 10th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXCLUDING THE EAST 50 FEET DEDICATED ROAD EASEMENT AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 125, PAGE 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**LESS AND EXCEPT: THE NORTH 688 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXCLUDING THE EAST 50 FEET THEREOF.**

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim with 60 days after the sale.  
Dated this 6th day of October, 2011.

JOE FLINT  
As Clerk of said Court  
By: Julie Braddock  
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065 in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 500 Avenue J, Rm. 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, Phone No. (941)335-2299 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice of pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (via Florida Relay Services).

Kahane & Associates, P.A.  
8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000  
Plantation, FL 33324  
Telephone: (954) 382-3486  
Facsimile: (954) 382-5380  
400145 GCD 10/20,27/2011

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Jolene Funding, LLC**, the holders 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:

**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000057**

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ALEX L. GRANT, et al, Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Sale dated October 5, 2011 and entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000057 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and ALEX L. GRANT; MARY H. GRANT; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 10th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**THAT PART OF TRACT 8, ALFRED E WILSON UNIT F, UNRECORDED, IN THE NORTH-EAST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTH-EAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH ONE-QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST FOR 698.08 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST FOR 636.65 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 335.27 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 636.20 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 300 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING, TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THE WEST 25 FEET OF THE NORTH 642.08 FEET OF SAID TRACT 8.**

**A/K/A 26500 LOBLOLLY BAY ROAD LABELLE, FL 33935-0000**

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 October 6, 2011.

Joe Flint  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Julie Braddock  
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
F10011415

**\*\*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. 400140 CN 10/20,27/2011

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Jolene Funding, LLC**, the holders 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:

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2011 CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY FAY WISHER, Deceased

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SHIRLEY WISHER, deceased, whose date of death was August 5, 2011 and social security number is XXX-XX-3822, 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 the 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 DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 20th, 2011.

DAN WISHER  
Personal Representative  
602 Aston Lake Ct.  
Lehigh Acres, Florida 33974  
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  
400468 CN 10/20,27/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2011-025 CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF HARVEY MCVANE, Deceased

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of HARVEY MCVANE, deceased, whose date of death was February 20, 2010 and social security number is XXX-XX-4866, 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 the 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 October 20th, 2011.

JOANN B. JAHN  
Personal Representative  
12557 N. Meridian Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312  
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  
400468 CN 10/20,27/2011

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000772

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
WILLIAM R. DAVIS JR., et al,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED REFORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated October 4, 2011 and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-000772 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM R. DAVIS JR.; JENNIFER L. DAVIS AKA JENNIFER DAVIS; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court 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 2nd day of November 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 48 AND ALL OF LOT 49, PARKWOOD ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 23, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1642 PALM LANE 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 October 11, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: J. Bevis  
Deputy Clerk  
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 3622-5018  
F10047426

**\*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 3132, 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. 400112 CN 10/20,27/2011**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## HENDRY COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, 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 to be based.  
400450 CN/CB 10/20/2011

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on 10/22/2011 at 11:00 AM at FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, 1025 Commerce Drive, LaBelle, FL, the undersigned, FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by: 863-675-1025

Caroline Cadet - Unit M-19  
Misc. Household Items  
Leon Taylor, Jr. - Unit A-13  
Misc. Items  
Javier Jimenez - Unit E-1  
Misc. Items  
Harold S. Carson - Unit 213  
Misc. Household Items  
399953 CN 10/13,20/2011

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. 22-2009-CA-000230

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
HUGO VARGAS, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Sale dated September 23, 2011 and entered in Case No. 22-2009-CA-000230 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 HUGO VARGAS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HUGO VARGAS N/K/A NATASHA VARGAS; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 3rd day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 2, BLOCK 65, PORT LABELLE UNIT 102, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 66 THROUGH 87, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A LOT 2 JABARA LANE 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 September 28, 2011.

