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Friday Crash Claims Local Man

Crash still under investigation

BY JUAN LOPEZ
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A Moore Haven man lost his life when he lost control of the motorcycle he was driving earlier Friday morning.

Seth Wayne Garvey, 20, was head-

ed northbound on U.S. 27 when the front tire of his 2011 Ducati motorcycle blew.

At the time of the blowout, he was being followed by two semi trucks being driven by Lazaro Guzman, 40, of Miami and Randy Graves, 49, of Canton, GA.

Garvey was ejected from the mo-

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McMillan: Friend, Father Remembered

Fishing legend gunned down on New Year's Eve

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
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To hear them all tell it, a more genuine person could have not have been found casting lures on the lake than Jimmy McMillan, Glades residents said.

He was the personification of a fisherman: experienced, cool, classy. He spent more than three decades learning the lake - its ins and outs, the hot spots, the migratory patterns of fishes, how weather and the sun affected the lake...everything. He understood the science behind it and the gut instincts that trumped it -- a qual-

ity that earned him the title of Angler of the Year.

A person might have been hard-pressed to find better fishing advice.

Luckily for them, he was always available to talk fishing.

"I can remember times I would go over to his house and stand in his garage and he would give me tips and pointers about fishing," recalled a friend, Curtis "Boo" Mosley. "I will miss our talks about fishing and will always be thankful for him inspiring me to tournament fish."

Everything for McMillan was hard-fought, which made his victories all the sweeter. His accomplishments were well-known in the fishing world, and especially on Lake Okeechobee.

And then Monday happened.

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Unwrapping friendship

After all the decorating was done Jesse Espinosa unwrapped her unique present - Chloe Ahern.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Glades County Library

The Glades County Friends of the Library is now open for new members. The Friends of the Library is an organization that meets only four times a year to plan various events that are to be held at the library. In addition to the business meeting, there is always a presentation of interest for the members. The Friends of the Library also maintains the Historical Section at the Glades County Library. Interested parties should contact Mary Booher at the library.

Celebrity Server Celebration

The Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge is having a prime rib dinner being served by local celebrities on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. there will be an auction with proceeds going to Mooseheart and Moosehaven and the Buckhead chapter.

Auction items have been donated by local businesses and various individuals. Contact Malinda Wood at 317-340-6955 with questions.

Ortona Community Association

The Ortona Community Association will hold its first spaghetti buffet dinner of the year on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the OCA Hall, on Ortona Road (Highway 78A).

For advance tickets or reservations, contact Margi Vanderbent at 863-675-7659 or email kmvanbent@yahoo.com.

Household Hazardous Waste

There will be a household hazardous waste and electronics waste collection on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Doyle Conner Building in Moore Haven. Hazardous waste generated from small businesses, farmers, and government agencies will be accepted during this event. For more information, please contact Wendell Taylor at 863-946-6000.

Citizen's Observer Patrol Academy

Citizen's Observer Patrol Academy is a comprehensive course geared towards educating interested citizens about the Sheriff's Office day-to-day operations and functions and to educate them about Florida law and their public rights.

The course is held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The class will meet every Tuesday for seven weeks at the Glades County Sheriff's Office Training Center.

For more information or to enroll, please call Marion Schramm at 863-946-1600 ext. 2139.

Fraternal Order of Eagles #4523

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #4523 is located at 101 Avenue J in Moore Haven. January activities for members and friends:

- Tuesday: Bingo at 7 p.m.
- Friday: Steak dinners from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sunday: Breakfast served on the first and 3rd from 8 to 11 a.m.

Meetings:
 • Men Aerie: Second and fourth Thursdays at 7 p.m.
 • Lady Auxiliary: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m.

For information or applications call 863-946-1523.

Mini Health Fair

Free health fair for the public, including blood pressure, weight and oxygen checks. The mini health fair is conducted through Ace Homecare outreach program.

- Aruba RV Park in Lakeport on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 9 a.m.
- The Glades RV Resort on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 9 a.m.
- M-RV Park on Wednesday, Jan 31, at 9 a.m.
- Sportsman Village on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 10:30 a.m.
- Hope Connections on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 11:30 a.m.

For more information call 863-233-1305.

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.

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.

Annual Yearly Progress

GCS 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.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation for the 2012 Seniors of Moore Haven High School is currently underway. We are in the process of raising money for the end of year alcohol and drug free party for our graduating seniors. This will allow the seniors to have an organized, adult supervised evening on the night of graduation. Our hope is that the seniors who attend Project Graduation will have an enjoyable and unforgettable, but most importantly safe evening. In addition to the graduation party, they are also hoping to raise enough money to send the seniors on a two night cruise to the Bahamas. This event will be separate from the graduation night party.

They have already engaged in several fundraising activities that have been well received by the community, including several barbeques, a rib cook-off, and three booths at Christmas on the Caloosahatchee. Future activities will include a chili cook-off, softball tournament, cow chip bingo, a food booth at "Arts in the Park" and a Seminole Indian Jacket drawing at Chalo Nitka! The jacket will be custom made by Erena Billie one of our seniors. Even with all of this fundraising activity they still need your support to make

these events happen for the graduating seniors. Any donation or support of the Moore Haven High School 2012 seniors will be greatly appreciated. Please make your donations payable to Project Graduation and send to the following address: Project Graduation. P.O. Box 99, Moore Haven, FL 33471.

For those of you who have already sent in a donation, thank you. They are very close to reaching our first goal. For those of you who have not yet contributed, they thank you in advance for any support or consideration you may give to Project Graduation.

School Public Accountability Report

School Improvement and Accountability are important elements in Glades County School District's success. Each school has an Advisory Council that approves priorities and plans that guide improvement activities throughout the year. These plans reflect state and local goals, policies, and requirements. Public School Accountability is one way that the state and district communicate the progress that each school is making toward all students reaching the highest standards.

The data in the report allows parents/guardians, community and staff to judge the school's successes and areas for development. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and includes certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. The School Public Accountability Report is available to view on the Glades County School District web site at www.glades-schools.org. Copies are also available at the schools and the Glades County School Board Office.

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 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.

• Sour Orange Festival on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8 a.m. Live music, crafts and food will be available from different vendors from local and afar.

For more information, please contact Dori at 863-227-1074 or Brenda at 863-532-8314.

• Lakeport Gators will meet on Friday, Dec. 30, at 6 p.m.

For more information, please call Ms. Brenda at 863 532 8314.

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Inland Birdwatching Fun: Red-shouldered Hawk (RSHA)



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Red-shouldered Hawk.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Happy New Year! Join in the fun of reporting or submitting a photo of the first bird you heard or saw in 2012 by posting on the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society's Facebook Page. One popular FOY ("first of year) species is the Red-shouldered Hawk. They are probably the most vocal American hawk. Red-shoulder Hawks are often seen circling above their territories and repeatedly calling "kee-aah" three to four times.

Two of the five subspecies of Red-shouldered hawk breed in Florida. These common raptors are probably the most numerous and widely distributed Florida hawk. One of the two species which lives in South Florida is commonly referred to as the "pale race" because it is smaller and paler gray than other Red-shouldered Hawk subspecies.

The Red-shouldered Hawk is a medium-sized raptor with a robust body and broad wings. Adults have barred rusty-red underparts, brownish head and reddish chest. Their red "shoulders" are visible when they are perched. This hawk has a long black tail with four or five narrow white bands. When in flight pale crescents on the wings are visible from below.

These raptors are usually found in forests with open understory located near water. They will perch in trees or hop on the ground in order to forage for easily captured prey such as toads, snakes, frogs, rodents, and small birds.

Their stick nests are usually located in large

mature trees with good canopy cover. The nest is lined with bark, mosses, lichens and twigs. The adults will return to the same nesting area repeatedly where they breed from January through May or June. Normally two whitish eggs with brown are laid in a bulky nest that is place in a tree's fork. The eggs are incubated for about 33 days. Chicks are born helpless, with open eyes and covered with buffy brown down. The young birds fledge in . 40 to 45 days.

They are often chased by American Crows, but will join forces with the Crows to chase Great Horned Owls out of their territory.

If you would like to participate in upcoming bird trips to STA5 or receive the Hendy-Glades Audubon digital newsletter, e-mail Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

The schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs is available on the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.

