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Man Rescued from Glades Wreck

FHP: Heavy fog compromised driving conditions, led to wreck

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
Glades County Democrat

Serious, but not critical injuries resulted following an early morning wreck in Glades County on Wednesday.

Emergency crews arrived to find a man trapped inside one of the two vehicles involved in the wreck. He had become entrapped, but crews were able to remove him in time to provide aid and stabilize his injuries.

The accident happened at approximately 1 a.m. on a stretch of highway on U.S. 27 and C.R. 733.

According to the subsequent

Florida Highway Patrol report, two vehicles, a 2011 Volvo and a 1989 Kenworth trailer, were driving north on U.S. 27, on the right travel lane, one in front of the other.

The visibility had been heavily compromised due to thick fog blanketing the roadway. The driver of the trailer, Juan Gutierrez, 50, of Miami Beach, was traveling below the posted speed limit after the fog conditions worsened.

The driver of the Volvo, Matthew M. Murphy, 33, of Tampa, failed to take note of the vehicle ahead of him and crashed into the rear of the trailer.

Both vehicles came to a final stop facing north on the roadway, but the Volvo car suffered the worst of the damages, pegged at \$20,000. After crews responded and rescued the

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Girls' Varsity Soccer Secure First Win!



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Mayte Cisneros and Viviana Leon drive the ball past the Canterbury mid-fielders during last week's game.

Water Management District Leasing Procedures Questioned

Glades County land lease under scrutiny

BY ERIC KOPP
Glades County Democrat

When water managers recently renewed a lease on some of its Glades County property to a local cattle company, it raised a very serious question: Did that renewal violate state statute? And, according to the Florida At-

torney General's Office and the 1st and 4th District Courts of Appeals (DCA), the answer may be "yes."

But at the SFWMD governing board's Oct. 13 meeting, they were told by the district's chief real estate specialist and general counsel that SFWMD policy allows for lease renewals to be offered without going out for bid.

"A lease may be renewed without competitive process," SFWMD general counsel Carolyn Ansary told the board

members on a video of the meeting.

But, board member Glenn J. Waldman questioned Chief Real Estate Specialist Ruth Clements about the policy. When Mr. Waldman, an attorney, continued to doubt the policy Ms. Clements repeated that, in accordance with SFWMD policy, the lease does not have to go out for bid.

However, Florida State Statute 373.093 states: "Before leasing any land, or interest in land including but not limited to oil and mineral rights,

the district shall cause a notice of intention to lease to be published in a newspaper published in the county in which said land is situated and such other places as the board may determine once each week for three successive weeks (three insertions being sufficient), the first publication of which shall not be less than 30 nor more than 90 days prior to the date the board executes the lease, which said notice shall set forth the time and place of leasing and a description of

the lands to be leased."

A check of newspapers in both Okeechobee and Glades counties showed that SFWMD never ran a legal notice indicating that the property was coming up for lease.

Ms. Clements told the board it needed to vote on several lease renewals—including the 4,701-acre lease of the Glades County property to the Old River Cattle Company of Okeechobee.

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•Nov. 17 - Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Turkey and Ham provided by the MCA. Please bring a covered dish. There will be no MCA Meeting. This is a social event.

•Nov. 19 - Bingo at 6 p.m. (third Saturday of each month)

•Nov. 26 - Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.

All of the events are open to the public and will be held at the Muse Community Center Building on Loblolly Bay Rd. For more information, please call 863-674-0467.

Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

On Nov. 17, the Glades County Tobacco Free Partnership will be meeting at 3 p.m. in the Moore Haven High School Library.

At this meeting they will discuss the next steps for various policy goals. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting as they are trying to grow the partnership and gather new ideas and support for the issues. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Litchy via e-mail at sarah_litchy@doh.state.fl.us or by phone at 863-946-0707 ext. 404.

Fraternal Order of Eagles #4523

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #4523 is located at 101 Avenue J in Moore Haven. All events are open to the public.

November activities for members and friends are as follows:

•Tuesday: Bingo at 7 p.m.

•Friday: Steak Dinners 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

•Sunday: Breakfast served on the 1st and 3rd from 8 to 11 a.m.

Meetings are as follows:

•Men Aerie 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.

•Lady Auxiliary 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Aeries opens at 10 a.m. For information or applications call 863-946-1523.

Hendry and Glades Democrats

Hendry County and Glades County Democratic Executive Committees will meet together in Clewiston on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Restaurant, 842 East Sugarland Highway.

The two Democratic county organizations will discuss plans for a joint Jefferson-Jackson Day event to be held early next spring. A dinner cruise on the Caloosahatchee has been suggested as a possible site for the event with a keynote speaker yet to be determined. Both Ellen Hawk Geake and Joe Thomas, chairs of the Glades and Hendry DEC's are looking forward to putting together a joint event that will be remembered for some time to come.

The Hendry County DEC will also consider by-law changes that were presented to the committee members on Oct. 31. Chairman Joe Thomas said he, Vice Chair Carol Griggs, and State Committee Members Mitchell and Mary Thomas worked to ensure the new bylaws follow Florida Statutes, Florida Democratic Party Bylaws, and also retain the best features of the current bylaws not in conflict with state law and FDP regulations. All Glades and Hendry Democrats are welcome to attend this meeting and make comments at appropriate times; however, only members of the respective county executive committees may vote on matters coming before them.

The Glades Craft Show

The second annual Christmas Craft and Gift show at The Glades RV Resort will be on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Resort is located just off Hwy 80 between Hwy 27 and LaBelle.

Local crafters and artists will be selling glass garden sculptures, Scentsy home fragrances, scroll saw wood crafts, various kinds of handmade jewelry including hand made glass beads, purses, quilts made from jeans, rings made from buttons, greeting cards using local photos as well as quilling craft, "dishy" yard art, Christmas decor including lighted glass blocks and wreaths, aprons, pot holders, potato bags, plastic bag holders, painted bird houses, T-shirts, towels, earring charms, Raggedy Ann and Andy and Humpty Dumpty dolls, home made noodles and much more.

Coffee and donuts for breakfast and Artie's pulled pork sandwich lunch will be available for purchase.

To reserve a table for selling crafts, contact Eulaine Delgado at 765-271-3665 or eulainedelgado@aol.com

Plan now for the third annual sale on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FIU Scholarship for Hispanic Students

FIU's Agroecology Program will award more than \$330,000 in scholarships to Hispanic students by Dec. 15.

FIU plans to give away 15 scholarships worth as much as \$24,000 each to fund research, service-learning projects, professional networking activities and internships. The scholarships are designed to help students prepare for careers in agriculture, food and natural resource sciences. The funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Hispanic Serving Institutions Education Grants Program.

Applicants must be current or prospective FIU students, United States citizens and of Hispanic origin. To arrange an interview with the Agroecology Program manager or director, please contact Evelyn S. Perez at 305-348-4493 or esuperez@fiu.edu at the following information.

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.

Attention Hunters

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission would like to announce that they will be issuing permits for two wild hog hunts on Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area, west of US 27.

The two hog control hunts will be on Nov. 26 and 27, and December 3 and 4. Twenty five permits will be issued for each hunt. Permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to individuals 16 years of age or older.

Permit distribution will take place at the Fisheating Creek WMA check-station at the FEC Campground in Palmdale on Saturday, Nov. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. Individuals have to be present to pick up a permit.

You cannot get permits for other people. Left over permits will be available at the FEC WMA

office on Banana Grove Rd, Lakeport. Permittees will be allowed to take wild hogs with no size or bag limit. The use of dogs is prohibited. Firearms will be limited to a shotgun with #1 buckshot or larger. For additional information you may contact the Fisheating Creek WMA office at 863-946-1194.

Live Weather Updates

Glades County can now see live weather updates and a still picture from the Courthouse in Moore Haven. Glades County Emergency Management purchased a new weather station from WeatherBug for live weather updates and the Glades County Sheriff's Office purchased the camera for security. Both are located at 500 Ave J in Moore Haven. You can search for WeatherBug on the Internet and locate the station named Glades County Public Safety to see the live weather update and the link to the live camera.

The camera will be set up to take still pictures and video then they will be downloaded at Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Office.

