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64th Chalo Nitka Festival under way

Ahern named Grand Marshal

Glades County native John Ahern has been named the Grand Marshal for the 2012 Chalo Nitka Festival and Parade.

According to Glades County Economic Development Council executive director and Chalo Nitka Committee member Tracy Whirls, the Chalo Nitka Festival Committee voted to honor Mr. Ahern in recognition of his many contributions to Glades County.



John Ahern

"John is a founding member of the Glades County Economic Development Council, he's been chairman of the Enterprise Zone Development Agency since its inception—it's hard to think of a program or project that Mr. Ahern hasn't been involved in," Ms. Whirls said.

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Special to the Glades County Democrat/Calina Chapman
The Chalo Nitka pageant winners rode in the Swamp Cabbage Festival Parade in LaBelle on Feb. 25. The Chalo Nitka Parade will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in downtown Moore Haven.



Special to the Glades County Democrat
The Glades County Public Safety Department and the Lakeport Volunteer Fire Department have purchased animal resuscitation masks. "Blue" with his owner Bill Match, demonstrates how the mask is used.

Resuscitation masks designed for animals

The Glades County Public Safety Department and the Lakeport Volunteer Fire Department have purchased three sets of animal resuscitation masks to be put on board three of the Lakeport fire units.

The resuscitation masks can be used in any fire situation where an animal is in respiratory distress due to smoke inhalation. These masks can be adjusted to fit any animal size from cats to cows.

The masks were purchased from H.E.L.P. Animals, Inc. in Orange City, Fla.

H.E.L.P. Animals is a non-profit organization. They can be reached at P.O. Box 740514, Orange City, Fla. 32774-0514, 386-216-6827.



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Comments on all issues of local interest are welcome. Some of the topics currently under discussion include the following:

Corps releasing water from lake

- When the lake is high and there is a hurricane coming, and the water managers decide to let as much water out as they can because they are worried that the dike will break if there is too much water when the storm hits, then the people in Lee County complain that they don't want the "dirty water" from the lake going into the Caloosahatchee. But when the lake is low and the Caloosahatchee is starting to have salt water intrusion, then they expect the water managers to send water from the lake into the river to help them. They can't have it both ways. Either let the water go into the Caloosahatchee year round or else never send it that way. Nature did not intend the Caloosahatchee to directly connect to Lake Okeechobee. Nature intended the river to go dry during the winter season.

Dogs in the trash

- Anyone who has a big dog should have a fenced yard. It's crazy to have a dog that needs to be able to run around and get some exercise unless you fence your yard. Every day I see dogs and cats killed on the highway. I realize you can't do much about cats, except get them fixed so they don't have the urge to wander, but if you spay or neuter your dog and keep it in a fenced yard, usually it will stay put. Plus it will protect your house.

Bicycles

- In response to the comment about the bicyclists, with the high price of gasoline more and more people are going to be riding bikes. Those who ride bikes need to make sure they wear light colored clothing so they can be seen more easily and that they have reflectors on their bicycles. Lights are even better. There are lots of light-weight battery operated lights available. It's not like the old-fashioned bicycle lights that you had to work really hard to get the wheel to turn to generate power to the light. Also, learn the rules of the road. A person on a bicycle should ride in the same direction as the traffic and stay as far to the right as possible. A person walking along a road should walk against the traffic and also stay as far to the right as possible. Drivers should be watchful for bicycles. Even if it is not your fault, an accident will certainly ruin your day.

Drive Park

- A plan proposes building a "drive park" for automotive enthusiasts including two driving tracks. Members will have options of building a garage to work on and store their vehicles, building a residence with similar garages or just coming to meet with other members to compete in auto competitions. To succeed in changing the land zoning, the proposal would need an amendment to the Glades County Comprehensive Plan and a change to county ordinance 91-1 to change land use regulations in Glades County. Two governmental public meetings are scheduled for March 13, and April 10 at the County Courthouse in Moore Haven. Nearby residents are worried about the affect of noise, fumes and traffic should the proposed driving park be approved by Glades County zoning officials and county commissioners. A zoning hearing will be held at Glades County courthouse in Moore Haven Tuesday, March 13, at 5:05 p.m. to consider an amendment to the Glades Comprehensive Plan to allow the new use. The Glades County Commission will meet on Tuesday April 10, at 9 a.m. to consider the proposals after the zoning hearing. Maybe the citizens of Glades County should attend these meetings. Remember, even if this is not in your neighborhood, the county services may not be available when you need them. The Glades county EMS is stretched to it's limits now.

Letters to the Editor

Chalo Nitka pageant help appreciated

Our daughter, Haley Allysa Stephens was recently crowned the 2012 Chalo Nitka Queen. Haley was proudly sponsored by Ronda and Carl Perry, the owner of Perry Farms. S

he has two sisters, Jenna and Taylor, and is the granddaughter of Judy, and the late Joe Henry Peebles, Schiller and the late Betsey Martin, and Martha Stephens. Haley is a member of FFA, Beta Club, Youth Leadership County Events, Varsity Softball player for 2 years, Varsity Track Member, 4-H Livestock Judging, Rooters Swine Club, and also a member of the First United Methodist Church. Her achievements include being on the A/B honor roll for 10 years, 2003 Little Miss Chalo Nitka, Reserve Grand Champion Swine 2008, Winner of the "Florida Governor's \$100 Essay Contest", and 2nd place Subdistrict winner for the FFA creed contest. Haley enjoys going to the woods with her family, hunting with her dad, going to the river with her friends, and spending time with her entire family. After high school,

Haley plans to attend the University of Alabama to become an orthopedic surgeon specializing in Sports Medicine.

We would like to send out a big "Thank You" to some very special people who helped make Haley's success possible. To the Chalo Nitka pageant committee: Jenny Allen, Ericka Villafuerte, McKenzie Green, and Nancy Ashley for all your time and hard work. Jenny you are a special lady for putting so much time and hard work into the pageant. Although you didn't feel well, you always put on a smile for the girls. Ronda and Carl Perry for sponsoring Haley. Ronda, what a ride! Thank you so much for the special dress shopping trip we took. Many memories were made, along with wise advice being given. My Aunt Pat Peebles, for all of Haley's wardrobe adjustments. Wade and Kristi Hingson for building the awesome



Special to the Glades County Democrat/
Thomas Barfield

The 2012 Chalo Nitka Queen is Haley Allysa Stephens.

Edith Ann rocking chair. It added a special touch to the whole skit. Pat Bedingfield for Haley's costume for her talent. Whitney Storey Savoie for doing such a beautiful job on Haley's hair, and of course for all of the backstage help. Susan Cox, owner of Southern Divas for providing me with all of her beautiful jewelry Annie Pearl Espinosa for saving the night. Thank you so much for allowing us to come to your house late at night in pouring rain after Haley's dress rehearsal for some last minute emergency dress repairs. All of our friends for all of your love and support. Wishing everyone a very happy, safe, and fun filled Chalo Nitka.

Sincerely,
Dane and Linda Martin

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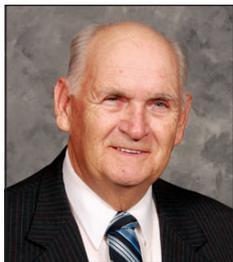
RELIGION COLUMNS

Who is a Christian?

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

In recent weeks there has been a national controversy over the question, "Just Who Is A Christian?" Everyone is afraid to give a clear-cut, definite, and scriptural answer to this question.

This is because of all of the "human tradition" that has flooded into many so-called "churches."



Jackie Miller

Jesus said, "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the traditions of men." Again He said, "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not My Word hath one that judgeth him, the Word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." As to how one becomes

a Christian, just read the "Great Commission" in Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16, and further read the Apostle Peter's answer on Pentecost to those who asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

These scriptures teach that one must Hear and Believe the Gospel (Good News), that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and arose the third day and that He has all authority in Heaven and Earth and that He has ascended on high where He is both Lord and Christ. Those who Hear and Believe this are told to "Repent and be baptized (immersed) in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins to receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). The Lord adds these to His one and only Church (Acts 2:47).

This local church is one that continues steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers (Acts 2:47). Any question that one may have about a particular teaching on any subject can be found in the New Testament, since the Church is founded on "the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone."

The only name given by God for us to wear is the name "Christian" (Acts 11:26). Since many groups do not follow the New Testament, but human tradition, they are full of people who have not been converted to Christ in the first place, and do not follow Christ's Teachings in the second place. It really is not all that complicated. Jesus said, "The blind will follow the blind, and both will fall into the ditch."