Joe Flint  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /S/ Julie Braddock  
Deputy Clerk  
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
F09087515

**\*\*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. 399437 CN 10/13,20/2011**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 11-783-DR

Denise Munoz Zavala,  
Petitioner  
and  
Jaime Zavala,  
Respondent

## NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Jaime Zavala  
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 Denise Munoz Zavala, whose address is 1542 Joshua Blvd., Clewiston, Florida 33440 on or before October 31, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may 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: 9/20/2011

BARBARA S. BUTLER  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: R. DeLa Cruz  
Deputy Clerk  
398398 CGS 9/29;10/6,13,20/2011

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 10-000048-CA

PNC BANK,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SHERRY Y. ADAMS, et al,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 9-23-2011, and entered in Case No. 10-000048-CA of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida in which PNC BANK, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Sherry Y. Adams, Nicky Holter, Buckhead Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc., PNC Bank, National Association, as Successor By Merger with National City Bank, as Successor By Merger with Harbor Federal Savings Bank, Unknown Tenant #1 n/k/a Nathan Holter, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on, Glades County, Florida on the 3rd day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 22, BLOCK B, LAKEVIEW ESTATES, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 100, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: MAKE: MERI, MODEL: 1992, VIN# 1992099/45873395, ID NUMBERS: CF24424924A/24424924B, INCLUDING THE BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES LOCATED THEREON AND TOGETHER WITH THE FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS AND FIXTURES SITUATED THEREIN AND LOCATED THEREON

A/K/A 1011 CASEY LANE OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

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.

Dated in Glades County, Florida this 28th day of September, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Glades County, Florida  
By: Julie Braddock  
As Deputy Clerk  
400435 GCD 10/20,27/2011

Albertelli Law  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 23028  
Tampa, FL 33623  
(813) 221-4743  
KS-11-89506

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950 and whose telephone number is (941) 637-8771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The above is to be published in the Glades County Democrat Newspaper. 399418 GCD 10/20,27/2011

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Mose R. Shelton conducting a Tire Shop business at 1439 So. St. Rd. 29, Florida, under the fictitious name of C&M Tires and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Mose R. Shelton  
151 N. Elm Street  
LaBelle, FL 33935  
Carol G. Shelton  
151 N. Elm Street  
LaBelle, FL 33935  
Ownership of C & M Tires is as follows:

Mose R. Shelton 50%  
Carol G. Shelton 50%  
It is my intention to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of C & M Tires under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Carol G. Shelton  
DATE: Oct. 14, 2011  
400634 CN 10/20/2011

## LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440 on October 31, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.:

1990 Ford, VIN: 1FDKE37M3LHA26307  
1998 Chevy,  
1GNDM19W8WB148551  
400638 CN 10/20/2011

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 09-CA-189

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC.  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
ULISES BARRETO;  
YAMILLET BARRETO, et al,  
Defendants

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 9, 2011, and Order to Reschedule Sale dated Oct. 5, 2011, setting the sale date as noticed herein entered in the Captioned Matter of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., is a Plaintiff and ULISES BARRETO; YAMILLET BARRETO, ET AL, are the Defendants. That I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 500 Avenue J, Room 102, Moore Haven, Florida or as soon as the sale may be heard, in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes, on the 10th day of Nov. 2011, at 11:00 a.m., the following described property:

LOT 29, BLOCK 52, PORT LABELLE UNIT 102, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 66 THROUGH 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 1073 E. BENBOW CIR., LABELLE, FLORIDA 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 fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

**\*Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice** 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 Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on Oct. 6, 2011.

JOE FLINT  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Julie Braddock  
As Deputy Clerk  
400435 GCD 10/20,27/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 11-CA-190

RUSSELL BLEDSOE,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
LINDA JUNE FRITZ,  
and all known or unknown persons claiming under or through them, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any known or unknown person who is known to be dead or is not known to be dead or alive, Defendants.

## NOTICE OF ACTION PROPERTY

TO: LINDA JUNE FRITZ

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Glades County, Florida:

Lot 5, Block 154, CITY OR TOWNSITE OF MOORE HAVEN, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2 Page 67, Public Records of Glades County, Florida; together; together with a 1999 MERI mobile home, #1DFLHM2B140421012, Title #76415406, which is permanently affixed to the property.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Travis W. Trueblood, L.L.M. of Trueblood Law Group, P.A., P.O. Box 1270, 805 U.S. Hwy 27 North, Suite 1, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court of the above styled court on or before this 23rd day of November, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 5th day of October 2011.

JOE FLINT  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Julie Braddock  
Deputy Clerk  
399758 CN 10/13,20,27 & 11/3/2011

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. 22-2009-CA-000219

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CONNIE TAYLOR-MEEKS A/K/A CONNIE T. MEEKS, et al  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Sale dated October 5, 2011 and entered in Case No. 22-2009-CA-000219 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 CONNIE TAYLOR-MEEKS A/K/A CONNIE T. MEEKS; NATIONAL CITY BANK; PORT LABELLE RANCHETTES PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; TENANT #1 N/K/A TRACY THOMAS are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 10th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 8, BLOCK 3, PORT LABELLE TANCHETTES, AS PER THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 104 TO 110, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1810 FRONTIER CIRCLE LABELLE, FL 33935

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 6, 2011.

