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Kiley Prevatt is using a brand new Mathews Genesis Bow that was provided by the NRA.

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The Florida State Fund Committee, which is comprised of representatives from each Friends of the NRA Committee in Florida, has funded over 420 grants, for more than \$1,651,750 in the past 19 years. Over 81 percent or \$1,337,917, of the funds raised has been used in support of Youth Programs, Firearms Training and Education & Safety.

Glades County 4-H has recently been awarded approximately \$5,500 worth of shooting sports merchandise from the Friends of the National Rifle Association to enhance their 4-H Shooting Sports Program. This equipment includes much needed targets, bows, and accessories for their Archery Club, as well as the equipment needed to

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SFWMD land leases questioned

Water managers accused of 'selective enforcement' of rules

By Eric Kopp

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Information has come to light that actions of a local cattle company on property being leased from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) are apparently accepted by water managers, even though they may violate the terms of that lease.

These actions by the Old River Cattle Company of Okeechobee include baling hay and, at one time, using water from the L-59 canal without a permit from SFWMD.

Numerous phone calls were placed to the SFWMD seeking comment and answers to questions but none have been returned.

The Old River Cattle Company is currently leasing 4,701 acres of non-contiguous parcels in Glades County.

And while it may appear to be an innocuous violation, it is stated on the first page of that lease that: "Lessee may utilize the premises solely for the purpose of cattle grazing in accordance with the terms, conditions, covenants and provisions of this lease and those incidental uses which are directly related thereto and approved in writing by lessor in lessor's absolute discretion."

No language could be found in that lease that permits hay baling.

On Dec. 13, 2011, SFWMD extended Old River's lease until March 14, 2022.

Water managers also signed 10-year lease extensions in December for James and Beatrice Prescott, Elsie Lanier, Otis P. Clemons and Alisa Sherman.

SFWMD officials say District policy allows them to extend the leases of those leaseholders who are in good standing without putting them out to bid, even though Florida state statute

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Inland Birding Fun: Blue Jay (BLJA)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Blue Jay, one of Florida's most familiar resident birds, is known for its noisy calls. They have large variety of calls that can be heard over long distances. They are commonly recognized by their loud gull-like "jay, jay, jay" alarm call which increases in speed if the bird becomes agitated. Blue Jays also make clear whistling notes and gurgling sounds. They frequently mimic hawks including Red-shouldered Hawks. One of their other calls sounds like an old squeaky hand-operated water pump. Their rarely recognized "whisper song" is a soft quiet vocalization made up of clicks, chucks, whirrs, whines, and elements of other calls. This singing may last two minutes or more.



Margaret England

Blue Jays are a large, crested songbird with a broad, rounded tail. They are smaller than crows and larger than robins. Their crest may be fully raised when they are excited or aggressive. The crest bristles up like a brush when they are frightened and is flattened to the head when they are resting or among other Blue Jays. The oldest banded Blue Jay lived to be 17 years and 6 months old.

These birds are lavender-blue to mid-blue with white or light gray under parts and white face. They have a black border behind the crest and U-shaped black collar around their neck. Males and females are similar in size and plum-

age. Their bills, legs, and eyes are black. Blue Jays prefer eating acorns, seeds, and nuts. At feeders, they often select sunflower seeds first before eating other seeds. They also eat insects, bird eggs, nestlings, and small animal prey such as toads or rodents. Blue Jays are found in a wide variety of habitats and will build a bulky nest 10 to 40 feet above the ground in a tree. This nest is made from twigs, pine needles, Spanish moss, paper, and debris. The female will lay four to five greenish, blue, or buffy eggs spotted with brown which she incubates for 17 to 21 days. Both parents feed the young until they fledge at approximately three weeks of age.

Blue jays will be one of over 135 bird species that photographers and birders look forward to seeing during their trips to area birding hotspots in Hendry and Glades County during the March 27 - 31 Big "O" Birding Festival. This festival will also offer workshops and programs at the Port LaBelle Inn as well as live Birds of Prey demonstrations, a silent auction, photo contest, and displays by local photographers. For the schedule and information go to www.bigbirdingfestival.com, e-mail bigbirding2012@gmail.com or



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Pictured is a Blue Jay.

phone the LaBelle Chamber at 863-675-0125 or Clewiston Chamber.

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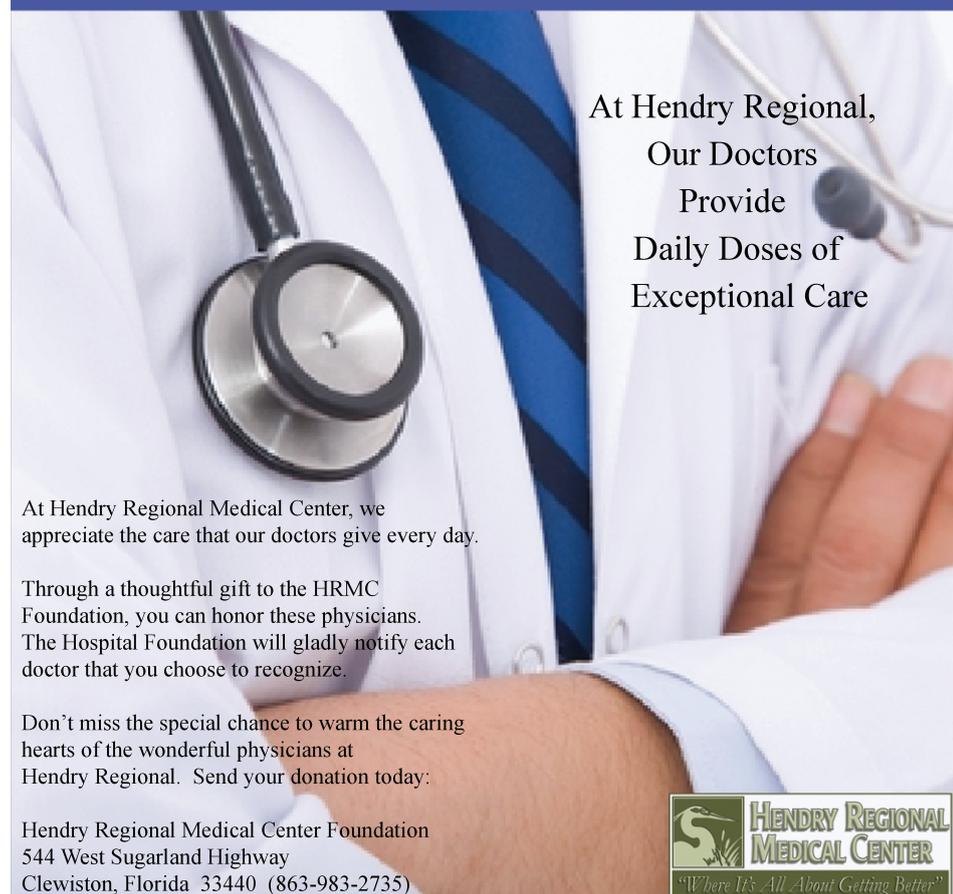
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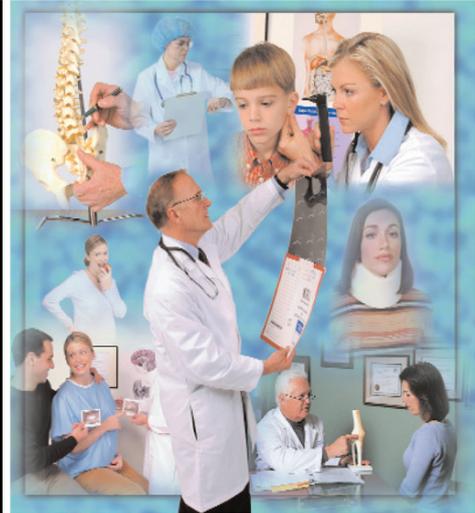
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Thursday Night:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. East wind between 10 and 13 mph.