We at First Christian Church are trying to get people out of the ditch of "human tradition" and win them to simple "New Testament Christianity." We want to see the unity that Jesus prayed for (John 17:20-21) and the Apostle Paul plead for (1 Cor. 1:10-13).

Butterfly Lessons

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

A man found a butterfly cocoon and noticed a small opening appearing. He sat and watched as the butterfly struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further.

The man, wanting to help the butterfly, took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit

of the cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected at any moment the butterfly would flap its wings and fly away. It didn't happen. In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with shriveled wings and was never able to fly.

What the man did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.



John Hicks

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives in order to be strong enough to fly.

In the 15 plus years I have been raising butterflies for release on Easter Sunday, I have learned much and have gotten the timing down.

I plan for the butterflies to emerge the week before Easter, so each child who comes to church can release a butterfly which has come out of a cocoon as a symbolic remembrance of Christ coming out of the tomb. This year is no different, and I will be ordering butterflies soon.

Timing is everything to get a successful coming out experience. You receive the tiny caterpillars and put them in a feeding cup. They eat for about seven to 10 days, are in the chrysalis for seven to 10 days, and then emerge as butterflies.

One year, following my timing schedule, I had plans for over 100 butterflies to emerge. None did. My timing was the same, but as of the Saturday before Easter, not one butterfly had emerged. It didn't look like a mass butterfly release was going to happen that year.

But God had other plans. By sunrise on Easter morning, one butterfly had emerged. During the

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Rev. Sam Thomas

worship services, enough butterflies came out that we were able to have a release afterwards.

That year was unique and special in that being newly out of their cocoons, the butterflies stayed on people's fingers while they pumped their wings to get ready to fly. A number of people were able to take a chrysalis home and celebrate "resurrection" again as their butterflies emerged in the days following Easter. Blessings flowed.

Let's see: John's timing: maybe 1. God's timing: a hundredfold with addition blessings. There's got to be a lesson in there somewhere.

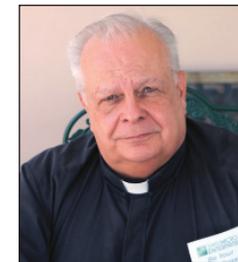
Scriptures; Living, Evolving

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

The Bible has been criticized for being "chauvinistic" – excessively attached to one point of

view over others. For example, in the case of marriage, writings suggest that males are predominant (e.g. 1 Corinthians 7, 1 Peter 3). Scriptures speak of the world known in their day. We tend to forget that those who wrote were divinely inspired were also people of their own times.

They didn't ride in automobiles, didn't know about dental care, didn't have cell-phones, lived in a world where slavery was common, were not



Sam S. Thomas

likely to regard their wives as equal partners in marriage, had no systems of vaccinations for devastating illnesses, and on and on. Over time, and with God's revelation, it becomes evident that we do not live as did our spiritual ancestors.

We build on their heritage and inspired gifts; we bring the gifts of what God reveals to us in our own times. Nobody has surpassed Saint Paul's hymn to love (1 Corinthians 13) which speaks to the heart of marriage and what it takes to make it succeed; or that, "they are no longer two but one (Mark 10:9)" with no mention about who is to be dominant or who is to submit. The Scriptures are the living word of God; and, like all living things, they will evolve, grow, incorporate what has come to us from God as we come to know Him a little better each passing generation.

My earthly father was limited in the hours he could spend at home, unhappy when I didn't do as well in school as he would have liked, protective in public-chiding in private, often too tired to go over my homework at a very elementary level.

Later, I realized the stresses and strains of his world; he did a pretty good job of providing, parenting, protecting, and nurturing. I grew up.

He was a product of his day and age; he stuck to his values and they carried him through. They laid the foundations for my life; not without

changes or with the blessings of the advantages that my world has and his lacked. Likewise, as I think about those who laid our spiritual foundations; they were wonderful and great people, literally and figuratively saints. We build on their foundations; we do things differently, we evolve and grow.

As parents are proud of their children for doing better than they did; I can't help believe that those who gave us our spiritual heritage would be proud of us when we move forward and work to make our world better than theirs.

I want my child to do better than I was able to do; I am a product of my own day and age, and who am I to hold back or think that I always know best. Perhaps one of God's greatest gifts is that we move forward, change, grow, evolve.

His word, written and revealed in us, will one day lead to that kingdom where all things are perfected and made whole.

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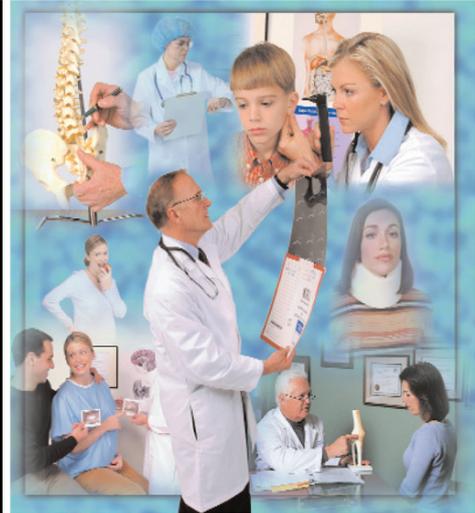
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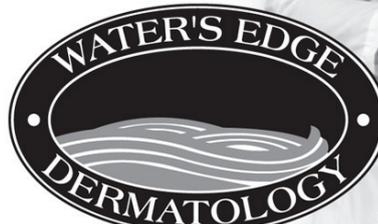
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Lake Okeechobee Fishing Report

BY MARK KING

As the month of February flies by here on Lake Okeechobee, the bass fishing has been best described as "awesome."

Catching 30 to 40 bass a day on wild shiners is no problem, and the artificial bite has been almost as good. Most of the bass seem to be still on the outside grass close to the main lake, with a few bass in different areas moving in to spawn and then moving right back out to the outside. My clients have been having the time of their lives catching bass. I can't even begin to tell you how many have caught the largest bass they have ever seen in their lives right here on the lake.

I have been targeting the outside grass line from Cochran's Pass to Pelican Bay with the deciding factor being the wind. Areas like the East Wall, Ritta Island, and Long Point have been really good places to fish. When fishing with the shiners try to pick a point out on the main lake and anchor up, be sure to take a lot of bait because you will use up at least a dozen an hour if not more. The artificial bite has been a little slow some days and really good others. I have been using the Charlie's Worms Zipper Dipper and fishing it slow like a worm along the outside grass line and back in, about a good pitch into the grass. I have also caught bass really well on

a one ounce Medlock jig fished in most of the same areas that I'm fishing wild shiners.

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When the wind is blowing a spinnerbait has been working just outside the grass on the main lake but if the wind blows too hard the water dirties up to much to fish a spinnerbait.

I just can't tell you in words how great Lake Okeechobee is fishing right now, if you have ever had the desire to come to South Florida bass fishing then now would be the time to make it happen. The crappie fishing is still hit and miss with limits being pretty hard to catch right now. I have heard of a few bluegills being caught but it will be another month or so before it really kicks in. As most folks know I guide in the Florida Keys for tarpon during the season from mid April through June so if anyone is looking to catch a giant tarpon get a hold of me soon as dates are filling up quick.

I will also be heading to the Venice-Louisiana area this fall for redfish season and will also start booking trips for big redfish on fly and conventional tackle. Fishing is my life and if you would like a trip of a lifetime just give me a call and I can make it happen.

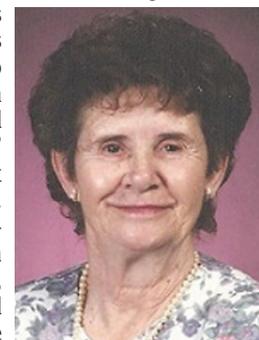
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Frances Andrews, 83

CLEWISTON — Frances Andrews, Juanita to her family and friends, went on to Glory on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012 at the age of 83.

Juanita was born Frances Juanita Barton to William "Aussie" and Frances "Estelle" Barton on August 13, 1928 in Pitts, Ga. She moved to Clewiston, in the 1940's, where she married her husband, Leslie "L.P." Andrews.



Juanita was preceded in death by her mother and father; her husband; and four children. She is survived by four children, Andrew (Evelyn) Andrews of North Carolina, Russell (Gloria) Andrews of Louisiana, Wanda Gail (David) Alderman of Okeechobee, and Sharon (Bill) Huggins of Lake City. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation was 12 noon on Monday, Feb. 27, 2012 in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, Fla. Her home-going celebration followed at 1 p.m.; Pastors Eric Phillips and Doug Nickalson officiated. Interment followed at the Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston, Fla. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Everglades Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1953, Okeechobee, Florida 34973

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. On-line condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

Hubert G. 'Mac' McCall, 79

TRENTON — Hubert G. "Mac" McCall, of Trenton, 79, passed away on Feb. 18, 2012, at the Malcolm Randall Veterans Hospital in Gainesville, Fla.