Lake Okeechobee Fishing Report

BY MARK KING

The New Year is here and the fishing here on Lake Okeechobee just keeps getting better by the day. The lake level is at 13.65 feet above sea level and is at a great level to allow us to fish almost anywhere on the lake including some places we have not had access to in a number of years. A cold front is moving through South Florida and after it warms up next week there should be a lot of bass moving in toward spawning areas. When the water cools off and then warms back up it triggers the bass to move in off the main lake toward spawning areas.

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and a happy New Year. I do have some bad news to report, local FLW pro Jimmy McMillan was gunned down in his store during a robbery. Jimmy was loved by the fishing community around Okeechobee and will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the McMillan family. The live bait bite on wild shiners has been off the hook the past week with five dozen shiners only lasting a few hours. The artificial bite has been off a little the past week but was really good up until than. Next week the full moon should push a lot of bass in to spawn and the artificial bite should be back in full force. The bass that I have been catching on artificial lures have been flipping in heavy cover, using a Charlie's Worms Flippin' Bug and a heavy one ounce tungsten weight. You will need a good heavy action rod to get these bass out of this heavy cover and braided line of at least fifty pound test is a must.

The bites are not one after another but the bites you do get are big bass. The only other way I was able to catch some bass last week was on a Charlie's Worms Zipper Dipper fished slow. If the weather cooperates this next week we should be able to catch bass off the beds in a lot of areas around the lake. Areas like the East Wall, Long Point, Pelican Bay, and along the shoal should all be good. We are still in January and, with that, cold fronts move through the area and can really slow the fishing down. Starting with wild shiners and then going to artificial lures works great on these colder mornings here on Okeechobee. I haven't had a lot of reports of crappie being caught but I know there are some being caught out off the main channel from Clewiston, in the rim canal, a few around Bird Island, and in the Kissimmee River. Jigs and minnows are both working well to catch them.



PHOTO / MARK KING

Patty Dixon from Freeport, Ohio.

If catching a trophy largemouth bass is something that you have always wanted to do then Okeechobee will be the place you will want to come fishing this year. We have already seen some really nice bass being caught and as we move toward the next few months the fishing will only get better. If you think the bass last year were big wait till you see what is caught this year. Until next week good luck, tight lines, and hope to see everyone on the water soon.

Capt. Mark King is a full time guide out of Roland Martin's Marina and Resort in Clewiston. Give him a call at 863-677-0983 or go to www.markkingfishing.com to book a trip.



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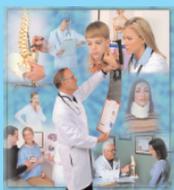
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Chippie Doesn't Sing Much Anymore

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

I have in my files a story that appeared years ago about Mary and her pet parakeet, Chippie.

Wanting to clean Chippie's cage, Mary stuck the open hose of a vacuum into the bottom of the cage. The phone rang, and she turned to pick it up. Mary had barely said "hello" when "fawumpa!"

Mary screamed, dropped the phone, turned off the vacuum and opened the bag. There was Chippie sitting up, somewhat dazed, but still alive, and completely

covered with dust.

Mary grabbed him, ran to the bathroom, turned on the faucet, and held Chippie under the running water. Then, realizing Chippie was wet and starting to shiver, she did what any concerned bird owner would do: she reached for the hair dryer and gave him a blast of hot air.

Poor Chippie never knew what hit him. One minute he was perched in his cage, happily singing. The next he was sucked up, dunked down, and blown over. The reporter who had initially written the story called a few days later to see how Chippie was doing. Mary told him that Chippie was doing okay, but shared, "Chippie doesn't sing much anymore. He just sits and stares."

It's not hard to see why. Being sucked up, dunked down, and blown over will steal the song from the best of us.

We've all had days or weeks or years like that. There are times when life gets so tough that we just sort of sit and stare and wonder what's going to hit us next. If you've ever had a "Chippie" kind of day, or if you're having one right now, I have some good news that will fluff up your feathers, perk up your perch, and put a song back in your heart. At the point of our deepest need, we can be renewed, and our life situations can be transformed. I believe that God is in charge, and something good is therefore going to happen. It may not be what I want to happen. It may not be what I hoped would happen. Things may not go back to the way they were. But God gives new situations, new surprises, and new things that we may have never anticipated or imagined. God is with us and God will lead us to victory in our life.

Chippie doesn't sing much anymore, but we can.

Epiphany: A Manifestation and a Special Moment

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

The Christian season that follows Christmas is the "Epiphany." That Greek word means "manifestation" or "appearance."

It is commonly commemorated with the wise men who first visited Jesus and realized that indeed there was something very, very special about this infant (Matthew 2:1 and 7).

These astrologers were summoned by King Herod, who realized that something was afoot

in his kingdom. It seemed the world was going to welcome another king, and he sought to eliminate the new-born challenger. The wise men were commissioned to search out the babe, then report back. They didn't do it!

Those moments with Jesus moved them to give gifts instead of betrayal and scriptures tell us that they returned to their own country "by another route (Matthew 2:12)." They were those who first recognized the presence of the Lord with God using them (astrologers who interpreted the signs in the stars) to make His presence known in the world.

Herod would use these strangers to his kingdom for his own evil intents. Their discovery and their values would let them have no part in it. Those who encounter the Christ are changed and these three set a precedent that has changed humanity ever since.

They show that encounters with the Lord don't always come from expected sources or through expected ways. The vast majority of Jesus' followers have come from traditions and backgrounds other than those anticipated by Jesus' ancestors.

This is a time of year when I reflect on my own journey in faith; a grandmother who used to read me Bible stories, curiosity when the sciences didn't seem to have all the answers, finding a spiritual community that welcomed my search-

ing, realization that life meant more than just what was being presented in the media, searching for the one best way to invest my life...and on and on, pointing me to consider, search out, test, affirm, offer; each stage with affirmations along the way. An early mentor advised me to re-read each year my ordination vows and let them be a measuring stick for the past year and a guide for the year to come. I have done so most of the years afterward; January 5th being the date of that ordination to my ministry of 45 years now.

I've reflected with others on their special times of commitment, the promises made at baptisms, the services of confirmations, the vows taken at marriage, and to look back on the workings of the Lord in their lives. No doubt there were some unexpected twists and turns along the way, some hard spots and some unexpected joys but through it all seeing the hand of God at work.

In our own ways, when we seek God, we will find Him. May we have the wisdom of the Wise Men and pay Him homage, turn away from those who would do evil, use the gifts He has given us in the service of others, and realize what great gifts we all have received at His hands.

Will Anything Be 'New' For You?

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

Jeremiah, the prophet, has reminded us that "the mercies of the Lord are new every morning." And Paul declares that for Christians "everything is new." "Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creation; old things are passed away,

behold, all things are become New." (II Cor. 5:17). But are we experiencing this newness of life?

We can just consider I Thess 5:5-8, "For you are all children of the light and of the day, and do not belong to darkness and night. So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Watch for His return and stay sober. Night is time for sleep and time when people get drunk.

But let us live in the light, keep sober, protected by the arm of faith and love, and wearing as a helmet the happy hope of salvation."

Renewed faith would make a New Year. How do you renew faith? Only by the Word of God. Go to Bible School each Sunday. Attend mid-week Bible Study each week. Read your Bible daily. Memorize important verses of scripture each week.

Renewed love would make a New Year. How do you renew love? By the fellowship with God's loving people. Be in Worship, faithful in fellowship around the table of love each Sunday.

Renewed hope would make a New Year. How do you renew hope? By looking up into the sky from whence the Lord Jesus is coming for you! By renewing the Holy Spirit attitude in your life. The expectant, the God is winning, upward, thankful perspective!

Let me conclude with a little recipe for PROGRESS: If you haven't been faithful every Sunday in church, start to be faithful. If you have been coming only Sunday Morning, start coming Sunday Night.

If you have been faithful all day Sunday, start to mid-week Bible Study. If you are doing all this there is still more, begin to memorize scripture. And don't forget, "The tithe is the Lord's!" "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse of the Lord!"



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2012 Retail Gas Prices Likely to Set Record Highs



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Gas prices could be as high as \$4 by Spring 2013.

Possible \$4 gallon price by Spring 2013

- Start Price: \$2.66/g on 1/1/2010
- Peak Price: \$3.07/g on 12/29/2010
- Difference: 40.7 cents per gallon

The U.S. average price of gasoline today, \$3.26/g, has declined significantly in recent months but still remains 21.3 cents per gallon higher than the U.S. average price recorded last year at this time.

"As 2011 has come to a close, that's cause for concern," says Gregg Laskoski, Senior Petroleum Analyst for GasBuddy.com. "Why? For the past seven years, the average price movement from the beginning of the year to the peak price posted during the year has been \$0.93 cents per gallon, and as high as \$1.31/gallon."