Saturday:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Southeast wind between 5 and 9 mph.



Sunday Night:

A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.



Friday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. East wind between 6 and 10 mph.



Saturday Night:

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Monday:

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Barbara LaFoye Sweat, 59

CLEWISTON — Barbara LaFoye Sweat, age 59, of Clewiston passed away Thursday, March 8, 2012, at home in Clewiston.

LaFoye was born Dec. 29, 1952, in Clewiston. She is the daughter of Samuel Lalaus and the late Ethlyn (Murphy) Lang.

She is survived by her husband, James Dwayne Sweat; son, Justin Erik Cunzelman; and father, Samuel Lalaus Lang.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Sammy Lang; and sister, Dale McDuffie.

The funeral service was 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, at Evangel Assembly Of God, 350 South Berner Road, Clewiston, with Pastor Gary Corley officiating. Interment was in Ridgeland Cemetery, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Winifred Luckey, 92

PIEDMONT, Ala. — Winifred Luckey, 92 years old passed from this life on March 17, 2012, while at her son's home in Glades County.

She was born in LaBelle, on June 3, 1919. She is the oldest daughter of John and Carrie Townsend's thirteen children.

She was predeceased by her husband, Hugh Russell Luckey and Linda Sadler (Robert). She is survived by children, Norma Smith (Huey), Jerry Luckey (Marty Kay, Duchess), Larry Luckey (Neva), Franklin Luckey (Rhonda); 19 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, as well as, a host of friends and family.

Funeral services will be held at the Thompson Funeral Home in Piedmont, Ala., on Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. Visitation will be on Friday 5 to 9 p.m.

Winifred's life was dedicated to her family, friends, and service to Christ. She visited and prayed for the sick, fed the hungry, gave shelter and clothing to the needy. She supported a score of worthy organizations and took great consolation in the Bible passage which says: Show me your faith by your works. That she did.

Does SFWMD Proposal Follow State Law?

Attorney claims proposed changes in rules fall short of meeting Florida Statute

BY ERIC KOPP

South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) governing board members were presented a resolution Thursday, March 15, that claimed to bring their land leasing program into line with state statutes but, according to an attorney, it falls short of that mark.

SFWMD Assistant Executive Director Robert M. Brown presented the resolution at the district's March 15 meeting in West Palm Beach. He said the proposed resolution will make the district's lease program "more transparent to the public."

But, does it?

According to attorney Chester Brewer, the answer is no.

As he addressed the board Thursday afternoon, Mr. Brewer alluded to a statement in the resolution that calls for the district to accept competitive bids for their property when an existing lease expires. The resolution then goes on to say: "... unless the governing board approves a waiver of competition."

In short, that means if the board wants a lease holder to remain a tenant, the board can waive the competitive process and the lease could be extended.

"The statute demands competitive bidding with notice. The statute does not provide any exemption for the mandate that requires competitive bidding," said Mr. Brewer. "That language must be taken out if you're trying to comply with the statute."

Mr. Brewer was at the meeting to represent Glades County ranchers and property owners Mark Hunter and Patricia Pearce.

"That just gives you the right to not follow the statute," Mr. Pearce told the board.

The district has come under fire recently for renewing leases without putting them out for bid.

Florida state statute 373.093 says the district can lease their land as long as it is consistent with the land's intended use and "for the best price and terms obtainable, to be determined by the board."

Some 20 leases were renewed by the board in 2011. Among those were area leases held by Alisa Sherman, Elsie Lanier, James and Beatrice Prescott, Otis P. Clemons and the Old River Cattle Company.

The lease held by Mrs. Sherman is on property in Highlands County and, according to records, it was advertised in area newspapers prior to it being signed on December, 13, 2011.

However, no ads can be found regarding the other four leases.

The proposal discussed Thursday would have no real effect on these existing leases.

In response to that question, SFWMD general counsel Carolyn Ansay replied with an e-mail that said: "If the resolution is adopted, it will not unilaterally alter the legal rights or obligations contained within any existing lease agreement. Any existing lease agreement can only be altered or terminated pursuant to the terms contained within the document."

The resolution goes on to state that, in accordance with 373.093, the district will publish their intention to lease in a newspaper in the county where the land is located and other places as the board determines, which complies with the statute.

Also, the proposed resolution would allow the district to give an existing tenant a right of

first refusal on the lease if the tenant: 1. has been in substantial compliance with the existing lease; and, 2. submits a responsive and responsible bid.

"What is substantial compliance? That's like being a little bit pregnant," offered Mr. Brewer, in a phone interview Friday.

The resolution goes on to state that before an existing tenant can exercise the right of first refusal, they must agree to "... pay rent at 10 percent over the highest bid from another responsive and responsible bidder."

Governing board member Glenn J. Waldman questioned that part of the proposal.

"They (existing lease holders) will have to overbid — it may be too much money," he said. "Maybe we ought to think again about the right of first refusal. This may cause someone to over-pay."

While he didn't necessarily agree that an existing lease holder should have to pay an added 10 percent, Mr. Pearce asked the board to leave the right of first refusal in the resolution.

"If I sell my property to the district and I get a 10-year lease but I don't get the bid, then I have to leave. The right of first refusal has to be in there," he said.

When his allotted three minutes were about to expire, Mr. Pearce looked over the top of his glasses and asked: "Is the district going to correct those leases that were done completely wrong?"

No one answered.

The governing board did not vote on the proposal, but plan to do so at the SFWMD meeting in April.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

of the Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. ANNUAL MEETING

March 24, 2011

Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s 2012 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Osceola Middle School in Okeechobee, Florida. 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 8:00 a.m. The Business Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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Bassmaster Elite Power-Pole Slam on Lake Okeechobee

B.A.S.S. will host the Power-Pole Slam, March 22 – 25, on Lake Okeechobee, the second of eight Bassmaster Elite Series professional bass fishing tournaments scheduled in 2012.