Mr. McCall was born in Arcadia, Fla., on March 18, 1932. He served two years in the United States Army as a MP during the Korean War before receiving an Honorable Discharge where he then served seven years in the US Army Reserves. He owned Big Lake Construction Company in Clewiston, for ten years before resolving the company and retiring. Mr. McCall was a strong believer in Christ and was the Choir Director for several years with the Church of God. He loved to fish and loved to hunt. But most of all he loved spending time with his family.



Mr. McCall was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Delilah McCall of Nocatee.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Patricia McCall; son, Mike (Kymm) McCall of Clewiston; daughters, Becky (Chris) Hargrove of Wellington, Brenda (Dan) Olsen of Palm Beach Gardens, Karena (Wesley) Hamilton of Lake Worth, Regina (Mark) Ronie of Loxahatchee, and Johnnie (Eric) McCall-Lemon of Lakeland; stepdaughter, Yolanda Hancock of Rochester, N.Y.; stepson, Paul (Peggy) Moore of Georgia; 19 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Ellis (Virginia) McCall of Lake Placid, and Willis (Laverne) McCall of Bartow; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mr. McCall was laid to rest at Dorsey E. Earl Smith Memory Gardens in Lake Worth, on Feb. 22, 2012. Memorial Services were officiated by Rev. Terry Davis of Trenton Church of God.

What is a Public Health System?

BY PAT DOBBINS

Hendry/Glades Health Departments

There is a public health system in each community. The public health system does not mean county health departments alone. The public health system is defined as the wide range of public, private, and voluntary organizations such as governmental agencies, school systems, health care providers, hospitals, law enforcement, community-based organizations, local associations, businesses, and individuals. The function of this broad system framework is to work together collectively to improve the health of the community. The following diagram shows how we are all connected to each other within the local public health system:

Some specific responsibilities of the entire public health system are to:

- Prevent epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protect against environmental hazards and prevent injuries
- Promote and encourage healthy behaviors
- Assure the quality and accessibility of health services
- Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery

The core functions of the public health system include:

- Assessment: Making regular, systematic collection, assembly, analysis and distribution of information on the health of the community, including statistics on health status, community health needs, and epidemiological and other studies of health problems.
- Policy development: Using the scientific knowledge to assist in the decision-making about public health and taking a strategic ap-

proach to leadership for public health policy.

• Assurance: Engaging policy-makers, community partners, businesses, and the public to help determine what level of services are needed in the community.

There are ten essential public health services and they are derived from the specific responsibilities and core functions which include:

- Monitoring health status within the community
- Diagnosing and investigating health problems and health hazards
- Informing, educating, and empowering people about health issues
- Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health
- Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- Linking people to needed personal health services
- Assuring a competent public health and personal health care workforce
- Evaluating the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of health services
- Conducting research for innovative solutions to health problems

The Public Health Wheel best illustrates the relationship among core functions, specific responsibilities and the ten essential public health services. There will always be challenges in rural communities.

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Kissimmee River Restoration Attracts Wildlife

An environmental monitoring program to measure the effectiveness of the state-federal Kissimmee River Restoration Project has revealed a promising increase in wading birds and waterfowl, thriving aquatic invertebrates and improvements in water quality.

“The abundant wildlife now seen along the Kissimmee is a powerful indicator of the benefits of long-term investments in restoration,” said South Florida Water Management District (SF-WMD) Executive Director Melissa Meeker. “The District’s documentation of these improvements provides us and our restoration partners—as well as the public—with critical insights into the ecosystem’s ongoing recovery.”

Environmental monitoring conducted since completion of the first phase of construction in 2001 has shown improvements in aquatic life, reductions in accumulated bottom sediments, reestablishment of floodplain wetlands and an increase in waterfowl and wading birds.

Among the observations:

- The number of wading birds observed increased by 64 percent. Three species long absent from the river are now documented regularly.
- Shorebird species commonly observed jumped from 2 to 11.
- Waterfowl sightings increased dramatically—by 29 times compared to pre-restoration sightings.

In addition, dissolved oxygen levels in the river have improved, which is critical for the long-term survival of fish and other aquatic organisms.

Wetland vegetation, which once covered only 37 percent of the Phase I restoration area prior to construction, has fully achieved the restoration target of 80 percent coverage.

In addition to an increase in wading birds, shorebirds and waterfowl, the numbers of wetland-dependent marsh birds and songbirds have also increased since restoration began in 2001.

These results suggest that after construction is



PHOTO / SFWMD

Birds are plentiful in the areas around the restored Kissimmee River.

complete in 2014 and hydrologic conditions are fully restored in 2015, the region is on track to achieve its goal of restored ecological integrity in the Kissimmee River and its floodplain.

Ecological monitoring is scheduled to continue for at least five years after project completion to guide management of the flood control system

and evaluate the ultimate success of the restoration project.

The Kissimmee Basin is the headwaters of Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades.

The Kissimmee River Restoration Project is a partnership between the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers that has been in place for more than 20 years. T

he Army Corps is responsible for construction, and the District is responsible for land acquisition and restoration evaluation monitoring. Project construction is scheduled for completion in December 2014.



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White Ibis, great egrets, snowy egrets and wood storks forage in the Phase II area.

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 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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Inland Birding Fun: American White Pelican (AWPE)



PHOTO / CONNIE SHACKLEFORD

American White Pelican in flight.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Towns around Lake Okeechobee are in the running for the Top Ten Great Backyard Bird Count positions for the Feb. 17, 18, 19 and 20 count held in the U.S. and Canada.

The deadline for submitting data online at www.birdcount.org or for mailed entries is March 5. The final results will be posted in April.

Some of the Feb. 23 online result reported Clewiston as #8 for reporting 93,497 individual birds. Some other Top Ten tallies were LaBelle #1 with 60 Painted Buntings

and #2 with 29 Indigo Buntings. Okeechobee was #6 with 39 Painted Buntings being reported. Clewiston was #1 for 59,607 American Coots and 27 Purple Swamphens. Clewiston was #8 with 7 Indigo Buntings and placed #3 for reporting 764 wintering American White Pelicans which is a bird of least concern.

The American White Pelican is one of the largest North American birds. It is a large, heavy, white waterbird with a wingspan as great as nine and a half feet. The wings are long and broad with black wing tips. Its short legs and webbed feet are reddish-orange or pink.

They have a long reddish-orange or pink bill with a pouch that can hold up to three gallons of water. Juvenile American White Pelicans are similar to the adults, but have dirty grayish markings on the head and back.

They are usually silent, but nestlings make whining grunts for food and adults have low

hoarse display calls.

They do not dive for fish, but scoop up prey which consists mainly of fish, crayfish, tadpoles, and salamanders.

They are often seen fishing in groups where they will swim on top of the water and make a circle in order to concentrate fish. They will dip their heads under water simultaneously to catch the fish.

In the summer, adult American White Pelicans breed in colonies in the interior of Western Canada and the Northwestern United States where they build nests on the ground that they rim with dirt, sticks, and other debris.

The female lays one to three eggs which both parents incubate with their large webbed feet. The eggs hatch in about a month.

Both parents take care of the young. The strongest chicks leave the nest and join a pod or crèche of young pelicans when they are 17-28 days old. The young fledge at about 10 weeks of age.

During the March 28 to 31 Big "O" Birding Festival, there will be trips in Hendry and Glades County in search of wintering and resident birds in inland Florida. Join in the search for White Pelicans, Wood Storks, Snail Kites, Painted Buntings, Indigo Buntings, Purple Swamphens, and the returning Swallow-tailed kites.

For more information, call 863-675-5264 or e-mail bigobirding2012@gmail.com. Check out the updates on the Big "O" Birding Festival web site at www.bigobirdingfestival.com or www.facebook.com (search for Big "O" Birding Festival 2012).

You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston. For reservations for these free trips or to request a GBBC data form contact Margaret England by email at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695.