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The Glades County Democrat welcomes news from the community. Post your news events, photos and opinions online at www.newszap.com. To contact us, e-mail to gcdnews@newszap.com or call toll free at 863-983-9148.

VFW Post #9528

Located at 29012 E Hwy. 78, Buckhead Ridge would like to know area residents of their activities. Post opens at 11 a.m. daily. Taking applications for new members for the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, Male Auxiliary, AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

•Mondays: Washer Pitch 1 p.m.

•Wednesdays: VFW, AMVETS, Ladies, Mens Auxiliary, Ladies AMVETS Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

•Thursdays: Bar bingo at 12:45 p.m., lunch is available

•Fridays: Steak, pork or fish dinners served with baked potato, salad and rolls from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

•Saturdays: Game night, LRC, close the box, Wii

•Sundays: 5-card Bingo at 5:15 p.m. with shrimp baskets, \$5 donation

Meeting dates and times: VFW- every second and fourth Saturday at 10 a.m., VFW Male Auxiliary every third Saturday at 10 a.m., VFW Ladies Aux. and AMVET Ladies every second Tuesday at 10 a.m. and AMVETS every first Saturday at 10 a.m.

Contact Commander Gordon Bruens at 863-467-2882.

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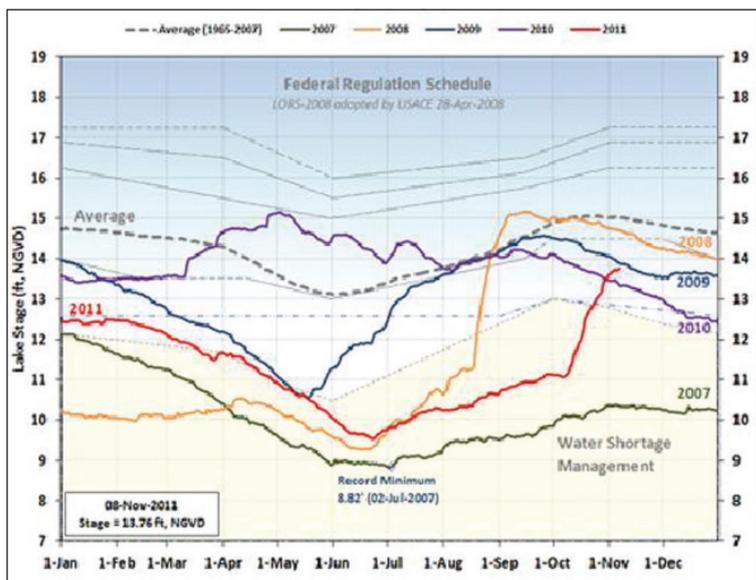
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Rainfall Eases Water Shortage



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The red line depicts the recent spike in Lake Okeechobee's water level, causing it to cross above last year's level, noted with the purple line.

BY RANDY SMITH
SFWMD

In response to improved regional water resource conditions, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board today rescinded all emergency water shortage orders for South Florida, many of which had been in place since March this year.

The Governing Board also declared a water shortage warning today to encourage vigilance and voluntary cutbacks. Frequent swings in South Florida's water conditions — and the drier-than-normal La Niña forecast — indicate a return to water shortage is possible.

"It's a relief to see an improvement to water supplies throughout the region, especially considering the drier-than-normal forecast for the next few months," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Joe Collins. "We continue to encourage people to conserve water and be mindful that there is still a chance that dry conditions will return in the spring."

The District's 16-county region remains under permanent conservation measures with the Year-Round Irrigation Rule that limits landscaping to two or three days per week based on location. Permitted water users such as nurseries, agriculture and utilities are required to continue following the terms of their permits.

Improved Conditions

The dry season that stretched from October 2010 until June 2011 was one of the driest on record and required mandatory, emergency cutbacks to protect water resources from serious harm and safeguard the water supply.

The District received 38.2 inches of rain during the June-to-November wet season, which is 4.52 inches above normal and compensated for the significant rainfall deficit during the preceding dry season. The record-setting 9.8 inches of rain in October was two-and-a-half times the average for the month and resulted in localized flooding. Lake Okeechobee, the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, the Water Conservation Areas and groundwater levels improved dramatically in recent weeks.

"The District is storing as much water as possible given the forecast for below-average rainfall in the months ahead, while also balancing flood control responsibilities. Given Florida's long history of weather extremes and recent and

dramatic swings from dry to wet conditions, we remain on alert for a drier-than-normal dry season," said Tommy Strowd, SFWMD Director of Operations, Maintenance and Construction. "Conserving water and following the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule remain key to stretching supplies."

October's storms did significantly benefit Lake Okeechobee, a key backup water supply for millions of South Floridians. The lake stood at 13.79 feet NGVD today, and continues to rise

above last year's level. The current level is more than 2.5 feet higher than on Sept. 30. Links to information about irrigation limits by area, current conditions and water-savings tips are available at www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch. The Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule went into effect in 2010 and was designed to reduce water use in South Florida. For more information on the Year-Round rule, visit www.sfwmd.gov/2days.

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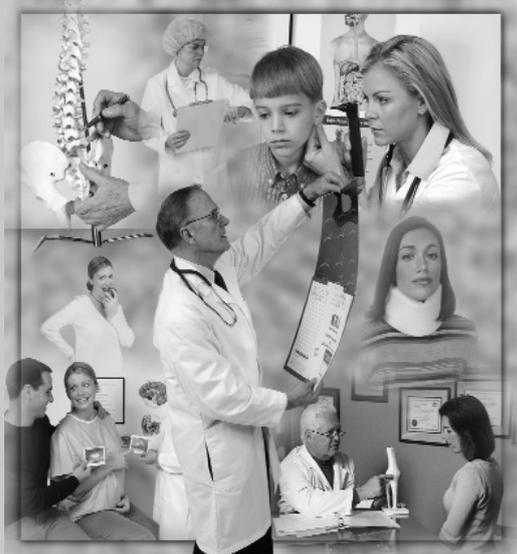
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Thursday:
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. South wind between 5 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.



Friday Night:
Isolated showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Breezy, with a east wind between 11 and 16 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.



Sunday:
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 81. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.



Thursday Night:
A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Southeast wind between 6 and 8 mph.



Saturday:
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a east wind around 17 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.



Sunday Night:
Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 72.



Friday:
A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. East wind between 6 and 11 mph.



Saturday Night:
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I asked her, "Why did you make such a promise?" She thought it would help her quit and was trying to give herself a boost because she knew it was going to be very difficult.

Tobacco is the number one addiction in the U. S. according to one of the authors I've read. Treatment centers for other addictions often will have "smoking areas" or one can see the staff taking a break outside, and ash trays are provided for those in the programs.

My question to people when they are about to embark on something very serious is "Do you know what you are getting into, what you are committing to do/not do, are ready to face areas that you may well not know about?"

One lesson I read recently was from Joshua (Chapter 24: 1-3, 14-25) when the people of Israel were entering the promised land. They are grateful, and Joshua puts before them a challenge. "Choose this day whom you will serve ... as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

The people responded, "far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord and serve other gods," and they recount that they were brought out of slavery and God did great things among them. They assured Joshua, "Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for He is our God."

Joshua, though, reminded them that God is a jealous God, and that he will not forgive their transgressions or sins, that He will do harm if He is forsaken, and He will consume them after having done good. That's a bit harsh, but it speaks of a reality the people may not have wanted to face when making a commitment.

SEE RELIGION • 7

Johnny Lee Bailum

MOORE HAVEN — Mr. Johnny Lee Bailum was born Jan. 7, 1945, in Arcadia, to Mr. Johnny and Elizabeth Bailum who preceded him in death.

He attended Booker T. Washington School in Moore Haven. He served his country proudly in the United States Army from 1968 until 1983 then he returned to Moore Haven before residing in Clewiston until his death.

On Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at 3:15 p.m. Jesus Christ spoke to him that his time in this painful earthen vessel is over, come to me and rest in my presence forever with a glorified body.