The contest pits 99 of the top bass anglers in the world, including fishing legend Kevin VanDam and 2012 Bassmaster Classic champion Chris Lane, against each other as they compete for the \$100,000 prize and a coveted spot in the 2013 Bassmaster Classic set for Feb. 22-24 in Tulsa, Okla. From watching the first boats launch at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Mar. 22, and the weigh-in at C. Scott Driver Park on Sunday at 4 p.m., to participating in the family-friendly WaterFest F.U.N. events, the activities planned throughout the weekend are free and open to the public (unless otherwise noted), including:

- The full field of anglers launch at Lake Okeechobee at 7:30 a.m. on March 22 and March 23. Public launch-viewing is available from C. Scott Driver Park, off State Road 78 on the Kissimmee River.

- The official weigh-in takes place at 4 p.m. on March 22 and March 23 at C. Scott Driver Park.

- On Saturday, March 24, the Top 50 anglers launch for semi-finals of Power-Pole Slam at 7:30 a.m.

- At 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, WaterFest F.U.N. activities begin at the C. Scott Driver Park, with entrance on the north side of State Road 78.

- At 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, official semi-finals weigh-in begins at C. Scott Driver Park.

- On Sunday, March 25, the top 12 anglers launch at 7:30 a.m. for the final day of Power-Pole Slam competition.

- WaterFest F.U.N. activities start at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 25.

- At 4 p.m., on Sunday, March 25, the official final weigh-in for 2012 Power-Pole Slam winner starts in C. Scott Driver Park.

Other activities planned throughout the Power-Pole Slam weekend include the opportunity to pose questions to Elite Series pros, angler autographs and photo sessions, and the opportunity to learn tips and techniques from some of the best bass anglers in the world.

Fans can register to win items such as a Kevin VanDam jersey in the Bass Pro Shops booth, a dream fishing trip with Mike Iaconelli at the Power-Pole booth, and prizes in the Carhartt area. Yamaha will offer demonstration tours and “Hooked Up” will broadcast from the Toyota Hooked Up Stage. WaterFest F.U.N. activities will include a Barbecue Cook-Off, along with displays and demonstrations highlighting Okeechobee County natural resources, outdoor activities, and community information.

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Big O Birding Festival

The Southwest shores of Lake Okeechobee will soon welcome bird watchers from all over the region for the largest bird-themed event in South Central Florida, the Big “O” Birding Festival.

The four-day event will take place March 27-31, and feature seminars, photography lessons, and exclusive tours showcasing the vast species of birds that have made Hendry and Glades counties a mecca for bird watching.

Within the region are five sites included in the Great Florida Birding Trail: Dinner Island Ranch, Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest, Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA5), and Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area. Hendry and Glades counties are home to more than 300 species of birds, including the theme bird of the 2012 Big “O” Birding Festival, the Wood Stork.

The Big “O” Birding Festival will not only showcase birds of south Florida in Hendry and Glades counties, but also allow participants to learn from prestigious birding experts including Margaret England of Hendry-Glades Audubon

Society, Dr. John C. Ogden, Kim Willis, Dr. Paul Gray, Mark and Selena Kiser, Sam Fried, Paddy Cunningham and Nancy Dale.

They will be able to learn from photography expert John J. Lopinot through sunrise photo shoot tours and programs like “How to Make a Great Photograph.”

On the last day of the Big “O” Birding Festival, John J. Lopinot himself will judge photo entries and announce a top winner of the 2012 event.

Big “O” Birding Festival features a jam-packed schedule of morning, afternoon, and evening choices with scheduled meals and guided transportation to and from birding sites.

There are all-inclusive, four-day festival passes available as well as passes to individual birding activities.

If you have any questions about the event, contact Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or, go to the Big “O” Birding Festival website at www.bigobirdingfestival.com.

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Moore Haven Lock temporary closure for repairs postponed

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has postponed the closure date of the Moore Haven Lock after taking into consideration additional concerns expressed by local business owners.

The lock will now be closed, effective June 11, to install the Manatee Protection System (MPS) on the gates. The adjustment comes after local business owners expressed additional concerns about the lock being closed during the height of boating season on the Okeechobee Waterway and the resulting economic impacts. The work on the lock is expected to continue for approximately eight weeks.

"Finding the optimal time to close down the lock requires a balancing act between risks and impacts," said Jacksonville District Commander Col. Alfred Pantano Jr. "While there is no way to find a time that will be preferred by all, we do believe that we have found the time that will allow the lock to remain open during boating season, while also allowing work to be completed prior to

the height of hurricane season."

Installation of the MPS is part of the Manatee Pass Gates project. The primary goal of the project is to safeguard Florida's endangered manatees at water control structures and navigation locks by modifying these structures with a MPS. Using a set of acoustic transmitters and receivers, the MPS detects the West Indian manatee and prevents the gates from closing and harming the protected animal. Above-ground fixtures have already been installed at Moore Haven Lock. The remaining work includes dewatering the lock, installing the MPS to the lock gates, testing the system, and re-watering the lock.

Additional information on this and other navigation notices impacting the Okeechobee Waterway can be found at the following website: <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Operations/Branches/Navigation/NavNotices.htm>.

Additional information on the Manatee Pass Gates project is available at the following website: http://bit.ly/MPG_USACE.

Letters to the Editor

Tournament sponsors appreciated

The Chalo Nitka Big Bass Committee of Moore Haven would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the great sponsors that made this year's 2012 Chalo Nitka Big Bass Tournament an outstanding event.

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Thank you for your donations and helping Glades County make the Chalo Nitka Big Bass Tournament possible.

Sincerely,
Brian Prowant
Chalo Nitka Big Bass Committee

Tobacco cessation classes available

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.

Glades at a Glance

Coalition to discuss lake

OKEECHOBEE—The next meeting of the County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and Lake Worth Lagoon will be held on Friday, March 30, at 10 a.m. at the Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom, 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee Florida, 34972. The coalition includes Glades, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, Lee, Palm Beach, Hendry, Highlands and Osceola counties.

OCA to host Spaghetti Dinner

The Ortona Community Association will hold its final spaghetti buffet dinner of the winter season on Saturday, March 24 from 5 until 7 p.m. at the OCA Hall, on Ortona Road (Highway 78A).

