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Moore Haven High School Nearly Earns 'B'

Admin not content with grade, plans for 2012

BY JUAN LOPEZ
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While Clewiston High School celebrates becoming a 'C' school, the administrators, teachers and students of Moore Haven Jr./Sr. High School are not satisfied with their 'C' rating.

According to the Florida Department of Education, Moore Haven High scored a total of 980 points. The grading rubric lists that a 'C' is from 870-989 points. A 'B' grade begins with 990 points. A ten point difference has left an air of disappointment for a school that has made several incredible gains.

According to the School Accountability Report, the percentage of students who scored a 3 or higher in Reading rose to 50 percent. It has not been that high since recording began 10 years ago. The same can be said for percentage in Math, which jumped 12 points to 74 percent. The school's learning gains for reading and math has continued to rise consistently over the past several years.

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The wildfire threat, for the moment has gone down. But, there will be prescribed burns. For more info, turn to page 12.

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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.

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 krnvanderbent@yahoo.com.

Glades County Gun Club

The Glades County Gun Club located on Hwy. 78 E and Gun Club Road, will have an open shoot on Saturday, Jan. 14, and another event on Saturday, Jan. 28. The gate is opened at 8 a.m., safety briefing then pistol shooting starts at 8:15 a.m. and long gun shooting begins at 9 a.m. All members are urged to attend and anyone inter-

ested in joining the Gun Club is welcome.

If you have any questions, please call 863-675-2487 and ask for Linda or David Whidden.

Glades Youth Athletic Association

Glades Youth Athletic Association will have a meeting Thursday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m. at the City Ballfield concession stand. This meeting we be to elect new officers and to discuss general issues and sign-up dates for GCYAA this season. If you are interested in coaching or volunteering please attend this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Jerri Lynn Schlueter at 863-227-1201.

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 com-

prehensive 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.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Annual Yearly Progress

GCSD and MHES announce the release of Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) and school grade reports. MHES and WGS earned a letter grade of A from the Florida Department of Education and did not meet AYP. As required under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, the district has sent home letters explaining what AYP is, how it is achieved, and what we are doing to improve student achievement. Additionally, parents received information informing them Florida Virtual School is the school of choice.

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 appre-

ciated. 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 Ac-

countability 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.

Scholarship BBQ Fundraiser

Moore Haven High School is having a Scholarship BBQ Fundraiser on Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Doyle Conner Building. For tickets, call 863-946-2083 or email mhhs.scholarship@yahoo.com.

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Inland Birding Fun: Peregrine Falcon (PEFA)



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Peregrine Falcon.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audobon

Birding is fun with Inland Florida being an oasis for wintering and resident birds. Birders working on their "Big Year" will be visiting local birding hot spots, searching for bird species being reported inland including the Peregrine Falcon. This wintering bird's range includes land regions from

the Arctic tundra to the tropics. This falcon has one of the longest migrations of any North American bird species. They were nearly eradicated in North America by DDT poisoning in the middle 20th century, but have since become one of the most widespread birds in the world.



Margaret England

The Peregrine Falcon is a large crow-sized falcon with a blue-grey back, barred white underparts, black head and "moustache." Females are considerably larger than males. Juveniles have vertical streaks instead of horizontal bars on the chest. These powerful falcons are known for flight speeds of over 200 miles per hour during swooping dives, making it the fastest member of the animal kingdom. Its alarm call is a loud series of harsh "kak, kak, kak." This bird, historically known as the "Duck Hawk," often sits on high perches waiting to swoop down on prey which consists mainly of medium-sized birds including shorebirds, ducks, songbirds, doves and pigeons. It will occasionally hunt small mammals, small reptiles or insects. The peregrine falcon normally breeds in Alaska, the Arctic and Greenland, as well as year-around in several Western states where they nest in a scrape on a cliff edge or on man-made structures like tall buildings or bridges. Generally three to four eggs white to buff eggs with red or brown markings are laid in the scrape. The eggs, which are incubated mainly by the female, hatch in 20 to 33 days with chicks fledging in 42 to 46 days. Peregrine Falcons were reported in December on Blumberg Road, STA5 and other inland locations.

Your are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers in their search for Peregrine Falcons and other wintering and resident birds dur-

ing birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston. For reservations for these free trips or to receive the Hendry-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. Log into the Hendry-Glades Audubon Facebook page to post your birding photos or submit "Big Year" county or U.S. sightings.

Lake Okeechobee Fishing Report

BY MARK KING

After the cold front that we had move through South Florida last week, the fishing is finally getting back to normal.

The full moon should have had a few bass moving in to spawn but the cold water has put a hold on most of that. I did find a few beds but not very many in any one area.

The water level is at 13.52 feet above sea level, which is about a foot higher than what it was last year at this time. This water level is great for us to get almost anywhere that we want to go on the lake.

The bass have really been eating the wild shiners and using up five dozen doesn't take long at all. The size of the bass we have been catching has also been good.

Fishing, since the cold front last week, has been improving daily but the artificial bite is still off a little. Most of the fish that my clients have been catching are by flipping back in the heavy mats and cover.

You don't hook much bass in this heavy cover. But, the ones you do are some pretty good ones from, ranging five to eight pounds.

I can catch smaller bass on 10-inch worms and on swim baits like the Charlie's Worms Zipper Dipper but all of the bigger bass come flipping heavy cover. I have been flipping the "Flip-pin' Bug" by Charlie's Worms with a one ounce tungsten bullet weight.

You will want to use a heavy action rod at least seven foot long and 65-pound test braided line to have a chance at getting these bass in the boat.

I pitch or flip this rig into a heavy mat and let the bait hit the bottom and then pull it up against the bottom of the mat and just hold it there for at least 30 seconds. If you don't get a hit, move on to the next spot.

You will not catch a lot of bass doing this but most will be quality size bass. Areas that I have been fishing are the East Wall, Ritta Island, Bay Bottom, Grassy, and Long Point. But there are a lot of other areas on the lake that are producing fish.

Hopefully, as the water warms back up the bass will continue to move toward spawning areas. When that happens, we can start catching a lot more bass including more big ones.

The crappie fishing has been a little slow the last week and I think it also has something to do with the cold water temperature; a few are being caught in the reed heads on the outside grass line.

Try using minnows and jigs in a green and black color to catch some good eating size crappies. Until next week good luck, tight lines, and I hope to see everyone on the water this week.

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



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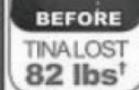
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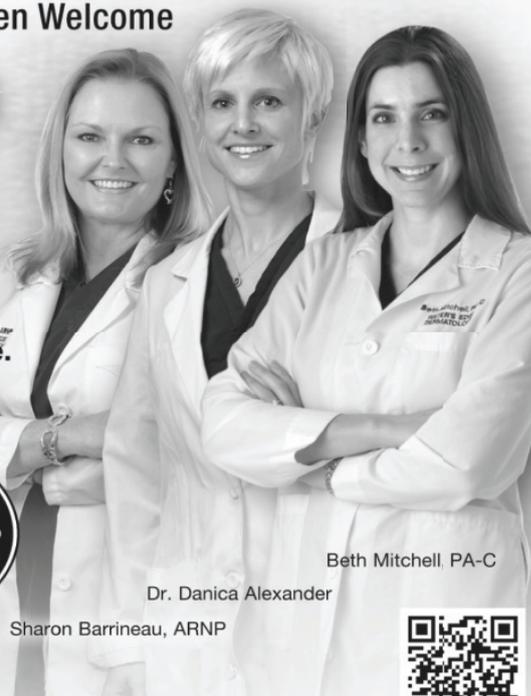
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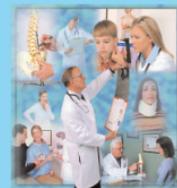


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Sunday:
Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 69.



Thursday Night:
A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. West wind between 5 and 7 mph.



Saturday:
Sunny, with a high near 73. North wind between 7 and 13 mph.