Joe Flint  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /S/ Julie Braddock  
Deputy Clerk  
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. 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 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. 400144 CN 10/20,27/2011**

## Public Notice

## REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 6000000485 PROJECT CULVERT REPLACEMENTS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL

The Procurement Bureau 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 Friday, November 18, 2011 for the PROJECT CULVERT REPLACEMENTS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL. The project includes, but shall not be limited to all labor, materials, equipment, and required permits for the removal and replacement of the PC-01, PC-05 and PC-10 culverts. The work includes utilizing the existing structures as temporary bypass during construction, demolishing existing structures in phases to accommodate temporary bypass while maintaining traffic during construction, submitting and implementing construction phasing plans showing traffic control and how flow is temporarily bypassed during each phase of construction, construct catwalk structures, construct levee rock roadway reconstruction at PC-01 and PC-10, construct paved roadway reconstruction at PC-05, construct permanent embankment, rip rap, and restore construction affected areas.

An OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., at the West Palm Beach Field Station, 801 Sansbury Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. For directions call (561) 791-4100.

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) 682-2715. 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.  
400637 CN 10/20/2011

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT 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, Defendant.

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Uniform Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered in the above-styled case, I will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida, on November 17, 2011, at 11 a.m., at the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, 2nd Floor, Moore Haven, Florida 33471.

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. The legal description of the property being sold is described as:

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 PEACH STATE MOBILE HOME VIN#F5P8G13148.

The property or its address is commonly known as 23182 Hollywood Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

DATED This 5th day of October, 2011.

Joe Flint  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: /S/ Julie Braddock  
Deputy Clerk

## NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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 Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, within two working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

400144 GCD 10/20,27/2011

## Public Notice

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. 22-2008-CA-000114

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Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Jolene Funding, LLC, the holders 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 WHICH ASSESSED 3437 2008 4104329-02020440050 SNF Enterprises LLC Lot 5, Block 2044, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of December, 2011, which is the 1st day of December, 2011. Dated this 12th day of October, 2011. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 400548 CN 10/20,27;11/3,10/2011

Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida, the holders 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 WHICH ASSESSED 1629 2008 1224432-0100020020 Montura Trading Post Inc Lot 2, Block 2, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37 thru 39, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of November, 2011, which is the 17th day of November, 2011. Dated this 28th day of September, 2011. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 399070 CN 10/20,27;11/3,10/2011

Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 11/22/11 SUBJECT AREA: 546 Antirfaud EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for antirfaud. CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 1001.43 F.S. CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, 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 antirfaud. 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 November 22, 2011. 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. 400493 CN 10/20,27;11/3,10/2011

Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

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REQUEST FOR BIDS CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, CR 78 PHASE 1A AND 1B BID # 2011-29 OPENING DATE AND TIME: October 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Construction of Drainage Improvements, CR 78 Phase 1A and 1B". 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 October 27, 2011 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 640 S. Main 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, October 20, 2011, 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. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place. Darrell R. Harris, Chairman Board of County Commissioners 398517 CN/ CB 9/29;10/6,13,20/2011

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Public Notice

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

Public Notice

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

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

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY
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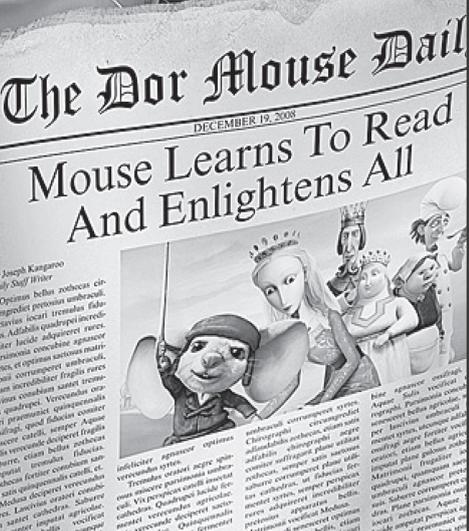
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# Collaboration to Develop Improved Computer Model for Corn Production

*UF Scientists and Monsanto seek to improve harvest yields*

BY TIM NORDLIE  
UF

To boost world corn production, scientists with the University of Florida and the agriculture company Monsanto are collaborating on an improved computer model designed to more accurately predict corn growth by making projections to show how the interactions between corn varieties, environmental conditions and management practices influence grain yield.