Democrats to meet

The next joint meeting of the Glades County and Hendry County Democratic Executive Committees will be held Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. in Moore Haven at the El Chili Restaurant, 442 Highway 27, Moore Haven. Phone 863-301-0253. The restaurant is just north of the Moore Haven Bridge on Highway 27. We will discuss the 2012 Florida State Convention, being held the first weekend in June in Tampa and the Democratic National Convention, being held the week of September 3, in Charlotte, NC. Anyone who would like to file to run for Delegate to the State Convention has until April 27, to complete the forms. Forms can be obtained by contacting Hendry County Chairman, Joe Thomas at 863-612-0413, or Ellen Hawk Geake, Chair of Glades County at 863-983-2922. We will also plan for a Hendry/Glades fundraising event. Democratic candidates running for office in Hendry and Glades Counties are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Local clean up day set

Harney Pond Clean-Up Day is set for Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. until noon. Sponsored By Lakeport Garden Club, Glades County Board of Commissioners. Lakeport citizens Come out and socialize with people who care about Lakeport and take pride in their community.

Choir seeks members

The Moore Haven Community Choir is being organized for anyone in Junior and Senior High School and adults in the community. You are invited to come and join the choir. Practice will be on Monday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Moore Haven High School Band Room. For more information call Mr. Browning at 863-946-0811.

ACT offers counseling and related services

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. is a non-profit agency serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Hendry, Glades and Lee Counties. ACT offers individual and group counseling, safe emergency shelter, 24-hour hotline, and forensic examinations for survivors of rape. For more information please call 239-939-3112 or 1-888-956-7273.

Glades County Women's Club plans membership tea

It's Membership Tea time for Glades County Woman's Club. Don your very wildest hat, and join members, prospective members and other guests who would like to know what GCWC is all about, on Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m., at the home of Anne Coffey on River Road.

Wonder Johns Appreciation Day planned

First Indian Baptist Church of Brighton, 20060 Reservation Road, will host Wonder Johns Appreciation Day on Sunday, March 25, at 11 a.m. Immediately following the morning service there will be a fourth Sunday Dinner and a reception for Paster Emeritus Wonder Johns and Mary in the church fellowship hall as a way to say thank you for his 14 years of faithful and loving service at Brighton. Don Tiger from Bristow, Okla. will preach the morning service. He is here for our Spring Revival Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, nightly at 7 p.m. Rev. Matthew Tiger, Pastor. For more information, please call 863-357-0013 or Pastor Tiger at 863-261-6429.

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Glades Keenagers learn about the 'Emerald Isle'

By Barbara Brown

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Keenagers met in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church, and as they say, "Everyone becomes a little bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Even though it was a couple of days early, the local senior group the Keenagers, had a great time in fellowship, visiting, eating Irish food and learning about the beautiful country of Ireland.

Irish blessings were at each place, and following a luncheon of corned beef and cabbage (plus other pot-luck) shamrocks taped under chairs indicated winners of door prizes—some inspirational and some Irish inspired—all fun.

They all learned a little more about Ireland and St. Patrick following a 25-question quiz. Bet you didn't know that St. Patrick wasn't Irish at all—his dad was Italian and his mom was Scottish; and he was born in

Scotland. His real name was Maewyn Succat - not Patrick. That came later.

Of course practically everyone knew Ireland's nickname (Emerald Isle), where leprechauns bury their gold, (end of the rainbow), Ireland was the first country in Europe to grow potatoes, (Irish potatoes of course), and the Irish dance that became popular in America in the early 19th century (Irish jig).

Forty percent of the USA presidents were of Irish ancestry. Almost every Keenagers' hand went up when asked how many present had Irish ancestors. Kirby Sullivan (Irish name and possible ancestors) has been to Ireland twice, and knew



Judy Currie shows off her shamrock necklace.

most of the answers in the quiz—including who created the Book of Kells, a 1,000 year old illustration of the Bible, which he has seen. The group still doesn't know though, if the U.S. Heavyweight boxing champion, John L. Sullivan, was a relative.

No Irish program would be complete without "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and "Toora, Looora, Looora," and Tom Shanahan played his guitar and beautifully sang them both. Shanahan is a nice Irish name, and he said he's not Irish, but he surely can sing as well as any Irishman!

Following the program, Oleta Richardson offered prayer for all the requests.

Bobbi Brown announced that the April meeting will be a

fish fry at her house, complete with cheese grits. Mark your calendar for the third Thursday in the month - April 19 and plan to join other 50+ people at her house. All are welcome if you are at least 50 years old, or your spouse is.



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Barbara Brown
Tom Shanahan plays an Irish lullaby.

Lakeport Gatorz host Valentine Dance

Children of all ages enjoyed a fun night of dancing to their favorite music at the Lakeport Gatorz Valentine Dance in February.

Everyone enjoyed the door prize drawings, food – especially the chocolate fountain and candy buffet.

Drawings for King and Queen – Prince and Princess were done shortly after 7 p.m.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with decorations, food, donations and even chaperoning.

We are planning to have more dances in the future and we encourage all children of Lakeport ages 6 years and up to come out and join in the fun.

A lot of new things are happening in Lakeport – we will be meeting this Friday, March 23, at 6 p.m. so plan to come and enjoy the fun. For more information call Ms. Brenda 863-532-8314 or Ms. Melissa ay 863-233-3014.



Special to the Glades County Democrat
Lakeport Gatorz Royalty Queen MakKenzie Kellog and King Roger Walker Jr. were crowned at the Valentine Dance.



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Lakeport Valentine Princess Madison Corwin and Valentine Prince Wyatt Hines were crowned at the Gatorz Valentine Dance.

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 Gatorz 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.

Narcotics Anonymous meets in BHR

Narcotics Anonymous meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at Buck Head Ridge Christian Church, 3 Linda Rd., Buckhead Ridge. For more information, please call 863-634-4780.

Do you have a Preschool age child?

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Cashier accused of theft

By Eric Kopp
INI Florida

MOORE HAVEN -- A Moore Haven woman has been arrested after being accused of stealing more than \$6,000 in cash from her employer.

Marla Lee Johnson, 38, was arrested Thursday, March 15, on felony charges of grand theft and fraud-swindle. She was booked into the Glades County Jail under a total bond of \$7,000.

Jail records indicate she has since been released on bond.

An arrest report by Detective Sergeant

Steve Harris, of the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), stated that Johnson was allegedly taking between \$50 and \$350 in cash daily from her employer. She was a cashier at a local business, he added.

Sgt. Harris went on to state that Johnson would reportedly create fraudulent transactions then take the cash from the register. The thefts started in January, the detective added.

According to the investigator's report, Johnson didn't realize that much money had been taken.

Man accused of stealing appliances

By Eric Kopp
INI Florida

MOORE HAVEN -- A Moore Haven man is being held in the Glades County Jail following his arrest for the alleged theft of a washing machine and clothes dryer from a man's home.

Randall Lee Moseley, 55, Meadow Brooke, was arrested Thursday, March 15, on felony charges of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft, dealing in stolen property and exploitation of the elderly. He was also charged with the misdemeanor of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

He is being held on \$26,000 bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Anthony Blachowski, of the Glades County Sheriff's

Office (GCSO), indicated that a witness apparently saw some people remove the appliances from a home.