Sunday Night:
Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.



Friday:
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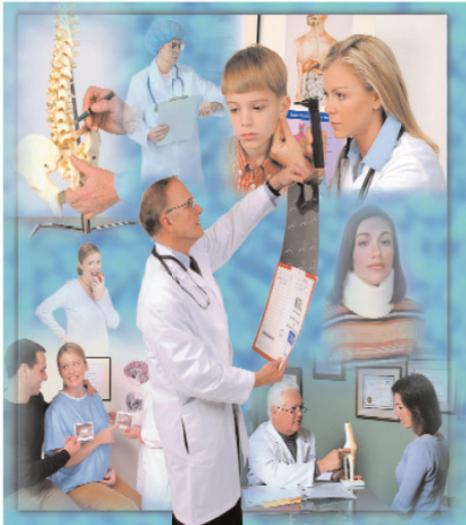
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Vivian E. Sweet

GREENWOOD — Mrs. Vivian E. Sweet, age 75, of Greenwood, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, in the Marianna Health & Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in Macon County, Tenn., on Jan. 20, 1936, to the late Burley and Anna Bell. Mrs. Sweet moved to Greenwood in 1995 coming from Belle Glade, Fla., and was a member of the Caverns Road Church of Christ. Mrs. Sweet had a huge love for her family whom always admired her strength within. She was known as grandma to her grandchildren and was Me maw to the many children she kept over the years. Mrs. Sweet enjoyed her church and was a big fan of football and NASCAR.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Jeannette Justice, five brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Sweet is survived by her loving husband, Roger Dean Sweet of Greenwood; three sons, Dicky Sweet and his wife Tricia of Belle Glade, Bruce Sweet of Greenwood, and Roland Sweet and his wife Holley of Greenwood; nine grandchildren, Mark Dunaway, Scott Dunaway, Wendy Dunaway Hobbs, Lee Sweet, Lauren Sweet, Ashley Sweet, Caroline Sweet, Carson Sweet, and Kennedy Sweet; and six great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Sweet were 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, in the Marianna Chapel Funeral Home with Minister Brad Tate officiating. Interment followed in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens, Marianna.

If you wish, contributions may be made to Caverns Road Church of Christ at 4460 River Road, Marianna, FL 32446.

Jimmie Lee Clifton Jr., 67

SEBRING — Jimmie Lee Clifton Jr., 67, of Sebring, passed away Jan. 4, 2012, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring.

He was born March 30, 1944, to Jimmie Clifton Sr. of Moore Haven, and Millie Altman of Tampa. Jimmie was married to Carolin (Coleman) Clifton for 50 years and they have two children; daughter Genia (Bobby) Reiss, Lake Placid, Fla.; son, Jimmy (Mary) Clifton, III, Holcomb, Mo.; three grandchildren, LaTosha Reiss, Brittany Clifton and Jimmie Clifton, IV; three great-grandchildren, Zyaun, Kingston and Malia; two sisters, Patricia (Al) Rumpf of Labelle, and Linda (Rex) Llewellyn of Aiken, S.C.; brother, Kenneth McDonald of South Carolina and Best Friends and Vacation Buddies, Beverly and Wilford Stone of Kennett, Mo.

Jimmie was employed by Evercane Sugar Refinery-Imperial Sugar of Clewiston for 34 years. They retired to Kennett, Mo., but returned back to Sebring in 2009. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, jogging and playing chess. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing. His greatest joy was the time he spent with his family.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at Pinecrest Cemetery in Sebring, with Rex Llewellyn officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, Florida 33870, 863-385-0125, www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Anna Elizabeth Bell, 94

CLEWISTON — Anna Elizabeth Bell, age 94, of Clewiston, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at home surrounded by family in Clewiston.

Anna was born Sept. 19, 1917, in Columbia, Md. She is the daughter of the late Joseph and the late Leah (Leydig) Spicer.

She is survived by her one daughter, Sandra (Al) Morrell of Clewiston; one son, Steve (Sherrrie) Bell of Clewiston; one sister, Bobbie (Robert) Keller; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 13, at Community Presbyterian Church, 407 North Royal Palm Avenue, Clewiston, with Rev. Tom Slager officiating.

Beulah Silcox Normandin, 94

HOMESTEAD — Beulah Silcox Normandin, 94, originally of Wisconsin, and former long-time, winter resident of Homestead, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Normandin was the wife of the late Joe Silcox, and mother of JoAnn Silcox Esquivel, whom she spent the last few years living with in Clewiston, along with her son-in-law, Yoel Esquivel, both former residents of Leisure City, Fla.

Mrs. Normandin is survived

by her daughter and son-in-law, and three granddaughters, Angela Esquivel of Clewiston, Barbara Gonzalez of Copper City, and Deanna Gonzalez of Lake Worth, and her late grandson, Joseph Scott Leonard, and 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Private services have been scheduled for the family.

To express personal condolences, thoughts and prayers, please send to Esquivel Family, P.O. Box 813, Clewiston, FL 33440.



RELIGION COLUMNS

The World End Day is Coming

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

Are you prepared for the end of the world? Based on the Mayan calendar, the magic world-end date is December 21, 2012.

That leaves us eleven months to get our affairs in order. Need more info? According to "The Complete Idiots' Guide to 2012" (yes, there's a book by that title), there are over 600,000 web sites devoted to the world ending this year.



John Hicks

But this isn't the first time. Remember Y2K? Some predicted the world would shut down at the start of 2000.

Tim LaHaye's "Left Behind" novels had many believing that the rapture (when believers will be taken up to heaven) was near.

Before LaHaye, there was the 1970s, "The Late, Great Planet Earth" by Hal Lindsey, predicting end times. Then there was, "88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988." That also came in a 1989 edition. Go figure.

If I sound a bit sarcastic about all this, it's because I believe too many people are guilty of majoring in a minor when it comes to end times. It's easy to get caught up in looking for signs.

People of every generation have awaited the

end of time and the destruction of the earth.

This is in spite of the fact that Jesus, the ultimate authority on such things, has already told us that no one knows when that day and hour will be (Mark 13:32). That still hasn't kept people from obsessing on end times.

Personally, I'd rather go to the account of the apocalypse found at the end of our Bible in Revelation 7:16-17: "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst."

The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

It's a shame that every apocalyptic thriller can't end like that.

This world will come to an end some day. Nothing in this universe lasts forever. If God wills it, the end could be today.

What the Bible truly says about the future is this: God is in control of the future and God will not forsake God's children regardless of what may come.

This is a scary world, but this is also God's world. We don't know what the future may hold, but we know Who holds the future.

Yes, Christ told us He would return someday, but that should be a reason for great joy, not anxiety. In the meantime, we have all kinds of very real obstacles in the real world we have to face every day.

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Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 12.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.43/g. This compares with the national average that has increased 7.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.34/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 33.6 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 13.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 4.7 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 27.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Gas prices are rising across much of the nation as Iran has continued to threaten closing the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for global oil shipments," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Think back to the days following the start of the crisis in Libya- an event that also rattled energy markets- we're seeing similar emotions play out even though there hasn't yet been a disruption to supply. I would blame emotion for the recent uptick in gasoline prices, nothing else," DeHaan said.



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The Devil's Assault on Life

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

As we think of how the wicked one today is diabolically and desperately carrying out his scheme of death in targeting the very genesis of life, human sexuality, a whole array of alarming words flash across our minds. "Playboy" (This ungodly philosophy of the unrestrained life prevails today); "Premarital Sex" (Engaging in that intimate relationship that God has assigned to marriage, Hebrews 13:8); "Living Together" (And without being married - very common today and without shame!); "Illegitimacy" (We are told that well over one-third of births are outside of wedlock); "Divorce" (It is said that over half of marriages end in divorce and God hates divorce); "Abortion" (53,310,843) unborn babies have been killed in this country in the 37 years following the Roe v. Wade judicial decision); "Pro-Choice" (Meaning that a woman has the right to kill her unborn baby, if she doesn't want it); "Gay Rights" (Putting the acceptance of the homosexual life-style in the same category as civil rights, although most states have laws, or have had such laws, that call homosexual practices sodomy and a crime against nature - remember Sodom and Gomorrah!); "AIDS" (An awful and fatal disease primarily associated with homosexual practices.); "Same Sex Marriage" (Unthinkable, but a few States have already legally recognized this; remember, God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve); "Euthanasia" (The act of killing or

helping a person kill himself in a circumstance that is considered to be an act of mercy.