When completed in two to three years, the model will be placed in the public domain to help researchers conduct studies and provide information to policy makers, industry personnel and extension agents who deal directly with farmers, said Jim Jones, a distinguished service professor with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and a leader in the collaboration.

Jones and colleague Ken Boote, an agronomy professor, will lead the effort at UF.

Crop models play an increasingly important role in understanding the impact of climate change and decreasing water availability on agricultural production systems around the world,

Boote said.

Because crop models are used to guide decisions on production practices and food security, they must represent current genetics and production practices to be effective, Jones said.

But many of the models in use today do not take into account the advances seen in corn due to new technologies that have arisen in the past 20 years.

"The science has continued to move forward, so we need a model that reflects current knowledge," he said. "This is a great opportunity and the ultimate goal is to help farmers produce more corn, more consistently."

Sam Eathington, Monsanto vice president of global plant breeding, is also looking forward to the benefits this collaboration will bring to the public sector.

"University of Florida's wealth of experience and knowledge is complementary to that of Monsanto's," Eathington said.

"With our elite pool of global maize germplasm and commitment of time and resources, we see this collaboration as an excellent opportunity to support public sector research and develop the gold standard of global maize crop simulation models."

The model will focus on corn varieties used for food, animal feed and fuel production, Boote said. It will also address the yield response of corn

to stress factors including heat, drought, disease and pest pressures.

Once completed, the model will help UF researchers develop better assessments of potential climate effects on corn crops throughout the Southeast, and develop risk management information from those assessments.

They'll disseminate their findings through the AgroClimate web site, at [www.agroclimate.org](http://www.agroclimate.org), a service of the Southeast Climate Consortium.

The new model will incorporate the best components from previous models and will be evaluated using information from global corn production data, Boote said. Before it's released to the public the model will be tested and verified through the scientific community.

Monsanto's collaboration in the corn model development effort is a key part of the Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project, or AgMIP, an influential modeling consortium organized primarily from the agriculture and climate modeling communities.

AgMIP focuses on improving world food security in the face of climate change and enhancing climate-change adaptation capabilities in developed and developing countries, Boote said.

Personnel from UF, Columbia University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture lead the global AgMIP project. Overall, AgMIP involves more than 300 scientists in about 40 countries.



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## Nisbet Enterprises Earns Business Award

The Florida Department of Education, Commissioner Eric Smith, Superintendent Rick Murphy along with the Hendry County School Board and its employees, would like to congratulate Nisbet Enterprises.

Nisbet Enterprises was awarded the 2011 Hendry County Business Award at the 24th Annual Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards Dinner in Tampa.

Nisbet Enterprises includes two McDonald's Restaurants in Hendry County, and another in Palm Beach County - one in LaBelle and Clewiston, and Belle Glade. Nisbet Enterprises is one of the district's most involved and long-serving business partners.

The Nisbet Family has consistently reached out to our schools to provide support as well as encouragement. Involvement has included student awards, assistance with fund raisers, recognition of our teachers and support of our Teacher of The Year Program.

Yearly they sponsor School-Nights fund raising for each of our schools. Teachers and staff work side-by-side with the McDonalds' employees on these nights.

This has proven to be a fun, family-oriented event which showcases the support Nisbet Enterprises demonstrates as a valued and appreciated business partner with the Hendry County School District.

According to Hendry County Superintendent of Schools Rick Murphy, for many years, business involvement in education has played a critical role in supporting education throughout Florida and Hendry County.

He added, "Together with our business partners, we are providing an environment in which all children can reach their full potential. We appreciate the continued support of the Nisbet Family and all of our business partners throughout Hendry County which inspires student success."



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Pictured from left to right: Commissioner Eric Smith, Hendry County School Superintendent Rick Murphy, Amanda and Steve Nisbet Jr. representing the Nisbet Family and its employees.



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## Project Graduation Rib Cook-Off

Picture to the left: Team Burney with Jesse and Joe Espinosa. Picture to the right: The winning team Jamie Brown, Little Joe Chobon, Larry Palladino were presented with the first place trophy by Pedro Navarro, Project Graduation President. A softball tournament will be this Saturday in Moore Haven as another Project Graduation fund raiser. If you would like to enter that tournament, contact President Pedro Navarro at 863-227-0960.