As he followed leads in the case, Deputy Blachowski talked to a man who said he bought the washing machine and dryer from Moseley for a total of \$10. The man reportedly told the deputy he helped Moseley remove the items from the home because he believed they were junk.

The deputy's report stated that the man offered to cover the appliances and store them in his fenced yard until they could be picked up.

Deputy Blachowski's report does not indicate if the washing machine and dryer had been returned to home of their owner.

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373.093 states that the District must advertise their intention to lease the land. That ad is required to be published in a newspaper in the county in which the land is found, and that the ad should run once each week for three weeks.

These leases also require the lease holders to obtain all necessary federal, state, local, regional and other governmental approvals and permits.

However, SFWMD records show that no water use permits were obtained for the Glades County property until nine months after torrential rains from Tropical Storm Fay caused the L-59 canal to flood landowners in the area, as well as Buckhead Ridge.

The L-59 canal runs from the Indian Prairie Canal to the Kissimmee River.

Records show that a now-defunct company known as Pomcor purchased stocks in companies owned by J.F. Pearce (Indian Prairie Groves, Sixty Nine Ranch and J.F. Ranch, Inc.) then formed Pomcor-458 Acres, LLC, and leased the 4,701 acres to Ricou Hartman.

SFWMD then acquired the acreage, now referred to as the Pearce-Pomcor Tract, from Pomcor.

Ricou Hartman, who owns Hartman Realty in Palm City, made a lease with Pomcor and the District then assumed that lease in May of 2006. The District renewed the lease with

Arrest Report

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

- Butch Davis, 25, Sunset Trail, LaBelle, was arrested March 13 by the GCSO on a warrant charging him with violation of probation - fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer. He is being held without bond.

- Noe Godinez-Sales, 28, C.R. 720, Moore Haven, was arrested March 14 by the GCSO on a warrant charging him with failure to appear for violation of probation - driving under the influence and failure to appear for violation of probation - no valid driver's license. He is being held without bond.

- Michael Vasquez, 34, N.W. Third St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 15 by the SPD on a charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- William Ethan Cole Ragan, 21, Cypress Ave., LaBelle, was arrested March 15 by the GCSO on a charge of battery on person 65 years of age or older. His bond was set at \$10,000.
- Juan Arrondo Acuna, 41, was arrested March 16 by the GCSO on Miami-Dade County warrants charging him with aggravated battery and trafficking in marijuana. He is being held without bond.

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.

Mr. Hartman on March 21, 2007, and again on Feb. 12, 2008. That lease was again renewed with Mr. Hartman and another party—Old River Cattle Company—on June 12, 2008.

Mr. Hartman is listed as a manager of that company. State records show that Louis E. 'Woody' Larson Jr. is the principal agent of the Old River Cattle Company. Mr. Hartman and Jeffrey O. Clemons, of Okeechobee, are listed as managers.

SFWMD records show that Mr. Hartman did not receive a water use permit for the property until May 14, 2009, which was after the culverts had been removed following the flooding event brought on by Fay.

And despite these two documented lease violations, the District's real estate division issued the extensions to Old River and Mr. Hartman.

Armed with the new extensions, these lease holders can now apply for federal funds under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). For Old River, if they are approved, their EQIP funds would total \$168,000.

Records show Old River is paying a total of \$55,380.92 a year for the three parcels. That breaks down to about \$11.79 per acre.

Jeffrey Woods, the assistant state conservationist for financial assistance programs with the United States Department of Agriculture's office in Gainesville, said he could not release the names of lease holders who have applied for EQIP funding.

However, if they are approved for EQIP funds their names can be released.

When the District acquired the Pearce-Pomcor Tract they also acquired 243 acres of citrus groves—a majority, of which, had already been destroyed due to citrus canker. A photo of that area taken by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on Feb. 24, 2012, shows the groves are no longer there.

But, that same photo also shows a number of round bales in a pasture being leased by Old River Cattle Company.

According to a Glades County rancher who has land in the middle of the three non-contiguous parcels owned by the District that is being leased by Old River, he has seen someone cut hay, bale it and haul it off the property.

He said the last time hay was cut there was in February of this year.

"Most of the hay I've seen go out is on a semi or gooseneck. The semis and goosenecks are going down range and off property and toward Okeechobee County, but I haven't followed them," said rancher John Austin Collier. "They've been hauling hay and cutting hay here on different fields at least once a year from 2006 until 2012—weather permitting. But, I've seen very little used on this place."

When asked if Old River representatives should have known that hay was being cut on their property, Mr. Collier said, "if I saw it, they should have seen it."

Mr. Collier also has a cattle grazing lease with the District, similar to Old River's. But, he continued, he is not allowed to bale hay under that lease or use water from the L-59 canal.

Ironically, said Mr. Collier, the property leased by Old River was actually offered to Twin Sisters Water Use Area. Twin Sisters is made up of Jeanette Peeples, Byron and Janet Storey, Mr. Collier and his wife Kim, and their families.

"In a proposed dispersed storage settlement, Ruth Clements (SFWMD real estate specialist) offered us the lease on the property as part of a settlement over a flooding issue but we declined. We weren't looking for a grazing lease," said Mr. Collier. "And, we were not looking to interfere with the lessees in any way, shape or form."

He went on to say the Twin Sisters property, as well as nearby property belonging to D.L. Pearce and Mark Hunter Pearce, has been flooded periodically in the past 20 years due to three culverts on the L-59 canal that were in disrepair. But the worst flooding episode came in August of 2008 when Tropical Storm Fay dumped copious amounts of water across the area. Some areas saw as much as 25 inches of rain.

Mr. Collier said there is one parcel, of the three non-contiguous parcels, that had water flowing from the L-59 through those three culverts onto 2,500 to 2,700 acres from 2006 until 2008 with no consumptive use permit and no oversight.

He went on to say Twin Sisters will be asking Herschel Vineyard, secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), to review all permits issued on the L-59 canal, all flooding events and all actions taken by the District pertaining to permits and flooding from 1992 until the present day.

"Hopefully, this review will avoid any litigation with the water management District and we'll be able to lay this issue to rest once and for all," added Mr. Collier.

After that "flooding event," Mr. Hartman applied for and was given a water use permit on behalf of the Old River Cattle Company.

Mr. Collier pointed out that since that 2008 flooding event the District took the culverts out of the right of way of the L-59 and that the current tenants have had to rely on water holes, artesian wells or 2-inch wells for water—the same way Twin Sisters property owners and the Pearce families have had to for the last 20 years.

Still, despite all of this, the District maintains that Old River "... is meeting the District's

property management needs and is in good standing at this time," stated Gabriel Margasak, a member of SFWMD's media department, in an e-mail.