Such thoughts are now in circulation). The process of life is put in disarray. Death, physical and spiritual, prevails, and the cause of Satan advances! These are the "perilous times" (morally speaking) that the Apostle Paul was talking about in 2 Timothy 3:1-7. (An excerpt from "Sword & Staff" Periodical).

Cold Snaps; Blooming Where We Are Planted

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

I've heard people complain recently about our "cold snaps." I've told them that what we experience here is not really cold. I've seen cold. Cold was when I would visit Inuit communities in the Canadian Arctic during January and February; I wore thermal underwear, gloves, ear muffs inside of my hat and hood on my parka, boots and woolen socks, and would run through the villages with dogs chasing me.



Sam Thomas

You hoped they wouldn't tear your parka because you needed it for warmth. It was often -40 degrees and whether it was Fahrenheit or Centigrade didn't matter because they're both the same at that temperature. That was cold! Once, a clergyman from Florida called me at my northern home and said, "I don't know how you can live there!" I suggested that maybe people had figured it out and do quite well. He had obviously not ex-

perienced the climate where I made my home; so saw it as beyond his comprehension. He showed no interest in hearing about life somewhere else and how people survive. Indeed, people do quite well in other places than the ones we know.

The Bible is full of such places; the Roman world and the Greek world, Paul's travels to mid-Eastern places; his obvious gift of languages and his adaptability. "To the Jews I became like a Jew ... to those under the law I became like one under the law ... to those not having the law I became like one not having the law ... I do this all for the sake of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 9:20ff)." Paul "bloomed where he was planted" and the idea that people did things in different ways than he ordinarily knew didn't upset him or affect his call. When our cold snaps hit, the news reported on the losses by our farmers; crops would be destroyed when watering them or having helicopters circulate air failed to keep them from freezing. One farmer said that things would have to be plowed under and a new crop planted.

He seemed to recognize, as all must do, the precarious nature of crops in winter, even in Florida. When the freeze hits, you still go on, "blooming where you're planted" and knowing that success comes to those who those who do their work where they find themselves. They're not upset by local conditions or things being different than what they are accustomed in life. As I was leaving Florida for the north, people would ask, "How are you going to stand those winters?" When I arrived in my new home, people would ask me, "How did you stand those hurricanes?" I would tell them that we had it figured out, as they had life figured out where God had placed them. Bloom where God plants you: don't close your eyes - or your mind - to people who do things in new and different ways. Do what you're called to do, new worlds will open up and you'll see God at work in new ways.

New Florida Trails Chapter to Meet

Join the Fisheating Creek Florida Trails Association Sub-Chapter for their monthly program followed by a hike on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m.

Meet-up is at the Screen Room at the Fisheating Creek Outpost Campground in Palmdale. The program topic will be, "How to Pack a Backpack."

Bring water and wear closed-toed walking shoes for the leisurely hike. Families, youth and adults are welcome. The day use fee will be waived for participants who help pick up litter during the hike.

For information contact: Betty Loomis 863-946-3560 or Margaret England 863-674-0695. Become one of the founding members of this new Florida Trails Association Chapter being organized by Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee County residents and visitors.

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If your child turns 4 years old on or before September 1, your child is eligible for VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten).

Community Coordinated Care for Children (4C) in Labelle, Clewiston and Immokalee is open for VPK registration.

Please call the location nearest to you to find out more about signing your child up for VPK. Bring your child's birth certificate and proof of Florida residency (such as an electric bill) to one of the 4C offices located near you.

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Tips to Organize Your Life

If you're feeling stressed out by life's daily dose of details, it's time to get organized.

Whether it's your schedule, your house, or your photos in a jumble, there's no time like the present to resolve to simplify and organize your life.

And there are many new, technological tools out there to help.

Organize Your Schedule

When it comes to organizing your schedule, are you still stuck on sticky notes? It's time to go digital so you can access your information when and where you need it. A mobile and online calendar and organizer can help you stay on top of your schedule by consolidating your family members' calendars and lists all in one place.

Consider a service that is available as an app on your mobile phone or tablet (as well as online) and synchronizes with your Outlook calendar.

For example, Cozi (www.cozi.com), an online and mobile calendar and organizer for families, sends users email and text reminders about upcoming events and tasks, and helps manage meal planning and shopping lists.

With reminders coming directly to your phone about what to pick up for dinner or what time the school play begins, you won't miss a beat.

Simplify Errands

If you could use an extra hand keeping your home, pantry and family in order, consider using services like Alice.com, an online marketplace for household essentials.



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Technology, like smartphones, can help with organizing errands, schedule and photos with a wide variety of apps.

It's all about simplifying errands and restocking your shelves with the essentials you need, saving you time, money and trips to the store.

"For the primary shopper of the family, getting stocked up doesn't have to mean running from store to store," says Mark McGuire, President and Co-Founder of Alice.com.

"There are faster, more cost-efficient ways to shop for everyday items online, and with one less errand to run, shoppers will have more free time to enjoy for themselves or with their families."

Such services help budget-conscious shop-

pers with competitive pricing, free delivery, instant coupons and simple management of household goods. Alice.com, for example, even has a free iPhone app, as well, so you can stay organized on the go.

Organize Your Memories

If you love your camera or smartphone, you probably already have a ton of photos and videos that need to be organized. You can choose a hosting site to protect, backup, and share your

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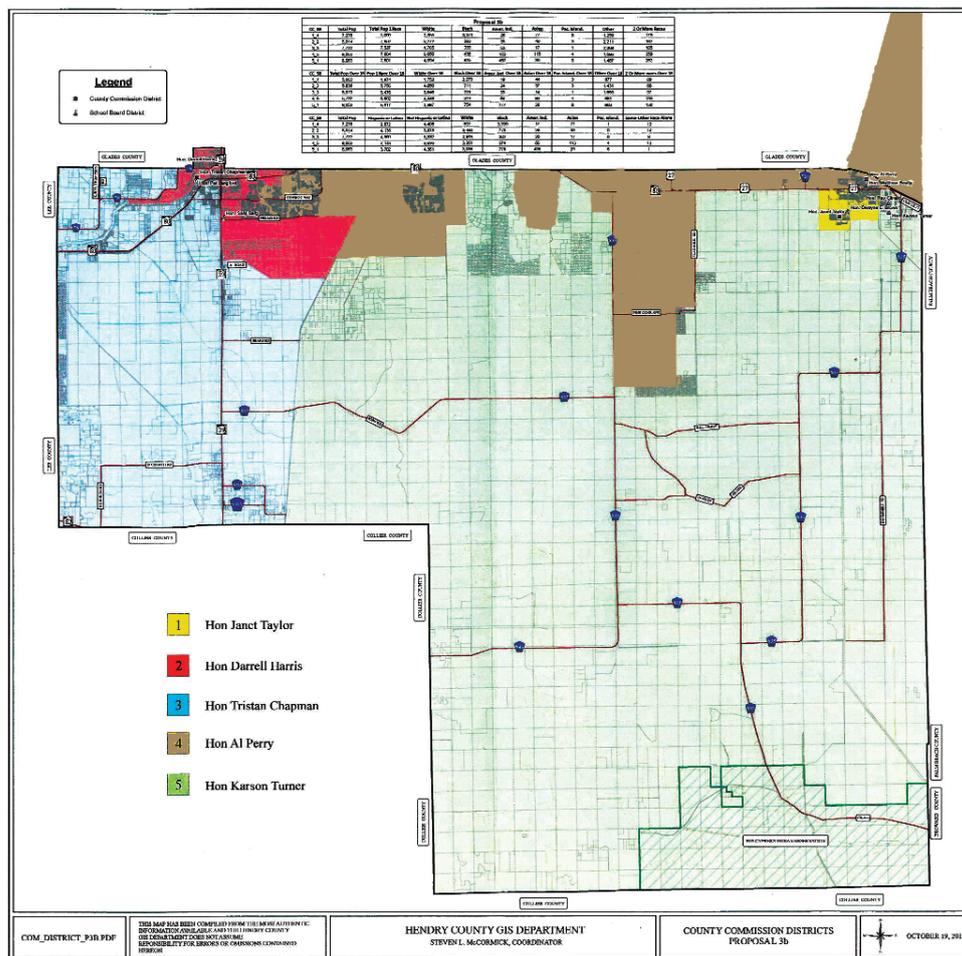
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF NEW COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS FOR THE HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners adopted new County Commission district boundaries by Resolution No. 2011- 89 on December 13, 2011. The previous district boundaries were changed in several places. A map showing the new boundaries is included in this advertisement.

Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County
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UF, Buckeye Dedicate Ethanol Production Facility in Perry

BY TOM NORDLIE
UF

Many building dedications feature a ribbon-cutting; this one included a front-end loader ceremoniously dumping a scoopful of pulverized sugarcane stalks.

It was an appropriate way to mark yesterday's official launch of the Stan Mayfield Biorefinery Pilot Plant in Perry, a cooperative venture between the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and Buckeye Technologies Inc.

As 200 guests looked on, State Rep. Debbie Mayfield, R-Vero Beach, stepped up to the big machine and pulled a lever, delivering the first official shipment of feedstock to the biorefinery, which will develop methods for producing fuel ethanol and other compounds from inedible plant material.

The biorefinery is named for Mayfield's late husband, a member of the state House of Representatives from 2000 until his death in 2008. A UF graduate, Mayfield was a strong advocate of renewable fuels, environmental protection and economic growth.

Mayfield was instrumental in securing a \$20 million appropriation from the Florida Legislature to fund the biorefinery, noted UF Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources Jack Payne as he addressed the audience inside the 18,500-square-foot facility.

"(Stan) listened to and respected the research but also knew that the way to get this idea from the lab to daily reality had to be a partnership—a partnership that matched the knowledge created at the University of Florida with state support and private industry leadership," Payne said.

The commitment to that partnership was evident in the roster of speakers, which included state Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, UF President Bernie Machen and Buckeye Technologies Inc. Chairman and CEO John Crowe. Attendees included numerous agricultural leaders and high-ranking officials from state government, UF, Buckeye and other groups involved in the project.

Among them was Lonnie Ingram, a UF distinguished professor of microbiology and cell science, who developed a genetically modified bacterium that will be key to the biorefinery's operations. The bacterium breaks down cellulose, a major component of plant cell walls, yielding simpler compounds used to produce fuel ethanol and bioplastics.

Calling Ingram a legend in the field of biofuels production, Putnam quipped that being a member of the audience was "like being at the dedication of a light bulb plant with Thomas Edison."

When fully operational, the biorefinery will produce up to 400 gallons of fuel ethanol and 5,000 pounds of organic acids for bioplastics each day. Some of the researchers' goals include testing a wide variety of feedstocks, such as crop residues and yard waste, and finding ways to save money on production costs. At the ceremony's conclusion, Ingram led a tour of the facility's interior, which is dotted with huge tanks and crisscrossed by innumerable pipes and valves. The biorefinery is located at Buckeye's plant in Perry, providing the infrastructure needed to deliver feedstock by train and truck. In his remarks, Machen said the biorefinery exemplifies the way partnerships between academia, industry and government can produce results for all Florida residents.

"Working together at this demonstration plant, we can help shape a new reality of clean, renewable and domestically produced energy," Machen said. "I can think of no better example of the mission of a research university at work."



PHOTO / TYLER L. JONES

State Rep. Debbie Mayfield, R-Vero Beach, smiles as she steps away from a front-end loader at the dedication ceremony for the Stan Mayfield Biorefinery Pilot Plant in Perry, just after delivering the first official shipment of feedstock to the facility, which is named for her late husband. Agricultural leaders and officials from the University of Florida, UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Buckeye Technologies Inc. and state government were on hand for the event. The facility will be operated as a UF/IFAS satellite laboratory researching the use of inedible plant material to produce fuel ethanol; it was funded with a \$20 million appropriation from the Florida Legislature.

**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY
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The Supervisor of Elections, Lucretia A. Strickland announces Presidential Preference Primary Election ballots are available for Absentee Voting and Early Voting. Early Voting will be Monday through Saturday beginning January 16, to January 28, 2012. At the LaBelle Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and the Clewiston Office, 100 E. El Paso Ave., daily 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Anyone unable to Vote their ballot without assistance such as blind, loss of limb, or illiterate, please contact the Supervisor of Elections. For more information or to request your absentee ballot call 675-5230, 983-1592 or 902-3392.

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Lucretia A. Strickland
Supervisor of Elections
Hendry County, Florida

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on January 24, 2012, at 5:05 pm, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the adoption of a long term master plan conversion agreement for the Rodina Community Overlay (RCO) pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 163.3245 (11).

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed agreement is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., La Belle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., La Belle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scatala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, La Belle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 675-5317).

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West Glades Christmas spirit

West Glades School students, parents, and faculty gather one evening to share in the Christmas Spirit.



LAKEPORT NEWS

•Lakeport Community Center Bible Study board on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Donations are being accepted. 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.

•Lakeport Jamobree Whoward on the Key-

board on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Donations are being accepted. For more information, call Becky at 863-946-3210.

•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.

Glades BOCC Meeting January 10th

BY CHARLES M. MURPHY
Glades County Democrat

Glades County continued to hammer out an agreement for the management of the various community centers and other facilities the county owns in the county when they met for the first time in 2012 on Tuesday in Moore Haven.

The issues of who can use the building, who pays the liability insurance and who pays for maintenance have been discussed in recent months. Glades County would pay a management fee to the community association or managers and that fee can be used to pay for liability insurance with at least \$1 million in coverage. The County would approve the management fee annually at their discretion.

The community associations or managers would make a good faith effort to accommodate community groups and their requests for the use of the premises. The buildings, where applicable, would also be available for emergency relief purposes.

Commissioner Paul Beck suggested the County approve a standardized fee schedule for the use of these facilities. Commissioner Bob Giesler said he supports the same rules and fees for each event.

The fee schedule will be discussed again on February 14 at 9 a.m.

The Board reaffirmed their support for the Roadrunner housing project on State Route 80. The project is also known as River Grove and consists of 1,618 acres. They will submit a Text Amendment and a Future Land Use Map Amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Planning Director Larry Hilton said the Florida Department of Community Affairs voiced some concerns about this project when it was approved by the County in 2008. The new proposal would allow 6,275 housing units or an average of 3.89 dwellings per acre.

Representative of the Developer Jason Wagner said the project is identical to the previous application. He said the new state review process should allow the project to move forward.

The Commission voted to approve the transmittal of the requested Future Land Use Map amendment and the transmittal of the new Mixed Use District, a new Future Land Use Classification to the State Department for their review.

The project is located north of the Caloosahatchee River and South of Lake Hippochee.

The Board voted to rezone 18.19 acres at 14793 Ortona Locks Road in Ortona from open use agriculture to residential general. The project would allow up to 1,273 housing units or seven units per acre.

Commissioner Donna Storter Long abstained in the vote because the applicant was a relative.