"Last year was actually a good snapshot of what we've seen for the past seven years. 2010 ended with the national average at \$3.05 and we saw the annual spring 2011 climb push the national average 91 cents higher to its peak level as early as May 11 when it reached \$3.96 per gallon," Laskoski said.

Florida average "start price" to peak retail gasoline prices:

2011

- Start Price: \$3.07/g on 1/1/2011
- Peak Price: \$3.92/g on 5/4/2011
- Difference: 85.8 cents per gallon

"In three of the last seven years, the spread between the yearly starting price and the peak exceeded \$1 per gallon and only once in the past seven years was the spread below .82 cents per gallon.

And, while we typically anticipate "peak" prices to occur in the midst of the summer driving season, sometimes the peak can even come after summer has concluded, as was the case nationally during 2006 and 2009.

While past performance is no indication of future prices, if the national average doesn't move closer toward or under \$3 per gallon by the year's end, we could be paying over \$4/gal next spring," said Patrick DeHaan, another Petroleum Analyst with GasBuddy.

2007

- Start Price: \$2.32/g on 1/1/2007
- Peak Price: \$3.13/g on 11/14/2007
- Difference: 81.2 cents per gallon

2008

- Start Price: \$3.08/g on 1/1/2008
- Peak Price: \$4.05/g on 7/15/2008
- Difference: 96.8 cents per gallon

2009

- Start Price: \$1.63/g on 1/1/2009
- Peak Price: \$2.71/g on 10/31/2009
- Difference: 108.1 cents per gallon

2010

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Roy D. Lundy, 84

MOORE HAVEN — Roy D. Lundy, of Moore Haven, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at his home in Moore Haven.

Roy was born March 23, 1927, in Moore Haven. He is the son of the late Paul Edger and the late Amy (Surgnier) Lundy.

Roy was the Sheriff of Glades County from 1956 to 1981. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Moore Haven and a 50 plus year member of the Moore Haven Lodge 61 F. & A.M.

He is survived by his two sons, Roy D. Lundy, Jr. (Sandra) of Moore Haven, and Jack E. Lundy (Janice) of Moore Haven; grandchildren, Scott Lundy (Nicole), Brad Lundy (Leslie), Jaclyne Pollard (Dwayne); great-grandchildren, Garrett Lundy, Katelyn Lundy, Carolanne Lundy and Aubrey Pollard.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Scott Lundy in 1989; and two grandchildren, Samuel David Lundy and Amy Elizabeth Lundy.

The funeral service was held on Friday, December 30, 2011, at First United Methodist Church Of Moore Haven, 300 Avenue L. S.W., Moore Haven, FL. Rev. Charlie Watts officiated. Interment was in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Vicki L. Cox, 68

MOORE HAVEN — Vicki L. Cox, of Moore Haven, passed away December 31, 2011, at Raulerson Hospital.

She was born January 6, 1943, in Grand Coulee, Washington to Otto and Bessie Winnette. She came to Okeechobee from Massachusetts in 1985. She was a homemaker of the Catholic faith and member of the Lakeport Garden Club.



Mrs. Cox was preceded in death by her father, Otto Winnette; mother, Bessie Fletcher Winnette; sister, Alura Barr; and brothers, Larry and Warren Winnette.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Billy Cox; sons, Terry Cox (Sierra), Todd Cox (Erin Christle); Siddhi Ramji (Katie Cook); granddaughters, Macy Cox and Caydence Cisneros; and sister, Colleen Cross.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2012, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Earl Cline of Palmdale Baptist Church officiating.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com.

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Wild Hogs - Nuisance or Hunting Opportunity?



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Hunting dog.

BY TONY YOUNG
FWC

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal pursued each winter by Florida's more than 200,000 hunters. But, there's another big-game species that's hunted quite a bit too and is especially popular with hunters in the southern and central parts of the state: the wild hog.

Wild hogs, also called wild boars or feral pigs, aren't native to Florida. They either were introduced by colonists or may even have been brought over by the Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto as early as 1539. Hogs provided a major food source for the early settlers, and those pigs that escaped or were released adapted and prospered readily in Florida's mild climate and varied habitats. Though nonnative, you can hardly tell, because wild hogs are plentiful throughout Florida and can be found in all 67 counties. They live in various habitats but prefer moist forests, swamps and pine flatwoods. Abundant populations of wild hogs occur west of Lake Okeechobee, between the Kissimmee and lower St. Johns river basins, and farther north along the Gulf coastal marshes between the Aucilla and Withlacoochee rivers.

Wild hogs are omnivorous and feed by rooting up the ground with their broad snouts, leaving some areas looking like plowed fields. Because of this, they are considered by many agricultural producers to be nuisance animals. Their diet consists of grasses and flowering plants in the spring, fruits in the summer and fall, and they eat roots, tubers and invertebrates throughout the year.

As with all animals, it's against the law to release wild hogs on public lands. It's also not recommended on private lands either, unless the property is surrounded by adequate fencing.

Wild hogs have an annual home range of more than 10 square miles and are prolific reproducers. A healthy female (sow) can breed when only 6 months old and continue to breed every six months, producing four to 14 piglets per litter.

They're not listed as game animals by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) but are considered wildlife. And even

though wild hogs can have negative impacts on native vegetation and wildlife, they're an important food source for several native species, including the alligator, bobcat and black bear, as well as the endangered Florida panther and threatened American crocodile.

Wild hogs also make for a great hunting opportunity. This especially is true in the southern portion of the state where, in some areas, wild hogs actually have replaced deer as the preferred hunting species. Because of the abundance of hogs there and the fact these regions tend to have smaller-bodied deer with lighter racks, hog hunting has gotten pretty popular in those parts.

On private property with the landowner's permission, you may hunt or trap wild hogs year-round. Also, there are no size or bag limits. You may harvest either sex, and you don't even need a hunting license to do so. That goes for nonresidents as well. Now I do need to make you aware that when hunting one of the state's many wildlife management areas (WMAs), you will need a valid Florida hunting license and a management area permit. On most WMAs, wild hogs may be hunted during all hunting seasons except spring turkey. But if it's during archery season, you must use a bow; during muzzleloading gun season,

you'll have to use a muzzleloader. Also, on some WMAs, daily bag limits do apply, and in some cases, there's a minimum size limit on what you can shoot.

During this time of year, many of the WMAs' small-game seasons are going on. The great thing about that is you never need a quota permit to hunt during a WMA's small-game season, and on most of them, hogs are legal game. The only thing is, you can't use a centerfire rifle during that season, but you can use a shotgun with buckshot or a slug, or a rimfire rifle like a .22 magnum, or even a pistol if you want.

In addition to still hunting for hogs from a stand or blind, there are those hunters who prefer to catch them with traps or by the use of dogs. Special pens with trap doors work well when baited with acorns or slightly fermented corn. Dogs, such as black-mouth curs and pit bulls, make good "catch" dogs because they can be trained to capture hogs, which they do by biting down on their ears and pinning them to the ground. So whether you think wild hogs are a nuisance or a hunting opportunity, they're a critter some of us are dealing with one way or another. Here's wishing all you hunters a great season and a wonderful new year!



PHOTO / JUAN LOPEZ

Wild hog.

Public Testing of Tabulation Equipment

The Hendry County Canvassing Board will convene at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012 for the Testing of the Tabulation Equipment to be used in the Presidential Preference Primary Election to be held on January 31, 2012.

El público que Prueba del Equipo de Tabulación

El Condado de Hendry Junta de Escrutinio en el Supervisor de la Oficina de Elecciones, 25 E. Hickpochee Avda., LaBelle, a las 2:00 de la tarde el Jueves, 12 de Enero de 2012 para el Probar del Equipo de Tabulación para ser utilizado en la Eleccion de Preferencia Presidencial Primaria el 31 de Enero de 2012.

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Time-Saving Tips and Tools to Help You Multi-Task



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With today's busy schedules, most people wish they simply had more time. But while you can't add hours to the day, you can free up your time by streamlining your to-do list with time-saving tools.

From the kitchen to the office, people are looking for new technologies to help them become more efficient. In fact, according to a survey conducted by research firm Toluna, and cordless phone manufacturer VTech Communications, 81 percent of respondents rank devices that help you multi-task and get more things done as very important.

So if you are feeling strapped for time, stay up to date with these multitasking tips:

Automate Your Finances

By automating your finances, your banking can take place while you sleep.