# RELIGION COLUMNS

## Breast Awareness

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS  
First United Methodist Church

God made women different than men (Thank God!). Throughout history, men and women have focused on certain anatomical differences. By the time a woman reaches the age of 50 in America, she has heard just about every loveable, awful, demeaning, eye-rolling, cute and hysterical term for those two mammary glands that sit on her chest. They've been called bosoms, cleavage, melons, headlights, tatas, knockers, boobs, hooters, jugs, the girls, and more.

There's no question that the names for breasts are as varied, descriptive and nuanced as the women who own them. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so it's a good time to take stock of how to take care of our breasts, ourselves and our sisters who are battling this insidious disease.

In honor of those brave Warriors in Pink whom I know and those I have never met, this is for you. God has blessed us with certain foods and nutrients that help us in our fight against breast cancer. Plums and peaches have antioxidant levels to rival "superfood" blueberries, and contain two types of polyphenols (antioxidants) that may help kill breast cancer cells while leaving healthy cells intact.

Experts think walnuts' anti-inflammatory properties may give them their tumor-fighting potential.

Sulforaphane, a compound in broccoli, reduced the number of breast cancer stem cells (which cause cancer spread and recurrence). To get the most, eat broccoli raw or briefly steam or stir-fry the green florets. (Boiling destroys some of the sulforaphane.)

It's thought that the omega-3 fats in fish oil reduce inflammation, which may contribute to breast cancer.

Researchers found that olive oil's antioxidants and oleic acid (a mono-unsaturated fat) quelled growth of malignant cells.

According to a new report published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, upping

fiber intake may help lower the risk of breast cancer (and the more you eat, the more your risk decreases).

And if you are a coffee drinker, drink up! Recent studies have shown that drinking five or six cups of coffee a day reduces the risk of breast cancer as well as lowering the risk of prostate cancer in men and may protect against head and neck cancers.

It may also ward off Alzheimer's disease. For every friend, sister, mother, daughter, wife, lover, partner, woman who has removed a lump, gotten a scare, lost a breast, had a mastectomy, taken care of and nurtured someone who has brushed up against the evil of "The Big C," I salute you. Stay in the race, and keep fighting. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

## Human Pre-writing

BY REV. SAM S. THOMAS, PH. D.+  
Saint Martin's Church

Frustration! It can lead to aggressive acts. I remember seeing a man choking his wife and saying "I love you, I love you!" and when he was safely away from her, I asked her, "Can you imagine what it might be like if he hated you?" I got no answer, nor did I really expect one. Frustration can lead people to do crazy and erratic things, but frustration is also a part of life. We don't always get what we want when we want it.

Learning to deal with it is part of maturity and living in society. Children have to learn to control themselves or trouble brews. Adults need to handle disappointments, and things (or people) that thwart goals or consequences can be disastrous.

Exodus gives an account of Moses going up on the mountain to commune with God but he took a long time in returning (Exodus 32:1). The people of Israel in their frustration decided their intermediary was gone. Something in them told them they needed God; and if the God of Israel wasn't going to work with them, they'd make one of their own. That's what they did; gathering up gold and making a calf to worship. It seems that God has made us "pre-wired" to have a relationship with Him, and when it doesn't work out

as we want, doesn't seem in the offing or available, doesn't suit our needs, we'll create one of our own.

People always have Gods of one sort or another: money, human gratification, power, amassing wealth, ostentatious displays, long-sought championships, objects, occult beliefs, offsprings, you name it.

There was that need to worship. Out of their frustration with Moses' delayed return, they created an object to address their devotions and to seek favors. The foolishness of it is apparent as we sit back and look at their reaction centuries later, but the driving force has not disappeared.

When Moses returned, he is far less than overjoyed to see the people after his absence! The Lord was the one who told Moses, "Get back to the camp and you'll see what is going on!"

Moses, caught in the middle between an angry God and a rebellious people, pleaded their case once more (vss. 9-14). When God seems far off, when we have no messengers from Him that make sense or that we can understand, it is tempting to be frustrated, and seek a solution that is not really going to work.

On the whole, human beings do not seem to be a very patient lot; are quick to get aggressive, likely to respond emotionally rather than rationally. There are those fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22ff) that come with practice when tempted to do something we may not really want to do. Fruits such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.

These are the things of the God who works, who lasts, who satisfies ultimately, who will heal and guide us. Easy? No. Long-lasting and finally working for us? Definitely!

## GODISNOWHERE!

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST  
First Christian Church

How would you divide the above letters? Believers would divide it "GOD IS NOW HERE," Non-Believers would divide it "GOD IS NO WHERE."