Visit the HGAS web site at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org or the Hendry-Glades Audubon.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petition on **March 14, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the application is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the application for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **March 27, 2012, at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

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

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

Petition Number: VA12-0001

Applicant/Agent: Ms. Angie Williams, represented by Matt Stanton III, Stanton Mobile Homes

Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE OF 10 FEET FOR A FRONT SETBACK OF 15 FEET FOR A MOBILE HOME IN THE HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL – MOBILE HOME (RG-3M) ZONING DISTRICT

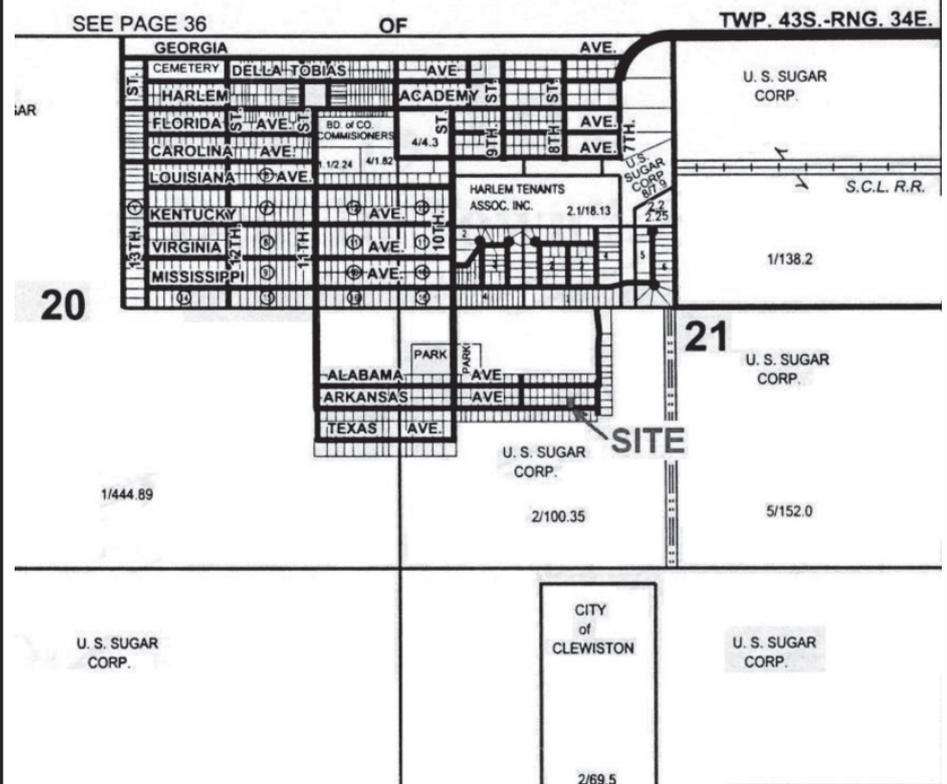
Location: 713 Arkansas Ave, Clewiston, FL

Property size: 0.17 acres +/-

Request: The applicant is requesting a variance of 10 feet for a front setback of 15 feet instead of 25 feet in the High Density Residential –Mobile Home (RG-3M) for a new mobile home.

Legal description of subject property:

LOT 17, BLOCK E, HARLEM ADDITION #8, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 137 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.



Orvell Howard, Chairman
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Tris Chapman, Chairman
Hendry County Board
of County Commissioners

Glades at a Glance

Free health fair at HRMC

On Sunday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., (registration closes at 3 p.m.) Hendry Regional Medical Center will host the Hendry/Glades Community Health Fair. Approximately 130 medical students from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine as well as students from various Allied Health Divisions will attend to provide free medical services. Among the medical services offered are Anemia Screening, Tobacco Cessation, Vision, Blood Pressure, Bone Density, Mammogram Vouchers, Cholesterol Screening, Diabetes Screening, HIV Screening and Education, and much more. The Hendry Glades Health Department will be on hand to give out free safety helmets for the children. In addition to the free medical services, vendors will have educational materials and products. Participants can find out how to apply for free medication and other valuable information. A free bounce house will be available for the children to enjoy. Free food will be provided.

Friends of NRA plan meeting

Glades County Friends of NRA will meet on Thursday, March 8, at 6 p.m. at the Doyle Conner Agricultural Civic Center, 900 US 27 SW, Moore Haven. For more information, please contact Tom Knight 941-748-7676 or by email at tknight@NRAHQ.org.

Garden Club plans golf tourney

The Lakeport Garden Club will host their Third Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 10, at 8 a.m. at the Blue Heron Golf Club, 1925 S.E. Ninth avenue in Okeechobee. The tournament will feature a best ball, shotgun start. Entry is \$40 per golfer. There will be prizes for first, second, third and last place, longest drive and closest to pin. There will also be door prizes. Lunch will be barbecued pork sandwiches with chips. For more information, call Glenda at 863-946-1794.

VFW plans handbag fundraiser

VFW Post 10100 Ladies Auxiliary in LaBelle will present Handbags by "Miche," on March 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The VFW Post is located on Highway South 29, next to the rodeo grounds. For more information call 863-674-0467. The funds from this event will go into the Relief fund, which is ear-marked strictly for our Veterans in need.

Tobacco cessation classes

New tobacco cessation classes are available at the Moore Haven Public Library. Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) is provided by attending the classes. Please contact Angelica Pena to register, or for more information call 863-902-3019.

Investigations

The Glades County Sheriff's Office investigated the following crimes reported last week:

BURGLARIES:

- Fifth St., Moore Haven

Learn to sew

During Spring Break, March 12-16, there will be a sewing class for adults wanting to learn to sew. Some instructions will be how to thread the machine and make adjustments, how to mend a garment, sew up a ripped seam, sew on buttons, hemming and making minor alterations. If you are interested call and we will work out a schedule to fit your time - morning, lunch, or afternoon. There will be a small fee for supplies. Call Jo Randolph to get your name on the list, 863-227-4323. Classes will be in the 4-H sewing room of the Doyle Conner Building.

Glades Electric announces annual meeting on March 24

Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s 2012 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 24, at Osceola Middle School in Okeechobee. The purpose of the meeting being to elect trustees, vote on proposed by-law changes, and hear annual officers' reports. Registration, entertainment and voting will begin at 8 a.m. The Business Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Join us for great entertainment, fun, and prizes including a 2001 CHEVROLET K-1500 4X4!

Amateur Radio Emergency Service drills planned

All licensed Amateur Radio Operators, please be aware that Terri and Austin Moorhouse will be hosting as the Net Control Operators for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) for Glades County under the support and control of the Glades County Emergency Management EOC. The ARES-RACES Network was established to provide emergency communications during civil emergencies such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes or any other civil emergency. All licensed Amateur Radio Operators in or near the Glades County area are invited and encouraged to participate in the ARES-RACES Net test drills held every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. on the two-meter frequency of 147.300 Hz on the Glades County Repeater W4TEJ 147.300 + 600 PL 100.00 HZ. In order to "check in," operators need only to give their call sign followed by their first name. Subsequent to check-in, announcements and updates will be provided by the Net Control after which comments, suggestions and announcements will be solicited from the participating members.

Participation is voluntary and there is no permanent or long-term obligation. Yet, your help may be sorely needed in the event of a civil emergency. Interested parties please contact Angela Snow Colegrove at the Emergency Management Operations Center 863-946-6020 or Austin Moorhouse at 683-946-0697.

- Summerall Road, Muse THEFTs:
- Yacht Club Way, Moore haven
- Old Muse Road (stolen vehicle found), Muse

Wildfire Awareness Campaign under way

The Florida Forest Service, Okeechobee District; Glades County Emergency Management, and Glades County Sheriff have teamed up to create awareness about the dangers of wildfires. As conditions get drier, it is essential that the residents help reduce the wildfire risk. "It's important for everyone to remember that almost 80% of all wildfires in Florida are caused by humans," said Senior Ranger Danny Callahan, Florida Forest Service. "Wildfires that don't start can't injure residents or damage structures. Be careful when using anything that involves fire, high heat, or can cause a spark to ignite nearby brush. With your help, we can avoid a wildfire disaster in Glades County."

On Wednesday, emergency responders from the Florida Forest Service, Glades County Emergency Management, and Glades County Sheriff conducted a door-to-door campaign for the residents of Crescent Acres and Country Meadows in West Glades County. This door-to-door campaign involved passing out bags of fire prevention literature to nearly 150 residents. "As we pass out brochures, we talked to residents and informed them of the dry conditions," explained Senior Ranger Danny Callahan, Florida Forest Service. "A good percentage of residents had piles of debris ready to be burned. Hopefully, we educated the residents of Crescent Acres

and Country Meadows and they will think twice about burning."