The first step is to sign up for direct deposit at work. Likewise, you can set up direct debit for your monthly bills. If you need to access any of your statements, you no longer need to sort through your file cabinet. It's all easily searchable through your online account.

So stop sorting mail, filing, paying bills and visiting your brick and mortar bank, and go take a bubble bath instead.

Reclaim Your Hands

While talking on the phone, you're probably also typing, cooking, doing laundry or some other task. And you would probably be completing the other task more efficiently if you had both hands free.

Invest in a phone system for your home or office that will give you your hands back. For example, the LS6475-3 phone system from VTech

enables users to answer calls from a cordless headset and conference conversations while accomplishing other tasks such as cleaning, finalizing work presentations or preparing dinner.

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Cold Front Elevates Wildfire Threat

Drier, warmer winter forecasted

BY MELISSA YUNAS
Dept. of Forestry

A cool and dry air mass moving into the region will result in low humidity values through out the week. The low humidity, combined with breezy winds and dry conditions will increase the potential for the start of a wildfire.

The Okeechobee District of the Florida Forest Service is limiting burning authorizations due to the current weather condition.

They area also encouraging residents not to burn yard debris (leaves and small limbs) and to use caution with anything that could start a fire.

Wildfire 2012 Outlook

Due to continuing La Nina conditions which are forecast to persist through Spring of 2012, a drier and warmer than normal winter is forecast for the Southeastern U.S. As a result, drought conditions are forecast to worsen and expand across the state through the winter and spring months.

As dry cold fronts push through the state, the Florida Forest Service, Okeechobee District is

recommending residents prepare their homes, neighborhoods and families against wildfires.

•Ready – Be ready, be Firewise. Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home.

Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe spot. Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing within the home know the plan of action.

•Set – Act immediately when a wildfire is nearby. Pack your vehicle with your emergency items.

Stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media and your local fire department.

•Go – Leave early if a wildfire is threatening nearby. Follow your personal action plan. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

For more information about how to be Ready for wildland fires, go to www.Firewise.org or contact your local Florida Forest Service office, Palmdale, 863-674-4000.

Hunter Safety Course Offered in Glades County

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host a free hunter safety course Jan. 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students will learn about hunting laws, safe gun handling and hunter ethics/responsibility, among other topics, before taking the final test. The course also includes live-firing instruction on a shooting range.

The course is at the Glades County Sheriff's Office Shooting Range near Moore Haven, on Gun Club Road (north of the city barn).

If you are coming from Moore Haven, it is three miles north of U.S. 27 on State Road 78. From Lakeport, the range is six miles south, on the west side of S.R. 78, near the Fisheating Creek entrance.

You may sign up by calling the FWC's South Region office at 561-625-5122 or going to MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

FWC.com/HunterSafety.

People seeking certification must successfully complete the online section of the Hunter Education Course prior to taking the classroom course.

In order to receive certification, they must bring a printed copy of the final Web report to the FWC classroom course on Jan. 7. (The web report does not need to be notarized.)

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course before purchasing a Florida hunting license. Parents or legal guardians must accompany children under 16 years of age to all classes.

To participate in the live-fire exercises, children under 18 years old must present a parental release form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

CRASH

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The front portion of Grave's truck struck the motorcycle right after Guzman did. Both trucks were able to come to a complete stop on the side of the road.

It is still unclear whether either truck hit Garvey as they tried to avoid him and his motorcycle.

Neither truck driver was injured and Garvey was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

The northbound lane of U.S. 27 just south of S.R. 29 was closed for several hours as crews worked to investigate and clear the crash.

torcycle and, in the report from Florida Highway Patrol, the motorcycle collided with the undercarriage of Guzman's truck, which ran over it and came to a stop afterward.

TAX SAVINGS NOTICE FOR GLADES COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

January 1, 2012 to March 1, 2012 - Filing period for tax exemptions can be made in the Property Appraiser's Office in the Glades County Courthouse, Room 202, during office hours (8:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

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1. Florida Driver's License/Florida I. D.
2. Florida Vehicle Registration
3. Glades County Voter Registration, or Declaration of Domicile If Applicable.
4. Social Security Number/Permanent resident Card (if alien)
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If making application for Homestead Exemption for the first time and you live in a mobile home, bring a copy of your mobile home title or registration in order to purchase the permanent "RP" STICKER.

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Youth Alive Christmas

Jo Platt (a FSU freshman) came by to visit and ended up becoming one of five human Christmas trees decorated Youth Alive style.

The Firehouse Community Theatre Presents Arsenic and Old Lace

Begin your New Year at the Firehouse Community Theatre with everyone's the favorite, Arsenic and Old Lace, by Joseph Kesselring, Jan. 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. "Arsenic and Old Lace is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York."

Arsenic and Old Lace, directed by long time Theatre member Julie Wilkins, is a combination of humor and bizarre situations that centers on two elderly sisters who are famous in their Brooklyn neighborhood for their numerous acts of charity. Unfortunately, their charity includes poisoning lonely old men who come to their home looking for lodging!! The two sisters are assisted in their crimes by their nephew who believes he is Teddy Roosevelt! The situation becomes more complex when a second nephew discovers the murders and a third nephew appears after having

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For advance ticket sales, please call our box office at 863-675-3066 or e-mail us at info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

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The New Face of Glades County Tourism

New web site puts Glades County's best foot forward

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Fishing during Chalo Nitka, early morning fishing on Lake Okeechobee, birding, and the Ortona Cane Grinding Festival that will take place in Feb-

ruary are among the sights available through the newly revamped web site.

Videos, pictures, blogs, and a community calendar are some the new editions to their web site.

Visit www.visitglades.com to learn more.



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Sunrise fishing on Lake Okeechobee will appeal to anyone.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A fisherman shows off his catch during the Chalo Nitka festival.



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The Ortona Cane Grinding Festival is one of several local festivals coming in 2012.



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Birding is quite popular throughout the year.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

405825 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

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
1678	2008	1224432-01000220010	Francisco Ramos Mendez & Irma Maldonado Bermudez

Lot 1, Block 22, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, 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 **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

405829 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Crystal I, 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
1156	2007	1144432-A0002470100	Carlos Pelaez & Otto A Villamizar

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 2895, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

405823 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will hold its General Election on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three commissioners, each for a term of three (3) years. There will be one commissioner elected representing Seat "C", one commissioner elected representing Seat "D", and one commissioner elected representing Seat "E". Candidates must be a qualified elector of the City of Belle Glade for at least six (6) months prior to the beginning of qualifying.

The first day for qualifying begins January 31, 2012, at noon, and the final day for qualifying is February 14, 2012, at noon. Candidates must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., West, Belle Glade, Florida, during regular office hours (Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) until said date and time. Each candidate shall be voted upon by the electorate at large.

Registered voters in Precincts 6016, 6018, 6020, 6026, 6028, 6029 and 6030 are qualified to vote in this election. To qualify as a registered voter for this General Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 13, 2012.

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the particular office that such candidate seeks in this particular election, a Run-Off Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, between the two candidates who receive the largest number of votes for that particular seat. To qualify as a registered voter for the Run-Off Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 27, 2012.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE
 DEBRA R. BUFF, CMC
 CITY CLERK/SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
 406103 SUN 1/5,19/2012

PALM BEACH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD)
NOTICE OF FIRST AND SECOND MORTGAGE FINANCING FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Palm Beach County's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is accepting applications from individuals seeking funding under the **Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP II)**. Pre-applications are available directly from HCD or may be downloaded from the HCD website at www.pbcgov.com/hcd. **Applications must be submitted in person and will be accepted year-round until funding has been exhausted.**

Activity Description:
 The NSP II First and Second Mortgage Loan Program was developed to provide first mortgage loan financing at 4 percent interest rate (4.9% APR) fixed for 30 years, and a second mortgage loan at zero percent interest, in the form of a forgivable loan to run concurrently to the first mortgage loan for 30 years. The first mortgage loan is amortized over 30 years and has mandatory escrow requirements for real estate property taxes and homeowners hazard insurance. The second mortgage loan does not have a monthly repayment requirement. The second mortgage loan provides "gap" financing. Eligible uses of the second mortgage are: down payment assistance, closing costs, and rehabilitation costs. Eligible dwellings must be foreclosed, abandoned, or vacant residential properties located within the Urban Redevelopment Area (URA) or the Glades Regional Target Area (GRTA). Eligible households earning up to 120% Area Median Income (AMI), who do not own a home are eligible to participate in the program (credit and asset provisions apply). The home must remain the principal residence of the applicant for the life of the loan.