The Commission also approved a resolution to amend the boundaries of the Glades County Enterprise Zone. The Okeechobee Waterway RV Resort and Marina in Moore Haven will be added to the Moore Haven enterprise zone while 33 acres will be removed from the Muse Enterprise Zone. By law the County is allowed 20 square miles in their enterprise zones.

Glades County continues to work on bringing a grocery store back to Moore Haven. Chairman Butch Jones said he would support tax abatements and other support for a new business. He explained the County ordinance only applies for

new businesses and buildings. He said an extension of the former store might apply for this program. County Attorney Richard Pringle said he would investigate options the County might have on this issue.

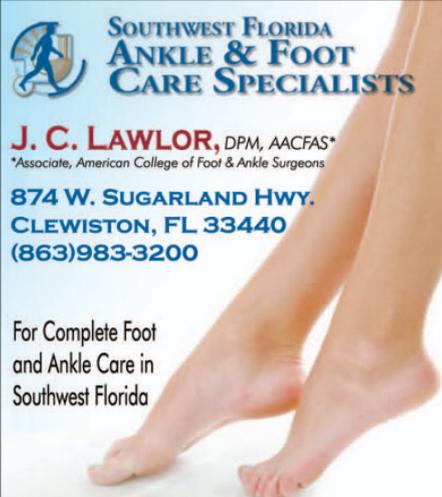
Commissioner Russell Echols said the County needs to be a player in this process because the grocery store is a primary need for the citizens. He suggested a committee of County, City of Moore Haven and the Glades County School Board should be involved. Echols said the economy and market place would normally be left alone to solve this need but that would be time consuming. He said a grocery store is an important asset for the community.

Commissioner Beck said he gets depressed

when he thinks of the lost businesses in Moore Haven, "This place seems to be slowly going away. I remember the businesses downtown like the B and B grocery and Dewey Thomas' barber shop. A grocery store is a necessity for life."

Commissioner Jones said he also sees the decline in business. He said there are better things to come thanks to the proposed inland port. "The goose hasn't laid the golden egg but it is flying low. If I had the money I'd buy all the land around here because I think you will see a Moore Haven like you have never seen before."

The County will host a hazardous waste collection day at the Doyle Conner Building on Saturday, January 28th from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.



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Roadwatch for the Week of Jan. 8

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 project 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.

-Expect lane closures this week on the northbound inside 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.



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.

Reducing Wildfire Risk

A series of prescribed fires are planned for the week of Jan. 17 to 20 off of Fernwood Lane and Wren Street. The goal of the series of prescribed fires is to reduce the wildfire risk behind the Crescent Acres Community and two tree plantations. This area was treated in 2009 and vegetations has grown back to a level that concerns wildland firefighters. The final decision to burn will be made daily after a thorough review of the predicted weather forecasts.

Educational messages:

•Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process, ensure ecosystem health and reduce wildfire risk.

•The Florida Forest Service working hard to reduce large scale wildfires. How can the residents of Glades County help reduce wildfires near their home?

-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 if a wildfire is in your area. 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 in your area. 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" your home and family for wildland fires, go to www.firewise.org or contact your local Florida Forest Service office.

Post Freeze Considerations

If you experienced crop damage or losses following this weeks freezing weather, there are some things you should consider doing if you intend to make claims for crop insurance.

The first and foremost is to document, document, document and communicate. Keep detailed records of temperatures and duration, numbers of acreage and percent estimated loss. Take lots of pictures - as they say a picture tells a thousand words. Communicate your loss to your insurance agent, local FSA office and others.

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you can, there is less urgency for the adjuster to make the inspection immediately.

Even so, an assessment of damage should be done as soon as practical. Do not destroy any of your crop. Do not disk. Do not plow. Do not replant.

Do nothing to destroy your crop until you have permission from a claims adjuster or an insurance company representative. Do not destroy evidence that is needed to support your claim without clear direction from the insurance company, preferably in writing.

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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.

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3 Bedroom, 2 Bath (202 10th St.) \$750 mo., 1st & last Call (863)983-9480 or (863)677-0796

Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to she or he may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. **PLEASE NOTICE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH FOR THE YEAR 2012, UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVERTISED.**
407054 CN 1/12,19/2012

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Public Notice

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.
BEBI SAHEED, et al,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 20, 2011, and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-000554 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and BEBI SAHEED; RASHEED M. SAHEED; TENANT #1 N/K/A SHEIK M. SAHEED; TENANT #2 N/K/A BIBI H. SAHEED are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATE IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, VIZ.:

BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 149 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE 240 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAM SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 129 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG A LINE 129 FEET EAST OF AND PARALLEL TO SAID WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 240 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 1.29 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; EXCEPT THE SOUTH 35 FEET OF AFORE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND WHICH IS FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

A/K/A 984 NOBLES ROAD, LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 27, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /S/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09113716
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.
406358 CN 1/5,12/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011-CA-155

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 175 Tampa, Florida 33634, Plaintiff,
vs.
VALERIE P. NELSON, FITZROY NELSON, and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

LOTS 19 AND 20, BLOCK 7, J.T. TAYLOR'S LAKESIDE SUBDIVISION, IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 41, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2000 HOMES OF MERIT 64 X 32 B3202 MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER: FLHML2139822910AB.

Commonly known as: 1020 Williams Street NW, Moore Haven, Florida 33471.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash on the front steps of the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moorehaven, Florida 33471, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 19th day of January, 2012.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Notice to Persons With Disabilities: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator's office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding.

Attorney For Plaintiff:
Timothy D. Padgett, Esq.
Timothy D. Padgett, P.A.
2878 Remington Green Circle
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
Ph: (850) 422-2520
Fax: (850) 422-2567
406112 CN 12/29/2011, 1/5/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2011-112CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN C. GRIFFIN, JR. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of John C. Griffin, Jr. deceased, whose date of death was May 23, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida, 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is January 12, 2012.

Personal Representative:
Jessica Griffin
732 Arkansas Avenue
Clewiston, Florida 33440

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Kevan Boyles, Esquire
Attorney for Jessica Griffin
Florida Bar Number: 285854
319 8th Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: (561) 833-2472
E-Mail: kboyles@boyleslawfirm.com
407261 CN 1/12,19/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND 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 2011-11 ICP, 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.

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

DEMETERIA ANN MARCUS
Personal Representative
1006 Empire Street
Plant City, FL 33563
Derek B. Alvarez, Esquire -
FBN: 114278
dba(2gendersalvarez.com
Anthony F. Diecidue, Esquire -
FBN: 146528
afd(2gendersalvarez.com
GENDERS+ALVAREZ+DIECIDUE, P.A.
2307 West Cleveland Street
Tampa, Florida 33609
Phone: (813) 254-4744
Fax: (813) 254-5222
406434 CN 1/5,12/2012

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston Fl 33440 on January 23, 2012 at 10:00am.:

1996 Pontiac, VIN: 1G2NE12T2T18340
2004 Chevy,
1G1NDS2F4AM688715
1987 Cadillac,
1G6DWS1Y9H9757748
1989 Buick,
1G4AL51N2K1456257
407262 CN 1/12/2012

NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the City of Clewiston Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a public hearing on **January 25, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.** The hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida pursuant to Chapter 26 of the City of Clewiston's Code of Ordinances. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City Clerk by mail at 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by telephone at number (863) 983-1484, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given.

Notice is hereby given, that any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing that is the subject of this advertisement/notice, will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA

Travis Reese, Community Development Director
407278 CN 1/12/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000874

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSE L. MUNOZ, et al,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2011 and entered in Case No. 22-2011-CA-000106 of the Circuit Court in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and STEVEN SNOW A/K/A STEVEN F. SNOW, 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. 22-2011-CA-000106 of the Circuit Court in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and STEVEN SNOW A/K/A STEVEN F. SNOW; KIMBERLY SNOW; 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:

LOTS 1-32, INCLUSIVE, IN BLOCK 12, SAN JOSE SUBDIVISION OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 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.