The next phase in the educational campaign is to conduct fire prevention and Ready, Set, GO presentations to homeowner groups throughout Glades County. If your community would like to learn more, please contact Florida Forest Service, Senior Ranger Danny Callahan 863-674-4000 or Glades County Emergency Management, Angie Snow at 863-946-6020. The educational campaign will continue until normal rainfall patterns occur.

Remember that Glades County has a burn ban in place.

For questions on the burn ban, please contact Glades County Emergency Management.

For more fire prevention tips and burning rules and regulations information, go to www.Firewise.org. or contact your local Florida Forest Service office (Vero Beach 772-778-5085; Port St. Lucie 772-468-3915; Stuart 772-221-4045; Okeechobee 863-462-5160; Sebring 863-655-6407; Palmdale 863-674-4000). Please visit the website at www.floridastateservice.com.

Lakeport News

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

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

• Lakeport Gators meet every Friday at 6

p.m. Come out and enjoy food, games, and crafts. For more information, contact Ms. Brenda at 863-532-8314.

• Lakeport Gatorz will not be meeting this Friday, March 3, due to the children participating in the Chalo Nitka Festival in Moore Haven. We will meet on Friday, March 10 at 6 p.m.

Arrest Report

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Glades County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or the Department of Corrections (DOC).

• Whitfield D. Mundle, 21, Ave. H, Moore Haven, was arrested Feb. 21 on a warrant charging him with violation of probation - burglary. He is being held without bond.

• Clayton L. Wilson, 27, Tom Coker Road, LaBelle, was arrested Feb. 21 on a felony charge of aggravated battery on a pregnant person and a misdemeanor charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. His bond was set at \$3,000.

• Wendy Mercedes Perez, 39, Gables Blvd., Weston, was arrested Feb. 23 on Broward County warrants charging her with grand theft (two counts). She is being held

without bond.

• Daria Kazywosz, 27, Coachlight Way, Dunedin, was arrested Feb. 23 on a Pinellas County warrant charging her with possession of a controlled substance. Her bond was set at \$30,013.

• John William Mendell, 28, Lake Drive, Buckhead Ridge, was arrested Feb. 25 on a felony charge of criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$1,500.

This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found innocent or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.

Youth basketball program honors players



Special to the Glades County Democrat
The Moore Haven Heat were the Glades County Youth Athletic Association Youth Basketball League champs.



Special to the Glades County Democrat
The Celtics were among the teams honored by the Glades County Youth Athletic Association.



Special to the Glades County Democrat
The Magic Basketball team was honored by the Glades County Youth Athletic Association.



Special to the Glades County Democrat
The Wizards Basketball team was honored by the Glades County Youth Athletic Association.

The Glades County Youth Athletic Association youth basketball program concluded last week with a free throw shoot out, an awards program and pizza.

Players on all four teams were recognized for their participation with most valuable player, hustler and most improved trophies presented. The Heat players received their first place trophies for finishing the season with a perfect 10-0 record.

First place and runner up trophies were awarded in four divisions for the best free throw shooters. League coordinator, Sonny Hughes, would like to thank the volunteers Cedric Tulloch, Tom Perry, Priscilla Mitchell and assistant Dennis Griffin for their time and support. Sponsor plaques were presented to the Youth Livestock, Griffin Electric and A/C and the Christian Church of Moore Haven.

The Christian Church also sponsored the player trophies this season. You are encouraged to thank Dennis Griffin, members of the Youth Livestock and members of the Christian Church for their financial support.

This year there were four teams and 35 players participating from the second week in January to third week in February, learning and practicing basketball fundamentals and then playing in the league games.



Devin Hall received the "Heat Hustler" Award.

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Health department welcomes new provider

The Glades County Health Department would like to welcome James L. Longmore, M.D. as one of the new Health Providers for the Glades County Health Department.

Dr. Longmore is Board Certified in Family Medicine and has been in the medical field for over 30 years.

His background includes Hospice and palliative care, urgent care and emergency rooms. He was in the Air Force and then received a Biology Degree with the University of Maryland. He finished his Medical Degree at George Washington University Medical School and completed his residency in Family Medicine. Dr. Longmore moved to the area from Maryland about 12 years ago and loves working in rural communities. He stated that interacting and working with people comes natural to him and he absolutely loved working with Hospice for



Se. James Longmore

several years in the Southwest Florida Region. He has been happily married for 42 years, has a grown daughter and son, and a granddaughter.

Patricia K. Dobbins, Administrator /Health Officer for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments said, "We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Longmore. He will provide excellent health care services to families in Glades County. His knowledge and experience will be an asset and will compliment the dedicated teams at the Glades County Health Department."

If you'd like to make an appointment with Dr. Longmore, you can call the Glades County Health Department at 863-946-0707.

Osceola and Renegade

The Florida State University mascot "Chief Osceola" and his horse, Renegade, visited the Fred Smith Arena at Brighton Seminole Reservation in February. The Brighton Field Days Festival concluded on Sunday, Feb. 19, with the Seminole Classic segment of the PRCA's Xtreme Bulls Tour. The Feb. 19 Seminole Classic Xtreme Bulls telecast will air Tuesday, March 6, from 10 to 11:30 p.m. (ET).

Special to the G.C. Democrat/Bobbi Poole



Friends of the Glades County Public Library to meet March 19

New members welcome

By Austin Moorhouse
Glades County Library

The Glades County Friends of the Library is once again 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 sponsored by the library. The Library sponsors such events as Art in the Park, story hour on Tuesday mornings for pre-school children and many other activities including free computer classes for beginners. The next meeting of the Friends will be on March 19, at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the library.

The display in the showcase in front of the conference room is changed every month. In January, it was a collection of bells. In February, it was a presentation appropriate to Valentines Day. In March, it will be Seminole Indian dolls.

In addition to the regular business meeting, there is always a presentation of interest for the members with refreshments as well. The Friends of the Library also maintains the

Historical Section of the library. Dues are only \$5 for the whole year. Come and join us and bring some of those good ideas with you! Interested parties may contact Mary Booher at the library, or call her at 863-946-0744.

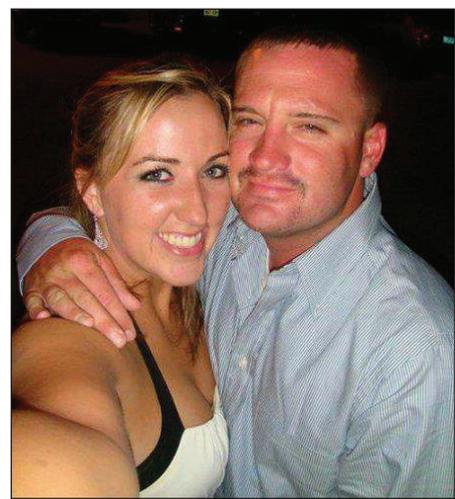


Special to the Glades County Democrat
Each month the library has a new display. In February, the theme was Valentine's Day.

ENGAGEMENT

AMANDA LEWIS & DUSTIN LOWMAN

Matt and Janice Lewis of Belle Glade are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Lewis to Dustin Lowman, son of Larry and Elizabeth Lowman of Clewiston. Dustin and Amanda are both employed at the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The couple is planning a November 2012 wedding.



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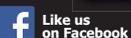


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Rooney meets with Buckhead Ridge residents

By Charles M. Murphy

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Congressman Tom Rooney got his first look at his new District 17 Thursday even though the district lines have yet to be finalized when he visited the area on Feb. 23.

Mr. Rooney met with Glades County Officials and Buckhead Ridge residents for a round table discussion at the Community Center on various issues like gas prices, the sluggish economy, politics in Washington, and foreign policy.

Mr. Rooney will move into the new district that will cover parts of Okeechobee and all of Glades County and parts of several other counties which include Highlands, Polk, and Charlotte.

Mr. Rooney said he wouldn't be in congress if it weren't for the votes he received in the rural areas in the Republican primary in 2008.

He serves as Chairman of the House Livestock and Dairy Committee, and also serves

on the Armed Services Committee and the Intelligence Committee.

He told the group that he has a self-imposed term limit of eight years.

Mr. Rooney said he would like to see more unity in the Republican Party. He said the presidential primary has made the Republican Party a mess.

"It's not just the presidential I'm seeing it in the rank and file in lower offices and with constituents and voters. There is a lot of dissension not only about our nominee but what we want our party to look like moving forward," he explained.

Mr. Rooney said the dispute in his party could cost them as he feels they have a good chance to defeat President Obama in November if they put their differences aside.

"We're so caught up in our own internal strife that we could let this opportunity slip away," he added.

Mr. Rooney recently voted in favor of oil drilling off the Coast of Florida. He said that would lessen American reliance on oil from

the Middle East. He said there are plenty of energy resources in America and the country should stand on their own two feet energy wise.