Amount Available:
 \$11,865,400.00 is available for first and second mortgage loan financing.

Rate	Term	Points	Maximum after rehabilitation value
4% (4.90% APR)	30 years	0	\$211,375*

*HUD Median Purchase Price Guidelines

Eligible Applicants:
 Eligible applicants for the NSP II include individuals who are not current homeowners, have a middle FICO credit score of 600, and meet income and household eligibility guidelines. Eligible applicants are required to reside in the home as their principal place of residency.

Eligible Rehabilitation:
 Applicants may use up to \$50,000 to rehabilitate the dwelling. Rehabilitation funding will be deducted from the maximum award of the second mortgage loan.

Program Requirements/General Information:

- Affordability Guidelines:**
 Annual Income Limits for West Palm Beach and Boca Raton Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)
 FY 2011 Area Median Income (AMI)
 \$63,300
- Eligible Program Areas:**
 All properties purchased must be located in either the County's "Urban Redevelopment Areas". The east area boundaries are generally described as: **Community Drive to the North; the Lake Worth Drainage District L-14 Canal to the South; I-95 to the East; and extends to various points west as far as Jog Road; or the Glades Region Target Area generally described as: the municipalities of South Bay, Belle Glade, and Pahokee, and the unincorporated area of Canal Point.**
- Other criteria:**
 The sales price (including any rehabilitation) cannot exceed \$211,375, which represents 95% of the median sales price, and must reflect at least a one percent (1%) discount of the "as is" appraised value. The home purchased must be used as the purchaser's primary place of residence. The first mortgage will be provided in the form of a 30 year fixed rate mortgage, with an interest rate not to exceed 4% (APR 4.9%).

The second mortgage loan may also be provided to NSP II homebuyers to assist with rehabilitation, closing costs, and down payment assistance. The second mortgage loan provided shall not exceed \$100,000 for very low income applicants (0-50% AMI), \$65,000 for low income applicants (51-80% AMI), and \$50,000 for moderate income applicants (81-120% AMI). The second mortgage loan shall bear no interest and shall be forgiven after thirty (30) years if all affordability provisions are met. All mortgage financing requests are subject to funding availability.

Paper Copy Version: can be picked up at Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Planning Section, 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

No alterations or deletions to the application formats are allowed. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.

Public Notice

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ella III, 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
987	2007	1134432-A0000230100	Leon & Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5665, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

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Map of Palm Beach County Urban Redevelopment Area

ZIP CODES	GEOGRAPHIC AREAS
33406	North of the L-8 Canal; East of Military Trail; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of I-95. (Palm Springs)
33409	North of Belvedere Rd.; East of Military Trail; South of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. and Village Blvd.; and West of I-95 (West Palm Beach)
33413	North of Southern Blvd.; East of Jog Rd.; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of the E-3 Canal (Greenacres)
33415	North of the L-10 Canal; East of Jog Rd.; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of Military Trail. (Greenacres)
33417	North of Belvedere Rd.; East of Florida's Turnpike; South of the M Canal; and West of Military Trail. (West Palm Beach)
33461	North of the L-14 Canal; East of I-95; South of the L-8 Canal; and West of Military Trail. (Palm Springs and Lake Worth)
33463	North of the L-10 Canal; East of Sherwood Forest Rd.; South of Lake Worth Rd.; and West of Military Trail. (Greenacres)

All the above listed zip code areas contain portions which are not within the "Urban Redevelopment Area". Some of the above listed zip code areas are mostly outside of the "Urban Redevelopment Area". Only properties located within the portions of the zip codes falling within the URA boundaries are eligible for NSP-2 assistance.

Glades Region Target Area:
 The target area encompasses the municipalities of South Bay, Belle Glade, and Pahokee, and the unincorporated area of Canal Point. The creation of the GRTA added nine census tracts to the NSP2 Program. These are census tracts 80.01; 80.02; 81.01; 81.02; 82.01; 82.02; 82.03; 83.01; and 83.02.

For additional information about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program II, please call (561) 233-3655 or (561) 233-3688.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADA, THIS AD AND DOCUMENTS LISTED CAN BE REQUESTED IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT.
 CONTACT HCD AT (561) 233-3660.

PUBLISH: December 18th, and 25th; January 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1698	2008	1224432-01000310140	Myleen Barrera

Lot 14, Block 31, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Friday, January 13, 2012, at 10:00 A.M., in Conference Room #1, 1st Floor, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida 33935. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Board of County Commissioners
 Hendry County, Florida
 406480 CN/CB 1/5/2012

Employment Full Time

Assistant to the Foreman

Alico, Inc. is seeking an Assistant to the Foreman in our Citrus Division. This position is responsible for setting up various attachments to a tractor to mow, herbicide, fertilize, disc, spray, hedge, etc., as well as checking irrigation systems. Position will perform duties with little or no supervision from foreman. Will be responsible to train others and fill in for others, including Foreman, as necessary.

Must have a thorough knowledge of the geographic make up of fields; must be able to read, write, understand, and follow instructions; must have thorough knowledge and skills of all agricultural equipment. Must have the ability to operate assigned equipment safely and adequately records.

Position requires an Agriculture related degree and a minimum of 2 year's experience in the operation of all agricultural equipment. Must have a valid driver's license, a valid pesticide license is preferred, and must be able to lift 50 lbs. unassisted.

Qualified candidates should submit their resume to hrdepartment@alicoinc.com or fill out an application at our Corkscrew Barn located at 4625 County Rd 850, Immokalee, FL 34142.

The Company maintains a drug free environment and is an equal opportunity employer.

Employment Medical

HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST

Lincare, leading national respiratory company seeks Healthcare Specialist. Responsibilities: Disease management programs, clinical evaluations, equipment set up & education. Be the doctor's eyes in the home setting. RN, RRT, CRT licensed as applicable. Great personalities with strong work ethic needed. Competitive salary, benefits & career paths. Drug Free Workplace, EOE. Please fax resume to Angel, 863-763-5191

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Employment Full Time

UTILITY OPERATOR

Alico, Inc. is seeking a Utility Operator for our Sugarcane Division. This position is responsible for the care and maintenance of assigned equipment by setting up various attachments to a tractor to mow, fertilize, disc, spray, etc. Operates semi-truck, dump truck, loader, as well as other misc. agricultural equipment. Works under little or no supervision from foreman.

Must be able to read, write, understand, and follow instructions. Must have thorough knowledge and skills of all agricultural equipment used. Ability to operate assigned equipment safely and efficiently. Ability to keep proper and adequate records. Demonstrates safe operation skills of all equipment. General knowledge in repair and maintenance of all agricultural equipment assigned. Performs other duties as may be required from time to time.

Minimum 2 year's experience in the operation of all agricultural equipment. Must have a valid driver's license. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. unassisted including, but not limited to, various attachments and related equipment parts.

Qualified applicants should complete an application at the Sugarcane Barn located at: 7515 Collins Slough Rd., Felda, FL 33930.

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Job Information

FORECLOSURE CONTRACTORS NEEDED

Property Maintenance Company hiring contractors. Need FAST turnaround times and accuracy. Must have liability insurance, worker's comp, valid license & pass a background check. Requires truck, trailer, mower, generator, compressor, hand tools, laptop, air-card, digital camera. Apply at www.gcpfs.com.

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Independent Newspapers will never accept any advertisement that is illegal or considered fraudulent. In all cases of questionable value, such as promises of guaranteed income from work-at-home programs - if it sounds too good to be true, chances are that it is. If you have questions or doubts about any ad on these pages, we advise that before responding or sending money ahead of time, you check with the Better Business Bureau at 772-878-2010 for previous complaints.

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Apartment

WILDWOOD 1 Bedroom unfurnished. Call: 863-983-3151.

Houses - Rent

CLEWISTON - 1004 Johnson Rd., 2BR/1BA, \$650 mo. + \$450 sec. No inside pets. Hugh yard. Call Tricia (863)228-6664.

LABELLE - River front, 2br, 2ba, 2 car garage, \$1350 + dep. (317)371-3171

Houses - Rent

Glades Resort - On river, off Hwy 80, 2br 3ba, 2 car garage, Florida room, large corner lot. Close to the golf course & boat yard. \$875 mo. (970)708-9993.

Merchandise

For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Computer/Supplies

Dell - Desktop, Fast Tower, 17" Flat screen keybd, mouse. Reprogrammed like new! 3 available starting @ \$75. Call Tony 863-517-2782 or go to Star Food Mart by KFC in Clewiston.