He leaves to mourn, Mrs. Bertha Mae Jackson devoted long time companion; one daughter Mrs. Kathy Bailum Wilson of Georgia; one step-daughter, Shirley Ann Hayes (Kenneth) of Clewiston; three sisters, Gloria Bailum, Geraldine Bailum of Leesburg, Mrs. Linda Ann Robinson of Moore Haven; two brothers, George Bailum (Rose) of Bloomington, Ind., Arthur Jenkins of Detroit, Mich.; two grandsons, Keithen Williams of Killeen, Texas, and Jhamarian Turner of Clewiston; two granddaughters, Desire Kerr, and Khamari Turner of Clewiston; five great grandchildren; three aunts; Georgia Perry (Thomas) of Frostproof, Carolyn Rembert of Okeechobee, and Barbara Goodlon of Bakersfield, Calif.; two uncles, Ellis Wilson of Bakersfield, Calif., and Willie Wilson of Bakersfield, Calif.; five nieces, Stephanie of Orlando, Asia Rinaldi (Mario) of Port St. Lucie, Carla Williams of Clewiston, Elizabeth Bailum, Jessica Bailum of Bloomington, Ind.; two nephews, Leonardo Bailum (Sarah) of Palm Beach, and Antonio Colon of Moore Haven; two great-nieces, Cherica Williams of Clewiston, Leondria Bailum of Palm Beach; four great-nephews, Davonte Ragland, Kyree Marshall of Clewiston, Leadre Bailum and Le'Adrian Bailum of Palm Beach; sister-in-law, Irene Sampson of Clewiston; one brother-in-law, Lonnie Sampson of Moore Haven; niece, Earlene Sampson; three special friends, Harold Lee Reed, Ronnie Turner, M.C. Smith of Clewiston; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

We truly wish to name each and everyone of you, but time, will not permit. Do know we appreciate your love, time, prayers, and visits to our awesome beloved brother, father, husband, uncle, nephew and cousin Mr. Johnny Bailum, Jr.

The funeral service was 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Clewiston, with Rev. Brown officiating. Interment was Monday at South Florida National Cemetery.



Obituaries

Michael Luke Mazzina, 65

CLEWISTON — Born Sept. 27, 1946, in Clewiston, to parents Guido and Gloria Mazzina, Michael Luke Mazzina was a life long resident of Hendry County.

Not long after his arrival his family welcomed his sister Quita Mazzina, who still survives him. As a child Mike was always active in sports. In High School he excelled as a student and shined as an Elite Athlete in several sports. After High school Mike attended the University Of Florida and Graduated top of his class with a B.S. in Marketing.

Immediately after college he was drafted to the United States Army where he spent much of his Duty in Vietnam as 2nd LT. After surviving hell on earth he returned home to marry his soul mate, Terry Jean Moore and created their heaven on earth. In his late twenties Mike took a career at U.S.S.C where he was Director of Purchasing for more than thirty years. In 1981, after years of trying to have children, Mike and Terry welcomed their first child into the world, Laquita Michelle Mazzina. One year later they welcomed their son, Michael Luke Mazzina II. Both children were deeply wanted and unconditionally loved. Mike spent his years as a father and husband fishing, hunting, camping, playing and teaching sports, and golfing.

A mans man, best friend, provider, and supporter Mike was well known for his generosity in the community. Mike would give you the shirt off his back, the shoes off his feet, and the last Busch Light in his cooler and never expect anything in return. He stood up for what was right, stood behind those he loved, and wore a set of shoulders that could carry any load.

Just when he thought his days of raising kids were through, along came his most prized possession, his Grandbaby Mia. Mia brought a brand new kind of smile to his face. A few years later Mia's little brother, Brayden was born and quickly followed by his cousin Michael Luke Mazzina III, known as Lil Mikey and just recently, Grandbaby Aleigha. Mike has many people that call him father and he did just that for every single one of them. Last names didn't matter to him nor did first impressions, second chances were what he was know for giving and in some cases third, fourth, and fifth chances. The man never judged or convicted only loved and cared. He leaves behind a sense of responsibility and expectation in every single person who he cared for and loved to maintain, man up, get along, and most of all as he would always say, "Just Be Cool". He was more than a man, He was a hero and always will be a Hero.

Mass of Christian Burial was held 3:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, in Saint Margaret's Catholic Church where Father Dan Devore Presided, visitation was Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Akin-Davis Funeral Home. Burial with military honors were held in Ridgelawn Cemetery.

Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston handled the arrangements.

Obituaries should be submitted by sending e-mail to obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

Alfred Collier, 74

LAKEPORT — On Nov. 11, 2011, Alfred Collier, age 74, died at his home in Lakeport. Born in Lake Placid, he spent his lifetime around Lake Okeechobee as a commercial catfish fisherman. Alfred was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church in Lakeport.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, LaLainie Collier; step-sons, Larry (Doris) Williams of Lakeport, Donald Williams of Moore Haven; step-daughters, Kathy Snook of Lakeport, Mary Alice (Ray) Ford of Birchwood, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Allan (Nina) Collier of Lake Placid, Charles (Barbara) Collier of Lakeport; and a sister, Thelma Able of Baker, Fla.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

Friends may send online condolences at www.buxtonseawinds.com.

All arrangements are under the care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY DEADLINES

As another Thanksgiving season approaches, the staff of this paper would like to wish you and your family all the trimmings of a bountiful holiday, complete with our best wishes and gratitude.

We would also like to remind you that our newspaper office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and that our paper will be on the street Wednesday, November 23.

In order to do this we have to move up our deadlines: Display advertising is due by 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17

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RELIGION

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They reaffirmed. "No, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua told the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves," and the people affirmed once again, "We are witnesses." Joshua is insisting that the people whom he will lead understand the seriousness of what they are promising; and they have to reaffirm it more than once.

In spite of all of the shortcomings over the centuries, and the ups-and-downs, God's people still recognize the seriousness of commitment and still work to follow Him. That's a message that is true today. Know how serious the promises we make are going to be, know what it is that we are promising, know what the implications of giving our word are going to be and don't make rash promises in the heat of an emotional moment. The New Testament admonishes, "Do not break your oath (Matthew 5:33)." It's about thinking before speaking, and when it comes to promises, be serious – be very serious!

Don't be a Thanksgiving Turkey

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

I've been called a turkey before. No one wants to be a turkey.

Being called a turkey takes on an even deeper meaning when you realize the fact that commercially grown turkey is not one of nature's most intelligent creatures. As a matter of fact, the domesticated turkey has been described as being "as brainless as a baseball."

Even drinking can put a strain on turkey intelligence. If a turkey is outdoors, looking up at the sky when it starts to rain, it can drown. They're often not smart enough to close their mouths in the rain. No one wants to be a turkey.

But at least the turkey has an excuse for being "bird-brained." There is less excuse for us human beings. Take the nine lepers Luke writes about in Luke 17. Jesus had healed them from a disgusting, painful, and unsightly skin disease. It was a tremendous gift. Even more so in that Jesus had made it possible for them to re-enter society and reunite with their families. Ten lepers were healed. But only one leper, and a Samaritan at that, came back and said, "Thanks."

Talk about turkeys! Ten received God's blessing, but only one stopped to say thanks.

What about us? Thanksgiving Day is here. In which group will we be found? Amongst the

nine who took their blessing and walked off or with the one who came back to thank God?

If we want to avoid being "turkeys" this Thanksgiving, the behavior of that tenth leper might prove instructive.

We are not meant to keep our blessings to ourselves. "Thanks," is only half of the word. "Giving" is the other half.

We can make generous giving a part of our thanks-giving. Remember, every time we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick or the prisoner, it's the same thing as doing it for Jesus (Matthew 25:31).

The tenth leper may not have had much, but in his gratitude he shared what he had to give.

This Thanksgiving, don't be a turkey. In English, the word "think" and the word "thank" both come from the same root. Nine out of ten forgot to think and forgot to thank God for their blessings. But the tenth leper saw his blessings, gave thanks for his blessings, and shared his blessings. So can we.

Psalm 23 - A Summary

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

I have just completed a seven sermon series on Psalm 23. What a great Psalm! This Psalm can be summarized as follows: If I know the Shepherd, I don't have to fear anything! I don't need to fear loneliness, for He is with me.