A/K/A UNIT 13, BLOCK 2535, PORT LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 27, 2011.

Joe Flint
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /S/ Julie Yarbrough
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09076595
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.
406464 CN 1/5,12/2012

Public Notice

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LOT 7, BLOCK 2535, UNIT 13, PORT LABELLE, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 55, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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LOT 7, BLOCK 2535, UNIT 13, PORT LABELLE, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 55, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A UNIT 13, BLOCK 2535, PORT LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 27, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /S/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09076595
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000874

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSE L. MUNOZ, et al,
Defendant(s)

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LOT 7, BLOCK 2535, UNIT 13, PORT LABELLE, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 10-175CC on November 14th, 2011 in the matter of Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union, as plaintiff and Marcos Martinez, as defendant, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, to-wit:

2005 Gray Ford F150, vehicle identification number: 1FTPW12585FB03151.

and on February 16th, 2012, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time by contacting Lt. Andy Lewis at the Hendry County Sheriff's office. IN accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-8761 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Steve Whidden as Sheriff
Hendry County, Florida
By: Lt. Andy Lewis
407061 CN/CB 1/12,19,26 2/2/2012

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
1957	2008	1254432-A0001620100	Antonio Pereira

The North one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the North-east one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 566, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012**.
Dated this **4th day of January, 2012**.

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

406981 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012

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
1938	2008	1254432-A0001070000	Carlos Alberto Salvat

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 25, 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 1168, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012**.
Dated this **4th day of January, 2012**.

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

406978 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012

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
1620	2008	1154432-A0002660100	Maria Egipica Martinez

The East one-half of the southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2648, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the 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

405826 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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
1275	2007	1224432-01000130100	Pilar Home Developers, Inc

Lot 10, Block 13, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 37, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012**.
Dated this **4th day of January, 2012**.

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

407047 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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
1664	2007	1264432-A0002510100	Guillermo Rodriguez & Pilar Home Developers, Inc.

The North one-half of the West one-half of the North one-half of the North-east one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an Easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof, and subject to an easement for a canal over and across the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 417, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012**.
Dated this **4th day of January, 2012**.

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

406984 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Verona A, 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
1283	2007	1224432-01000180050	Pilar Home Developers, Inc

Lot 5, Block 18, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 37, 38 and 39 Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012**.
Dated this **4th day of January, 2012**.

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

407048 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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
1272	2007	1224432-01000130030	Estate of Benjamin A. Aruca And Estate of Martin Aruca

Lot 3 in Block 13 of Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the 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

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	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.

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

405838 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
1919	2008	1254432-A0000560100	Henri Wurfubain & Juliana Wurfubain

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5095, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the 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

405828 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.

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

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

Public Notice

Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty 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 F.S. 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 F.S. 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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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. 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
769	2007	1224331-01000000120	Estate of Earl B. Miller and James R. Reynolds 43 Hastings C West Palm Beach, FL 30384-0736

Lot 12, Block O, the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the 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

405816 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

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Public Notice

RFP -2012-01
City of Clewiston Request for Proposals (RFP)
Grant Administration Services for FY 2011
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program -
Housing Category

The City of Clewiston requests proposals from individuals or firms to provide Grant Administration services for an FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing project funded through the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, contract number 12DB-OH-09-36-02-H02 in the amount of \$700,000.00.

Grant Administration services shall include, but not be limited to: compliance with all required reporting, conducting environmental review, preparing and reviewing homeowner applications, completing housing work write-ups, contractor verification, developing bid packages, overseeing bidding process, progress inspections, tracking overall grant progress in compliance with CDBG program guidelines, providing technical assistance when necessary, preparation of amendments, coordination with City's Citizens' Advisory Task Force, financial management, and any other grant-required administration tasks requested by the City and/or funding agency.

Procurement and contracting of all services shall conform to CDBG guidelines and state and federal regulations including 24 CFR, Part 85. The selection process shall be open to the public and records maintained in accordance with CDBG requirements.

Proposals shall be ranked and evaluated using the following criteria:

- **15 POINTS COMPANY PROFILE:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE MANAGEMENT, ORGANIZATION, AVAILABILITY OF STAFF, AND LEVEL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.
- **15 POINTS COMMENCEMENT:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE ABILITY TO COMMENCE SERVICES AND FAMILIARITY WITH CDBG REGULATIONS.
- **30 POINTS EXPERIENCE:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE DIRECT PROGRAM EXPERIENCE AND SUCCESS WITH A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS INCLUDING ALL ASPECTS OF CDBG PROJECTS.
- **20 POINTS APPROACH STRATEGY:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE PROJECT APPROACH FOR EACH SERVICE REQUESTED AND PROVEN IMPLEMENTATION AND/OR MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES BY THE TEAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIENTS INCLUDING CDBG.
- **10 POINTS REFERENCES:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE QUALITY OF REFERENCES.
- **5 POINTS WBE/MBE FIRMS:** SCORING WILL BE GIVEN FOR WBE/MBE FIRMS
- **5 POINTS FEES:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE PROPOSED FEE, RATES, AND LEVEL OF SERVICE IN RELATION TO PROPOSED FEES FOR EACH SERVICE REQUESTED.

The previous criteria are shown in the required format. For a proposal to be eligible, the format must be strictly followed. During this RFP process, any intentional omissions, alterations, or false representations will be grounds for rejection of any proposal. The City of Clewiston is an Equal Opportunity Employer. MBE/WBE/DBE businesses are encouraged to participate. In compliance with the Florida Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics, the City strictly enforces open and fair competition in its RFPs. In accordance with Section 287.133, FS, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide services to a public entity. A public entity crime means a conviction for a crime involving fraud, bribery, or other crime involving the public trust. Requests for additional information concerning this RFP shall be directed to Mr. Steve McKown, City Manager, City of Clewiston, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440 or by calling Mr. McKown at 863-984-1484 or email steve.mckown@clewiston-fl.gov

The City reserves the right to request clarification of any information submitted by proposers. The City, with suitable basis provided for by law, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposal process. CDBG and other program contracts, either single or separate as required by each program, are subject to grant awards and release of funds by respective funding agencies.

Consultants shall submit one original and five copies of their proposal to the City of Clewiston in sealed packages and marked clearly: "RFP 2012-01, SEALED PROPOSAL FOR FY 2011 CDBG GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES", no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2012. Proposals should be delivered to:

Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk
 City of Clewiston
 115 W. Ventura Avenue
 Clewiston, Florida 33440

To facilitate effective evaluation by the City, proposals shall be limited to a total of 50 pages. MBE/WBE/DBE certification(s), statement on Public Entity Crimes, other appendix documentation, sectional dividers, and front and back covers will not be counted toward the total. A letter of interest or executive summary, not to exceed three (3) additional pages, may also be included in the proposal. Proposals that exceed this length will be considered non-responsive and will not be evaluated. Late proposals will be returned unopened. Proposals will be opened as soon as possible after the submission deadline. Evaluation and selection will occur in accordance with the appropriate requirements at a time and place to be determined. At the discretion of the City, proposers may be asked to give a short presentation/interview as part of the selection process. The City of Clewiston supports Equal Opportunity Employment, Fair Housing, Drug Free Workplace and Providing Handicapped Accessibility.

Richard Miller, Mayor
 City of Clewiston
 407260 CN 1/12/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2011-CA-000735

SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
 v.
 THOMAS E. GAETANIELLO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS E. GAETANIELLO; PATTY M. GAETANIELLO A/K/A PATRICIA MARY GAETANIELLO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATTY M. GAETANIELLO A/K/A PATRICIA MARY GAETANIELLO; SPACE COAST CREDIT UNION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EASTERN FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; WILLIAM T. HAVERFIELD, ESQUIRE. ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1; TENANT #2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THOMAS J. GAETANIELLO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS E. GAETANIELLO; PATTY M. GAETANIELLO A/K/A PATRICIA MARY GAETANIELLO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATTY M. GAETANIELLO A/K/A PATRICIA MARY GAETANIELLO, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants.