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FUTON - Dark wood Futon for sale good shape. Call 863-946-1481 \$80/firm (863)946-1481

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For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Horses

Coming 2 year old Ranch Horses - Ready to start Riding-Have been Handled-Registered Buck Daniel Ranch -Jason 863-801-9953.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Tarpon IV, 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
688	2007	1204529-A0000260100	Robert Dale Dunaway and Pamela O. Dunaway

The parcel hereon described is situated in the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 20, Township 45 South, Range 29 east, Hendry County, Florida, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 20, being the Point of Beginning; thence N 05 degrees 25'10" W, (basis for bearing being the Sun Oil Company Plat, as prepared by Johnson-Hall Associates, Inc.), along the West section line of said Section 20, a distance of 1,486.38 feet; thence N 89 degrees 32'13" E, along the quarter-quarter section line a distance of 469.26 feet; thence S 05 degrees 25'10" E, a distance of 1,487.96 feet to the South section line of said Section 20; thence S 89 degrees 43'54" W, along said South section line, a distance of 469.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to a 30.00 foot road easement along and across the North boundary thereof.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012, which is the 26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th day of December, 2011.**

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

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Mobile Homes

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Mobile Home Rent

MOORE HAVEN 4 br./2 ba. - \$650 mo. 2 br./2 ba. - \$600 mo. Call: 863-946-3376.

Mobile Home Sale

BANK REPO'S Starting at \$15,000 Mobile Home Angels 561-721-2230

Doublewide 5 br, 3 bath on half acre lot in Horseshoe Acres. Very easy credit approval with low down payment. Call Larry at 863-675-8888

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Pursuant to Ch 715.585(6) F.S. United American Lien & Recovery as agent with power of attorney will sell the following vehicle(s) to the highest bidder subject to any liens; net proceeds deposited with the clerk of court; owner/lienholder has right to hearing and post bond; owner may redeem vehicle for cash sum of lien; all auctions held in reserve

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Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swagerty DATE: 1/24/12
SUBJECT AREA: 339 Homeless Students

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for homeless students.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.01(12) and 1003.21 FS, The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11431 - 11436; Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6311 - 6315

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.01(12) and 1003.21 FS, The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11431 - 11436; Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6311 - 6315

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for homeless students.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on January 24, 2012.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

405624 CN 12/29/2011 1/5,12/2012 CB 1/12/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2011-111CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF EMMA LOU GRAHAM, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EMMA LOU GRAHAM, deceased, whose date of death was February 8, 2011; file number 2011-111 CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: January 5, 2012.

DEMETRIA ANN MARCUS
Personal Representative
1006 Empire Street
Plant City, FL 33563

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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.

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Crystal I, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000042
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff
vs.
CINDY THAO NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY T. NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY NGUYEN, ET AL Defendants.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 22-2011-CA-000106
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. STEVEN SNOW A/K/A STEVEN F. SNOW, et al, Defendant(s).

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Winder VI, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 19, 2012, for the following Proposals:

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
HENRY COUNTY
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COWBOY WAY, FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29
BID NO. 2012-04
Opening Date and Time: January 19, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

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Exhibit "A"
Street Address: Lot 76 - Cabbage Woods Ranches (Unrecorded)
Being a parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 7, Township 36, South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

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LOTS 1-32, INCLUSIVE, IN BLOCK 12, SAN JOSE SUBDIVISION OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 50, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
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CITY OF CLEWISTON
115 W. VENTURA AVENUE
CLEWISTON, FLORIDA 33440
Notice is hereby given that the City of Clewiston City Commissioners will hold a Public Workshop on the Clewiston Boat Basin Improvements at 6:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012 at the John Boy Auditorium.

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Get a quick response to any item you may be selling with a classified ad.
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The John Boy Auditorium is wheelchair accessible and parking spaces are available. Anyone needing accommodation or interpretive services should call the City clerk's office at 863-983-1484 for information or assistance.
406110 CN 1/5/2012



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**NOTICE OF HEARING
WATER CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENT
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/permitted 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,

On or before its meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the District Administrative Offices, Montura Ranch Estates, 475 South Cabbage Palm Road Clearwater, 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 noticed 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
406561 CN 1/5,12,19/2012

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Hedrick Brothers Construction / Asset Builders (Construction Managers) for The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida; will receive 'Subcontractor Qualification Information' until January 13, 2012 for Phase Two - Gove Elementary School Modernization, Belle Glade, Florida.

Phase Two will consist of construction of a new 121,000 sf / 924 student station Elementary School.

The Project is scheduled to achieve LEED Silver Certification.

Phase One Site Remediation / Site Preparation work is not included within Phase Two.

Interested bidders that have been previously pre-qualified by the Construction Manager are required to complete Subcontractor Request for Invitation to Bid.

All other interested bidders are required to complete Subcontractor Qualification Statement.

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida has a minimum goal of 9% Certified African American M/WBE participation for this Project. Only firms Certified by the School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida or State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity or its successors are accepted for participation as an African American M/WBE Firm.

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida has a goal of at least a 10% Local Vendor and Local Worker Participation. Local is defined as Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay, Canal Point and Lake Harbor.

Construction funding for the project is secured through a Federal Assistance Program for Qualified School Construction Bonds. All Subcontractors shall be required to comply with all applicable requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and Department of Labor regulations.

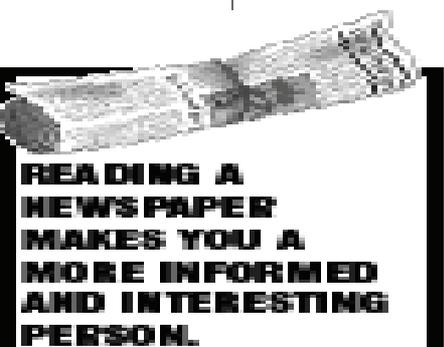
The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida and / or Construction Manager reserve the right to reject any or all offers / proposals or to accept any offers / proposals which is in its best interest. The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida and / or Construction Manager also reserve the right to waive any informalities, irregularities and technicalities in procedure.

All cost incurred by Subcontractor / Proposer in preparing a proposal response shall be the sole responsibility of the Subcontractor / Proposer.

Interested Bidders, please forward your request for a 'Subcontractor Qualification Statement' by email to estimating@hedrickbrothers.com or fax to 561.681.5088.

All inquiries shall be by email or fax as indicated above.
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR

**CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND QA TESTING SERVICES
ASSOCIATED WITH WEST COWBOY WAY FROM AMANDA STREET
TO WALLEN STREET AND FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29 IN
HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
FM# 428104-1**

RFQ. No: 2012-08

OPENING DATE: JANUARY 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Henry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the construction of a sidewalk on West Cowboy Way from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction administration, quality assurance testing, and any other requirements that FDOT may impose in the LAP Agreement. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Henry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Henry County Purchasing Office, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request; however, Henry County will not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of documents sent via email.

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

Henry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
405351 CB/CN 12/15,22,29/2011 1/5/2012

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000128**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT M. SHEFFER, et al,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2011 and entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000128 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and ROBERT M. SHEFFER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1 N/K/A CLARA SUE HELLARD, and TENANT #2 N/K/A DAFFENY L. ALBRITTON are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 19th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**PARCEL 1
LOT 4, POLLYWOG CREEK, A MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**PARCEL 2
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A 3 INCHES BY 3 INCHES CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, 32.70 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4 OF SAID SUBDIVISION AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 42.06 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 129.89 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 40 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 153.08 FEET TO SAID NORTH LINE OF POLLYWOG CREEK AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING.**

THERE IS A MOBILE HOME AFFIXED TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. (REDM)(1997), I.D. # (FLA14611078A&B).

A/K/A 22530 SHAWNEE COURT, 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 December 14, 2011.

Joe Flint
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /S/ Julie Yarborough
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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***See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813)335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding.
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SFWMD Installs Deep Exploratory Wells in Florida



SUBMITTED PHOTO

One of the drilling platforms that will be exploring the lower Floridan Aquifer.

Test wells will help evaluate the aquifer 2,700 feet below ground

BY RANDY SMITH
SFWMD

To support and sustain the water supply in Central Florida, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is currently drilling test wells up to 2,700 feet deep in previously unexplored portions of the Lower Floridan Aquifer.

"The Lower Floridan Aquifer in this area is largely uncharted territory, and its potential for boosting regional supplies is not yet known," said Terrie Bates, Director of the SFWMD Water Resources Division. "This could be a significant and viable alternative source to meet water needs in future years."