I don't need to fear mistakes, for He guides me on the right path. I don't need to fear failure, for He restores my soul. I don't need to fear the future because goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life. I don't need to fear death, because I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

God is beneath me in green pastures. He is

beside me in still waters. He is with me in the valley. He is around me in the presence of my enemies. He's upon me anointing my head with oil. He is before me leading me in the right paths. He is behind me, surely goodness and mercy will follow me. He's even beyond me in Heaven. I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

What more could I want. That covers it all! Jesus is all you need, the Good Shepherd provides protection, provision, providence, companionship (His presence), and paradise. That wraps it all up. If you haven't become a Christian, I want to urge you to become one so this Psalm can be your Psalm too. You must believe the Gospel, that Jesus died for your sin, was buried and arose again.

You must repent of sins. Jesus said "Repent, or Perish!" You must confess faith in Christ. Before the Eunuch was baptized into Christ he confessed, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of The Living God." (Acts 8:37).

Then your must be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). When you do this the Lord adds you to His One Church.

Then you should meet with those who call themselves "Christians only" and continue steadfastly in the Apostle's Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread and Prayer (Acts 2:42). And of course once you do this you will want to share you faith with everyone you come in contact. Jesus said: "Freely you have receive, freely give."

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Inland Birding Fun: Black Skimmer (BLSK)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

There are three Skimmer species found in the world. The largest member of the Skimmer species is the Black Skimmer which is found in America.

"Skimmers are the only birds in the world with a lower mandible (bill) longer than the upper," (Great Florida Birding Trail). The Black Skimmer is considered a species of "Special Concern" in Florida due to habitat loss and disturbance during nesting.

They are found year-round along Florida's coasts and are often reported in inland Florida from December to June.



Margaret England

The Black Skimmer is a medium-sized large tern with white underparts and black back and cap. Adults have a long red and black knife-thin bill with an elongated lower bill which makes their recognition

easy in the field. Black Skimmers have very short red legs and long pointed wings.

At hatching, the young Black Skimmer's mandibles are equal in length, but at about four weeks, the lower mandible is longer. Immature Skimmers will have mottled black-and white feathers on their back and head. The Black Skimmers call is a barking "kak-kak-kak".

This gregarious bird is seen in large flocks in inland Florida during the winter, flying over the water dragging its lower mandible along the surface while skimming for small fish, insects and crustaceans. It uses touch to catch fish which gives it the ability to forage in low light or darkness.

They normally nest in colonies on bar sandbars in coastal Florida from May through August, but have been reported nesting inland and on rooftops. Their nest is a scrape in the sand made by kicking sand with their feet. Males do more scraping with the average scrape being 10 inches in diameter and one-inch deep.

The clutch size is normally four to seven pale cream, white, greenish or pinkish eggs spotted



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Black Skimmer in flight.

with dark brown or black which are incubated for 21 - 25 days. The tan colored down chicks are almost helpless when born. They must be fed by their parents for three to four weeks after hatching.

Photographers, birders, adults and youth are invited participate in upcoming birding trips or the Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 31 at STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5).

E-mail Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com 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

Please send high resolution photos for upcoming news articles on songbirds and ducks. Photographer's submissions will be credited. 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 November and December 2011. "Like" the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society Facebook to enter the next drawing.

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Glades County Woman's Club Presents Folding Table to Historical Society

BY BARBARA BROWN
GCWC

What is Ticia Boland struggling up the steps with? Members of Glades County Woman's Club wondered as Ticia carried in a folding table.

When Laura Bedard, a new member of the club, heard that the club had voted to purchase a table for the Historical Society in appreciation for their allowing them to meet in their restored house, she purchased one for them.

As Laura was away on business, she asked Ticia to present it to the Woman's Club, who in turn give it to the Historical Society.

Mystery solved, and this presentation will be made later to Julie Wigton, who is a member of both clubs but was unable to be at the Woman's Club meeting. Money that GCWC had planned to purchase the table, is now being donated to the Historical Society to be used for secure locks on the Westergaard House. A big thanks to Laura for making this happen.

Pat Ringstaff and Dianne Tillery volunteered to deliver Thanksgiving baskets to deserving families. Members have donated non-perishable items to fill these baskets. Items can be left with Kandi Snow, or on Bobbi Brown's front porch. The club voted to have this as an ongoing project so they can contribute to the need for assistance during other times.

Plans were finalized for the Club's participation in Christmas on the Caloosahatchee, and Ticia Bolan, Ways and Means Chairman, will present a work schedule for this event, for all members at the Club's Christmas Party.

The Club voted to move their regular meeting



Ticia Boland presenting folding table for Historical Society to Kandi Snow, GCWC President on behalf of Laura Bedard.

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to December 1, which will also be their annual Christmas party. This party is being catered by Cracker Cooking and Catering, and will be held at the Westergaard House.

Members were encouraged to bring a guest, and there will be a gift exchange—not to exceed \$5. If a member brings a guest, be sure to also bring a gift for them.

Pat Ringstaff was hostess, and served her famous chocolate cake and other goodies. Pat is "Hostess Chairman", and will present a schedule, so all members can have fun serving their culinary best.

It was suggested that two members serve each month, one to serve the drinks, and one to serve appetizers.

LAKEPORT NEWS

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

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

•Lakeport Gators would like to thank Angela with Glades County Public Safety for a great presentation for our youth on Friday, Nov. 4.

•Lakeport Gators meet every Friday at 6 p.m. Come out and enjoy food, games, and crafts. For more information, contact Ms. Brenda at 863-532-8314.

•Vendors are wanted for the Sour Orange Festival that will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11. For more information, call Dori at 863-227-1074.

•Lakeport Gators Kids Group is collecting non-perishable items to prepare food baskets for the Christmas holiday. If you would like to donate items, please contact Ms. Brenda.

•The Lakeport Gators Kid's Club is planning a Community Flea Market on Saturday, Dec. 3, starting at 8 a.m. If you have items that you would like to donate to support our Kid's club, you can drop off items on Friday nights between 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lakeport Gators Kid's Club will also be selling pulled pork sandwiches as well as having a bake sale.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

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.

Athletic Booster Club Turkey Shoot

The Moore Haven Jr-Sr High School Athletic Booster Club held the annual turkey shoot fundraiser last Monday evening on the city softball field. Local support generated about \$500 for all sports at MHHS. The club would like to recognize all those who won turkeys and volunteered help for the event.

James Ridgeway won the first two rounds of the evening. Other winners were Marcus Rives, Brett Whidden, Russell Bledsoe, Barry Schleuter, Harry Ogletree, and Kevin Bryant. The booster club would like to thank the following for volunteering their help: Janice Brown, Rayon Campbell, School District Maintenance Staff, Mike Pressley, Steve Petti, Kevin Bryant, Felinda Langdale, Rebecca Langdale, Wayne Reese, Ralph Ibietatorrendia, Jennifer Perez, Lisa Randolph and Cecil Bryant.

If you would like to sponsor a turkey for this event contact Lisa Randolph at 863-946-2083.

Special recognition and thanks is sent out to those that sponsored turkeys: Glades Electric (4), A-1 New and Used Auto Parts (2), Mike Pressley, Ahern's Service Center, Gates Melody Pools, Eagles, Koffee Korrall, Wayne Aldrich, Joe Flint, Gail Jones, Mickey's Bait and Tackle, Carl Martin, Russell Bledsoe, Brett Whidden, Pedro Navarro, Doug Bronson, Rainbow Gardens, and Sharon's Boutique. Continue to support the youth of Glades County, they are our future.

Dr. Phil said, "If it had not been for football in high school, he would have not finished," and look where he is today helping others.

Happy Thanksgiving

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- There will be no residential or commercial collection on Thursday, Nov. 24th
- Thursdays route will be collected on Friday, Nov. 25th
- Regular collection schedules will resume Monday, Nov. 28th

West Glades School Citizens of the Month



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Front: Nathaniel McKenzie, Madison Cockram, Tanner O'donnell, Evelyn Ackley. Back: Gavin Johnson, Kenneth Tracy, Kylie Lowman, Jose Velasquez, Kylie Perra.



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Front: Kirya Aguirre, Kayla Davis, Janna Morrissey. Back: Jessica Camilo, Hailee Enriquez, Omar Casiano, Miguel Coates. Not Pictured: Justin Curtis.