He also stated that SFWMD staff routinely inspects the property and has found that the land is in good condition.

But, scoffed Mr. Collier, it's odd that water managers inspect this land and have periodic fly overs in helicopters yet they have failed to see the large round bales of hay dotting the landscape as well as the 2,500 to 2,700 acres of property that was being irrigated without a consumptive use permit.

"They only see what they want to see, enforce what they want to enforce and they hold others accountable without ever holding themselves accountable," he added.

Editors note: In a telephone conversation on Friday, March 9, Louis E. Larson Jr. asked to set up a meeting with reporter Eric Kopp for Wednesday, March 14, with himself, Ricou Hartman and Jeffrey Clemons. Due to a desire to give the readers the complete story, the newspaper delayed publication of this article, which was originally scheduled for last week's edition. However, the three men did not come to the newspaper office on March 14 and did not contact Mr. Kopp to cancel the meeting.

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By Jason Delong
Treasure Hunters
STAFF WRITER

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“U.S. coins made before 1970 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1970 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date.”



Above • A couple waits with anticipation while an event specialist examines their antiques and gold items. The event is at the Holiday Inn Express this week.

that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1970, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

Buyers for the event have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the event and for good reason. Record gold prices have event

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Treasure Hunters encourage anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and

gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the event staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items event specialists hope to see include old toys and

train sets. Archie Davis, THR's toy specialist spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1970 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch a large sum. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational prices. Most of the toys that come to the event are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When specialist Tom Fuller was

asked what he enjoyed most about working at the event, he was quick to answer, "Old coins and paper currency.

For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1970 are most sought after by

collectors. Coins made before 1970 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the event from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to a truckload. See you at Treasure Hunters," said Fuller.

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Brian Hull 2725 Anzio Court #304, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is March 21, 2012.

Persons Giving Notice: James Hull Brian Hull

Attorney For Persons Giving Notice: JAMES S. LUPINO, ESQ. HERSHOFF, LUPINO & YAGEL, LLP jlupino@tropicalaw.com Florida Bar No. 244481 90130 Old Highway Tavernier, FL 33070 (305) 852-8440 412497 CN 3/22,29/2012

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Notice is hereby given that the Clewiston Planning and Zoning Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2012 in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 115 W Ventura Avenue. Included in the agenda will be the following request:

- A variance request from the Faith Lutheran Church
- A variance request from Covenant Land Development, Inc.
- A special exception request from the Hendry County Board of Commissioners
- Revised ordinance for the Commerce Park Industrial District (CPID)

The City Commission will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board and take final action on this request on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers.

All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the P&Z Board meeting and the City Commission public hearing. Any inquiries regarding the hearing or any person requiring a special accommodation because of a disability or physical impairment, including speech or hearing impairments, should contact the City Clerk's office at 983-1484 at least three days prior to the hearing.

CITY OF CLEWISTON

Travis Reese
Community Development Director
412730 CN 3/22/2012

PUBLIC NOTICE

AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

There will be an Airglades Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport, in the Conference Room, located at 3200 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For Further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.

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

Tristan Chapman, Chair
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
412904 CN 3/22/2012

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF SUBMISSION

TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF COLLIER, HARDEE, HENDRY, HILLSBOROUGH AND MONROE COUNTIES, FLORIDA:

The State of Florida has submitted to the United States Department of Justice, for preappearance as provided by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, a plan to reapportion and redistrict 120 single member Representative districts for the election of members of the Florida Legislature and a plan to redistrict the 27 single member districts for the election of members of the Florida Congressional delegation.

You are hereby notified that copies of said submission is on file at the House Redistricting Committee office, Room 400, House Office Building, 402 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, and at the Senate Reapportionment Committee office, Room 103, Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, where the same may be inspected during regular business hours. The submission may also be viewed on the Internet at http://www.floridarestricting.org or http://www.flisenate.gov/redistricting.

Any person desiring to make comments concerning said plans may direct the same to Mr. T. Christian Herren, Jr., Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Room 7254-NWB, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, telephone number (800) 253-3931. Comments may also be emailed to vot1973c@usdoj.gov, with "Comment" in the subject line. 412499 CN/IB 3/22/2012

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

Falcon Eyrie Farms, LC (Ortona Grove) PO Box 2472, Little Rock, AR 72203-2472, has submitted Application 120222-1 for renewal of Water Use Permit 22-00376-W to irrigate 30 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from onsite lakes and ponds and the project is located in Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 29 East.

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

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. 412496 GCD 3/22/2012

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Pelican Lake Water Control District, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Pelican Lake Water Control District for the year 2012 will be held at their office located at 2852 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Florida 33430, on Wednesday, April 11th, 2012, at 10:00 A.M., in the forenoon for the purpose of:

- 1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
By: /s/ Paul Allen, President
412617 SUN 3/22/2012

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

Aqua Isles, LLLP (Aqua Isles Mobile Home and RV Retirement Park Docking) c/o Alabelle, Inc., 3180 Washington Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33405, has submitted Application 120224-24 for an Environmental Resource Permit for a 40 slip docking facility. The water will be discharged to the Caloosahatchee River and the project is located in Section 2, Township 43 South, Range 29 East.

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

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. 412505 CN 3/22/2012

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of East Shore Water Control District, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of East Shore Water Control District for the year 2012 will be held at their office located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, April 11th, 2012, at 9:30 A.M., in the forenoon for the purpose of:

- 1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
By: /s/ Kenneth McDuffie, President
412618 SUN 3/22/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in GLADES County, State of Florida, on the SIXTH day of NOVEMBER, 2012, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices:

- President and Vice-President
United States Senator
Representative in Congress
State Senator
State Representative
Supreme Court: Retention of Three Justices
Second District Court of Appeal: Retention of Four Judges
Circuit Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit: Groups 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31
Port LaBelle Community Development District: Seats 2 and 4
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sheriff
Property Appraiser
Tax Collector
Superintendent of Schools
Supervisor of Elections
County Court Judge: Group 1
School Board: Districts 2 and 3
County Commissioner: Districts 1, 3 and 5
Buckhead Ridge Mosquito Control District: 3 Members
Glades Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4
Horeau Haven Mosquito Control District: Seats 1 and 3
412425 CN 3/22/4/5/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1854, 2008, 1244432-A0000370100, International Monetary Mortgage Fund

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast 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 5341, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 26th day of April, 2012. Dated this 14th day of March, 2012. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court

412550 CN 3/22,29 & 4/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1816, 2008, 1224432-01000780020, Orlando & Betty F. Ramos

Lot 2, Block 78, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37 thru 39, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 26th day of April, 2012. Dated this 14th day of March, 2012. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court

412552 CN 3/22,29 & 4/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1629, 2008, 1224432-01000020020, Montura Trading Post Inc.