Current Residence Unknown, but whose last known address was: **51 FORTUNE LANE, PALM COAST, FLORIDA 32137.** YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, FOLLOWING THE SOUTH LINE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, 2051.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED. THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST 504.65 FEET TO THE US GOVERNMENT RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE CALOOSAHAATCHEE RIVER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST FOLLOWING THE US GOVERNMENT RIGHT OF WAY LINE 167.8 FEET TO THE WEST BANK OF THE OLD CALOOSAHAATCHEE RIVER; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST FOLLOWING THE WEST BANK OF THE OLD CALOOSAHAATCHEE RIVER 22.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST 485.05 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST FOLLOWING THE SOUTH LINE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, 180.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.01 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PARCEL 2: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 2007.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST, PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 1/4 OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 505.16 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE CALOOSAHAATCHEE RIVER CANAL; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 43.55 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 504.89 FEET TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 30 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 43.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Robert M. Coplen, Esquire, Robert M. Coplen, P.A., 10225 Ulmerton Road, Suite 5A, Largo, FL 33771, on or before February 10, 2012 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida 33975, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 5 day of January, 2012.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
 Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ J. Bevis
 Deputy Clerk

407281 CN 1/12,19/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1977	2008	1254432-A0002220000	Simmon B. Simeon & Honorata N. Simeon

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, 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 5005, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012.**

Dated this **4th day of January, 2012.**

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

407044 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012

Looking for a place to hang your hat? Look no further than the classifieds.

Love the earth Recycle your used items by selling them in the classifieds.

Grab a bargain from your neighbor's garage, attic, basement or closet in today's classifieds.

How fast can your car go? It can go even faster when you sell it in the classifieds.

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 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

405815 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

Public Notice

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
416	2007	1324229-A0000560300	Estate of Sarah J. Sawatzky a/k/a Rhonda Tanski

The West one-half of the following described property as divided by a North-South line parallel to the East boundary thereof: The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter AND the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, excluding the East 178.99 feet and excluding the North 150 feet of the West 375 feet of Section 32, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress and egress over the North 30 feet thereof.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the 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

405814 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1965	2008	1254432-A0001830000	Teresa Rojas

The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 516, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012.**

Dated this **4th day of January, 2012.**

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

407042 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012

Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds

Get a quick response to any item you may be selling with a classified ad.

It's never too late to find the perfect gift. Look for it in the classifieds.

When you want something sold, advertise in the classifieds.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Verona A, 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
1647	2007	1264432-A0001880000	Leon & Corina Sacco

The South one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 269, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012.**

Dated this **4th day of January, 2012.**

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

407045 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012

Shop here first! The classifieds ads

The classifieds are the most successful salesperson in town.

Join all the people who say, "I sold it in the classifieds."

Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds

Get a quick response to any item you may be selling with a classified ad.

It's never too late to find the perfect gift. Look for it in the classifieds.

When you want something sold, advertise in the classifieds.

Shop from a gift catalog that's updated regularly: the classifieds.

Your new car could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it?

Your new home could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it?

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Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds

Get a quick response to any item you may be selling with a classified ad.

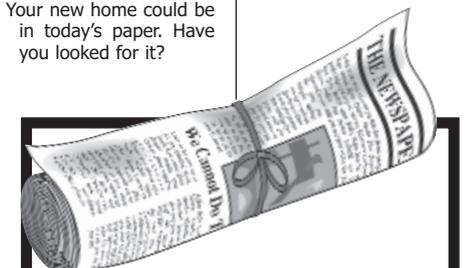
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When you want something sold, advertise in the classifieds.

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Your new car could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it?

Your new home could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it?



READING A NEWSPAPER MAKES YOU A MORE INFORMED AND INTERESTING PERSON.

No wonder newspaper readers are more popular!

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
1587	2007	1254432-A0002560000	Ofeila Otero

The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 516, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012**.
Dated this **4th** day of **January, 2012**.

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

407043 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012

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.

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

405823 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 **Verona A, 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
1494	2007	1244432-A0001150000	Pilar Home Developers, Inc.

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof and subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5239, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012**.
Dated this **4th** day of **January, 2012**.

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

406980 CN 1/12,19,26 & 2/2/2012



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.pbcd.gov/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 Region 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:

1. **Affordability Guidelines:**
Annual Income Limits for West Palm Beach and Boca Raton Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)
FY 2011 Area Median Income (AMI)
\$63,300

2. **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.**

3. **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 of 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.

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)

Glades Region Target Area:

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



This is not a commitment to lend.

Conquering Your Fear Of Technology

No matter if you are young or old, the quickly changing technology landscape can sometimes seem bewildering. And for older Americans, in particular, mastering the use of computers and the Internet may not come intuitively -- but the technology has boundless potential to enrich lives for grandparents and grandchildren alike. And learning how may be easier than you think. "If my mother can learn the computer, anyone can," contends Abby Stokes, author of "Is This Thing On?" a handbook for computers and digital devices. Stokes has taught computing to thousands of people, mainly seniors, and believes overcoming a fear of technology is the first step.

Catch Up

Email is basically like the postal service, only faster. Take advantage of free services through your Internet service provider, or a company like Yahoo or Google. Once you get going, you can write your friends and family instantly.

Better yet, talk in real time, face-to-face with loved ones around the globe. For example, a service named Skype lets you do this free of charge.

Share Photos

Use your computer to store your photos and share them online. If you have a digital camera, upload the contents of the memory card onto your computer. If you have a film camera, your printed photos can be scanned into your computer and saved. Easy-to-use software allows you to crop photos, remove red eyes from family portraits, and make other improvements to your pictures.

Get Information

Surfing the Internet isn't very different than channel hopping on your television set. There's a lot of information out there, and not all of it is useful. A search engine like Google can help you find exactly what you're looking for. You can access any information you want without visiting a library or newsstand. Many periodicals publish all their content on the web free of charge. See something you like? You can easily revisit sites you like by "bookmarking" them.

Entertain Yourself

If you love your television set, you'll wind up loving your computer even more. Many television programs run complete episodes online. And if you're a film buff, you're in luck. Online video rental sites are relatively inexpensive and allow you to watch movies online or order DVDs to watch later. Poker champs and Scrabble lovers will be happy to discover that you can play almost any game you can think of online.

You can either play against the computer or against other people sitting at their computers somewhere in the world. "You don't need to know how it works to work it," says Stokes. So learn to stop worrying and love technology.

Capturing Your Child's Milestone Moments

Kids grow up so fast. It seems like one day they are babies, and the next they are all grown up. If you're not careful, you may miss capturing the important milestones.

For Grandma and Grandpa's sake, here are some tips to ensure you don't miss a thing:

Growth charts

Pick the same day each year to measure your children's heights. The kids will look forward to the ritual, and if you're lucky it may even inspire them to eat all their vegetables.

Don't want to mark up the wall? Self-adhesive growth charts come in fun designs and can be easily removed.

Make an announcement

Personalized birth announcements from an online stationery store like Minted.com are a nice way to share the news with loved ones about new additions to your family.

Customize your announcement with a photo of your son or daughter and fun facts like his or her weight and time of birth. Visit www.Minted.com for ideas.

Carry a camera

You never know when cuteness will strike. It can happen in line at the grocery store, on the way to school or at the doctor's office. Parents would be wise to carry a small camera in a purse or bag at all times, just in case.

You can even make taking photos an official monthly ritual to capture lost baby teeth, new haircuts and everything in between. And of course, don't forget to commit school plays, recitals and important games to history.