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Mr. Roquett goes to school in his PJs

West Glades students had a good laugh when Assistant Principal Jose Roquett came to school wearing his Superman pajamas on Oct. 26. Mr. Roquett won a contest during the recent Book Fair and received the most spare change in his container at the Book Fair Check-out. The money was collected to buy books for the library, as well as to provide books for libraries that sustained damage through tornadoes and hurricanes with matching funds from Scholastic Books. They raised more than \$132 for new books.

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man, he was transported to Florida Hospital in Lake Placid.

His injuries were listed to be serious. When his condition improves, he will face a charge of driving too fast for conditions (failure to use due care).

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash. No indication was given as to how fast either of the vehicles had been traveling at the time.

Slow Down for Manatees Migrating to Warmer Waters

As winter's chill arrives, cold-sensitive manatees begin migrating to warmer waters. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds boaters and personal watercraft operators to slow down and watch out for Florida's official marine mammal.

The lumbering, slow-moving manatees generally start traveling to warm waters when the air drops below 50 degrees or water temperatures dip to 68 degrees. November is also Manatee Awareness Month, and the FWC wants to alert boaters to the slow speed zones now going into effect on the rivers, canals and waterways where manatees travel.

"If you think you see a manatee, please slow down and give the animal plenty of room because it may not be alone. It may have a calf or be traveling with other manatees," said Kipp Frohlich, who leads the FWC's imperiled species management section. How to spot this aquatic giant? Boaters and personal watercraft operators should scan the water near or in front of

their vessels and look for the signs that manatees are close by, including swirls resembling a large footprint, a repetitive line of half-moon swirls, a mud trail, or a snout or fluke (tail) breaking the water's surface. Other steps that boaters and personal watercraft operators can take to help manatees migrate safely:

- Keep vessels in marked channels;
- Wear polarized sunglasses to improve your vision;
- Obey posted boat speed zones;
- Use poles, paddles or trolling motors when close to manatees;
- Have someone help scan the water when under way.

Besides following manatee-safety recommendations, people can help manatees survive by reporting sick, distressed, injured, orphaned or entangled manatees to the FWC's Wildlife Alert hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Visit MyFWC.com/Manatee or call the FWC at 850-922-4330 for more information.

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The evening began with outside games including bobbing for apples, sack races and a hay scramble. Following costume judging by OCA president Hugo Geistman and Chick Gitter, the

party moved indoors and concluded with a chili feast prepared by OCA vice president Mandy McCroy.

Amanda Billings, children's program director commented, "We are very pleased that so many parents came in costume along with their children. The costumes were awesome! This was our most successful year ever."



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Little Scottish Princess Cassidy Lara lost her shoe.



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Program Director "Queen" Amanda Billings.



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Kids had fun bobbing for apples.



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Sarah Nelson-Madrid dressed up as the Wicked Witch (left) and Jasmin dressed up as Dorothy (right).



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The Hay Scramble.

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- 525 E El Paso Office w/ apt. excellent condition \$105K
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We would also like to remind you that our newspaper office will be closed on **Thursday, November 24** and that our paper will be on the street **Wednesday, November 23.**

In order to do this we have to move up our deadlines: **Display advertising is due by 5 p.m Thursday, Nov. 17**

Class liner, class display and legal ads are due by noon Friday, November 18

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Tiempo Parcial Empleo por 1-Día La oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Hendry está buscando trabajadores de encuesta para el próximo año de elecciones de 2012. Esto es tan sólo un día de 14-16 horas al trabajo electototal. Debe ser un votante registrado de condado de Hendry. Se requiere entrenamiento. Bilingüe también necesario. Seleccione una aplicación en la Oficina de elecciones de condado de Hendry situado a 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle. Esta Oficina está ubicada en el Palacio de justicia o en la oficina de Clewiston ubicada en 100 E. El Paso

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Dearborn Street Holdings, LLC, 111 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60603, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name Dearborn Street Holdings, LLC Series 14 Fielda Grove, with its principal place of business in the County of Hendry, State of Florida, intends to file an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Florida Department of State.

402847 CN 11/17/2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a workshop on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Hendry County Administration Building, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the future personnel for the Tourist Development Council. This 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 with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Hendry County
Tourist Development Council
Karson Turner, Chairman
402911 CN 11/17/2011

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402903 CN 11/17/2011

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
3620	2008	4104329-03020990030	Open Space Land LLC

Lot 3, Block 2099, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **December, 2011**, which is the **15th day of December, 2011**.

Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

402191 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
415	2007	1324229-A0000560000	Sarah J. Sawatzky & Jacob C. Sawatzky & Taylor R. Sawatzky

The East one-half of the following described property as divided by a North-South line parallel to the East boundary thereof.

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter and the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, EXCLUDING the East 178.99 feet and EXCLUDING the North 150 feet of the West 375 feet of Section 32, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to a perpetual easement for ingress and egress across the North 30feet thereof. Subject to a perpetual easement for ingress, egress and utilities across the East 30 feet thereof and across the South 30 feet of the East 200 feet thereof.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **December, 2011**, which is the **15th day of December, 2011**.

Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler
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402147 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

Public Notice

Florida Governmental Utility Authority
Notice of Executive Session Meeting
For further information, contact Faith Doyle at 407-629-6900.

Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") Notice of Executive Session Meeting

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority will conduct an Executive Session immediately following the regular Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011 in the Majestic Golf Course, Clubhouse Crown Meeting Room, 350 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936, to discuss ongoing litigation. The Executive Session will begin at approximately 1:30 p.m.

After the meeting is convened, the Board will go into closed session pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes. The subject matter of the executive session is: **1) Park East Development, Ltd. v. Florida Governmental Utility Authority, et al., Case No. 2009-CA-4758 (2nd Cir., Leon Co.)**. The discussions in this session shall be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures as to this litigation matter. The session will be recorded by a certified court reporter. The meeting will last approximately one-half hour and will be attended by FGUA Board members Lea Ann Thomas, Chairperson; Robert Knight, Vice Chair; Michele Baker, Vice Chair; Shane Parker, Board member; Michael Crumpton, P.E., Board member; and Douglas L. Meurer, P.E., Board member; or Board alternates Bruce Kennedy and Pam Keyes; and FGUA Counsel John Pelham, Heather Encinosa and Heath Stokley along with FGUA System Manager, Robert Sheets or designated representative.

Following the closed session, the Board will reconvene in open session so that the Board can take action. After which, the Chairperson of the meeting will announce the termination of the executive session.

402658 CN 11/17/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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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
3385	2008	4104329-01020270110	Elvira Ramirez

Lot 11, Block 2027, Port LaBelle Unit 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 50, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler
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402186 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

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
3724	2008	4104329-03021290030	Open Space Land LLC

Lot 3, Block 2129, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

402184 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2164	2008	1274432-A0002660000	Lucky Path, LLC

The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 196, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **19th day of October, 2011**.

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

401080 CN 10/27;11/3,10,17/2011

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
3384	2008	4104329-01020270100	Elvira Ramirez

Lot 10, Block 2027, Port LaBelle Unit 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 50, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

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

402313 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

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
3693	2008	4104329-03021190230	Harry Ireland

Lot 23, Block 2119, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

402203 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ilene & Jon Klafeld Co Tr**, 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
2859	2007	4104329-02020590140	Nubia J. Pacheco

Lot 14, Block 2059, 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.

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Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

402200 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2560	2008	1314433-A0003080000	Michael S. Ball & Sarah Ball

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5805, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **19th day of October, 2011**.

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

401086 CN 10/27;11/3,10,17/2011

When you want something sold, advertise in the classifieds.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **RJS Realty, 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
493	2008	1334528-A000020000	Lake Trafford Independent Baptist Church, Inc.

The South one-half of Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the West 60 feet thereof.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **December, 2011**, which is the **15th day of December, 2011**.

Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

402189 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

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
3719	2008	4104329-03021280020	Michael J. & Kathleen E. Carney

Lot 2, Block 2128, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

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

402145 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2147	2008	1274432-A0002230000	Rigoberto Hurtado, Susana Hurtado & Yvonne Hurtado

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to a canal easement over and across the South 25 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 224, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **19th day of October, 2011**.

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

401074 CN 10/27;11/3,10,17/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Euphonium V, 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
492	2008	1334528-A000010000	Lake Trafford Independent Baptist Church, Inc.