Lot 2, Block 2, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37 thru 39, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 26th day of April, 2012. Dated this 14th day of March, 2012. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida

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- President and Vice-President
United States Senator
Representative in Congress
State Senator
State Representative
Supreme Court: Retention of Three Justices
Second District Court of Appeal: Retention of Four Judges
Circuit Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit: Groups 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31
East County Water Control District: Seats 1, 3 and 5
Port LaBelle Community Development District: Seats 2 and 4
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sheriff
Property Appraiser
Tax Collector
Superintendent of Schools
Supervisor of Elections
County Court Judge: Group 1
School Board: Districts 2 and 4
County Commissioner: Districts 1, 3 and 5
Central County Water Control District: Seats 2 and 4
Hendry County Hospital Authority: Districts 1, 3 and 5
Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups 2 and 4
412426 CN 3/22/4/5/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2223, 2008, 1354432-A0000580000, Antonio Reyes Valdovinos

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast 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 Lot 4605 in Montura Ranch Estates.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 26th day of April, 2012. Dated this 14th day of March, 2012. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court

412554 CN 3/22,29 & 4/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2075, 2008, 1264432-A0002490000, Carol Mola

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26, 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 433, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 26th day of April, 2012. Dated this 14th day of March, 2012. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court

412553 CN 3/22,29 & 4/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3568, 2007, 4104329-10023490210, Estalla DeGiron & Maria Del R. Giron

Lot 21, Block 2349, Port LaBelle Unit 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 12th day of April, 2012. Dated this 29th 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

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2245, 2008, 1354432-A0001520000, Marcia Perez & Marisol

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest 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 3747, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 26th day of April, 2012. Dated this 14th day of March, 2012. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court

412547 CN 3/22,29 & 4/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2074, 2008, 1264432-A0002480100, Carol Mola

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26, 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 415, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 26th day of April, 2012. Dated this 14th day of March, 2012. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court

412548 CN 3/22,29 & 4/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2076, 2008, 1264432-A0002490100, Carol Mola

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26, 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 434, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 26th day of April, 2012. Dated this 14th day of March, 2012. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court

412557 CN 3/22,29 & 4/5,12/2012

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3197, 2007, 4104329-07022010270, Pensco Trust Company FBO Gary Muzzonigro #MUIBA

Lot 27, Block 2201, Port LaBelle Unit 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of April, 2012, which is the 12th day of April, 2012. Dated this 29th 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 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 2561 2008 1314433-A0003090000 G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

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 1558 2008 1154432-A0000580100 Rodelio Garcia & Maria De Jesus Garcia

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 3999 2007 4104329-13025380070 Peter Keenan

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. 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 1439 2008 1144432-A0000290000 Alfredo Morales

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 1550 2008 1154432-A0000440000 Arnaldo Marquez Jr. Est. & Pilar Home Developers, Inc.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN SERVICES, DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOUR CORNERS MSBU RFQ No. 2012-16 Opening Date and Time: April 18, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m. Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with drainage improvements to the Four Corners MSBU in Hendry County, Florida.

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Local Planning Agency will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on April 2, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and the Clewiston City Commission will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on April 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon as practical thereafter, in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

ORDINANCE 2012-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING DIVISION 13 "CPID COMMERCE PARK INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT" OF ARTICLE V "DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS" OF CHAPTER 110 "ZONING".



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2011-CA-963 SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, VS. YUSIMI LAU, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF YUSIMI LAU, Any and All Unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the herein named individual Defendants, and UNKNOWN TENANT #1 n/k/a RIGOBERTO CASO, Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 5, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-963, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, is the Plaintiff and YUSIMI LAU, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF YUSIMI LAU and UNKNOWN TENANT #1 n/k/a RIGOBERTO CASO, I will sell, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HENDRY COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 25 E Hickpochee, LaBelle, Florida 33935, SECOND FLOOR, at 11:00 AM on the 4th day of April, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: Lot 4, Block 88, Montura Ranch Estates, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37-39, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Also including (1) 1989 Royal Mobile Home ID# 13611174. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE USPENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Dated the 8th day of March, 2012. Clerk of Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, within two working days of your receipt of this [describe notice]; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 412164 CN 3/15/22/2012

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Public Notice

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

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

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 18, 2012 and entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000128 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and ROBERT M. SHEFFER, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS' TENANT #1 N/K/A CLARA SUE HELLARD; TENANT #2 N/K/A DAFFENY L. ALBRITTON are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 12th day of April, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

PARCEL 1 LOT 4, POLLYWOG CREEK, A MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. PARCEL 2 A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A PINEHURST 3 INCHES CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, 32.70 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4 OF SAID SUBDIVISION AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 42.06 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 129.89 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 40 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS

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

A/K/A 22530 SHAWNEE COURT, LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 23, 2012.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F10033924

*See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813)335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. 410321 CN 3/22,29/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 22-2009-CA-000238

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JACKIE L. BYLSMA, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS MANAGING MEMBER OF TNT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC A/K/A JACKIE LYNN BYLSMA; CHARLES TURNER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS MEMBER OF TNT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC A/K/A CHARLES ROBERT TURNER; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 27th day of Feb., 2012, and entered in Case No. 22-2009-CA-000238, of the Circuit Court of the 20TH Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST BANK is the Plaintiff and JACKIE L. BYLSMA, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS MANAGING MEMBER OF TNT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC A/K/A JACKIE LYNN BYLSMA; TNT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC; APRIL TURNER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS MANAGING MEMBER OF TNT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC; CHARLES TURNER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS MEMBER OF TNT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC A/K/A CHARLES ROBERT TURNER; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the AT FRONT STEPS SOUTH DOOR OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471, 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THIS SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated this 29th day of February, 2012. Joe Flint Clerk Of The Circuit Court By: /s/ Julie Braddock Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Marshall C. Watson 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 Telephone: (954) 453-0365 Facsimile: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438 412223 GCD 3/15,22/2012

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

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person desires to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. 412104 CN 3/15,22/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Consolidated Case No. 08-149 CA

SALVADOR ESQUENAZ, Plaintiff V. BENITO LOPEZ, et. al. Defendants. SALVADOR ESQUENAZ, Plaintiff Case No. 08-150CA V. BENITO LOPEZ, et. al., Defendants.