The SFWMD Governing Board approved a contract for additional well drilling and testing, a continuation of an overall exploratory program initiated earlier this year. Drilling sites include locations in Osceola and Polk counties.

Traditional water supplies, especially from shallow aquifers, are limited in many parts of the region. Alternative water sources, such as the deep Lower Floridan Aquifer, are being explored for potential use to meet future public water supply demands.

Data from the wells will be provided to the Central Florida Water Initiative, a partnership of utilities, stakeholders, the South Florida Water Management, St. Johns Water Management and Southwest Florida Water Management districts.

The goal of the initiative is to gather additional information on alternative water supply that will potentially increase regional water supplies and improve the ability to protect natural systems.

The drilling operation is a meticulous, time-consuming effort. When drilling half a mile below ground, it takes 50 minutes for the excavated rock to reach the surface.

Lower Floridan Aquifer

In Florida, much of the public water supply comes from groundwater. Florida's aquifers, which supply more than 8 billion gallons of water each day, are among the most productive in the world.

The Floridan Aquifer System is the main source of groundwater in the Kissimmee Basin. It is comprised of multiple layers of rocks overlain by unconsolidated sediments. Some of these rock layers are porous and hold water, while others impede its movement.

The permeable zones of the Upper Floridan aquifers are the main portions used for water supply. Much less is known about the deeper portions of the aquifer.

Research currently under way on the Lower Floridan will help determine the aquifer's depth, water quality and other factors that will help identify its potential, long-term sustainability as a water resource.

By compiling and evaluating data from the test wells, the SFWMD and partner agencies will have a clearer picture of how the Lower Floridan Aquifer operates and how to better manage and protect the region's water.

Twelve Resolutions for 2012

Florida Dept. of Health

The New Year is a time to reflect on past accomplishments and memories, but it is also a time to think about new goals and plans for the year to come.

1. Designate a "family night" every week. Having together time as a family is so important to a child's life. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) wants to encourage parents to select one night a week to spend together in the upcoming New Year. Cook a healthy meal and sit down to eat together.

Have a game night, or take the kids outside to exercise or play. A recent study showed that the more often children have dinner with their parents, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs.

Strive to make every night a family night to protect your children in 2012! For more information on how to make life better for all Florida's children, visit The Ounce of Prevention at www.ounce.org.

2. Eat Florida Fresh. Let Florida's Department of Agriculture (DACS) help you Eat Florida Fresh all year long with their Flavorful Seasons cookbook. Not sure what Florida fruit or vegetable is in season?

Use this tool to help you always stay fresh! Encourage healthy eating in your youngest family members with Fresh From Florida Kids offering recipes and tips for moms to stay on track as children grow. Create healthy eating habits and be positive role model for your children to imitate in 2012.

3. Quit smoking. Seven out of 10 adult smokers report that they want to quit completely. Last year, about half of them tried to quit, yet few (6.2 percent) were successful. As 2012 approaches, Tobacco Free Florida is encouraging smokers in the state to use the program's free and convenient quit resources to start the year smoke-free and increase their chances of staying smoke-free for good. Evidence-based cessation counseling and FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies (NRTS) provided by the program can double to triple your chances of successfully quitting.

4. Resolve to be ready! FEMA and Florida's Division of Emergency Management (DEM) encourage you to make a resolution that is easy to keep and can save lives.

For 2012, Resolve to be Ready for emergencies by taking simple steps to prepare your family, your home, your business, and your community in the face of potential disaster. Get informed about the different types of emergencies that can happen in your area and the appropriate responses, make a family disaster plan, build an emergency kit, and get involved in community preparedness to be ready for anything in 2012.

5. Get back to nature! Participation in traditional outdoor activities is dwindling. Today's children are increasingly disconnected from nature and devote nearly eight hours a day to entertainment media and "media multi-tasking," while the number who spend time hunting and fishing continues to decline. Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network (FYCCN) is a statewide network that partners with schools, communities, youth organizations, volunteers, land owners, and donors, to enrich and expand participants' understanding of conservation and natural Florida by providing outdoor experiences for youth.

6. Spend more time with seniors in your life. Florida's 60-plus population of more than 4.45 million represents 23.6 percent of the state's population - almost one in four Floridians. But often there is a natural gap in understanding between people of different generations. This year, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs

(DEA) encourages you to take the time to find connections through intergenerational activities and programs that teach youth and elders how to relate to each other. It can be as simple as reading to one another, baking together, going fishing, playing card games or sharing music—anything that helps create opportunities for elders, mature adults, young adults, teenagers and children to spend time together in order to build and strengthen relationships.

7. Travel more—and travel green. If you vow to see more of the world this year, make sure you are viewing it through green-colored glasses. Traveling green helps the environment around you and is relatively easy to accomplish. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) encourages travelers of the New Year to increase their environmental cognizance by staying at one of the 167,000 green hotel rooms in Florida, ranging from 4-room properties to 5,500-room resorts, including all Disney resort properties. DEP's Green Lodging program accounts for 681 designated facilities around the state, which have adopted numerous green practices that conserve energy, reduce water consumption, protect air quality and reduce waste.

8. Reserve time to read to a young loved one. Reading is healthy—for the mind, soul and imagination! Make an effort to mark allotted time each month to read to or with a younger one. Your quality reading time could have an overwhelming impact on their educational future. Research from the Florida Department of Education (DOE) shows that children who read just 20 minutes a day are more successful students and have a reduced chance of dropping out of school. In addition, one of the most consistent predictors of children's academic achievement and social adjustment are parents' expectations of the child's academic achievement. Venture out into different media - everything from magazines and newspapers to books and blogs count!

9. Plan ahead to bolster your future. In tough economic times, pledging to secure a job by an outlined deadline can be challenging. This New Year, refocus your time on familiarizing yourself with the available resources that can help you for years to come. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) boasts a variety of go-tos for seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, teachers, state government employees, and green-sector interests. Research job openings, create a great resume, apply for jobs, and research labor market trends in DEO's Job Search Resources and develop an awareness of the workforce world around you.

10. Volunteer in your community. Volunteering is a humble act of kindness that can have great magnitude on the community around you. Rather than viewing volunteerism as a good deed, volunteerism can be looked at as a way of life.

Volunteering can be as simple as planting flowers at a neighbor's house to as committed as visiting a foreign country to teach a language. No matter how you decide to volunteer—there are always people in need—and the world around you will benefit from your thoughtfulness. Begin your New Year with a fresh schedule of civic participation—Volunteer Florida is a great resource to help you get started. Locate a volunteer center, roll your sleeves up, and help your community!

11. Wear your seatbelt. The most important way to ensure safety while driving is to wear a seatbelt all the time, every time. Fortunately, Floridians are making headway on incorporating seatbelt-wearing into their driving habits. The Florida Department of Transportation's (DOT) newest Florida Safety Belt Use Final Report

showed that the statewide seat belt use rate for Florida is 88.1 percent, its highest level to date. Although this number is promising, it illustrates that a percentage of residents still aren't prioritizing their safety in the car. In fact, in 2010, Florida experienced 1,450 traffic deaths of drivers and passengers in safety belt equipped vehicles.

The tragic note of this is that 54%, or 777, of these people killed were not wearing seat belts. The best way to accomplish this continuously is to develop a routine and adhere to it.

Don't turn on your car until you have completely fastened your seatbelt, and remember that "sometimes" doesn't equal safety. To make sure that you do buckle up and drive safely, make sure that you give yourself plenty of time to get

to your destination. Buckle Up in 2012 - Every Time, Every Trip!

12. Find peace of mind with Florida KidCare. Start 2012 off with the peace of mind knowing that your child is insured with Florida KidCare. KidCare is a comprehensive insurance program that allows families to have access to health care for their children.

Most families pay as little as \$15 or \$20 per month and some pay nothing at all. Kids' health plays an important role in a child's success at school, on the ball field, in the dance studio and on the playground.

So don't wait until for an emergency before prioritizing health care and give yourself a year full of peace of mind.

January Calendar of Events:

- Jan. 5 - Members Play for \$9 Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 7 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 8 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 9 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 10 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 12 - Members Play for \$9; Crooked Hook 8:30 a.m.; Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 14 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 15 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 16 - City Holiday - Open. Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 17 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 19 - Members Play for \$9 Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 21 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart; Jr. Golf 10 a.m. - Noon.
- Jan. 22 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 23 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 24 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 26 - Members Play for \$9; Crooked Hook 8:30 a.m.; Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 28 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 29 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 30 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 31 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m.; Swinging Golfers Mtr. Homes 10:30 a.m.