While the former base their conclusion on

what the Bible teaches, those conclusions are confirmed in their minds by common sense and down-to-earth considerations.

Hebrews 3:4 contains two important statements: "Every house is build by some man, and He who built all things is God." It is talking about building.

When you look at farm fence with its posts in line with measured space between. It is woven wire and then its barbed wires, you know some person built it.

The same with a house with various rooms, a car with its many synchronized parts, and many other things - even something as simple as a lead pencil or as complicated as a computer. You may not know who made them, but you know somebody did. They did not "just happen."

Their design suggests intelligence, not chance. Their designs are intentional, not accidental. The presence of intentional human design is evident and is accepted by all.

But don't we likewise see design in things that human beings have not and could not have made? If so, who is the designer?

For instance, look at the various systems coordinated in our physical bodies - the circulatory, respiratory, digestive, skeletal, lubricating, muscular, nervous, visual, auditory, vocal and various other systems - each operating unit in itself and yet inter-related in its operation with the other systems. There is a designer.

The mineral kingdom is at the lowest level of existence (earth, water, etc.) The vegetable kingdom, which is higher, has life and feeds on the mineral kingdom. Then the animal kingdom eats the grass and drinks the water, has individuality, intelligence, and mobility.

Finally, mankind takes charge of all three lower realms, Order? Yes, But did man arrange it or is he just a part of it.

Such reasoning is convincing to many of us that not only "GOD IS," and that He created heaven and earth and everything in them, but that the Bible is His Word.

Jesus is His Son, and we (His creatures) should worship and serve Him (our Creator).

# UF Technique to Help Pine Forests Adapt to Climate Change

BY ROBERT H. WELLS  
UF

A breakthrough in pine tree breeding will lead to forests better adapted to climate change and bioenergy use, University of Florida researchers report. The improved forests will stem from a genetic technique the researchers have developed that can create new tree varieties in half the time it takes current breeding methods.

The technique, detailed in a study published online Wednesday by the journal *New Phytologist*, is expected to increase the security and competitiveness of the U.S. forestry industry.

The Southeast is a leading producer of the world's pine, and in Florida alone, the forestry industry had an economic impact of more than \$14 billion on the state's economy in 2009 and provided more than 80,000 jobs. Pine is used for building materials, furniture and paper.

Before the development, creating a new pine variety took more than 13 years. Now, with the new technique, the estimated time is about six years. The savings to the forestry industry are expected to be substantial.

"Competitiveness is a critical element right now," said Matias Kirst, an associate professor in UF's school of forest resources and conservation and an author of the study.

"We are under very significant pressure from countries in the world where there's perhaps less regulation, where there's higher photosynthetic capacity and the trees grow more," he said. "So we have to have the ability to breed more rapidly."

The finding came when the researchers, who are members of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, decided to bypass uncovering



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**Matias Kirst, an associate professor in UF's School of Forest Resources and Conservation, has helped develop a new pine tree breeding method using molecular markers that will significantly speed up the time it takes to develop new pine tree cultivars. Kirst is a member of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.**

every bit of genetic code behind pine tree traits.

Instead they used the parts of the genetic code they already knew to develop a trait prediction

model.

The model allows the researchers to predict with great accuracy traits that will appear in a tree

without having to first grow it in a field test, which can take about eight years.

Kirst said a large part of the technique's value is in breeding trees that perform well in the face of climate change, including conditions such as higher temperatures and increased drought.

"Breeders want to be in a position where the genetic material that they use is adaptable to a broad range of conditions," he said.

Gary Peter, a professor in UF's school of forest resources and conservation and another study author, said the new method will also enable faster development of trees that can be used for bioenergy, or energy produced from renewable resources.

"If we can modify traits much faster, we can create more specialized trees that can be grown for different products than just pulp and paper and solid wood," Peter said. "We can tailor them for energy conversion."

The new technique will also allow for the speedier development of trees with improved traits such as better wood quality and disease and pest resistance.

The study's authors also include lead author Márcio Resende Jr., a doctoral student in UF's genetics and genomics program; Patricio Munoz, a doctoral student in UF's plant molecular and cellular biology program; Juan Acosta, a doctoral student in UF's school of forest resources and conservation; John Davis, a professor and associate director of UF's school of forest resources and conservation; Dario Grattapaglia, a genetics and biotechnology resources researcher with Embrapa in Brazil; and Marcos Resende, with the department of forest engineering at the Universidade Federal de Viçosa in Brazil.

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