On foreign policy he explained the situation in Iran is dangerous and it won't get better. He predicted Israel could attack Iran leading to another war.

"I don't see that getting better... a lot of oil could be disrupted. If Israel does attack Iran do we have Israel's back? I'd like to think so," he added.

Mr. Rooney said he will continue to work to save the Palmdale Post Office. He will also fight big government and regulations.

Everett Coleman, president of the Buckhead Ridge Community Association said the community was happy to host Congressman Rooney. "I'm elated that he picked us to visit. I've been a Floridian all my life and this tells me that Buckhead Ridge is a community on the move and is doing things right."



Glades County Democrat/Charles Murphy
Congressman Rooney makes a point during his visit with Glades County residents in Buckhead Ridge on Feb. 23.

FESTIVAL

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Mr. Ahern became active in the community in 1973 first joining Glades County Youth Livestock and then the Glades County Volunteer Fire Department. John was elected to the Moore Haven City Council in 1974 at the age of 19 and selected as Mayor at the age of 20.

Over the years Mr. Ahern has served on many boards: Glades Economic Development Council, Glades Utility Service, Olde Cypress Community Bank, Glades County Enterprise Development Authority, Glades County Chamber of Commerce, Glades County Fish and Game Club, and the Chalo Nitka Committee. His two favorite boards are still Glades County Youth Livestock, serving about 25 years as its Treasurer and the Moore Haven City Council, serving eighteen years as Finance Officer and Councilman and six years as Mayor.

A native of Moore Haven, Mr. Ahern graduated from Moore Haven High School in 1972 and attended Edison Community College before joining his father Robert T. Ahern full time in the family business Ahern's Texaco Service. His maternal grandparents J.C. and Emma Swindall started the business in 1936. In 1979 with the passing of his father, John became owner of the family business, which continues today as Ahern's Service Center and Convenience Store owned by John, his wife Laura, daughter Stacy Ahern Carlson, and business partner stepson Jason Griner.

Mr. Ahern's biography and photo appear in the 2012 Chalo Nitka program which is available at the EDC office at 900 US 27 S (the old Chamber building).

T-shirts, with the new 2012 logo, midway tickets, \$5 gate bracelets for admission to the festival and discount coupons for the Ranch Rodeo are also available. Midway tickets are \$10 a sheet (12 tickets a sheet) in advance but will sell for \$1 per ticket at the midway.

Unlike years past, the midway will only be open Friday and Saturday, Ms. Whirls

said, urging parents and students to get their ride tickets early and get to the fair.

"The t-shirts, sponsored by the Seminole Casino at Brighton, are really cool this year," Ms. Whirls said, adding that the tan background is a perfect foil for the new Chalo Nitka logo.

As always, anyone wearing a 2012 t-shirt or Seminole Indian attire the day of the festival gets in free of charge.

Chalo Nitka Festival March 3: a tradition for 64 years

Originally begun as a celebration of the newly "tarred" Main Street (now Ave. J) in Moore Haven, the first Chalo Nitka Festival was celebrated in 1949 with LaBelle, Pahokee, Belle Glade and Moore Haven High School bands and colorful floats leading a parade down Main Street.

Christened the Chalo Nitka Festival, which is Seminole for "Day of the Big Bass," the festival became an annual event, featuring an annual fishing tournament saluting the Black Bass, beauty pageants culminating in the Chalo Nitka Queen contest, a parade and of course, the festival itself, which includes carnival rides, arts and crafts and food booths and special exhibits by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, including alligator wrestling, Native American clothing contests, and arts and crafts exhibits.

"The Chalo Nitka Festival is really the Glades County Fair, and like fairs in small towns across America, it features homemade food and arts and crafts, carnival rides and beauty queens, but with a special twist, celebrating Glades County's traditional friendship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida," said Glades County Economic Development Council executive director Tracy Whirls.

"The early days of the Chalo Nitka Festival coincided with the beginning of the Seminole Tribe's efforts in tourism development. Before the casinos, when the Tribe was just beginning its ranching operations, tourists who saw Seminoles capture alligators for their meat and skins thought the Indians were wrestling the gators and often paid to watch them do it," the EDC director said. "Soon the Seminoles were wrestling

alligators and selling their beautiful patchwork clothing, dolls, and specialties like fry bread at roadside attractions throughout the state."

Residents of the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation in northern Glades County soon became an integral part of the annual Chalo Nitka Festival, and their involvement continues today.

The EDC director said while many think of the Chalo Nitka festival as the annual event held the first Saturday in March, the Chalo Nitka Festival is actually the culminating event in a weeklong series centering on the Glades Youth Livestock Show and Sale, which begins the week before.

Founded in 1969, the Glades Youth Livestock Association was formed to give the youth of Glades County an opportunity to raise and show farm animals and the community a place to host the annual show and sale and the rodeo which follows each year.

"Only in Moore Haven are you likely to see the Chalo Nitka queen cleaning her steer's stall in the Show barn or trading her tiara for a cowboy hat to compete in the barrel races, once the show is over," Ms. Whirls said, adding that among the other popular annual events are the "Kiss the Pig" contest during the Youth Livestock sale, in which local politicians and other celebrities bid for the right to make an opponent "Kiss the Pig," to raise funds for the Moore Haven High School Scholarship Foundation or Project Graduation.

Frontier Days Rodeo

The Chalo Nitka Festival and Ranch Rodeo kicks off in Moore Haven Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3. Rodeo action begins nightly at 7! Featuring bull riding, barrel racing and the wild cow milkin' contest. Kids 10 and under can enter the calf scramble. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 6 to 12. Five and under it's free with paid adult admission.

"Wild animal events prove to be the most popular, not just from a crowd-pleasing standpoint, but also from the perspective of local cowboys and cowgirls," the EDC director said. "Skills involved include hanging on for dear life even after common sense tells

you to let go and believing that you can outrun a wild cow."

Grown ups can unwind at the adult dance in the Doyle Conner Ag Center Friday and Saturday night, starting at 9 p.m. Must be 18 to attend. Admission is \$10 per person and \$5 per cooler. IDs will be checked a door. No glass containers, please.

Kid's Day kicks off with Small Fry Fishing Contest

The annual Kid's Day event, slated for Friday, March 2, gets underway with the annual Small Fry Fishing Contest at the Chalo Nitka Park at 8 a.m.

Registration for the Small Fry Fishing contest for children ages 1-15 will begin at 8 a.m. Cane poles and bait will be available, however, contestants may bring their own fishing gear if they prefer. Early registration is encouraged.

Following the fishing contest, children's games sponsored by Project Graduation will begin. The games include the egg race, sack race, bubble gum blowing contest, face painting, hula hoop, limbo and twist contests. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be available.

Pancakes and a parade

The 64th annual Chalo Nitka Festival slated for Saturday, March 3, traditionally begins with the pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Junior Class, at Moore Haven Elementary from 7:30 to 10 a.m.

At ten a.m., the parade begins with line up on Riverside Drive, before winding its way up Avenue J. to end near the Chalo Nitka Grounds. Glades County elected officials, dignitaries representing the Seminole Tribe of Florida, royalty from area festivals, including the Chalo Nitka Queen and her court, will participate in a range of conveyances, ranging from convertibles to swamp buggies, horses to ATVs, golf carts to boats.

Craft and food booths open at the Chalo Nitka grounds at 11 a.m., with opening ceremonies slated for 11:30. A variety of live entertainment, from alligator wrestling to clogging, are scheduled throughout the day.

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E1K98- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Pipe Desilting, Pipe Lining/Clean & Seal, Video Inspection in Highlands & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$296,000.00
E1K99- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Storm Drain & Pipe Inspection & Repair & Surface Realignment & Void Filling in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$500,000.00
E1L00- A Certification of Qualification is not required for North Port Mowing & Litter Removal in Sarasota County. Budget Estimate: \$15,000.00
E1L01- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Long Line Striping & RPM removal & Replacement in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$359,893.00
E1L02- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Sidewalk Repair in Manatee County. Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00
E1L03- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Sidewalk Repair in Sarasota County. Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00
E1L04- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Guardrail & Fence Repairs in Polk, Highlands, & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$350,000.00
E1L05- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Miscellaneous Concrete Repair and Side Drain Pipe Repair in Hardee, Desoto, Manatee, & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$200,000.00
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/> or by calling (863) 519-2559.
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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
3153	2007	4104329-06021980120	Deano's Full Service Inc.