ESTHER GREENSHER, Plaintiff Case No. 08-151 CA V. BENITO LOPEZ, et. al., Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

TO: BENITO LOPEZ, LISSETTE LOPEZ AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS AND OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH AND UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS and any and all persons who may claim an interest in the real property described below:

Notice is given that pursuant to Final Judgment dated December 20, 2011, in Case No: 08-149 Consolidated of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida in which Salvador Esquenazi is the Plaintiff and Benito Lopez and Lissette Lopez are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hick-poochee Avenue, Second Floor Lobby, LaBelle, FL 33975 on March 28, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment: EXHIBIT "A" Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence N 86°54'10" along the South line of said Section 16, a distance of 47.40 feet; thence N 03°10'00" W along the East right of way of State Road 29, a distance of 710.00 feet to the South right of way of a road; thence N 86°54'10E, along the South right of way, a distance of 1780.00 feet to the Northwest corner of the Tract being described and the Point of Beginning; thence continue N 86° 54'10" E along the South right of way of a road, a distance 640.00 feet; thence S 03° 10'00" E, a distance of 340.00 feet; thence S 86° 54'10" W a distance of 340.00 feet to the point of beginning. The Tract of land herein described is also known as Tract 13 of Unit C. Dated March 6, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 411951 CN 3/15,22/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 26-2010-CA-000730

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. FERNANDO ALVAREZ; NUVIA V. MENDEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NUVIA V. MENDEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; UNKNOWN 3; UNKNOWN TENANT 4; UNKNOWN TENANT 5; UNKNOWN TENANT 6; UNKNOWN TENANT 7; UNKNOWN TENANT 8; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant(s), who (s)/are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 23, 2012, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in HENDRY County, Florida, described as:

LOTS 4 THROUGH 9, INCLUSIVE, IN BLOCK 418 OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 71-78, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 720-722-724-726 CENTRAL AVE., CLEWISTON, FL 33440-4507

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at in front of the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court being on the second floor of the administration building of the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, at 11 o'clock a.m., on May 23, 2012.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at LaBelle, Florida, this 24th day of February, 2012.

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

Douglas C. Zahm, P.A. 12425 28th Street N, Suite 200 St. Petersburg, FL 33716 (727) 536-4911 phone (727) 539-1094 fax

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR WHOSE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, E. MARION AVENUE, PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950, AND WHOSE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (941) 637-2281, WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771. 411153 CN 3/22,29/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2011-CA-000446

JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST KENNETH EUGENE SCHEMM, DECEASED, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST KENNETH EUGENE SCHEMM, DECEASED; UNKNOWN CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HENDRY County, Florida:

THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS ROADS OVER THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF AND THE SOUTH 30 FEET THEREOF; ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 48, PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION; TOGETHER WITH A 1999 NOBILITY MOBILE HOME

LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, IDENTIFICATION NO. N17739

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Clewiston News. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 6th day of March, 2012.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 NUTTER-FHA-1 -UNASSIGNED- Team 4- F 11015921 -F1 1015921 **See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 411969 CN 3/15,22/2012

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PAID CONTENT Construction Notice to Mariners Partial Obstruction of Okeechobee Waterway HERBERT HOOVER DIKE Culvert 1A Glades County

The waters of the Okeechobee Waterway adjacent to Herbert Hoover Dike and Culvert 1A will be partially obstructed due to construction activities. Recreational and commercial boaters are asked to use precaution when navigating through this section of the waterway between the Alvin L Ward park boat ramps and Uncle Joe's Fish Camp boat ramps. Signs and navigational markers will be in place before the construction area to instruct mariners to reduce speed and use caution.

Type of Operation: Cofferdam construction to facilitate culvert replacement.

Location of Operation: Okeechobee Waterway 81°0'34"W 26°48'56"N. Duration of Operations: Jan 2012 - Oct 2014

Vessels involved: Barge = Mobro 203; Push boat = The Badger

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Point of Contact: Adrian Bell, Odebrecht Construction

24 hour phone number: 504-729-7610

Chart number: 11428, Dated 01 Aug 20

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Glades County archer qualifies for nationals in Nebraska

On Saturday, March 10, 4-H Archery Club members from across the state of Florida competed at the 4-H State Competition in Newberry, Fla., at the Easton Newberry Sports Complex. Glades County 4-H Archery Club had 17 of the 181 contestants participating in the contest. Each archer had to shoot 40 arrows in three different categories:



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Tycee Prevat

Bronson Bass will be going to Nebraska with the State Team.

FITA, field, and 3-D.

At the end of the day Glades County 4-H member Bronson Bass qualified for the State Team that will travel to Grand Island, Neb. in June. In addition, Lane Prevatt & Tanner Mathis were named as the team alternates.

Here is a complete list of results for the Glades County Team: Junior Un sighted Compound: fourth place, Rieonna Eley; Junior Sighted Compound: second place Lowell Roberts, ninth place Conner Thomas; second place Junior Compound Team, Lowell Roberts, Conner Thomas and Ashton Powers; Intermediate Sighted Compound, first place Raif Prevatt, third place Ethan Prevatt and seventh place Matt Smith; first place Intermediate Sighted Compound Team, Raif Prevatt, Ethan Prevatt, Matt Smith, & Tommy Braddock: Senior Sighted Compound: Bronson Bass – selected to State Team, Lane Prevatt – alternate to State Team. Tanner Mathis – alternate to State Team: second place Senior Sighted Compound Team, Bronson Bass, Lane Prevatt, Tanner Mathis, and Dustin Thomas.

In addition, archers Kiley Prevatt, Mallory Thomas, Alexis Eley, Austin Lee and Brooks Bass competed and represented Glades County very well.

Congratulations, to everyone!

Glades County 4-H would like to say "thank you" to all of the parents, grandpar-

ents, brothers and sisters who came and supported the kids! Everyone is such a team player in making sure all of the kids have what they need!

The Glades County Archery Club will hold

fundraisers very soon to help Bronson travel to Nebraska. If you are interested in how you can help or become involved please call the Glades County Extension Office at 863-946-0244.



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The intermediate first place team (left to right) was Raif Prevatt, Ethan Prevatt, Tommy Braddock and Matt Smith.



Special to the Glades County Democrat

Archery Club Leader Scott Bass, NRA Representative Tom Knight (in the back) with club members from left to right: Bronson Bass, Tanner Mathis, Amy Perry, Tyler Miller, and Tycee Prevatt Glades County 4-H Agent.

NRA

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start the Rifle Club. Glades County 4-H is extremely grateful to the NRA for this grant!

4-H is a non-formal, practical educational program for youth. It is the youth development program of Florida Cooperative Extension, a part of the University of Florida IFAS. 4-H is located in every county in the state of Florida and is open to youth ages 8-18 (as of September 1, 2011) without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or handicap. If you are interested in

joining 4-H in Glades County or the Rifle or Archery program please call 863-946-0244 and speak to Tycee.

As a thank you to the Friends of the NRA Glades County 4-H is working with local volunteers to hold a Friends of the NRA Banquet here in Moore Haven on May 31. Last year, 73 percent of all funds raised by the Friends of the NRA in Florida stayed in Florida, with approximately 83 percent going to youth programs. For more information on how you can help the Friends of the NRA please call Tom Knight at 941-748-7676.



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The Glades and Hendry County 4-H Teams competed at the State Match in Newberry, Fla.



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