The North one-half of Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the West 60 feet thereof.

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

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

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Dated this **2nd day of November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

402199 CN 11/10,17,23 & 12/1/2011

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2557, 2008, 1314433-A0002900000, Yanira Taborada de Montanari

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5695, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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

401085 CN 10/27;11/3,10,17/2011

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS EXOTIC INVASIVE AND NUISANCE PLANT ERADICATION SERVICES, AIRGLADES INDUSTRIAL PARK, CLEWISTON, FLORIDA

RFP No. 2012-03

Opening Date and Time: December 1, 2011 @ 2:00 pm

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals from responsive and responsible proposers for award to provide professional exotic invasive and nuisance plant eradication services at Airglades Industrial Park, 3800 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, Florida, 33440, as requested by the County and described in the Request for Proposals (RFP). In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by December 1, 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 mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Hendry County Engineering, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935. Firms not in attendance at the pre-bid meeting shall be considered non-responsive and shall be disqualified from the RFP process.

A copy of the Instructions and RFP Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

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

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

Darrell R. Harris, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, 401753 CN/CB 11/3,10,17/2011

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2293, 2008, 1364432-A0000210000, Osvaldo & Martha Gonzalez

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as tract 4844, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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

401082 CN 10/27;11/3,10,17/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2582, 2008, 1314433-A0003880000, Carlos A. Alvarez

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5980, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded Subdivision.

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

401083 CN 10/27;11/3,10,17/2011

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 14, 2011, the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development for the release of HUD Economic Development Initiative, Special Project funds under Public Law 110-161 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008) signed into law by President Bush on December 26, 2007, to undertake a project known as the Hendry LaBelle Regional Park for planning, design, and construction of recreational facilities improvements in the amount of \$294,000 at the Hendry LaBelle Regional Park.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Hendry County Grants & Special Projects Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL, 33935, Room 116, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Hendry County Grants & Special Projects Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935, Room 116. All comments received by noon on December 13, 2011 will be considered by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development that Tristan Chapman, in his capacity as Chairman of the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development will accept objections to releasing funds and the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners' certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners; (b) the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24CFR Part 58, Sec 58.76) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Office at 909 SE First Ave, Suite 500, Miami, FL 33131-3028. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Housing & Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman, Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, 402975 CN/CB 11/17/2011

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.363(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the Banyan Village area, Port LaBelle Place Units 10-13, within the unincorporated area of the County, for service assessments for maintenance of the potable water service lines within that area commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2012, and continuing each year until the particular lot shall hook-up to and become a customer of the utility. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2011, in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administration Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida. In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Clerk at (863) 675-5217, seven days days prior to the date of the hearing.

Darrell R. Harris, Chairman, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

402357 CN/CB 11/17,24;12/1,8/2011

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Hendry County:

Florida Department of Transportation (SR 80 from Birchwood Parkway to Dalton Lane) 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830, has submitted Application 110309-4 for modification Environmental Resource Permit 26-00597-P for 117.4 acres of roadway lands. The water will be discharged to the Pine Creek and the project is located in Sections 2-6, 31-34, Townships 42, 43 South, Range 30 East.

Mannheimer Foundation Inc. (Longtail Acres) 20255 Southwest 360th Street, Homestead, FL 33034, has submitted Application 110512-17 for modification of Environmental Resource Permit 26-00717-P for 100.86 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be discharged to the C-43 Canal and the project is located in Section 21, Township 43 South, Range 31 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. 402628 CN 11/17/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2011-CA-563

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS E. ARNIOTTIS; JAMES A. ARNIOTTIS; and SHERRY ARNIOTTIS, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person or parties natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under the above named defendants or parties claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property hereafter described, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 31, 2011, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-563, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, is the Plaintiff and THOMAS E. ARNIOTTIS, JAMES A. ARNIOTTIS, and SHERRY ARNIOTTIS, I will sell, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 25 E Hickpochee, LaBelle, Florida 33935, SECOND FLOOR, at 11:00 AM on the 30th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

The West one-half of the West one-half of Lot 12 of that certain unrecorded Subdivision known as DOUBLE "J" ACRES, lying in the Southeast quarter of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida, which lot 12 is more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of said Section 29; thence N 04°05'50" W, 1,321.132 feet, along the East line of said Section 29; thence N 23°30'48" West, 1,298.80 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence S 03°03'48" West, 330.46 feet; thence East 646.38 feet; thence S 03°05'1 E, 330.63 feet; thence West 649.40 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. Said lot 12 being subject to an easement for road right-of-way over the East 30 feet and the North 10 feet thereof together with that certain 1970 OMEGA mobile home IDS HA60122RKB154CA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE US PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Dated the 1st day of November, 2011.

Clerk of Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk

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, during two working days of your receipt of this [describe notice]; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Reading a newspaper helps you understand the world around you. No wonder newspaper readers are more successful people! Need a few more bucks to purchase something deer? Pick up some extra bucks when you sell your used items in the classifeds.

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5988, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in this 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 Second Thursday in the month of December, 2011, which is the 8th day of December, 2011. Dated this 19th day of October, 2011.

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

401087 CN 10/27;11/3,10,17/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2011-CA-000246

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES F. WHITE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 31, 2011 and entered in Case No. 26-2011-CA-000246 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC is the Plaintiff and JAMES F. WHITE; LINDA G. WHITE; 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 30th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: SHALLI S. ROSEN, F/K/A SHALLI ANN SMITH, N/K/A SHALLI S. MAYNARD; MARINA LANGDALE, and STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, 0/B/O SHALLI ROSEN, Defendants.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court, County of Hendry, State of Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT NO. 2933 OF MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1998, 66 x 28 CRESTPOINT MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER FLA1461231AB.

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy D. Padgett, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated this 8th day of November, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F1100865

**See Americans with Disabilities Act in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800- 955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-9558770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 401945 CN 11/10,17/2011

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that they are conducting a Restaurant business at 870 W. Hickpochee Ave. #800, Florida, under the fictitious name of The Top Draw Bar & Grill and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows: Parrot's Pub Inc. 870 W. Hickpochee Ave #800 LaBelle, FL 33935 Ownership of The Top Draw Bar & Grill is as follows: Parrot's Pub Inc. It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporation to register the said name of The Top Draw Bar & Grill under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991. 402674 CN 11/17/2011

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dearborn Street Holdings, LLC, 111 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60603, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name Dearborn Street Holdings, LLC - Series 15 Florida, with its principal place of business in the County of Hendry, State of Florida, intends to file an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Florida Department of State. 402848 CN 11/17/2011

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NOTICE OF HEARING CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

To the owners and all persons interested in the lands corporate and other property in and adjacent to the Central County Water Control District, "the District."

You are notified that the District has filed in the office of the secretary of the District a resolution to consider approval of an amended water control plan, "WCP," to provide for the following elements making the District's WCP consistent with the District's Environmental Resource Permit with South Florida Water Control District; and, providing for a special assessment associated with the completion of the District's Reservoir Levee. Said amendments are summarized as follows:

- 1. Completion of Reservoir Levee Improvements - Construction of the 2.5 miles of the levee that remains to be completed in order to allow water retention at design/permited capacity;
2. Installation of Two (2) Additional Pumps - The installation of two additional pumps upon completion of the Reservoir Levee thereby increasing the District's permitted pumping capacity from 250,000 gpm to 300,000 gpm, a net 50,000 gpm theoretical increase in pumping capacity;
3. Inclusion of Woodlands Subdivision in the District's Geographical Boundaries - The District's legal description contains a scrivener's error thereby not closing the legal description of the Woodland's Subdivision as it relates to the geographical boundaries of the District;
4. Provision for a Special Assessment Funding the Reservoir Levee Completion - The District intends to fund the Reservoir Levee Improvements referenced herein by a special assessment not previously authorized by law through the provisions of Chapter 298, Florida Statutes; and,
5. Increasing the compensation for members of the Board of Supervisors for the District from \$50.00 per meeting of the Board to \$150.00 per meeting, contingent upon legislative approval. The District currently receives \$50.00 per meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the amendment would increase the compensation of the members of the Board of Supervisors from \$50.00 per meeting to \$150.00 per meeting. This amendment is contingent upon legislative approval by the State of Florida.