Lot 12, Block 2198, Port LaBelle Unit 6, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.
Dated this **1st day of February, 2012**.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Denton II, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED 2949 2007 4104329-03021030130 First Equity Funding Corp Lot 13, Block 2103, Port LaBelle Unit 3, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 15th day of March, 2012. Dated this 1st day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 409252 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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 WHICH ASSESSED 2436 2008 1074433-03000020110 GAME Investments, Inc. Lot 11, Block 2, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 29th day of March, 2012. Dated this 15th day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 410316 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Winder V, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED 2904 2007 4104329-02020830130 John C. Swearingen Lot 13, Block 2083, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 15th day of March, 2012. Dated this 1st day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 409266 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Denton II, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED 168 2007 1064428-A0001640000 John C. Swearingen The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 29th day of March, 2012. Dated this 15th day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 410305 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT 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 WHICH ASSESSED 3867 2007 4104329-12025010380 Monica Dennis Lot 38, Block 2501, Port LaBelle Unit 12, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 42, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 29th day of March, 2012. Dated this 15th day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 410301 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Glades Utility Authority ("Authority") is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the City of South Bay Commission Chambers, 335 SW 2nd Ave., South Bay, Florida 33493. The purpose of the meeting is to consider approval of the regular meeting minutes, consider the approval of payment for certain outstanding GUA obligations, consider the adoption of a rate surcharge, the abolishment of readiness to serve policy, the approval of the proposed 2012 Budget, and any other business that may come before the Board. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with Florida law. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained at the meeting or, prior to the meeting, by contacting Jocelyn Colon at 561-493-6127. The meeting, or consideration of any individual agenda items, may be continued to a date and time certain to be announced at the meeting and noticed. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact Jocelyn Colon at (561) 493-6127 or jcolon@pbcwater.com at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Jocelyn Colon, GUA Clerk 410977 CN 3/1/2012

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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 WHICH ASSESSED 2609 2007 2184329-0300002290 Elizabeth G. Mack & Dana Brown Lot 229 thru 240, Block 9, Evelyn Terrace, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 46, 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 Third Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 29th day of March, 2012. Dated this 1st day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 409314 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Ilene & Jon Klasfeld Co Tr, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED 3701 2003 3014334-01001630130 Andrea S. & Ralph J. Marotta Lot 16 and 17, Block163, of the General Plan of Clewiston, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 71-78, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 15th day of March, 2012. Dated this 1st day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 409224 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Denton II, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED 2950 2007 4104329-03021030140 First Equity Funding Corp Lot 14, Block 2103, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 15th day of March, 2012. Dated this 1st day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 409220 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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 WHICH ASSESSED 3978 2007 4104329-13025330030 Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Julie Prop-Birch Lot 3, Block 2533, Port LaBelle Unit 13, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 56, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 29th day of March, 2012. Dated this 15th day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 410306 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT John & Ilene Klasfeld Co Tr, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED 3470 2007 4104329-09023010500 Sonia E. McDonald and Everton McDonald Lot 50, Block 2301, Port LaBelle Unit 9, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 144, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of March, 2012, which is the 15th day of March, 2012. Dated this 15th day of February, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 410318 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

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

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 95-268DR on November 30th, 2011 in the matter of Zenoria J. McKinney, as petitioner and Shep Harris, as respondent, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the respondent, to-wit:

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

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

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Ilene Klasfeld DBA TCPA Properties, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **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
2156	2008	1274432-A0002430000	GAME Investments Inc

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 175, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409284 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LEASE OR SALE OF WAYSIDE R.V. PARK
CLEWISTON, FLORIDA
RFP NUMBER: 2012-13
OPENING DATE AND TIME: MAY 23, 2012 @ 2:00 P.M.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for the lease or sale of the Wayside R.V. Park, 901 N. Francisco St., Clewiston, Florida (Parcel I.D. No. 3-34-43-01-010-0013-002.0). In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by May 23, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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

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

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Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
410346 CB/CN 2/23;3/1/2012

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SALE OR LEASE OF OFFICE BUILDING
622 W. SUGARLAND HIGHWAY, CLEWISTON, FLORIDA
RFP NUMBER: 2012-15
OPENING DATE AND TIME: MARCH 23, 2012@ 2:00 P.M.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for the sale or lease of the Clewiston Office Building, 622 W. Sugarland Highway, Clewiston, Florida 33440 (Parcel I.D. No. 3-34-43-01-010-0338-003.2), a 1,440 sq. ft. building. In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by March 23, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
411162 CN/CB 3/1,8/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Investments 2234, 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
2555	2007	2024329-61000000060	Lyle F. McCandless

Parts of Lots 2 and 3, Rosenberg Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 24, Public Records of Lee County, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Southwest corner of Lot 3 of Rosenberg Subdivision, of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 8, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, as a point of beginning; thence East, along the South boundary of Lot 3, a distance of 538 feet to the West line of Carlyle Street; thence North, along the West line of Carlyle Street, a distance of 175 feet; thence West parallel to the South line of Lot 3, a distance of 175 feet; thence South, parallel to Carlyle Street, a distance of 151.80 feet; thence West, parallel to the South line of Lot 3, a distance of 363 feet to the West line of Lot 3; thence South, a distance of 81 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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 Fifth Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **29th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **15th** day of **February, 2012**.

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

410311 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2270	2008	1354432-A0002320100	GAME Investments Inc.

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 35, 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 3876, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409270 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS
HENDRY COUNTY
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COWBOY WAY, FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29
FM# 428104
BID No. 2012-14
Opening Date and Time: March 22, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for Sidewalk Construction on the south side of Cowboy Way, from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their bid for consideration. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on March 22, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any bids received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to be held on March 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Hendry County Engineering, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from Purchasing, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up and mailing address), or by calling 863-675-5220. Bidders must be registered with Purchasing in order to receive the plans and specs.

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

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Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
410600 CB/CN 2/23;3/1,8,15/2012

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR REPAVING CR 835 FROM 7.66 MILES SOUTH OF US 27 TO 6.65 MILES SOUTH OF US 27, CLEWISTON, FL
FM# 430094
RFQ No. 2012-10
Opening Date and Time: March 8, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with repaving CR 835 from 7.66 miles South of US 27 to 6.65 miles South of US 27 in Clewiston, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in design, permitting, and construction inspection services. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle Florida by 2:00 p.m., March 8, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
409451 CN/CB 2/9,16,23;3/1/2012

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
2272	2008	1354432-A0002380100	GAME Investments Inc

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 35, 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 3881, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409264 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Denton II, 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
2575	2007	2024329-670000B0300	Javaris J. James

Lots 47 and 48, Block B, and the East one-half of the New York Street abutting said lots, Sunset Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409231 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

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
236	2007	1194428-A000790000	John C. & Shelley Swearingen

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409234 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ella II, 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
191	2007	1074428-A0001410000	Michael D. Kelly

The West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 7, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409244 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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
1883	2008	1244432-A0001220100	GAME Investments Inc.

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest 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 East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5195, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409279 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

GCSO part of six month undercover drug investigation

By Eric Kopp

Special to the Glades County Democrat

A six-month, multi-agency investigation dubbed 'Operation Pill Crusher' culminated with eight arrests on numerous felony charges in both Okeechobee and Glades counties last week.

Detectives involved in the operation said they were focused on buying prescription medications and during the operation bought oxycodone, xanax and percocet pills. The investigators bought oxycodone pills for \$16 to \$25 each, and xanax and percocet tablets for \$5 to \$6 each.

"These are the people who actually sell to anyone who has the money to pay—including our children," said Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May.

Sheriff May went on to explain that about six months ago he contacted Glades County Sheriff Stuart Whiddon about the pill problem and asked if his agency could help the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) with the investigation.

"The cooperation between agencies was excellent," said Sheriff Whiddon. "It's an ongoing project we have in Glades and Okeechobee coun-

ties. Drugs don't stop at the county line."

Those arrested, their charges and bonds were:

- Hubert Lee Jenkins, 34, N.W. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was charged with the sale of a controlled substance - oxycodone (two counts) and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell - oxycodone (two counts). His bond was set at \$100,000.

- Brandon Ray Harper, 21, Cypress St., Okeechobee, was charged with attempted sale of a controlled substance - oxycodone and petit theft. His bond was set at \$5,500.

- Wendy Inez Cassidy, 43, N.W. 294th St., Okeechobee, was charged with sale of a controlled substance - oxycodone, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell - oxycodone and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Her bond was set at \$30,000.

- Courtney Leonard Levingston, 41, S.E. 42nd Trace, Okeechobee, was charged with trafficking a controlled substance - oxycodone. His bond was set at \$50,000.