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McMILLIAN

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Not more than six hours after the New Year rang in, McMillan lay mortally wounded in his own store on Martin Luther King Blvd. in Belle Glade. The suspect, for reasons that are unknown, infiltrated the store with a gun in an attempt to rob the business. Faced with the possibility of leaving without taking any money with him, the assailant chose to fire a gun and take a life instead.



Jimmy McMillan.

Emergency crews rushed in to provide aid to Jimmy, air lifting him to Delray Medical Center, where he later died as a result

of his injuries. Jimmy would unfortunately become the first confirmed murder victim of the year for Palm Beach County.

Investigators report that a black male wearing a ski mask was seen fleeing from the scene.

Detectives are working diligently on the case, hoping that someone with more information on what happened will step forward and help them to put the murderer behind bars.

What seems more longstanding is that McMillan's achievements will not be overshadowed by the details of his death as in the immediate days following the incident, the grocery store was shut down. Someone had placed a row of red roses on the front doors, and two poster boards were hung where mourners wrote their final goodbyes.

Friends had trouble making sense of the crime.

Mark King, who often stumbled into a smiling and talkative McMillan on the lake, wondered if McMillan's many years of service to the commu-



A somber mood at the Alabama Georgia Grocery store in Belle Glade, where fishing pro Jimmy McMillan was gunned down just hours after New Year's.

But despite what everyone else had to say about the man, few had more appropriate things to recount than Jimmy's own family.

An article written around this same time last year demonstrates the affection with which McMillan will be remembered most dearly by those who loved him. In January 2011, FLW Outdoors followed a hot story – that of a father and son

“He was taken away so young in life; just when he has sons who need the father image during this time of their life.”

-Sara Phillips

...ity was worth it in the end.

“Jimmy provided a service to some folks that most wouldn't even give the time of day to, and (he) did nothing against those people in Belle Glade,” Mark said. “I know if they catch this guy they will only put him in jail and in my opinion that is not enough.”

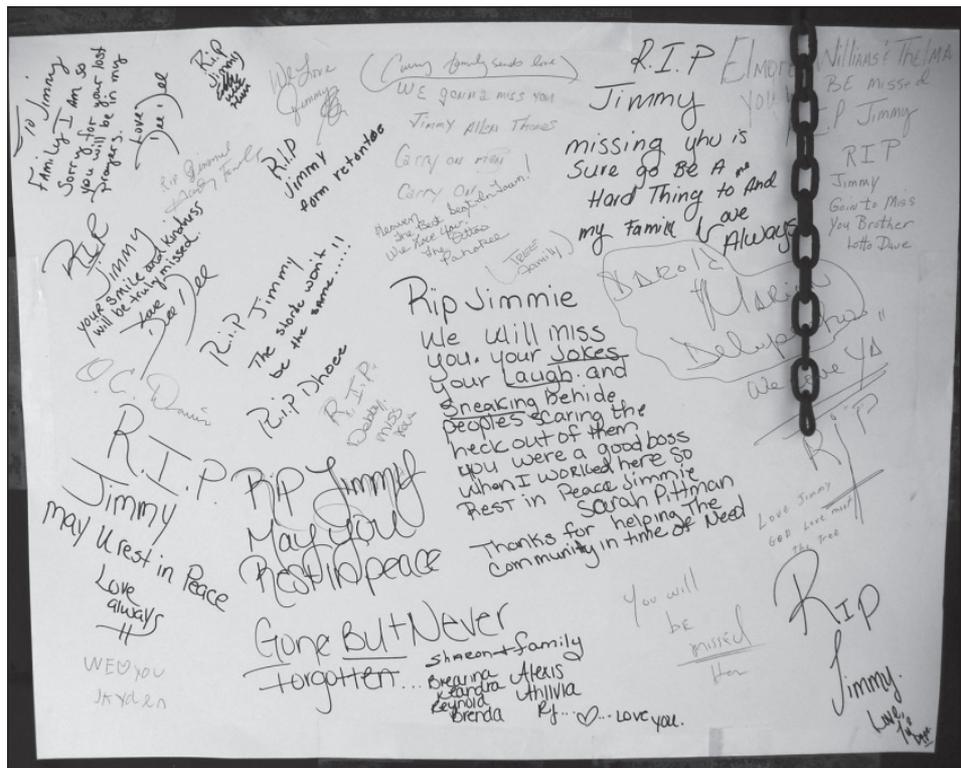
The sentiment echoed in responses from others.

“He was taken away so young in life; just when he has sons who need the father image during this time of their life,” said Sara Phillips, a family friend. “They've been robbed.”

who were quickly becoming legends on Lake Okeechobee. The reporter asked the younger McMillan to explain the significance of his father on his own career as a fisherman:

Brandon McMillan can remember when he was seven years old and his dad would wrap him up in a sleeping bag on frigid winter mornings for a ride across Lake Okeechobee to his best fishing hole.

“Back then, tournaments were mostly two-man team events and you could bring in 10 bass per boat,” McMillan said. “I can remember being huddled down in that warm sleeping bag watch-



Mourners left their own goodbyes on postcards affixed to the doors of the grocery store.

ing dad catch bass after bass and wanting to fish like him.”

If you have any information, you are urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS. A \$25,000 reward is being offered for information

leading to the arrest of a suspect in the McMillan murder case.

Brenda Bunting and Jeff Enriquez contributed to this story.

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Faulty Electrical Outlet Blamed for Mobile Home Fire

BY ERIC KOPP
Glades County Democrat

Buckhead Ridge volunteer firefighters got hands-on training earlier this week when they had to leave a training session to battle a mobile home fire on Linda Road.

According to Glades County Public Safety Director Bob Jones, firefighters responded to the singlewide mobile home around 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27. The fire, he continued, apparently started in an electrical outlet in a bathroom at the back of the home.

"The people just came here from Kentucky," he said, adding that they had only been here one day.

Mr. Jones said while there was little flame damage the older model mobile home suffered heavy smoke damage, especially to the back of

the trailer.

He estimated damage to the home and its contents at \$35,000.

"It would take a lot to go in and fix it," he said. "It was 50 to 75 percent destroyed."

Firefighters from Lakeport and the Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue Department also responded.

Because the firefighters were training, Mr. Jones said they were able to respond quickly and had the fire under control in 15 to 20 minutes.

"If not for that, the trailer would have been fully involved," he said.

Mr. Jones went on to say that there has been a "marked improvement" in response time by volunteers with the Glades County East District due to their Firefighter 1 training and their now being certified.

RoadWatch for Week of Jan. 2

Glades County

•US 27: From the Bridge to SR 78 east: Maintenance contract project --- Crews will be cleaning the sewers. No lane closures are anticipated and motorists should expect possible slow moving traffic.

•SR 78: Lakeport Road from US 27 to Fisheating Creek Bridge: Maintenance project --- Crews will be repairing and reshaping shoulders, with lane closure, flagmen will be on hand to assist with traffic.

•SR 78: Lakeport Road from Harney Pond Bridge to Indian Prairie Canal: Maintenance project --- Crews will be cleaning the ditches in this area, with lane closures, flagmen will be on hand to assist with traffic.

Hendry County

•SR 80/US 27 Interchange Improvements: Construction project ---This project modifies the SR 80/US 27 interchange by constructing an overpass for SR 80 eastbound traffic to US 27 northbound and for US 27 northbound traffic to SR 80 westbound.

The project also realigns US 27. Motorists are advised to be aware of construction vehicles entering and leaving the work zone and to use caution driving in this area.

Crews are placing fill dirt, installing drainage and constructing walls for the new overpass. Crews are working in the median. The speed limit on US 27 is 55 mph in the construction area.

Additional improvements include a traffic signal at the overpass, lighting at the interchange and widening approximately 3/4 mile of SR 80 to four lanes. Project completion is at the end of 2013. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

•SR 29: South from CR 832 (Keri Road) to A Road: Maintenance permit project --- Crews will

be placing power poles and fiber in this area. Motorists should expect possible lane closures, weather permitting with flagmen on site to assist with traffic.



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A special Christmas tree

Moore Haven long time residents Shorty and Mary Garcia work hard every year to put up their Christmas display for everyone to enjoy. This is their huge lighted Christmas tree at their house on Baker's Hwy. This tree can be seen as you are going over the bridge.

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