On or before its meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the District Administrative Offices, Montura Ranch Estates, 475 South Cabbage Palm Road Clewiston, Florida, 33440 written objections to the proposed plan amendment may be filed with the District at the aforementioned address. A public hearing on the proposed plan amendment will be conducted at the scheduled meeting and written objections will be considered at that time. At the conclusion of the hearing the Board of Supervisors may determine to proceed with the process for approval of the proposed plan amendment and direct the District Engineer to prepare an engineer's report identifying property to be taken, if any, assessing benefits and damages, and estimating the cost of improvements associated with the proposed plan amendment. A final hearing on approval of the proposed plan amendment and Engineer's report shall be duly notified and held at a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisor's meeting within 60 days after filing of the engineer's report with the Secretary of the District.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT 402234 CN 11/10,17,24/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 26-2010-CA-001220

BAC FLORIDA BANK, A Florida chartered Bank, Plaintiff,

-vs- LA BELLE 10 ACRES, INC., a Florida corporation; EYAL ROSS, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated the 20th day of October, 2011, entered in the above captioned action, Case No. 26-2010-CA-001220, I, BARBARA S. BUTLER, Circuit Court Clerk, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash 11:00 a.m. on November 23, 2011, on the 2nd floor of the Administrative side of the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935, the following described property as set forth in said final judgment, to-wit:

Exhibit "A"
Legal Description for File No.: E5-174

PARCEL #1- THE EAST ONE-HALF OF NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PART LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR STATE ROAD NO. 78, SUBJECT TO THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE SOUTH 30 FEET THEREOF, ALL OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, LYING AND BEING IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTAINING 4.82 ACRES MORE OR LESS;

PARCEL #2- THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PART LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR STATE ROAD NO. 78, OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST LYING AND BEING IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTAINING 2.27 ACRES MORE OR LESS; AND

PARCEL #3- THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, ALL OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, LYING AND BEING IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTAINING 2.55 ACRES MORE OR LESS. GRANTOR WARRANTS SUBJECT PROPERTY IS NOT HER HOMESTEAD PROPERTY, NOR ADJACENT THERETO. SHE RESIDES AT 22411 43RD DRIVE, LAKE CITY, FL 32024.

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 October 25, 2011.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

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, 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. 401934 CN 11/10,17/2011

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/02/2011, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000554

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff

vs BEBI SAHEED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED REFORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 7, 2011 and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-000554 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and BEBI SAHEED; RASHEED M. SAHEED; TENANT #1 N/K/A SHEIK M. SAHEED; TENANT #2 N/K/A BIBI H. SAHEED 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 7th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATE IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, VIZ:
BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 149 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE 240 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 129 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG A LINE 129 FEET EAST OF AND PARALLEL TO SAID WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 240 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 129 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; EXCEPT THE SOUTH 35 FEET OF AFORE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND WHICH IS FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.
A/K/A 984 NOBLES ROAD LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 9, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
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*See Americans with Disabilities Act - in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whole 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.
402750 CN 11/17,24/2011

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 1:00 pm in Suite 1 at Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center, 450 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. The public is invited to attend.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000771

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
STEPHEN L. O'BANNON A/K/A STEPHEN L. O'BANNON , et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 31, 2011 and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-000771 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and STEPHEN L. O'BANNON A/K/A STEPHEN L. O'BANNON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN L. O'BANNON A/I/C/A STEPHEN L. O'BANNON N/K/A JANE DOE; 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 30th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 19, BLOCK B, CROSS-TIE MOBILE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 103, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO. VIN. NO. 3354864762A AND 3354864762B, A/K/A 661 E LINCOLN AVENUE, LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 1, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on **November 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the application is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the application for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **December 13, 2011 at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

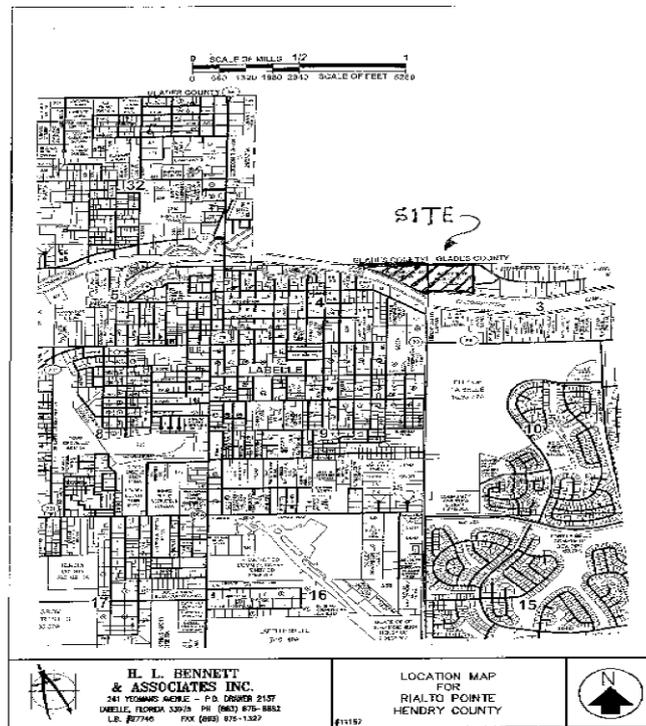
Petition Number: RZ11-0002
Applicant: OB Florida CRE Holdings, LLC; represented by H.L. Bennett, PE., P.L.S.
Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING ORDINANCE (95-08) TO ALLOW AN EIGHT-LOT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING SHARED DRIVEWAYS ON 29.82 +/- ACRES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Location: Riverbend Drive, LaBelle, FL
Property size: 29.82 acres +/-
Request: The applicant is seeking to amend the existing PUD (Ord. 95-08) to reduce the development from 24-residential lots to 8-residential lots. In addition, the lots will share driveway connections to Riverbend Drive.

Legal description of subject property:
DESCRIPTION:
GOVERNMENT LOT 1 AND 2, OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 98 CITY OF LA BELLE, SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 00°08'14" WEST (BASIS FOR BEARINGS IS COUNTY AND SOUTH FLORIDA FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, RIGHT OF WAY MAP OF CANAL C-43) ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 98, A DISTANCE OF 259.10 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE CALOOSAHAATCHEE RIVER CANAL C-43 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 53°20'42" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 119 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTHERLY EDGE OF THE OLD RIVER; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY EDGE, A DISTANCE OF 185 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 98; THENCE NORTH 00°08'14" WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 52.00 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (WESTERLY PART OF ISLAND).

LESS AND EXCEPT:
BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 98 OF THE CITY OF LA BELLE. NORTH 0°8'14" WEST ALONG EAST LINE OF BLOCK 98 - 259.10 FEET TO SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CALOOSAHAATCHEE RIVER CANAL C-43 AND POINT OF BEGINNING. SOUTHEAST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF CANAL 43 TO NORTH BANK OF OLD CALOOSAHAATCHEE RIVER. NORTH WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH BANK TO A POINT 52 FEET SOUTH OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING - NORTH 52 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. EASTERLY PART OF ISLAND.

TOGETHER WITH EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS. AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 218. PAGE 1037. PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.



Orvell Howard, Chairman
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Darrell R. Harris, Chairman
Hendry County Board
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

Henry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the West Hendry County Recreation Municipal Services Benefit Unit, within the unincorporated area of the County, for assessments on commercial properties for recreational purposes within that area commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2012, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2011, in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administration Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Clerk at (863) 675-5217, seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

Darrell R. Harris, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE HENRY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petitions on **November 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the applications are consistent with the *Hendry County Comprehensive Plan* and will review the application for consistency with the *Hendry County Land Development Code*.

The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **December 13, 2011 at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petitions are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the matter.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at 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.

Applicant: Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 1-54 SUBDIVISION REGULATION; TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING LARGE LOT SUBDIVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Hendry County Board
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She said Oct. 31 was the deadline for application to receive federal funds under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

For the Old River Cattle Company, those funds would total \$168,000.

EQIP provides financial help to eligible producers based on a portion of the average cost associated with practice implementation. Owners of land in agricultural production, who are engaged in livestock production on eligible land and that have a natural resource concern on the land, may participate in the program.