- Helen Elizabeth Griffith, 27, S.E. 43rd St., Okeechobee, was charged with the sale of a controlled substance - oxycodone (two counts) and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell - oxycodone (two counts). Her bond was set at \$80,000.

- Henry Homer DeBerry, Jr., 69, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was charged with the sale of a controlled substance - oxycodone and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell - oxycodone. His bond was set at \$30,000.

- Jeremy Lloyd Jordan, 33, S.W. Colorado Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Glades County warrants charging him with the sale of a controlled substance - oxycodone and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell - oxycodone. His bond was set at \$50,000. He was also arrested on Okeechobee County warrants charging him with the sale of a controlled substance - oxycodone and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell - oxycodone. His bond on those charges was set at \$30,000.

- Cynthia Aponte, 25, S.W. Third Ave., Okeechobee, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance - oxycodone, sale of cocaine

and possession of cocaine with intent to sell. Her bond was set at \$200,000

Other than Jordan and Aponte, all of the arrests were made Wednesday, Feb. 22.

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office records indicate that Jordan was arrested Wednesday night by the U.S. Marshal's Office. Aponte was arrested Thursday morning, Feb. 23, by detectives with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force.

Investigators are currently holding arrest warrants on three more individuals who are either serving sentences in prison or the Okeechobee County Jail. Under the Florida public records law, the names of those individuals cannot be released until they are actually placed under arrest.

When asked why prescription pills are being sold so cheaply in Florida, as compared to states in the North, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agent Shane Pollard said it's a case of supply and demand.

"The supply just isn't there, so they can sell them at a higher rate," he said. "Because of law enforcement activity the prices are starting to go up here."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold public hearings on the following petitions on **March 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the applications are consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the applications for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at public hearings. These hearings will be held on **March 27, 2012 at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the matter. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Petition Number: RZ12-0001
Applicant: Matt Miller Tractors, Inc
Agent: Mr. Robert Case, P.E., LIS Engineering, LLC

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW HORTICULTURAL RECYCLING, ONE EXISTING RESIDENCE, AND SPECIFIC HIGH INTENSITY COMMERCIAL USES PLUS ACCESSORY STRUCTURES ON 5.0 ACRES +/-; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Location: 7261 West SR 80, LaBelle, FL

Property size: 5.0 acres +/-

Request: The applicant is requesting a rezone to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow horticultural recycling, one existing residence, the sales/rental, service, and repair of agricultural equipment, All-Terrain Vehicles/Utility Terrain Vehicles, lawnmowers, agriculture supplies including feed, fence material, landscaping materials, carports, and necessary accessory structures.

Legal description of subject property:

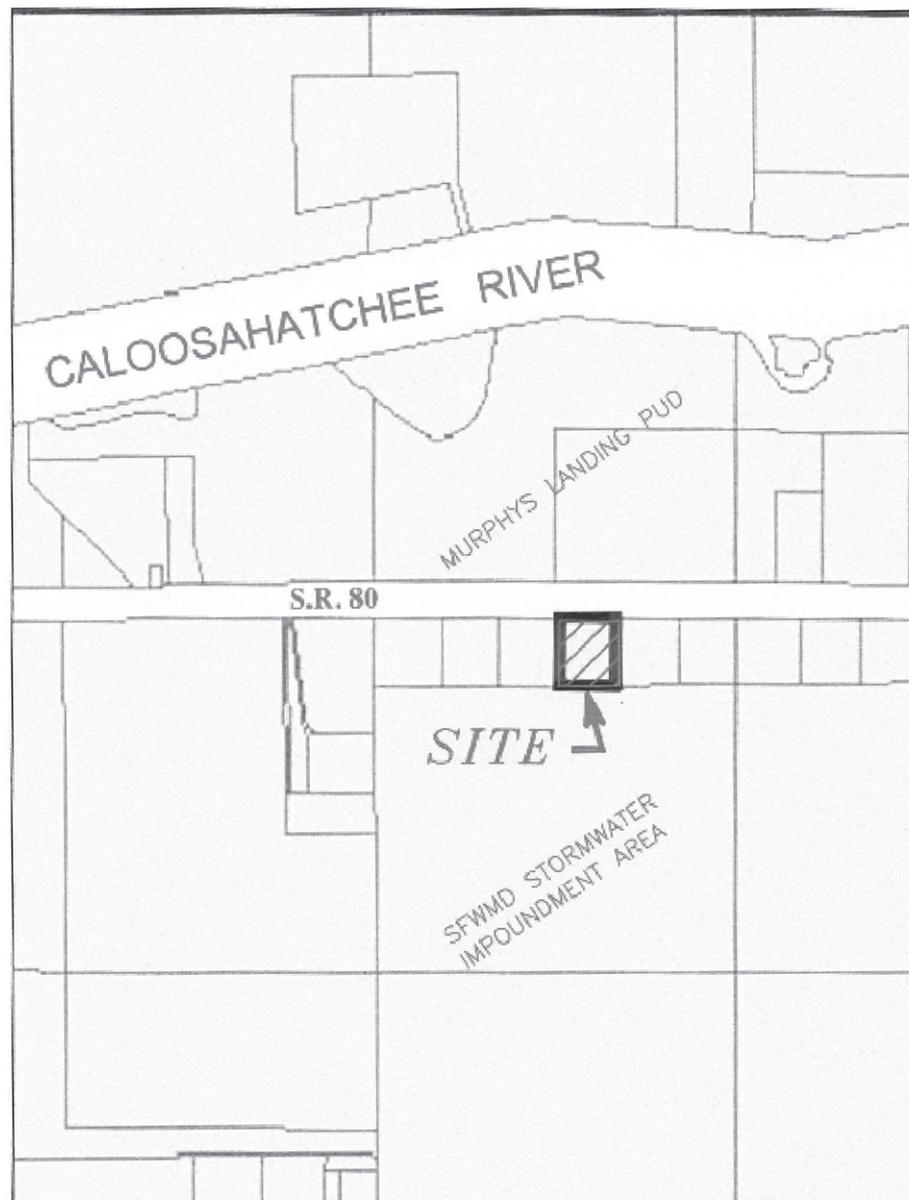
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
 7261 W SR 80, LABELLE, FLORIDA
 A PARCEL IN SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING IN THE WEST 5 ACRES OF LAND DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 564, PAGE 286, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 30 AND THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 80, THENCE SOUTH 89°35'09" EAST FOR 1360.88 FEET, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 80, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFACIAL RECORD BOOK 564, PAGE 286, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89°35'09" EAST FOR 431.00 FEET, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, THENCE SOUTH FOR 504.81 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89°48'57" WEST FOR 430.99 FEET, THENCE NORTH FOR 506.54 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Applicant: Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-53-6.16, STANDARDS FOR MINING; TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPOIL/SURPLUS MATERIAL REMOVAL UNRELATED TO MINING ACTIVITIES; AND REQUIRING ANNUAL STATUS REPORTS FOR MINES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Orvell Howard, Chairman
 Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
 Hendry County Board of County Commissioners



MATT MILLER PUD
 7261 W SR 80, LABELLE

Parcel: 1-28-43-30-A00-0005.0300



Special to the Glades County Democrat/WGE

West Glades School honors Spelling Bee Winners

West Glades School Spelling Bee winners for 1st-3rd Grades were: First Place: Emmalee Langford; Second Place: Mia Castano, Third Place: No-narsy Perle. The 4th-8th grade Spelling Bee Winners are: First Place: Sadie Gaskins; Second Place Ariel Brunetto; Third Place: Sarah Sodrel. Congratulations to all the winners!

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March Calendar of Events:



- March 1 - Twilight Thu Golf Scramble 4 p.m.
- March 5 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 6 - Clewiston Ladies Golf Invitational (Course Closed until 2 p.m.)
- March 8 - Crooked Hook RV Outing 8:30 a.m.
- March 10 - Junior Golf Clinic 10am-Noon \$10
- March 12 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 13 - Clewiston Ladies Golf 8:30
- March 15 - Twilight Thu Golf Scramble 4 p.m.
- March 17 - The Rotary Club's Nall Scholarship Tournament 9 a.m.
(Course Closed)
- March 19 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 20 - Clewiston Ladies Golf 8:30
- March 22 - Crooked Hook RV Outing 8:30 a.m.
- March 26 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 27 - Clewiston Ladies Golf 8:30
- March 29 - Twilight Thu Golf Scramble 4 p.m.
- March 31 - American-Nicaraguan Visiting Nurse Assn
Tournament 9 a.m.

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