Throw a party

Over the years, your kids will give you reason to celebrate. And you'll want to get everyone in on the good time. "Let the invitations to your son or daughter's birthday, graduation, or religious celebration be as unique as they are," says Mariam Naficy, CEO of Minted. Browsing through personalized stationery, including party invitation options online, is an easy way to get your kids in-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Some suggestions of what to do to keep those precious moments.

involved in the process.

Round of applause

Accomplishments like straight A's, making varsity or winning the science fair deserve recognition.

Let your friends and family know when your kids make you proud by sharing the news in a family newsletter or on your Facebook page.

From baby steps, to walking down the aisle, your children will grow up faster than the flash of a camera. Be sure to capture and share the many moments that make you smile.

GRADE

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The area which showed the most improvement and has everyone talking, including Moore Haven High's Principal Beth Barfield, is the performance percentage gains made by the lowest 25 percent of students. The lowest 25 percent has been often deemed "at risk." However, in reading gains, that group improved by 21 percent to come to a 67 percent. In math gains, the improvement was also considerable, with a 16 percent rise to 73 percent. Again, the ending percentage is the total percentage of at risk students who improved over the course of the 2011 school year.

Principal Beth Barfield commented on receiving the grade. She was very honest in how she and the administration felt about the 'C' grade.

"We are not satisfied about receiving that grade," said Barfield. "We have worked very

hard this past year and we truly felt that we had a strong B or even an A. What has really hurt is the fact that we missed it by 10 points."

She explained that those ten points more than likely came from their graduation rate score. Since that score is graded a bit differently than other areas, that score just fell slightly. In all other categories, Moore Haven High out-scored local area high schools, including Clewiston High School, which is quite happy with their 'C' rating and 952 points.

"While they (CHS) may be happy with their rating, we aren't," said Barfield. "We are a better school than that. The staff and students have put in an incredible amount of work and we will see that 'B' or even a 'A.'"

She continued, saying that meeting will be held to discuss strategies and options that can be implemented to improve further. While everyone looks to the letter grade as a sign of the school's health, Barfield's goal at the end of it all is to make sure students receive the best education possible.

"We have that here at MHHS and we will continue to show it this year."

TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Members of the Board			
Honorable	Al Perry	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	4
Honorable	Darrell Harris	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	2
Honorable	Ray Clinard	School Board, District No.	5
Citizen Member	Beauford Davidson	Business owner within the school district	
Citizen Member	Julie Wilkins	Homestead property owner	

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

Summary of Year's Actions							
Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in County Taxable Value Due to Board Actions	Shift in Taxes Due to Board Actions
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both		
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested		Withdrawn or settled	
Residential	0	0	7	11	11	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Commercial	0	0	16	19	19	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Industrial and miscellaneous	0	0	4	11	11	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Agricultural or classified use	0	0	3	3	3	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
High-water recharge	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Historic commercial or nonprofit	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Business machinery and equipment	1	1	1	4	3	\$ -33,972,670	\$ 247,822.61
Vacant lots and acreage	0	0	12	20	20	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
TOTALS	1	1	43	68	67	\$ -33,972,670	\$ 247,822.61

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ. *Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.			
Chair's name	Al Perry	Phone	863-227-3757 ext.
Clerk's name	Barbara S. Butler	Phone	863-675-5217 ext.

Five Secrets of Highly Optimistic Americans

Do you want to start the New Year with a renewed sense of optimism? Do optimistic people think or behave differently?

A new study recently uncovered the secrets of optimistic people who feel in control of their lives.

One key to achieving optimism and lowering stress levels is to find ways to take greater control over your life, say researchers.

Sixty-six percent of Americans now say they feel in control of their lives, and their lives are headed in the right direction, according to Lincoln Financial Group's "MOOD of America" study.

So how can you be more like them?

Grasp the Future

Surprisingly, researchers uncovered several consistent behaviors and attitudes that are strongly associated with feeling in control of one's life -- all of which revolve around not letting money or your job define who you are.

Upbeat Americans are driven by a mindset that they can always find ways to solve problems. And they seem to have struck the right balance between finding time for fun things they enjoy and taking the necessary steps to secure their futures.

"Americans who feel in control of their destinies share a common mindset focused on positive, constructive behaviors every day," said Mark Konen, president of Insurance and Retirement Solutions for Lincoln Financial Group.

Simple Steps to Optimism

The good news is there are certain behaviors you can adopt to positively impact your life. Consider these top five behaviors of Americans who feel in control of their lives:

- They value and cultivate personal relationships.

- They volunteer in their communities and

give to charity.

- They take quiet time to be alone and think.

- They exercise and spend time on hobbies.

- They adhere to budgets and save for retirement.

Not surprisingly, those who said they felt in control have taken concrete steps to build financial security, such as establishing retirement accounts and owning other financial products, including life insurance.

They are also more likely to stay within their budgets and save money from every paycheck, regardless of amount.

It's Not About Money

One of the secrets of optimistic Americans, according to the research, is they are not driven by the desire to be wealthy.

Instead, Americans "in charge" consider financial freedom -- having enough money to do what they want -- to be four to five times more important than being wealthy.

"The combination of traits that apply to 'take charge' Americans shows these people strike the right balance," says Konen. "They value alone time, but also invest in relationships with friends and family. They enjoy leisure time but make time to sit down with their paperwork and adhere to budgets."

More details from the new survey can be found at LincolnFinancial.com/surveys.

According to the new research, the key to optimism is adopting a mindset centered on the fact that it's squarely within your power to control your destiny.

While you must take steps to build a secure future, it's equally important to take time to enjoy life.

Tips for Making Your Home Senior Friendly

More seniors than ever before are living healthy independent lives well into their golden years. And a vast majority want to remain in their homes as long as possible, according to the National Aging in Place Council.

However, most houses were not built to adapt to our changing needs as we age.

"The good news is there are many simple ways to make a home more functional for your needs as you age," says Shannon Sims, marketing communications manager for Therma-Tru Corp.

By 2030, Americans 65 and older will make up 20 percent of the population. For those wishing to make aging-in-place easier, there are several things to consider.

De-clutter Rooms

Eliminate clutter that could get in your way, such as planters and small console tables.

Pay attention to area rugs and other tripping hazards. And if you have wood floors and carpeting, install transition strips where they adjoin.

Evaluate Your Entryway

To ideally accommodate a wheelchair, the doorway to your home should be at least 32-inches wide. Even without a wheelchair, a wider opening can be beneficial when entering and exiting.

There are different doors you can install to meet your mobility needs and personal style. For example, Therma-Tru offers 42-inch wide entry

doors in its Classic-Craft Rustic Collection and Classic-Craft Oak Collection, to allow for easier access and for dramatic and elegant curb appeal.

Also consider how the door swings. A door that swings in may be easier to operate than one swinging out. A remodeling contractor can help determine what your home can accommodate structurally, provide recommendations for styles and handle installation.

Tweak Bathrooms and Kitchens

Lowering countertops in your kitchen and bathroom can make using them easier. And consider grab-bars for showers and bathtubs. For their part, curbless showers and bathtubs with entrances that open can reduce the possibility of falling.

Get a Grip

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 67 million adults will have doctor-diagnosed arthritis by the year 2030. For them, just turning a doorknob can be painfully difficult. Consider installing lever-style handles on exterior and interior doors. And choose ones with a multi-point locking system for ease of opening, such as those from Therma-Tru, which also provide greater security and stability.

"Making life easier can be as simple as choosing low-maintenance entry doors with easy-to-use levers instead of doorknobs. Or, to allow

more fresh air and light into the home, a homeowner can request Vented Sidelites on their doors that swing open easily on hinges," says Sims.

Upgrade Patio Doors

Patio doors tend to receive more traffic than

front doors. If your patio door is due for an upgrade, you can choose the classic elegance of a hinged door or the modern convenience of a sliding door. Both are available in two-, three- or four-panel configurations to ensure a wide opening.

Above all, when adapting your home, keep an eye on making your daily life easier.

CLEWISTON GOLF COURSE

January Calendar of Events:



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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