Property background

The property being leased by SFWMD to Old River spans a little more than 4,701 acres of non-contiguous parcels in eastern Glades County. The acreage, once part of the Pearce family's 13,000-acre cattle ranch, is split into three parcels. One parcel consists of 1,655 acres, the second has 2,459 acres and the third has 587 acres.

Before voting on the lease issue, the governing board heard from Patricia Pearce—wife of Glades County rancher Mark Hunter Pearce. Mrs. Pearce, the vice chair for the Glades County School Board, told board members that the property they were leasing had been in the Pearce family since the 1800s and questioned the SFWMD land lease policy.

"Who are the bidders?" she asked the board. "Why haven't landowners been given options on the land?"

According to family members, Pomcor Inc. bought stocks in companies owned by J.F. Pearce (Indian Prairie Groves, Sixty Nine Ranch and J.F. Ranch, Inc.) but did not buy his cattle. Pomcor then formed the Pomcor-458 Acres LLC and leased the 4,701 acres to Ricou Hartman, who owns Hartman Realty in Palm City. Then, SFWMD acquired that acreage from Pomcor.

Mr. Hartman made a lease with Pomcor, and the district then assumed that lease in May of 2006. It should be noted that Pomcor is now defunct.

On March 21, 2007, the district renewed the lease with Mr. Hartman. It renewed the same lease with Mr. Hartman again on Feb. 12, 2008. The lease was again renewed with Mr. Hartman and another party—Old River Cattle Company—on June 12, 2008. According to Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, records Louis E. Larson Jr., of Okeechobee, was and is the principal agent of Old River Cattle Co. Mr. Hartman, along with Jeffrey O. Clemons of Okeechobee, are listed as managers.

That local cattle company has held the lease on this property for approximately five years now. According to Ms. Clements, the Old River Cattle Co. is making yearly lease payments of: \$23,909 on the 1,655-acre parcel; \$25,485.63 on the 2,466-acre parcel; and, \$5,986.29 on the third parcel.

In a phone interview Tuesday, Nov. 1, Mr. Hartman said the property is being operated as "a normal ranch" and that there is rotational grazing. When asked how many cattle were on the property, he said he didn't know.

It should be mentioned that Mr. Larson was out of town on vacation and unavailable for comment. Mr. Hartman went on to explain that the amount of the lease is figured on an "animal unit basis and not by acres" and how many units (a cow and a calf) the property can support.

State statute

In a phone interview Monday, Oct. 31, SFWMD Executive Director Melissa Meeker said the district has followed its rules in handing out its leases.

"It's a careful thing we're walking here," she said. "Our legal counsel was involved in the entire policy. We feel like we followed the rules we had at hand."

However, the Attorney General's Office has a different opinion on the district's land leasing policy.

"State law has to be abided by and it does prevail over any rule or policy. In general, laws need to be followed," said Jennifer Meale, communications director for the AG's office. "As far as our applications, we can't speak to the specifics but, generally, state law trumps policy or rule." And 1st and 4th DCA rulings coincide with the attorney general's.

In a 1980 ruling, the 1st DCA ruled that: "It is axiomatic that an administrative rule must be consistent with the statute under which it is promulgated. It may not amend or repeal the statute."

The 4th DCA then ruled in 1995 that: "A rule cannot change the statute simply because it would be in the public interest to do so."

Then, in yet a third ruling, the 1st DCA offered in 2004 that: "An agency rule cannot contravene statutory provisions. Statutes take precedence over administrative rules." However, both Ms. Clements and Ms. Ansay told governing board members that their policy, in essence, trumps state statutes. Ms. Clements did say in an Oct. 31 phone interview that there has been a lot of public comment on the district's lease policy and that it may be revised.

"We are amending the policy to go out for competitive bids on all leased property," she said. She did not say when that revised policy would go before the governing board.

Discrepancies

When Ms. Clements was asked about the board's Oct. 13 vote, she said the vote was not in regard to renewing the leases. Instead, she said, the board was voting on the EQIP money.

She said the Old River Cattle Company's lease has not yet expired and that the board won't vote on renewing that lease until it expires. She said one of their leases will expire in March 2012 and another in May 2012.

"Their lease has not been renewed at this point," she said. "I don't know if it will be put out for bid. That will be a board policy decision."

However, according to SFWMD records the board voted 6-2, with one absent, to accept Resolution 2011-1020. According to the board's Oct. 13 meeting agenda, that is a governing board resolution: "... approving the extensions of lease for Williamson Cattle Co, Matthews, Lanier, Boree, Driggers Ranch, Ru-Mar, Inc., and Old River Cattle Company..."

When asked about the board's vote, Mr. Hartman concurred that his company's leases were renewed or extended. The board voted to extend Old River's lease to 10 years on two of the parcels, and renewed its lease for another five years on the third parcel.

By renewing the leases, Old River Cattle Co. will now qualify to receive EQIP funds.

Also, when watching the video the board could be heard voting to extend and renew Old River's lease. Voting against the measure were Mr. Waldman and James J. Moran.

Both Mr. Larson and Mr. Hartman addressed the board and explained to them why they should retain the leases.

And even though Mark and Patty Pearce attended the meeting, they did not get a chance to

bid on the property. In an interview Mark Pearce said he and his father D.L. Pearce would like to bid on the property—if they had the opportunity. He said they would like to put cattle on the property. Mark Pearce's lawyer, Chester Brewer, said the Peaces weren't even told that the lease was going to go before the governing board.

"On the morning of the 13th, Mark got a phone call at 7:30 that he had better be at the meeting," said Mr. Brewer.

Another Glades County rancher, John Austin Collier, is in the process of filing a lawsuit against the district because of flooding issues.

"We have filed a claim letter in regard to the flooding issue, and SFWMD allowing culverts to free flow without protecting the property below," said John Bryan, Mr. Collier's attorney.

Those culverts are on the L-59 canal that runs across the property leased by Old River.

When asked about the lease renewals, Mr. Bryan said water managers "definitely" violated state statutes.

"The purpose of these types of statutes is to make sure taxpayers get the most out of their land," he said. "The second issue is to keep people from getting sweetheart deals that no one knows about."

Editor's note: This story first appeared in the Nov. 2 edition of the Okeechobee News. Since then, SFWMD Executive Director Melissa Meeker issued the following response: "Land leasing is an important and legally valid land management tool for all five of Florida's water management districts, as described in state statutes. While land leasing issues can be complex, the article unfortunately confused the facts relating to requirements for competitive bidding and public noticing."

"First, Governing Board policy allows the District to renew existing leases without competition if the lessee is in good standing, i.e., taxes are paid and all lease conditions are met, and the lessee agrees to an appraisal to establish market rent as well as an annual Consumer Price Index or agricultural commodity index adjustment for future years."

"Second, the News reported that three weeks of public noticing are required for all leases. State statute is silent on whether renewal of an existing lease in good standing requires this step. The District's long-standing practice—and those of the other water management districts—has been to publicly notice new leases only."

"As the District's new executive director, transparency and public access are important to me—and also to this Governing Board. In recent months, we have been evaluating many of the District's past practices to find opportunities for improvement. Land leasing is no exception."

"This month, the Governing Board will specifically consider revising the agency's land leasing policy. They will be looking at policy components such as length of lease term, competitive bidding requirements, public noticing protocols and a number of other options. Their revisions, if any, will be in full compliance with Florida Statutes."

We encourage public participation in these policy discussions. I invite your readers to attend the Governing Board meeting, submit their input to ExecutiveDirector@sfwmd.gov or watch the meeting webcast at www.sfwmd.gov."



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Moore Haven Terriers Soccer

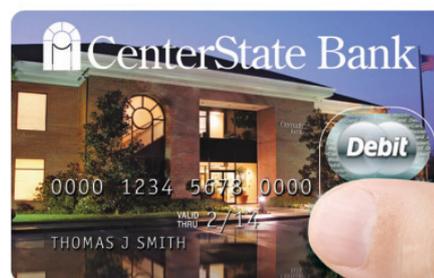
Pictured to the left: Viviana Leon heading towards a goal for the Terriers. Pictured to the right: A Terrier defender goes in for a strong tackle against a Canterbury attacker during last week's game. The Terriers won 3-0 against the Canterbury Cougars.



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